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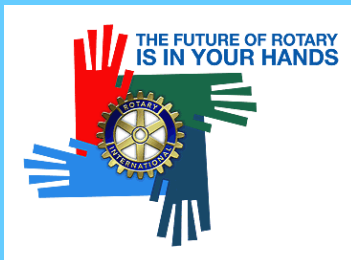
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The Heartbeat: Rotary Heart of America News

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2009-2010 Theme



Greetings!

The celebration of the Holidays and the recognition of December as Rotary Family Month is as compatible as hand in glove. As our personal families gather and collectively appreciate health and well-being, we realize how much more joyous it would be if everyone could share our blessings.



My heart sinks when I hear that the average age of the homeless in Missouri is 7 years. As a cold front with rain, then sleet and snow moves through the Midwest, the white blanket of snow brings joy and wonderment to those who view it through a window of warmth.

The single parent family living in an unheated van will have a different perspective than our. It is this season that allows us to realize the validity of PRID Cliff Dochterman's theme, "Real Happiness is Helping Others." Both those who give and those who receive experience this happiness. In this spirit, I wish everyone happy holidays and a joyous



Rotary Board of Directors Decisions



A tip from your editor . . .

Looking for some exciting photos for your newsletter? Check out [The Year in Pictures](#) for a Rotary year in review for 2009.

In addition, there are some short and interesting articles you can use for filler or special interest in [The Top Ten Rotary Stories of 2009](#).

-- Karin Blue, editor

Future RI Conventions

For those of you who like to make long-range travel plans, these are possible sites of future Rotary International Conventions:

- 2010 - Montreal, Canada, 20-23 June
- 2011 - New Orleans

New Year.

Yours in Rotary,

Fred



Ambassadorial Scholar Orientation

I had the good fortune of receiving an invitation to the multidistrict ambassadorial Scholar Orientation in Nashville, Dec 18-19. Both the program and the scholars were outstanding.

To my surprise, 3/4 of the 28 scholars attending the orientation have traveled abroad. I would estimate 1/2 are working on a master's degree and one or two, PhDs.

The Ambassadorial Scholarship Program began with Paul Harris's passing in 1947. The program supports the vision of TRF: 1) Increasing cultural awareness, 2) Instilling the philosophy of Service Above Self, 3) Encouraging the promotion of an improved quality of life domestically and abroad, 4) Developing leaders with humanitarian instincts, 5) Impacting countries of the world uniformly, 6) Increasing educational opportunities for lower income candidates and 7) Fostering life associations.

Louisiana, USA, 23-25 May
2012 - Bangkok, Thailand
2013 - Lisbon, Portugal
2014 - Sydney, Australia
2015 - Sao Paulo, Brazil
2016 - Seoul, Korea

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28 Ambassadorial Scholars

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Diener with 1/2 of circle ("Huddle") for self introductions

The flat \$26,000 scholarship is available to young people who have a minimum of two years college or work in a recognized vocation for 2 years before applying.

Keep in mind those interested in applying need to do so between March and August of 2110 for the 2011 school year. Explore your district's intent regarding one or more scholars and get the word out to potential candidates.

Trip to Rotary Mecca

For Missouri Rotarians, our Mecca might be Kirksville, Missouri until June 30, 2011. The home club of Rotary International President Elect Ray Klingensmith is located in the center of our state from east to west, but quite far to the north, giving it a good perch to look down over all of Missouri Rotary territory. The three District Governors Elect who will serve the three Rotary districts totally contained within Missouri met on December 2, 2009 in Kirksville at the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, organized in 1917, chartered in early 1918. While RIPE Ray could not attend, we managed to have good fellowship and a nice tour of Kirksville led by PDG Matt Eichor.



Featured in the photo are (L to R):

- Jeffrey Romine - RC of Kirksville, D6040
- Raymond Plue - RC of Columbia South, D6080 and
- Todd Lindley - RC of Overland, D6060.

Rotary in the News

While Rotary seemingly has worked on eradicating polio for over 20 years with little fanfare, the effort has not, it has not gone totally un-noticed as demonstrated by this nice article in the Kansas City Star. As we count our blessing in the New Year, we can be thankful for all the support we have been given with our efforts!

AS I SEE IT

Victory over polio in sight

By **ELIZABETH LINDQUIST**

Guest columnist

Because most of us are free from the need to fear polio, we may not be aware of how easily we could help eradicate its last vestiges in the world.

Huge strides have been made toward doing exactly that.

Each day in 1988, polio infected 1,000 children around the world, killing some and crippling many others. In all of 2007, fewer than 2,000 cases were reported.

In just 20 years, the incidence of polio has been reduced by 99 percent. It is

possible to eradicate that last one percent.

Chances are you know someone - a friend, neighbor or relative - who had polio as a child. In the U.S., many of those afflicted suffered paralyzed limbs, weakened muscles, and other life-changing challenges. In other parts of the world, polio survivors were not so fortunate.

In the last 25 years, members of Rotary International, a worldwide service organization dedicated to peace and goodwill, have teamed with the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF to overcome civil wars, floods, government opposition and religious suspicion to vaccinate more than 2 billion children. They have contributed more than \$800 million to eradicate polio. Many Rotarians, including several from the Kansas City area, have traveled to India and Africa to help immunize children in massive vaccination efforts.

Recently, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation pledged \$355 million to eradicate polio and challenged Rotary International to match that amount up to \$200 million by June 30, 2012.

There are just four countries in which the polio virus is still endemic - Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria - though it pops up occasionally elsewhere, spread by unvaccinated travelers.

Myths, rumors and superstitions have made it difficult to vaccinate children in remote areas. In some countries, there has been suspicion that the immunization program is an attempt to sterilize children or infect them with AIDS, not protect them from polio. Poor sanitation, tainted water, malnutrition, high birth rates and other poverty-driven problems also make eradication more difficult.

In India, a committee of clerics was formed to take the message to their community of believers that the vaccination was safe. As a result, the percentage of polio cases dropped dramatically.

Just last month, clerics who had previously led opposition to immunization in Nigeria joined with community leaders, health workers and polio victims to have all Nigerian children vaccinated.

In Afghanistan and Pakistan, the biggest challenge now is the security needed to carry out vaccination efforts.

Despite the obstacles, Rotarians in Missouri, Kansas and around the world are

committed to the eradication of polio. "Polio eradication is realistic and will happen," says Robert S. Scott, chair of the Rotary International PolioPlus Committee, and every penny we can raise will help it happen.

Contributions to the worldwide polio eradication effort may be made on the Rotary International Web site, rotary.org.

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<http://www.kansascity.com/618/story/1600546.html>

Important Dates and Reminders



- February 19-20, 2010, Multi-District Scholar Orientation, Kansas City, Missouri
- Aug 24-26, 2010 GETS and GNATS, Nashville, TN
- Aug 26-29, 2010 Rotary Zones 30-31 Institute, Nashville, TN

A more comprehensive list of important dates can be found at the "[Calendar of Events](#)" tab on the [Zones 30/31 website](#). **Let others know what you are doing.** Please tell Zones 30-31 webmaster Todd Lindley of any dates planned for your district (including your district conference) during the next year. His email address is: rotary6060.tl@gmail.com.

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