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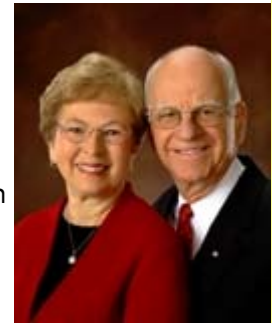
The Heartbeat: Rotary Heart of America News

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Greetings!

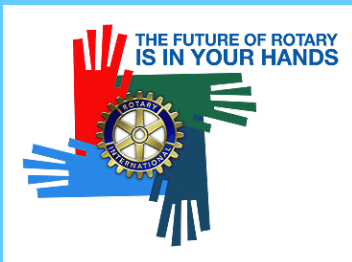
August is Membership and Extension Month. During this month, we emphasize the opportunity to grow our existing clubs with new members, plan the formation of new clubs and instill the spirit of growth that is so important to the future of Rotary.



President John Kenny emphasizes that the essential building block of Rotary is the Rotary club. The future of Rotary ascends from the work done in our Rotary clubs. This begins with membership growth. With new members come new and varied vocations, new skills and the necessary resources to expand services to humanity.

It behooves each of us to invite friends and associates to join with us in service to humankind. Have you invited a potential member to your club?

Yours in Rotary,



2009-2010 Theme





A tip from your editor . . .

Need a quick photo to highlight an article or provide filler for your newsletter? Looking for a good photos of a person or place? Google Images has one of the best and most relevant searches on the web.

Just go to www.google.com, and select "Images" at the top left of the page. Then use your search terms as usual.

A Mandatory Read for Membership



Five members greeted DG Mike Collins' visit to a dying False River/New Roads, LA Club. A devoted President/Secretary was trying to lead the club after a move to a distant location in the state. Mike sacrificed his "governor-speech" for table talk with the five members who did not want the charter pulled. He alerted his Assistant Governor, Pat Robinson, to actively meet with the remaining members and establish a course of action.

Plan:

- Promote Rotary at a community food fest.
- Invite business leaders.
- Seek business family members of retired members.
- Ask members to invite business associates.
- Assign members to community business leaders.
- E-mail members & prospective members.
- Select speakers looking for assistance with community projects.
- Send articles & photos to local newspapers.
- Provide updates of district activities to their club.

Results:

- A couple weeks after the Food Fest, attendance rose to 14.
- March attendance rose to 17.
- The new club President, Alvin Zerrette attended PETS.
- Stacy Russo became secretary & Nora Palmer continued as Treasurer.
- There were eight new applicants in April.
- DG Collins installed them in May.
- Three additional members and two new projects (literacy and gift to children) added in August.

False River/New Roads now has 23 members and is growing!

-- Mike Collins is the immediate PDG D-6200 in Zone 31 & current Assistant Zone Membership Chair

-- Karin Blue, editor

Zones 30-31 on Facebook

RID Fred has started a Facebook group for Zones 30-31 to offer your thoughts, show off club and district successes, and share photos of your club travels. Just search "Rotary 30-31" to find the group.

For those of you who are not yet Facebook enthusiasts, please try it out. In order to use the zone Facebook group, you will need to create your personal page first. www.facebook.com.

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, Louisiana, USA, 23-25 May

2012 - Bangkok, Thailand

2013 - Lisbon, Portugal

2014 - Sydney, Australia

2015 - Latin America or Western USA

2016 - Seoul, Korea

Zone 30 Districts

[District 6540](#) (Indiana)

[District 6560](#) (Indiana)

[District 6580](#) (Indiana)

[District 6670](#) (Ohio)

[District 6690](#) (Ohio)

[District 6710](#) (Kentucky)

[District 6740](#) (Kentucky)

[District 6760](#) (Tennessee)

[District 6780](#) (Tennessee)

[District 6800](#) (Parts of Mississippi and Tennessee)

[District 6860](#) (Alabama)

[District 6880](#) (Alabama)

Zone 31 Districts

[District 5830](#) (Texas, parts of Oklahoma and Arkansas)

[District 6040](#) (Missouri)



New members of False River/New Roads inducted by PDG Mike Collins

Nominating Committee Selects Kalyan Banerjee

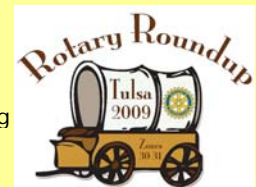
Correspondence from Ed Futa, Rotary's General Secretary, reports that the 2009-10 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2011-12, having functioned in accordance with the bylaws of Rotary International, reports that it unanimously nominated; KALYAN BANERJEE of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India.



Kalyan is chair of United Phosphorus, Bangladesh, and a director of United Phosphorus Ltd. and Uniphos Agro Industries Ltd. Kalyan joined Rotary in 1972 and is a member of the Rotary Club of Vapi. He served RI as district governor; RI training leader; committee member, general coordinator, vice chair and chair; task force chair; and director. Kalyan has received The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award. His wife is Binota.

Final Planning Session for Zone Institute

The Zones 30-31 Institute Planning Committee headed by General Chairman PDG Chuck Frazier held their final planning meeting in July for the Institute September 10-13.



The program exhibits a star-studded cast of speakers including:

- President Elect Ray Klinginsmith
- PRIP Cliff Dochterman
- TRF Trustee Lou Piconi,
- World Peace Fellow, Shai Tamari
- Author of Cowboy Ethics - James P. Owens
- Polio survivor Joe M. Whittemore, and
- Judge Tommy Webb.

- [District 6060](#) (Missouri)
- [District 6080](#) (Missouri)
- [District 6110](#) (Parts of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma)
- [District 6150](#) (Arkansas)
- [District 6170](#) (Arkansas)
- [District 6190](#) (Louisiana)
- [District 6200](#) (Louisiana)
- [District 6460](#) (Illinois)
- [District 6490](#) (Illinois)
- [District 6510](#) (Illinois)
- [District 6820](#) (Mississippi)
- [District 6840](#) (Parts of Louisiana and Mississippi)

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Registrants will be entertained by not only Cliff Dochterman and Tulsa Men of Note but by Will Rogers impersonator Andy Hogan and an optional evening at the Tulsa Jazz Hall of Fame for "An Evening with Cole Porter." Ol' Timers have an invitation to meet with PE Ray, join in the PDGs Update and the Reunion Banquet.

The Zones 5 & 11 DG Class of '92-'93 (the BAA BAA Bunch) were invited to hold their 16th Annual Reunion in conjunction with the Tulsa Institute. The Institute will be preceded by the GETS and GNTS Training, Seminar for District Governors, "Train the Trainers Seminar and Council on Legislation training. There is record setting registration for what promises to be a wonderful Institute in a South-West setting, don't miss it.



Polio Update

At the encouragement of the RI Coordinators of the Two Million Dollar Challenge, 14 Major League Baseball Teams have partnered with Rotary for "End Polio Now" fundraising day at the ballpark. Participating in Zones 30-31 are Cleveland Indians Aug. 11, K.C. Royals Aug. 23 and Cincinnati Reds Aug 28.



Wild Poliovirus Weekly Update

08 Jul 2009, World Health Organization

New polio cases reported in the past week for 2009: 44

Total number of cases in 2009: 642

Total number of cases in 2008: 1652

In Memoriam

We are sad to report that the following individuals in our Zones 30 and 31 (and some in prior Zone 29) have recently passed away:

MAX GLOVER, APRIL 2, 2009

Help for Typhoon Marakot Victims in Taiwan



(Letter to fellow RI Director Hsieh from Taiwan)

Dear Jackson and Juliet,

I know that you have a full mailbox with letters of concern regarding the devastation from the typhoon. We want you to know that you and your fellow citizens have our heart felt concern as well.

My district, D-6040, is particularly working through Shelter Box contributions. I have contacted the District Governors in our two zones to be responsive to Taiwan's needs as well.

Our love and best wishes,

Fred & Marge

(Response from Fred's RI Director Peer from Taiwan)

Dear Fred & Marge,

Grateful for the e-mail you and Marge sent this morning. Thank you very much for your concern regarding the devastation for the Marakot typhoon. We have immediately relayed it to the governors of the 7 districts on the Island.

The 100 Shelter Boxes have already arrived here; we are setting up them in the most needed areas.

Also thank you very much for contacting the district governors in your zones. We appreciate whatever helps they could provide.

Sincerely,

Jackson & Juliet

Important Dates and Reminders



- Sept 10-13, 2009: Zones 30-31 Rotary Institute, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Dec 18-19: Multi-District Ambassadorial Scholar Orientation, Nashville, TN
- Aug 24-26 GETS and GNATS 2010, Nashville, TN
- Aug 26-29 Rotary Zones 30-31 Institute 2010, 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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