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The Heartbeat: Rotary Heart of America News

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We humbly apologize for the errors contained in the prior version of this newsletter. What with the changes that a new Rotary year and a new Rotary term brings, RID Fred and Editor Karin made some errors, and we apologize if this caused anyone any inconvenience.

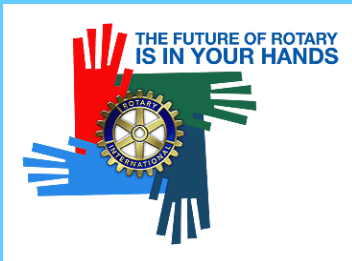
Greetings!

Please meet your new director, Fred Hahn!

Fred was invited into the Family of Rotary in 1973, was President of the Independence, MO Club 1986-87 and DG of D-6070 (now D-6040) in 1992-93.

While serving multiple club, district and zone assignments, he participated in an NID in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 1997, served as delegate to the COL in 1998, was an Assembly Discussion Leader in 1999 & 2000 and was a Team Leader for a GSE team to Turkey in 2000. Fred has participated with dual assignments as both RI and TRF Zone Coordinators multiple years with particular interest in PolioPlus Partners where he previously served as Vice Chair of the Western US.

Other Zone activities include Training Leader multiple times in both Z-5/11 and Z-29/30, the Zone Executive Committee as Arrangements and Program Chair and Chair of the Heart of America Breakfast in Osaka.



2009-2010 Theme





Did You Know??

The woman journalist, Roxana Saberi, who was arrested in Iran for spying, was a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in 1999-2000 at the University of Cambridge in England. The Rotary Club of Fargo, North Dakota was her sponsor. Congressman Pomeroy, who acted in her behalf, was also a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar in England in 1975-1976. She has been released.

Fred was a Facilitator at breakout sessions at the International Conventions in Copenhagen and Salt Lake City. He has served as the RI President's Rep on six occasions and will be RI Director from Z-30/31 from 2009-2011.

He has been awarded the Four Avenues of Service Award, the RI Service Above Self Award, the International Service Award For a Polio Free World and TRF Meritorious Service Award. Marge and Fred are Major Donors with membership in the the PHF Club, Arch Klumph Society and the Bequest Society.

Fred retired in 2005 from a 35-year ENT/Head & Neck Surgeon practice in the Kansas City, MO metropolitan area. He received his MD degree from the University of Iowa and his ENT Fellowship from The Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. He is Past President of both his area and the state of Missouri specialty societies as well as of the K.C. Metropolitan Medical Society and the Missouri State Medical Association.

He is married to Marge and they have two daughters, Debbie White and Kathy Hahn, and four granddaughters. He served 3 years active and 3 years inactive duty in the Army with a commission from OCS at Fort Benning, GA.

He just finished a term on the Kansas City Health Care Foundation and maintains board positions on The Truman Heartland Community Foundation, Independence Community Service League and Missouri State Medical Foundation being president of the latter.

Fred's publishing includes a book entitled, "The Art of Medicine" and a number of scientific articles. His hobbies include ballroom dancing, singing, private piloting, snow skiing and travel. Marge and Fred have attended every RI Convention since 1985.

Foundation Future Vision Plan Pilot Announced

Rotary International has officially announced the 100 districts selected for the Future Vision Plan pilot, which will test a new, streamlined Rotary Foundation grant structure.

District applications went through a careful and rigorous review process. Foundation Trustee Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe and General Secretary Ed Futa selected the pilot districts on behalf of the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Participation in the pilot requires a firm, three-year commitment from the district. Once a district enters the pilot, it cannot withdraw.

Read more about the Future Vision Plan pilot program at http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/090611_FVpilotannounced.aspx



From Bob Ellis
via Past Director Tom Branum

SCRYE

I had the unique opportunity of attending both the Fall (February) South Central Rotary Youth Exchange Conference (SCRYE) in Tulsa and the Summer Conference in Omaha. Here, the District Youth Exchange Officers are trained, licensed, inspired and contribute to the furtherance of both short and long term youth exchanges.

It should be duly noted that RIPE Ray Klinginsmith was the "Founding Father" of SCRYE and was recognized as such in Tulsa.

This weekend, Don Peter completed his tour as President and Kathy Meurin began her reign. If you want a strong youth exchange program in your district, this is where you can find assistance.

Please Note:

The multi-district Ambassadorial Scholar Orientation will be held at the Millennium Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee on 18-19 December, 2009.

A tip from your editor . . .

Do you use a lot of different online resources for your newsletter? Organize them by using an online desktop like iGoogle.

iGoogle lets you put feeds from your favorite news sources on one page. You can create multiple tabs for your page (similar to a web browser) so you can better organize. This way, you can work from one location and quickly access all of your resources.

iGoogle also has widgets you can add that will help you find interesting quotes, photos, comics and other filler that make your newsletter more fun.

-- Karin Blue, editor

Future RI Conventions

POLIO Eradication - Our Number One Goal

Mae Berkel is a vigorous cheerleader for her husband, DG Hans, D-6670. She surprised him with this sign (see below) in their garden to remind both Hans and their entire community of Rotary's Number One Goal, to eradicate POLIO! In a similar manner, Marge surprised me when I became DG in 1992-93 with the flag pole I always wanted in our yard but, flying both the United States flag and that of Rotary International as well. (You spouses are invaluable.).



The Changeover Ceremony

The Rotary International Board is composed of 19 members; the President, the President Elect and 17 Directors. The Directors' terms are two years and staggered such that 1/2 of the Board is replaced each year. The last Board meeting of the year is held just before the International Convention.

At this meeting the Director Elects backchair the entire meeting. At the conclusion of the last day, there is a nice little ceremony where the retiring Board Member leaves his chair, picks up his/her successor from their back row seat and with new name marker, accompanies that person to the retiring Director's chair. Each, the outgoing and the incoming director respectively has an opportunity for a brief statement of reflection or hope .

Marge and I can not thank Tom and Linda enough for the time and effort they took in mentoring us for our impending responsibilities.

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 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 6540](#) (Indiana)

[District 6860](#) (Alabama)

[District 6880](#) (Alabama)

Zone 31 Districts

[District 5830](#) (Texas)

[District 6040](#) (Missouri)

[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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M&M at Any Age

I committed to the two Zone 29 Success Seminars (north and south) this spring before I found that Zone 30 had selected the very same two dates. The two I attended at St Louis and Little Rock with Greg Yank and Larry Lunsford were super but I promised to make it up to Harry Fields and Phil Williams this year. Although Greg and Larry have hung up their tutus, their Membership and Money punch is still there.

While we all are sympathetic with the effort to lower the average age of Rotarians, A. C. Moncrief D-6110 brought an M & M story that made us realize that Rotarians are of great value at any age! At a club party associated with the International Assembly, he met and danced with a lady who joined Rotary at 80 years of age. She is now 92 and has brought in 21 new members and made each one a PHF. She is now writing a second book following her first titled "NINETY AND LOVING IT."

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Major League Baseball & Rotary

At the time of writing this article, 13 major league baseball teams are partnering with Rotarians to schedule END POLIO NOW fundraising events. A 14th team is pending.

In Kansas City, the East is challenging the West to see which side of the river can sell the most tickets for the K.C. Royals vs Minnesota Twins baseball game at 1:10 PM Sunday August 23. The tickets are \$26 each. A goodly portion of this will go to the Gates \$2 Million Challenge/ END POLIO NOW campaign.

This is reminiscent of the 6th annual baseball fundraising event headed up by PDG Rod Buffington (D-6460) at Busch Stadium on April 25 to benefit Rotary Literacy Programs. Then DGEs Jerry Weems, (D-6060), Larry Thompson (D-6040), Jay Stortzum (6490) and Joe Miller (D-6510) brought 2,100 of their Rotarians to the stadium and gave then RIDE Fred the opportunity to throw the first pitch at a sold out Cardinals vs Cubs baseball game (the Cards won).

We suggest purchasing blocks of tickets for the August 23 game through your clubs. You should also watch for information in your District News Letters and word from your club presidents. You can also purchase tickets on line at www.royals.com/rotary.



From right to left: Rod Buffington, Fred Hahn, Jerry Weems, Redbird, Joe Miller, Larry Thompson and Jay Stortzum.

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 29-30 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.

About Us

Rotary International Zones 30 and 31 are comprised of 26 Rotary districts in 12 states in the Heart of America.

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