

From the Governor....

I remember just a few weeks ago and they were telling us about the polar ice cap melting. I believe I have found its new location.

All kidding aside many suffered through yet another natural disaster. Here in Springfield we had not received this much snow for one hundred and seventeen years. The point of all this is: Has anyone been personally impacted in their lives by this most recent act of nature? I hope not!

Snow does bring many outdoor activities and I believe there are many great photos of grandchildren, Rotarians and others as a result of this winter's dressing. We could share wonderful events with each other by sending them to Bribarxp@yahoo.com for display in the district newspaper.

If you take time to read this newspaper and you find something interesting please take the time to mention it at your next Rotary meeting. Great ideas come from communicating with one another.

Always Leading the Way in Rotary,

Dick

Dick Robinson, Governor
District 6460



Dear fellow Rotarians,

Thirty-one years ago, Muhammad Yunus, then a professor of economics at Chittagong University in Bangladesh, discovered a harsh reality of extreme poverty: The difference between self-sufficiency and virtual slavery is much smaller than one might think. In the village of Jobra, he found, it was just a few cents.

While talking to a bamboo-stool maker, Yunus learned that the woman purchased her supply of bamboo on credit, for roughly 25 U.S. cents, every morning. Lacking the money for even a single day's supply of bamboo, she would never be able to repay the loan. Throughout the village, Yunus found many in similar straits. Their total debt? Twenty-seven U.S. dollars. Yunus did what was, for him, the natural thing: He paid their debts. The new entrepreneurs quickly turned a profit, his loan was repaid, and microcredit was born.

The idea of giving small loans to the very poor was a revolutionary one, and it has had revolutionary results. In 2005 alone, 100 million microcredit loans helped people in 130 countries. Today, Rotarians are involved in more than 60 microcredit projects around the world. In 1999, Yunus was honored at the RI Convention in Singapore. In October, he received the Nobel Prize.

The simple principle of microcredit is also a principle of Rotary. Small changes can become great changes, and a seemingly inconsequential act can have tremendous consequences. Just as 25 cents in that Bangladeshi village meant so much more than merely a quarter of a dollar, the prosperity of an unnoticed individual or village has international implications.

As we enter World Understanding Month, we are reminded by Yunus' achievement that we can never know every consequence of what we do. His loan of \$27, given in compassion, led to far more good than he could possibly have imagined. Our Rotary work also leads to benefits we'll never see: new friendships, new connections, warm feelings among people who may have little in common.

Poverty, as we know too well, is a tremendous obstacle to peace and stability. So, every intelligent act of generosity, every project that helps others to lead better lives, is also an act of hope. We Rotarians share the belief that love for others does make a difference. Each small act of kindness, from one human being to another, brings us closer to each other and to the kind of world we hope to leave to our children.

We may think we are only helping to equip a school, supply a clinic, or build a well for a faraway community. But in truth, what we are doing is helping to build a better, more stable, and more peaceful future.

W.B. (Bill) Boyd
President, Rotary International



Groundhogs and Ground Outs

Rotary Family Baseball Day Just Around the Corner

By Brian Barstead

DISTRICT 6460 PUBLIC RELATIONS

Earlier this month, local groundhogs didn't see their shadow. Therefore, despite record February snows and low temperatures, spring must

be around the corner.

A few days ago, players began showing up for Grapefruit and Cactus League training, and soon the boys of summer will be back. Once again, this year Rotarians and their guests can enjoy a base-

ball game at the new Busch Stadium in St. Louis between the defending 2006 World Champion St. Louis Cardinals and the defending 1908 World Champion Chicago Cubs. This is sure to be a tough ticket,

as all Cards vs. Cubs games are sold out at the stadium. Therefore, this will be a special opportunity for Rotary fans to enjoy one of the premier rivalries in baseball.

This year's game will be on Sunday Evening,

April 29 at 7:00 PM. It will be the telecast ESPN Sunday Night Game of the week. The Cardinals have provided us with 2,500 tickets for the game. Last year we saw the

World Peace Fellows Program

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positions for organizations such as USAID, the United Nations, Interpol and the World Bank.

Rotarians, on behalf of World Peace, we are asking for your help to seek out qualified candidates for our Rotary Centers Fellowship Program. We are now soliciting applications for the class of 2008-2010. Contact your district leadership for application information.

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BASEBALL

■ From page 1

Cards play the Dodgers on the hottest Sunday of the summer, so this year the weather will seem more like playoff weather.

There will be two levels of seating and ticket prices. The seats will be in Pavilion Box and Reserved Sections in the same general area of the ballpark. Part of the price of each ticket will be a donation to the Rotary Literacy Project.

Pavilion Box seats (1,423 available) will be \$37 and Pavilion Reserved seats (1,003 available) will be \$32. Tickets will be sold through your club. See your club president for more information.

Suggestions --

■ additional tickets can be

sold to nonRotarians. Why not use the game to recruit a friend to your club?

■ Try organizing a bus trip to the game -- you could use it as a fundraiser to make money for your own club.

Can the Cardinals repeat, or will the Cubs move one-year closer to the all time cherished record that will never be broken - a century without a championship? Will our district governor finally throw the first pitch somewhere near home plate? Will Lou Panella get thrown out of his first game as a Cub manager? Be there to find out. It'll surely be a blast.

For more info, talk to your club president or email Rod Buffington at quiltonerod@insightbb.com, phone 217-787-7873. You'll need to act soon!

Plan to attend the Land Of Lincoln

President Elect Training Seminar

March 23rd-24th, 2007 at
Crowne Plaza, Springfield

Don't Miss It!

If you are not the President-Elect in your club, make sure this gets to that person, since, according to the Manual of Procedure, no one can serve as a club president who has not attended PETS!

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In New Orleans, Rotarians chart ways to address calamities

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

9 February 2007

A disaster response workshop in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, attracted more than 200 participants, many of them Rotarians with experience in providing emergency relief and rebuilding communities in distress. Senior Rotary leaders, including RI President William B. Boyd and RI President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, also attended.

The 11-13 January event was aimed at discussing best practices, strategies, and manage-



Hurricane Katrina marks the first time that Rotarians have distributed ShelterBoxes in the United States. By mid-September, the group had provided 2,400 ShelterBoxes, sheltering up to 28,000 evacuees, emergency personnel, and volunteers in Louisiana and Mississippi. The Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, Florida, administers the project, along with the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, England. The ShelterBoxes contain tents, sleeping bags, and other supplies.

ment skills that Rotarian volunteers can apply to increase their effectiveness in responding to disasters.

"The workshop showed us that we need to coordinate, cooperate, and communicate among ourselves and other organizations wishing to respond in a disaster," explained RI Director Donald L. Mebus, who convened the workshop

with RI Directors Barry Rassin and Robert Stuart Jr.

Donald Chauvin, who chaired the workshop, said the event was a great opportunity to share experiences and create more awareness about the different ways Rotarians can help when disaster strikes. He was governor of District 6200 (Louisiana) when much of the Gulf Coast, including New Orleans, was heavily damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005.

"We wanted to elicit an opinion on what Rotary's role should be in the event of a disaster and how to measure our response," Chauvin said.

Seven facilitators, including several past district governors with disaster response experience, led discussions during breakout sessions. Topics included defining Rotary's role, planning and preparing, working with other organizations, communicating and publicizing, harnessing the Rotary network, and utilizing district and club foundations.

The facilitators assembled a panel of experts to help answer audience questions and comment on participants' suggestions for addressing disasters. "It was important to hear what our diverse audience had to say about relief aid provided through Rotary," Chauvin said.

Tom Henderson, a member of the Rotary

Club of Helston-Lizard, England, and founder of the emergency relief organization ShelterBox, said the workshop provided a great networking opportunity and was very well organized.

"I know from my conversations that many district governors and other Rotary officers greatly benefited from the conference and were going back to their respective districts and areas to reflect and plan for potential disaster relief," he noted.

One such leader is Richard McCombe, governor-elect of District 7020, which spans 10 countries and geographical areas, including the Bahamas and U.S. Virgin Islands. "Our plan is to have a disaster relief plan in place by the end of Rotary year 2007-08, which takes into account all the learned lessons from the workshop," he explained.

After the event, participants toured New Orleans neighborhoods and other Gulf Coast areas in Louisiana and Mississippi that haven't yet recovered from the hurricanes.

"The tour proved to be a sobering moment for all as they witnessed miles and miles of total devastation," noted Chauvin. "The reality of what had happened on August 29, 2005, began to sink in as a vivid picture of what a disaster in their hometowns might look like."



At the Waveland, MS Wal-Mart parking lot, where temperatures soar past 100 degrees, Kevin Widner, a member of the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch, Florida, camps in a ShelterBox tent. Captain of the Polk County Sheriff's Office, he's here on temporary assignment. His team brought their own equipment, including tents, but lost them when the parking lot unexpectedly flooded. "I'm not sure how we happened to get these tents," says Widner, who joined Rotary in May. "But I sure was proud to see the Rotary logo on them."

A New Charity Provision was Recently Signed Into Law in the U.S.

The new bill contains a series of provisions designed to stimulate charitable giving. In the US the law's chief incentive for charitable gifts allows donors age 70 ½ and older to withdraw up to \$100,000 each year from their individual retirement accounts tax-free if they give the money directly to a charity.

The bill will expire 31 December 2007. The opportunity is available this year and next tax year (2007).

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April 14, 2007

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield

District Training for All District Chairs

May 5, 2007

Crowne Plaza, Springfield

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Arch Klumph
Visionary of The Rotary Foundation

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Every District Governor - Elect in the World...

By Ron Riggins

DGE DISTRICT 6460 2007-2008

...converged on San Diego California from January 28th-February 3rd for a week of inspiration, training, fellowship, and of course, the unveiling of the Rotary International theme for 2007-08, "Rotary Shares". Imagine being seated in audience with 528 fellow District Governors-Elect and their spouses, past RI Presidents seated nearby, RI Directors and RI Foundation trustees from around the world joined with you, and RI president Bill Boyd opening the first plenary session with the ringing of the Rotary bell. It was electric, humbling, and a real honor to represent our district, District 6460 at International Assembly this year.

International Assembly is the coming together of all District Governors-Elect for their final piece of training. We are meeting new friends from lands we have never traveled to and many times countries names we are not familiar with. We are sharing international foods, customs, educational, and vocational backgrounds. Our spouses meet with us and separately exchanging ideas. The days are long yet; sometimes not long enough to meet with everyone.

Two individuals I made a point of spending time with are connected to our current and future GSE (Group Study Exchange) teams. First, DGE Rajendra Rai (Raja) and his wife Rekha are from district 3190 in the Bangalore region of southern India. Our district GSE team has just arrived

home from 4 weeks of vocational, cultural, and social exchange in 3190. They are a delightful couple focused on bettering their community and the communities of the world through Rotary. Their GSE

team will visit our district during the months of April and May. Watch your 4Way Today for more details.

And now for our future GSE, meet DGE Anuwat Puvaseth and his wife Lek from district 3360 in the northern region of Thailand. Anuwat and Lek are a wonderful example of Rotary in action. Through a number of matching grants they have improved the lives of many in their homeland and elsewhere. In addition, Anuwat was directly involved in the chartering of the first Rotary club in Laos in November 2006. Our GSE committees will begin the process of accepting applications for the team leader



DGE Ron Riggins D-6460 and DGE Anuwat Puvaseth D-3360 (Northern Thailand) standing behind their wives Bev and Lek at the International Assembly in San Diego this month.



Left to right, Rekha with husband DGE Rajendra Rai D-3190 (Bangalore, India) and Bev and DGE Ron Riggins D-6460 after the Go Forth dinner at International Assembly in San Diego.

position and team members in late summer 2007. The exchanges will likely take place in spring 2008.

The memories and friend-

ships will last a lifetime from International Assembly. I look forward to sharing more of the International side of Rotary as I visit your club in the future.



Bev Riggins D-6460 with a group of ladies from India sharing an Indian lunch at International Assembly in San Diego.

Polio Plus Update

This article was created by excerpting content from the Rotary Polio Plus newsletter to give you an update of the progress of the ongoing Polio Plus program. For more information, go to www.rotary.org/foundation/polioplus

The "Plus" in PolioPlus has evolved over time. Today it refers to the global polio eradication legacy that can be applied to

future health initiatives. **Lessons learned from this historic 20-year-drive include:**

- Massive public education initiatives to promote immunization activities;
- Vaccine deployment strategies;
- Using proper tools, such as vaccine carriers, to protect vaccine and specimen containers;
- Forming public-private partnerships that fortify

national governments' health programs; and ■ A strengthened worldwide laboratory network that will continue to support disease surveillance efforts long after polio has been eradicated.

The January 2007 Message from Trustee Chair Luis Vicente Giay states, "The success of the public-private partnership forged with WHO, UNICEF, and the CDC has

served as a model for more recent global health initiatives, such as the measles campaign." This was also highlighted in a recent Bulletin of the World Health Organization (BLT).

The global polio eradication program peace dividend has also paved the way for cease-fire truce agreements in a number of warring nations, negotiating major humanitarian assistance in fragile environments.

Rotary International is committed to achieving polio eradication. The Rotary Foundation Trustees have stated the commitment in their "Statement on Commitment to Global Polio Eradication" which reads as follows:

"The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, in accordance with the decision adopted by the 1995 Council on Legislation, affirm that the global eradication of polio is, and must remain, the premier goal of Rotary International and its Foundation until the day that the world is certified as being rid of the polio virus

The state of polio eradication The world now has a second and best chance to eradicate polio: after the international spread of 2003-2005, endemic poliovirus has been beaten back to only four parts of four countries.

Global polio eradica-

See **POLIO** on page 7



Jean-Marc Giboux

Before eradication efforts began in 1988, polio paralyzed more than a 1,000 children a day.

Calendar of Events

2007

January - February	Friendship Exchange - Brazil
January - February	PrePETS-Variou Area Meetings
January 16 - February 15	District 6460 GSE team visits India District 3190
January 28 - February 4	International Assembly - San Diego, California
February 18.	Governor Elect Reports to Council of Governors
March 2-3	Ambassadorial Scholar Orientation - Kansas City
March 23-24	Land of Lincoln Multi-District PETS-Springfiled
April 14.	District Assembly - Springfield
April 20 - May 20	India District 3190 GSE team visits District 6460
April 22-28	International Council on Legislation - Chicago, Illinois
June 2.	District Leadership Training - Springfield
June 17-20	Rotary International Convention - Salt Lake City, Utah
June 30.	Installation of District Governor 2007-2008

NET GAIN REPORTS

Abingdon	5 of 5	84.00	5	78.64	6	19	22	+3
Aledo	4 of 4	71.00	=14	76.43	7	7	7	-
Alton-Godfrey	5 of 5	62.80	27	61.03	25	-	113	-
Athens	4 of 4	63.00	=23	54.06	35	12	11	-1
Bushnell	4 of 4	85.00	4	75.50	9	18	22	+4
Chillicothe	4 of 4	70.00	=17	79.29	4	16	17	+1
Collinsville	5 of 5	61.00	31	60.67	26	26	26	-
East Alton, IL	4 of 4	70.37	=17	64.01	22	33	32	-1
East Peoria	5 of 5	50.04	=35	54.30	34	29	35	+6
Edwardsville	4 of 4	76.91	8	75.38	10	-	140	-
Galesburg Sunrise	5 of 5	71.74	12	73.00	13	50	46	-4
Galesburg, IL	4 of 4	72.93	11	66.24	19	-	80	-
Galva	4 of 4	63.00	=23	56.71	29	19	15	-4
Granite City	5 of 5	62.41	=28	57.61	28	76	70	-6
Highland	5 of 5	69.21	19	75.69	8	71	78	+7
Jerseyville	3 of 3	66.00	21	71.00	16	42	43	+1
Kewanee	5 of 5	71.30	=14	72.53	15	46	46	-
Land of Goshen	5 of 5	96.45	1	79.98	3	57	62	+5
Macomb	5 of 5	70.52	16	63.18	23	107	106	-1
Macomb Centennial Morning	4 of 4	87.90	3	83.30	1	38	39	+1
Manito-Forest City	4 of 4	63.00	=23	55.57	31	-	30	-
Mason City	4 of 5	51.47	34	53.70	36	18	17	-1
Monmouth	3 of 5	67.59	20	64.46	21	77	74	-3
Morton	4 of 4	71.38	13	72.65	14	116	124	+8
Pekin	5 of 5	79.23	=6	79.00	5	53	52	-1
Peoria North	4 of 4	60.35	32	56.20	30	186	184	-2
Peoria Sunrise	4 of 4	50.00	=35	54.78	33	19	17	-2
Petersburg	5 of 5	58.00	33	69.86	17	17	18	+1
Quincy	5 of 5	65.79	22	61.80	24	91	92	+1
Quincy East	4 of 4	73.90	10	60.56	27	22	22	-
Rushville	4 of 4	74.00	9	75.07	11	32	31	-1
Springfield	4 of 4	62.00	=28	65.91	20	90	87	-3
Springfield - Midtown	4 of 4	42.00	37	45.32	37	-	25	-
Springfield South, IL	4 of 4	62.96	26	55.31	32	43	35	-8
Springfield Sunrise	5 of 5	79.00	=6	74.29	12	29	27	-2
Washington	4 of 4	62.00	=28	68.67	18	47	51	+4
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POLIO

■ From page 6

tion depends on the engagement of the leaders of the "final four"

poliovirus twice as fast as before.

Policies to minimize the risks and consequences of international spread of poliovirus are now in place: travelers to

oversight at national, state and district level.

■ Curbing the intense transmission in the high-priority states in northern Nigeria and western Uttar Pradesh, India.



Photos by Jean-Marc Giboux center photo courtesy of Marcus Oleniuk

By motorcycles, camels, or bicycles, Rotarians help transport the vaccine to every corner of the world.



Photos by Jean-Marc Giboux

Once vaccinated, the children's fingers are marked with a dye. This is done to keep track of who has been vaccinated.

countries: Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The strategies and tools to eradicate polio are better than ever. The program now has vaccines which are twice as effective and diagnostic tools that detect and track

and from polio-endemic countries are advised to be fully vaccinated before travel.

The remaining challenges to a polio-free world are:

■ Strengthening political

■ Maintaining funding.

Polio eradication will only succeed if the necessary funds are made available, and with strong political commitment in polio-affected countries. More than 10 million children will be paralysed in the next 40 years if the world fails to

capitalize on its US\$4 billion global investment in eradication.

Rotary's Polio Plus efforts are winning and are creating the infrastructure that could, in fact, save the world from future outbreaks of unforeseen communicable disease. Continue to support Polio Plus with your local contributions of time and money!

District Assembly Helps to Build Strong Clubs

Our District 6460 Assembly will be held on Saturday, April 14th at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield from 9am-3pm. District Assembly is the opportunity for the club leadership teams to come together and gather up-to-date and necessary information to guide their clubs in the coming Rotary year. Presidents, Presidents-Elect, club secretaries, treasurers, Four Avenues chair people, program chairs, and all interested Rotarians are invited. A combination of important plenary sessions along with break-out sessions will give each one attending the tools needed to perform most effectively. Some of the topics to be covered include:

- The Four Elements of Effective Rotary Clubs
- The Club Leadership Plan
- A timely report on the work of our Rotary Foundation
- Membership growth and retention
- Public Relations
- 2007-08 Theme, Rotary Shares

Plan now for your club's leadership team and future, up and coming leaders to attend. Registration forms will be sent to your club President-Elect and club secretaries the first week of March. Lunch will be included. In addition, all attendees will qualify their club to be eligible to win a PHF presentation. Mark your calendars now for April 14th at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield.

District 6460 now HAS AN OFFICE!

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Upcoming Training Sessions

By Ron Riggins
 DGE 2007-2008

Hello fellow District 6460 Rotarians,

I am excited to remind you about some upcoming training sessions to get us ready for 2007-2008 "Rotary Shares" Year.

The District 6460 Leadership Team Training will be held beginning at 9am at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. The district positions that are involved in this training are identified in the 2006-07 district directory on pages 18-19. Lunch will be served and our goal is to have everyone on their way by 2pm. A more formal invitation with RSVP will be sent to all by April 1st. Please mark your calendars now for May 5th at the Crowne Plaza.

The Team Leadership Training is a critical process to prepare us to be able to understand and provide the highest quality service to our clubs. Our sole purpose in all that we do at the District level is to help our clubs succeed. And when our clubs are succeeding we have performed our

jobs well. Thank you for your commitment.

I also want you to know I am challenging the Presidents Elect at Pre-PETS and PETS to send one or more up and coming leaders from their clubs to a Leadership meeting on June 2 at the Crowne Plaza. This could include Past Presidents, Four Avenues chairs, and others that would like to serve Rotary outside of the club. It is critical to the future of Rotary in our district to continue to identify our future leaders on a regular basis.

Thanks again for your desire to see Rotary grow and flourish in central and western Illinois. I count it a privilege to serve with you.

Rotary Shares!
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