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Medical Mission to Jamaica



by Bob Magee

District 6040 was well represented on the North Kansas City Rotary Club's 9th annual medical/dental mission to Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Among the 15 Rotarians putting Service Above Self were Dr. Tom Schneider, DDS, Albany Rotary Club and Leanna Leake, NP, Marcelene Rotary Club. Other clubs among the 47 volunteers were Parkville, Lee's Summit, North Kansas City, Richmond, St Joseph, St Joe Southside, Benita, California Rotary Clubs and Lexington, Tennessee Rotary Club. More

than half of the volunteers were health care providers including 10 doctors and nurse practitioners, 8 nurses, 3 dentists, 3 pharmacists, 2 optical providers and 4 pastors, plus several other skilled volunteers. (In photo nurse practitioner Diane Waddell of St Joseph Southside Club and Oliver Green of the Ocho Rios Club)



Building bridges of friendship through service. The four daily clinics cared for 2,874 persons. Of those served, 1,892 were medical patients, 428 dental patients requiring 781 extractions, 554 persons were fitted for glasses. Members of the Ocho Rios Rotary Club met us at the airport and helped daily with each clinic. (In photo, nurse Karen Allenbrand of the Parkville Club interviews a patient at Port Marie)

Matching grant funds helped provide 6,153 prescriptions with a value of over \$100,000. Among those suffering was a pastor in a small church, who is gradually going blind. The matching grant funds provided him with a very expensive and much needed eye medicine. Over the last 9 years, the North Kansas City Rotary Club has treated 20,000 patients and given out over \$1 million in medicine. The 10th mission is planned for next February 2009. If you or your club wish to participate, contact Bob Magee (816) 454- 2035 or via email remagee@hotmail.com.

Special Program on Rotary Water Projects



On April 10, 2008, the Kansas City Downtown Rotary Club will host a special program on Rotary Water Projects. PDG Charlie Clemmons and his wife Barbara will present a program on water projects around the world. Charlie is the Rotary North American Water Resources Coordinator and also the RI representative to the United Nations' International Year of Sanitation. He will serve as the International Chair for the Water and Sanitation Resource Group 2008-09. All District 6040 Rotarians are invited to attend this luncheon

program which will be held at the Muehlebach Hotel in downtown Kansas City. To make reservations, contact Janet Ellis 816.842.2322 or janet@rotary13.org. Barbara and Charlie founded Pro-Tem, Inc. which is the dominant supplier of software for health issues to the nuclear power industry. They are now retired to full time Rotary Service while the company is operated by next generation of Clemmons'.

Charlie was Governor of the Houston, Texas, District 5890, in 2000-01. Since then he has been a member of several RI task forces, he has represented the RI President to district conferences in Southwest Florida, Kenya, South Africa, Pennsylvania, New York and Canada. He has been a featured speaker at Rotary events in the US, Central America and Africa.

Barbara is the Immediate Past President of their Rotary Club and currently is serving District 5890 as the Foundation Alumni Chair. She was a GSE team leader to District 9320 (central South Africa) in the spring of 2006. She has introduced many Rotarians to Rotary project in Southern Africa in her 14 trips to the region in the last ten years.

Rotary Night at NAIA Basketball Tournament

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Mark your calendars! The NAIA Basketball Tournament is March 19-25 at Municipal Auditorium in downtown Kansas City. Our District 6040, under the leadership of Assistant Governor Jerry Wolfe, is planning an NAIA Rotary night on SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2008. There will be four games on the 22nd which are quarter final games and promise to be good games. There are also activities in the lower auditorium for the younger people. This could be a good family event which is not only an opportunity for Rotary fellowship but also some Rotary recognition.

Rotarians and their guests are invited to attend. Adult tickets are \$12 and student/child tickets are \$5 and

Rotarians are responsible for buying their own tickets. An order form can be found on the district web site www.rotary6040.org or the NAIA web site www.naia.org or email dboyd@naia.org. Wouldn't it be a fun evening if we had hundreds of Rotarians and their families joined together for the game.

District High School Scholarship Applications Due

Clubs should have set deadlines and received applications from students by March 15th for the Rotary District High School Scholarships. The deadline for submission of selected, endorsed applications to the scholarship committee is April 1st. Be sure to include documentation that shows the actual or estimated "Expected Family Contribution" (EFC) from "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA). Applications are to be sent to Dr. Mike Watkins, Chairperson, Rotary District 6040 High School Scholarship Committee, 12200 E. 89th St., Kansas City, MO 64138.

Children Are Beautiful

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by Shirley Wurth, Polio Eradication Chair
Children are beautiful. Parents are appreciative. People are hospitable. Illegally parked cars have air let out of tires. 95 degrees can be quite pleasant. Rotarians are young. These are just a few things we learned while on a Rotary West Africa Projects Fair/National Immunization Days trip to Abuja, Nigeria, last November.

My husband Dave and I were among 90 Americans who experienced the beauty and poverty of Nigeria as we supported

and gave polio vaccine drops to children five and under in villages surrounding the capital city of Abuja.

How many years have I stood before you encouraging every Rotarian to help meet our #1 Rotary International project---eradicating polio from the world? Now I have first hand stories, pictures, and thoughts to share. You may contact me at davidwurth@sbcglobal.net or call 816.358.1067 if you would like a program for your club.

Club News

MACON COUNTY Rotary Club President Bob Clement announced a new meeting location: The Northern Star Restaurant, 2015 North Missouri, Macon, MO 63552. BROOKFIELD Rotary Club meeting location has changed to the old "soda fountain" shop at 201 South Main. President Lon Luckert says the shop comes complete with antiques and old wall hangings.

President Dee Rosekrans reported the EAST CLAY Rotary Club is now meeting at Liberty School District's Early Childhood Center, 9600 NE 79th Street, Kansas City, MO 64158. The ECC is just south of Gary Crossley Ford (Church Road) on the west side of I-35.

Rotarian Denys Collins compiled a list of the District 6040 CLUB Web Sites. If your club has a web site that is not listed, please contact Web Master Scott Wagner scott@fasonepartners.com with the site address.

- Chillicothe <http://chillicotherotary.org>
 - Kansas City <http://rotary13.org>
- Kansas City Plaza <http://kcplazarotary.org>
 - Kirksville <http://kvrotary.org>
 - Lee's Summit <http://lsrotary.com>
 - Liberty <http://libertyrotaryclub.org>
- South Platte <http://southplatterotary.com>

Alaskan Cruise



Districts 6040, 6060, 6080 and 5710 (Missouri and Eastern Kansas) are planning an Alaskan Cruise for Rotarians. The trip will be a wonderful sight-seeing adventure as well as a great opportunity for Rotary fellowship. This will be a Rotary Experience with Hospitality Room on board during the cruise, Rotary Make-up Meeting, separate tours for Rotary members, jackets for identification of the Rotarians, meal areas for the Rotarians to eat together if they so desire. Plus, we have negotiated \$100 from each booking to go to a Rotary charitable program.

The 8 day cruise would depart from either Seattle or Vancouver on August 31, 2008, and conclude at Anchorage. Travelers would then have the option of flying home or continuing on a 4 day land tour of Alaska ending in Fairbanks. A brochure with details will be available later this month but meanwhile you are welcome to call 800.869.6806 and ask for the Rotary Alaska Desk. With a limited number of cabins, please make your reservations early.

Important Dates

- Mar. 17 Applications due for Ambassadorial Scholarships, Contact Gene Whitmer gwhitmer46@att.net
 - Mar. 22 Rotary Night at NAIA Tournament
- Mar. 28 Applications due for Four Way Test Speech Contest, Contact Wade Maupin wmaupin@yahoo.com
 - Mar. 28-29 PETS / SETS, Jefferson City
- Mar. 31 Presidential Citation Forms Due to DG Sally Bibb sallybibb@aol.com
- Apr. 1 Applications due for High School Scholarships, Contact Mike Watkins 816.353.4799
 - Apr. 5 Ambassadorial Scholarship District Interviews, Chillicothe
 - Apr. 5 Four Way Test Speech Finals, Chillicothe
- Apr. 15 Registrations due for Shoes Warehouse Mission Trip, Contact Cassy Venters cdventers@yahoo.com
 - Apr. 15 GSE Team from Brazil Arrives
- Apr. 25-26 District Conference, Hyatt Regency Kansas City
 - May 15 GSE Team from Brazil Departs
- Jun. 15-18 Rotary International Convention, Los Angeles

Short Term Youth Exchange

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Dick Helmuth, Short Term Youth Exchange Chair, reports that 12 students are participating in the short term youth exchange program summer 2008. The students represent five Rotary Clubs: Kansas City, Kansas City Plaza, Kirksville, Rock Port, and Tarkio. The students will depart Missouri in late June and spend three weeks in Rotarian's homes in Europe. Seven students are headed to France, two to Germany, and three to Sweden. Following their stay in Europe, the students from the hosting families will come to Missouri for three weeks. This program builds international good will and helps youth build self-confidence, make new friends, and create memories to cherish for a lifetime.

Read on, there is more to this story.

Charlie Schleicher loved Rotary. He joined Rotary in 1967 and was an active, giving, compassionate Rotarian until he died in 2006. Through the years, Charlie and his wife Jane raised seven children: Susan, Bob, John, Paul, Steve, Ellen and Anne. Charlie & Jane passed the love of Rotary on to their children sending four of them (Paul, Ellen, Anne & Steve) on the Rotary Short Term Youth Exchange. Jane still travels to France and visits with her friends, Ellen's host family from that era, and they have been guests in her home (and cabin in Colorado) through the years.

Steve, a Rotarian in the Downtown Kansas City Club, served for a few years as the Club's Youth Exchange Chair and to this day says "He loves the program." Steve goes on to say, "When Dick (Helmuth) made the announcement about a month or 2 ago, I snatched up the brochure and sent it to my Mom and my brother, John. Mom jumped on it instantly as she is a big fan of travel and knows what a life altering experience it can be for a young person. Before she knew it, John is sending 2 daughters, Bob is sending his 2 daughters and Paul is sending 1 of his sons. Though my kids are too young, I am thrilled for my nieces and nephew. It's a beautiful thing!"

And so this summer, five Schleicher cousins, a third generation of Rotary spirit, are traveling to Europe on the Short Term Youth Exchange. Well done, Schleichers!

Charlie would be proud!

GSE Committee Hard at Work



by Dan Hall GSE District Chair
Members of the District Group Study Exchange (GSE) Committee have been busy during February and March making arrangements for the Brazil GSE Team visit. Pictured left to right are: Kim LeSage, Carlos Moya, Gary Black, Traci Gleason-Wright, Dan Hall (Committee Chair), Roger Siler, Brock Legan, Bill

Cosgrove, and Tom Tatro. Not pictured is Bob Jones, District Governor Nominee, who also participated in the planning.

For GSE planning purposes, District 6040 is divided into seven geographic zones. Each zone has a GSE Zone Coordinator who makes itinerary and housing arrangements for GSE team activities in the zone. These arrangements include home hosts, vocational visits, club visits, transportation, and tours for the incoming GSE Team.

This year's five person GSE team is from Brazil. The Brazil team will arrive in Kansas City on April 15 and depart on May 15. This incoming Brazil team as well as our District 6040 outgoing team will make presentations during the District Conference

April 25 and 26. The April district newsletter will provide more information on the incoming GSE Brazil team members.

Medical Mission #15



by Denys Collins

Balaoan, Northern La Union Province, 14-18 January 2008.

This was the location and dates for our Medical Mission #15. Was anything different from the last 14? Yes and No. Patients line up from early morning to late afternoon, it is always hot and sticky, food, drinks, and not enough sleep were all pars for the course. The hospitality of the local Hospital staff, and of course the ever available Rotarians from so many Clubs and areas just waiting to serve us, and help the patients needs. From just a re-assuring word and touch, to life saving, life changing, and the relief of pain and suffering was what we were able to pass along without a thought to the cost, individually or as a group we all gave and were rewarded with more than a thank you.

Our lives have been forever touched with the joy of a father receiving into his arms, his son Amando, and no longer ugly but so handsome the world was for him forever changed. For the ladies who had their ugly tumors removed, to those who were blind and can now see, those who had their "Bukol" removed (small Cysts). General Surgery, ENT Surgery, Dental and all the teams were really put to the test. We worked our 10-12 hour days and all the time feeling the heartfelt thank you as well as hearing them from the ever grateful patients. The hospital staff was involved in the every day operations as well as the huge demands that were placed upon them during our intense presence.

The 40 foot Container full of equipment and supplies was stored and as the need arose, sent to the team rooms by our supply team, running around with heavy boxes, stacking them in the aisles because there was no room inside, surely built up their appetites, (but we really were looked after so well, no one lost weight). The 27,000 Lbs of freight we brought will provide the hospital with items that will last them for many years, yes many years to come. Clinical and Surgical instruments, as well as disposables, Crutches and Walkers, will save the hospital many Pesos, so the income they do receive can be used to upgrade, and continue what we have started.

Patients can now come to their hospital with pride and the knowledge they will be treated whether they can pay or not. Doctors and Nurses can treat their patients in the manner they were trained to do. Yes our Medical Mission was difficult, Many lives have had major changes, ours also. If you are in doubt, just think of Amando.

Tips, Tools, & Training

by DGN Bob Jones, District Trainer

Literacy is one of the key elements of the Rotarian legacy of "Service Above Self" and has been a Rotary focus for a number of years. This a fantastic time of year to mobilize your entire club team and continue to make a literacy difference in your local community.

There are many ways to have your team take an active and visible role in literacy. We have District 6040 clubs who are serving as readers for the local elementary schools.

This may be a great opportunity to challenge the premise of the Jeff Foxworthy TV show, "Are you smarter than a 5th grader". You may even find a unique opportunity to take advantage of the efforts from TV and bring this into a classroom. My experience with working with elementary school teachers is they are always looking for something new to introduce into their classroom.

You may also want to exercise the option to bring a class room of students into your local business for a professional day visit. What a great opportunity for them to see you in your line of work and find out first hand how important literacy is in the work place.

For those of you who have extremely artistic members of your club this could be a great time to take some coloring books and crayons into one or several of your local school classrooms and have fun drawing. I have found several different coloring books in the local book stores that have great stories associated with the activities.

Many of our Clubs have taken on the role of providing excellent dictionaries to the students. I have been amazed by the number of elementary grade students who do not have the opportunity to have a quality dictionary at home. Purchasing these dictionaries can take place with online companies as well as through local suppliers.

First Foundation Alumni Reception Great Success



by Jeff Crowley, Foundation Alumni District Chair
A jointly sponsored reception honoring Foundation alumni from District 6040 and District 5710 was held Saturday, March 1st at the Kansas City Airport Hilton. The reception was attended by 60 persons including alumni and guests, Ambassadorial Scholar Seminar faculty and participants and leaders from the International Alliance.

Twenty-seven alumni were in attendance, including 17 sponsored by or currently residing in District 6040. Foundation alumni who participated in Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships and Rotary Volunteers were represented. We were honored to have three alumni from the GSE Team to India in 1966-67

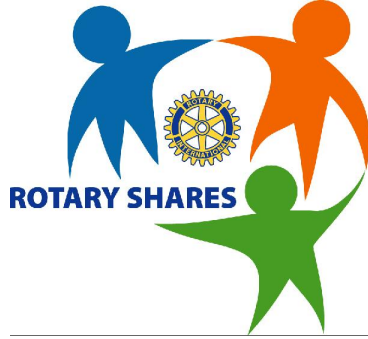
join us. Andy Adam of Gower, MO, Gene Eulinger of California, MO and Wayne Thompson of Tarkio, MO were part of the district's original GSE outbound team according to our records and the reception provided a great opportunity for a reunion! Also, Dr. James Walker and his wife, Nadine, attended the reception. Dr. Walker was an Ambassadorial Scholar to Switzerland in 1956-57 before going on to a long and distinguished career in education and service. All of our alumni represent the best of the Rotary spirit and many have gone on to great work and leadership through Rotary and other avenues. (in photo from left Dr. James Walker and Wayne Thompson)

Two of our distinguished Foundation Alumni were part of the program. Past RI Director and Rotary Foundation Trustee Ray Klingensmith encouraged alumni to attend the upcoming international convention in Los Angeles and the planned Alumni Gathering pre-convention event. Ambassadorial Scholar Orientation Chair Larry Lunsford introduced some special guests attending the weekend's Ambassadorial Scholar sessions including Liz Skinner our Rotary Foundation Alumni Zone Coordinator, Brad Lauman the Rotary Foundation Scholarship Manager and International Alliance leaders.

DG Sally Bibb of District 6040 and DG Chuck Trimble of District 5710 also welcomed alumni and spoke of the important role they have in the Rotary family. Following the reception, many guests attended the Ambassadorial Scholar Seminar Banquet and enjoyed the fellowship and spirit of the 43 outbound scholars from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Thanks to all those who worked to make this first time event successful!

District Conference

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by District Conference Co-Chairs Bonnie Brown & Dick Retrum

District Conference will be April 25 & 26, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City. We will **share ideas** on membership recruitment and retention and Foundation programs. We will **share success** on local and international projects. And we will **share friendship** during receptions, dinners and a dance. With the ala carte registration, you can register for specific sessions that are of interest and meaningful to you.

If interested in the Rotary Foundation programs, attend the Friday afternoon session and hear the GSE team presentation, polio update, and introduction of Youth Exchange students.

If serving as Club President Elect, don't miss the Friday evening dinner where all Presidents Elect will be introduced by Governor Elect Elizabeth Usovicz.

If interested in local or international projects, bring your club display for the House of Friendship and attend the Saturday morning session to get tips on international water projects and enjoy innovative demonstrations on successful local and international projects.

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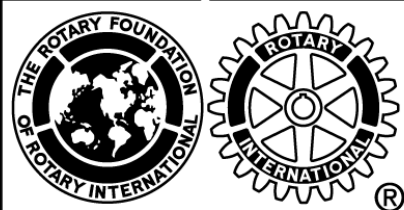
If interested in club membership, don't miss the Saturday afternoon session featuring the motivational speaker Michael Caruso. You will also exchange ideas on membership recruitment and retention.

If serving as Club President, please attend the Saturday evening dinner. Clubs and Club Presidents will be honored and we want EVERY club to be represented.

If looking forward to a fun, fun evening, don't miss the Saturday evening dinner. The speaker is David Forward, author of "A Century of Service" and outstanding presenter. The dinner is followed by a dance featuring the rock 'n roll band, Mach 4.

Don't miss District Conference. It will be an inspirational and enjoyable affair.

Giving, Giving, Giving



by Shirley Wurth, Polio Eradication Chair
Giving, giving, giving... This is what Rotarians do around the world.

We in District 6040 can be proud of our latest donations of \$20,000 to Polio Plus Partners Programs and \$15,000 to World Peace Scholarships, all from our District Designated Funds. We thank DG Sally Bibb and Foundation Chair John Miller for determining to use the DDF on these projects and also supporting the Polio

Plus Matching Funds program

Just think what our totals could look like when all of our individual clubs and members' dollars wing their way to RI Foundation by June 30!

What is the impact of giving? From the January 2008 Polio Update in District 9110, Africa, Polio Chair Busuyi Onabolu writes, "There is a light at the end of the Tunnel and this year 2008 should see the end of polio transmission in Nigeria. This is the desire and goal of the government and people of the country." Later, Busuyi gives the following: January 2007 through December 2007, 277 cases of wild poliovirus in 23 states. The same period in 2006 it was 1,116 cases of wild poliovirus in 18 states.

Nigeria accounts for 30% of global wild poliovirus cases and 79% of the cases in Africa.

We are making gains, and District 6040 is counted among "the dedicated." It may be taking us Rotarians 23+ years to kick polio out of the world, but would it not be great to see the same progress in world peace in 23 years because of our dedication to building world peace one student at a time?

Shoes for Orphan Souls



Shoes for Orphan Souls will be collected at District Conference. A UPS truck will be parked on McGee Street in front of the Hyatt Regency and available for loading shoes 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 26th. Our friends at UPS have again this year donated the truck

and driver to transport our shoes from Kansas City to Dallas where they will be warehoused until shipped to orphanages around the world. At lunch on Saturday, Rachel Garton from Buckner International will give us an update on the delivery of shoes and the program will conclude with the shoes roll call.

We have had great success with this project and today there are thousands of children who are wearing good shoes because of District 6040 Clubs and their shoes collection over the past few years. Last year, we collected nearly 18,000 pairs of shoes.

Wouldn't it be wonderful for the orphans of the world if we would surpass that number!

A few days after District Conference we will follow our shoes to Dallas. The mission trip information follows. The mission flyer is available on the website www.rotary6040.org/shoes_for_orphan_souls1

- When: Tentatively scheduled for the week following our district conference
 - Where: Shoes for Orphan Souls Warehouse, Dallas, Texas
- Who: The trip is open to Rotarians, spouses, partners, friends and children
- What: We will sort and pack shoes for shipping. We are investigating the possibility of inviting Dallas-area Rotarians to be a part of this work and the potential for us to be home-hosted with Dallas-area Rotarians. We will plan some mission team meal events.
- Costs: Each participant is responsible for their own expenses: travel to Dallas, hotel (Buckner has an arrangement for a Fairfield Inn at approximately \$70/night with a complimentary breakfast), and food.
- Why: Buckner relies on volunteers to sort and pack the 100,000 pairs of shoes they ship annually. This work is essential to the successful and timely distribution of shoes in the U.S. and internationally.
 - For More Information: Contact Cassy Venters, cdventers@yahoo.com or 816-584-2725.

Club Attendance Reports

Club Attendance Reports are due by the 10th of the month to District Secretary, Jan Canterbury. Past reports can be found on the District web site www.rotary6040.org/AttendanceReports.

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