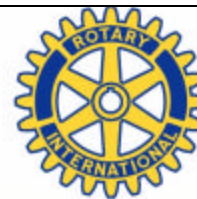


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SERVICE Above Self

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Governor Shawn's Message

Good day my fellow Rotarians and Happy Mother's Day to the Moms in our Family of Rotary!

What a wonderful time we had at our District Conference May 5-7 at the beautiful Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort! While our attendance was smaller than I'd hoped, those there enjoyed the beautiful surroundings, excellent Rotary education and great Rotary fellowship. In the process, we were educated, entertained and honored to have with us RI President's Representative Billy and Linda Archibald, Past RI Vice President John and Judy Germ and RRFC John Butler. That these exemplary Rotarians would make the time to be with us means so much! You'll find a complete report on the conference, in this Newsletter.

As we enjoyed dinner and music at our District Conference Saturday night dinner, PRIVP John reminded me that we had (at that point) only 54 more days in which to accomplish our goals during this Rotary Year! That wasn't exactly a comforting thought! As I write this newsletter, we now have only 47 days left...47 days in which to complete "our" work and help prepare the way for those who follow us! As RIRP Billy reminded us during the conference... "don't wait until it's too late"! It's not too late but we'll have to work fast!

The first action you should take after reading this Newsletter is to check your Rotary Foundation records to be sure that your Club contributions have been submitted to the Foundation. Not sure how to check on that? Either go to the Business Portal on the RI web site (www.rotary.org) or call your Assistant Governor. Hurry.... "don't wait until it's too late".

Yes, there's work left to be done, but we're Rotarians and Rotarians always get it done!

Until next month, I remain...

Yours in Rotary ***Service Above Self,***

Shawn Corrigan Asmuth
District Governor 2005-6

District Conference Update

Location

I'm a beach person, so to me, having our District Conference on the shores of the beautiful Gulf of Mexico is about as good as it gets! Our meeting rooms were on the bayside of the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort and opened out onto the bay. While a brief rain shower forced us to move our President's Dinner Reception inside, our Celebration Dinner reception and Paul Harris Fellow Breakfasts were both on the Bayside Patio...what a treat! The entire staff at Sandestin was wonderful and very anxious to make our meetings, events and stay perfect. Our Leadership Academy participants and District Leadership Teams both enjoyed celebration luncheons beachside...one at the private owners Beach Club and the other at the Loft at FINZ. Every location was wonderful!

Silent Auction

Thanks to the generosity of our bidding Rotarians, our Silent Auction netted close to \$1000... money targeted for the Rotary Foundation. Thanks much to those who contributed items and those who bid on them!

Program

We were honored to have several distinguished Rotarians from outside our District address us at the Conference...President's Rep Billy Archibald, Past RI VP John Germ and RRFC John Butler. All shared Rotary information, their insights and their passion for Rotary with us and we're all better Rotarians for having heard them! Club Presidents Judd Flint, Ira Silberman, and Jimmy Barkley shared their Club success stories with us and encouraged others in the group to do the same. Our own PDG Bob Rudder and AG Brad Tucker spoke to us on Katrina Relief...and spurred us to continued action in that area of Rotary Service Above Self. Both will continue to keep us posted on needs and projects for our involvement and funding. Our THANKS to all for their contributions to our program.

Council of Governor's

PDG Rod Wolfe convened our District 6880 Council of Governor's meeting at the Conference with Pres Rep Billy and PRIVP John in attendance as special guests. Their presence gave us new ideas and provided insight on several current Rotary issues that we would not otherwise have had. I provided an update on the state of our District and DGE Robert Greer provided information on his goals and plans for the 2006-7 Rotary Year. All in all, a very productive meeting. My THANKS to all for participating!

President's Dinner & Presidential Citations

After comments from Pres Rep Billy, our Friday Night President's Dinner saw the presentation of Club Banners and the awarding of Presidential Citations. The following Clubs (with Club President denoted) were presented **Presidential Citations**:

Auburn- Debbie Shaw

Brundidge- Richard Holmes

Daphne/Spanish Fort- Steve Ellison

Dothan- Jimmy Barkley

Elba- Josh Wilson

Eufaula- Richard Wingate

Evergreen- Nell Stuart

Fairhope- Lee Turner

Foley- Charlie Ebert
Luverne- Jud Flint
Mobile- Allen Ladd
Mobile Sunrise- Gigi Armbrrecht
Mobile West- Joe McDonald
Montgomery Sunrise- Rusty Harless
Opelika- Ira Silberman
Opp- Mary Ann Hall
Phenix City- Bob English
Pleasure Island/Gulf Shores- Peggy Riley
Point Clear- Phil Webb
Robertsdale- Peggy Nelson
Selma- Billy Atchison
Tallasse- Tina Harris

CONGRATULATIONS to these Clubs and their Club Leadership for achieving this outstanding recognition! (The RI issued Presidential Citations still haven't come in but will be sent to Club Presidents when they do.)

Club Banners were presented for inclusion on our new District Club Banners by:

Auburn
Brundidge
Daphne-Spanish Fort
Dothan
Dothan-Houston County
Fairhope
Foley
Greenville
Linden
Luverne
Mobile
Mobile Sunrise
Mobile West
Montgomery
Montgomery Sunrise
Opelika
Opp
Prattville-Millbrook Sunrise
Robertsdale
Selma
Troy

Thanks so much to all these Clubs for their participation in this very special and meaningful display!

Our Presidents Dinner closed with the recognition of new Major Donors PDG Bob & Donna Kelley and Bequest Society Members PDG Wade and Glenna Drinkard by PDG Mark Dierlam, Pres Rep Billy and PRIVP John. DG Shawn & John Asmuth presented their Bequest Society Commitment form to the group as a sign of their commitment to the future funding of the Rotary Foundation.

Awards

DGN Richard Bollinger announced District awards during the Saturday evening Celebration Dinner. Among those honored:

- The work of District Secretary Chris Rodger, District Trainer Ed Kennedy and District Treasurer Jim Golson were recognized with plaques/trophies.
- Participants in our 2005-6 Leadership Academy were recognized with a plaque.
- Winners of the Club Bulletin were announced and recognized:
 - Montgomery Sunrise- Small Clubs
 - Opelika- Medium Clubs
 - Fairhope- Large Clubs
- PDG Bob Rudder received the Doug Barber Award for his efforts on, among other things, Katrina Relief and the Dictionary Project.
- John Wild received the Jerry Brunson Service Above Self Award for his efforts behind the scenes for many years in the Auburn Rotary Club and for work on District meetings. He works so quietly that you probably didn't realize he'd chaired the 2005 PETS & District Assembly meetings, the 2006 Mid-Year Leadership Conference and the 2006 District Conference!
- The President of each Club of the Year winner was recognized for his/her leadership in their respective club:
 - Montgomery Sunrise, Pres Rusty Harless- Small Clubs
 - Opelika, Pres Ira Silberman- Medium Clubs
 - Dothan, Pres Jimmy Barkley- Large Clubs
- Nominated by AG Coordinator Mickey Parish, AG Jim Baird won the coveted Harry Hall Meritorious Service Award for his efforts on behalf of his Area 3 Clubs, the District and in being Aide to the Governor (DG Shawn).
- Last but certainly not least, our Assistant Governor Coordinator and Assistant Governors were recognized for the outstanding work they do year in and year out in support of "their" Clubs, the District and the District Governor. No District Governor could do the job without them...and our Clubs wouldn't be as strong without them. With GREAT THANKS, we recognized: Mickey Parish (AG Coordinator), Rick Dunn, Tom Mann, Jim Baird, Carol Franks, Ted VanInderstine, Sheila Propp, Jim Bradley, Brad Tucker and Charles Coggins. Of those, Jim Baird, Sheila Propp and Ted Vanderstine completed 3 years of Service Above Self to their District and their clubs as Assistant Governors....they will be missed in those roles but welcomed in their new capacities! Jim Baird will take on the role of AG Coordinator as Mickey Parish becomes DGN and Aide to DG Robert Greer.

Caring Concerns

PDG Wade Drinkard organized and PDG Bob Rudder led our District Memorial Service on Sunday morning. During that special time of reflection and worship, we celebrated the lives of those District 6880 Rotarians who passed away during this Rotary Year. We also lifted up concerns about Rotarians Bill Sutherland, and Tom Martenstein, DS Chris Rodger's Father, and DT Ed Kennedy's wife Jean. I'm sad to report that Rotarian Bill passed away last weekend and that Chris Rodgers father, Ian Rodger, passed away this past Friday. Please continue to keep these families along with all the caring concerns expressed during the Service in your thoughts and prayers.

Business Meeting

What a thrill it was to have AG Coordinator Mickey Parish formally elected 2008-9 District Governor at our Sunday morning Business Meeting! And what a special treat it was that his family (children, grandchildren and mother-in-law) could be with us for

that special moment in his Rotary life! **CONGRATULATIONS** to Mickey and his wonderful wife Sheila as we all look forward to their leadership in Rotary!

Thanks!

My sincere **THANKS** to our District Conference Planning Committee for all they did to make our conference such a success! Members of that committee include: Chair John Wild, DS Chris Rodger, DT Jim Golson, PDG Wade Drinkard, AG Jim Baird, Don Flowers, Kelly Corrigan Wood and Caroline Corrigan. Also lending a major hand at the conference: Walker & Charlotte Jackson, Dick Phelan, Nancy Golson and Mike Corrigan.

A heartfelt **THANKS** too to all who attended the conference! It's not a party if no one attends.....those who attended made this a festive and special weekend!

Programs & Projects

PETS & District Assembly

DGE Robert Greer and District Trainer Ed Kennedy hosted yet another successful PETS and District Assembly weekend! Our Rotarians were treated to comments by District 6860 PDG Bo Porter and RI Zone 29 & 30 Director Bob Stuart along with presentations by many of our own PDG's and District Leadership Team members. Congrats to both DGE Robert and DT Ed for another great weekend in Rotary!

Group Study Exchange

It is with regret that I share with you that our GSE Team didn't make it off the ground on their trip to Brazil. Everything was in place for a great trip until visas for the team didn't arrive before their scheduled departure. Efforts to depart a few days later ran into snags too, so the team is still stateside. Work is being done now to reschedule the trip for a later date.

World Affairs Youth Seminar

World Affairs Youth Seminar Program Coordinator Meredith Peel sends this reminder:

The application deadline for the 20th Annual World Affairs Youth Seminar at Auburn University is June 30, 2006. Clubs who are considering sponsoring a student to attend the seminar (from July 16-21) should be wrapping up the student selection process in a hurry. Clubs who still have questions about the seminar and sponsorship are invited to contact Meredith Peel at 334-844-3127 or via email: peelmer@auburn.edu. Additional information including sponsorship and application forms are available online at www.auburn.edu/outreach/wa.

2007 District Conference

DGE Robert Greer shares the following with us:

Rotarians:

I am looking forward to serving as your District Governor starting in July of this year. One of my responsibilities is to plan the District 6880 District Conference. I am happy to announce that the conference is now set and it will be held aboard the Carnival Cruise ship Holiday.

We announced the Cruise last weekend at the District Conference in Sandestin and 36 Rotarians promptly signed up. We have 150 cabins reserved for May 3-7, 2007.

Registration for the District Conference is \$100 and the District is offering to reduce that by \$50 for all those who sign up by June 1st. There are also many more benefits you will receive such as \$50 shipboard credit for each cabin. See details on the below web sites.

Bob Chappell is the District Conference Chairman and can answer any questions. Also, Rotarian Bob Bender owner of Springdale Travel has been working with us and he has assigned Leigh Rollins from their staff who will handle the bookings and arrangements.

Please log on to www.springdaletravel.com/rotary or <http://www.rotary6880.org/> for more details about the cruise and a registration form.

The District Conference is open to any Rotarians (and friends) and everyone is encouraged to attend and bring their spouses and children. It should be lots of fun.

Thanks.

Robert Greer

My family and I are really looking forward to DGE Robert's District Conference cruise and have already signed up for it! Don't wait until it's too late...go ahead and sign up today! We're going to have a GREAT time aboard the *Holiday!*

Did you know that....

*** Rotary Foundation Success Stories.....**

Several clubs have met or exceeded their goal of \$100 per member giving to the Rotary Foundation this year. Those clubs include:

Evergreen- \$100.00

Tuskegee- \$100.00

Foley- \$103.17

Fairhope- \$106.84

Montgomery Sunrise- \$115.63

Opelika- \$117.86

Eufaula- \$146.75

Montgomery- \$152.17

Tallassee- \$191.67

Pleasure Island/Gulf Shores- \$208.11

Wow....Great work on the part of all these clubs! Want to see your club name in RF lights...get those contributions in! Foundation awards will be presented at our Mid Year Conference next January ...make sure your club is in the running for them by submitting your contributions today!.

*** Rotary Foundation zero giver clubs....**

On the opposite side of the spectrum, to date, the following clubs have not yet submitted their contributions to the Rotary Foundation: Atmore, Bay Minette, Brewton, Demopolis, Greenville, Lee County Sunrise, Linden, Mobile West, Ozark, Point Clear, Prattville-Millbrook Sunrise, Wetumpka, York. The amounts reflected for several other clubs are very low which would indicate that not all their funds have been submitted. I know that you've all collected money for the Foundation, so let's get it all turned in!

*** One Million Paul Harris Fellows....**

Very soon, the Rotary Foundation will reach a significant milestone...naming its one millionth Paul Harris Fellow! What an awesome accomplishment! Upon reaching this

milestone, one new Paul Harris Fellow from each Zone (there are 34 Zones) will be selected to represent the one millionth PHF and as such will receive, in addition to the standard recognition medallion and certificate, a commemorative Paul Harris Fellow plaque. If you are not yet a Paul Harris Fellow, now is the time to do it to become eligible for the drawing for this special recognition!

Important Dates:

May 15 ***Attendance figures for April due to District Secretary Chris Rodger (rodgec1@auburn.edu)***

May 15 ***Assistant Governor "Memo of Club Visits" due to DG Shawn***

May 15 ***RI Public Relations Award nomination deadline***

June 11-14 ***RI Convention- Malmo, Sweden & Copenhagen, Denmark***

July 1 ***New Club and District Leadership Teams take office!***

Monthly Attendance Report-March '06

Club	March % Attendance	March # Members	March # Meetings
Andalusia	60	62	4
Atmore	71	40	2
Auburn	67	119	5
Bay Minette			
Brewton	72	74	4
Brundidge	91	32	5
Chilton County Sunrise			
Daphne-Spanish Fort	72	45	4
Demopolis			
Dothan	71	188	3
Dothan-Houston County	55	155	4
Elba			
Enterprise	54	92	4
Enterprise Sunrise	71	26	5
Eufaula	45	59	5
Evergreen			
Fairhope	63	96	5
Foley			
Geneva			
Greensboro			
Greenville	64	42	5
Jackson			
Lee County Sunrise			
Linden	87	17	4
Luverne	94	41	4
Mobile	42	286	4
Mobile Sunrise	70	104	4
Mobile West	72	50	4

Monroeville	51	27	5
Montgomery	48	169	3
Montgomery Capital	63	60	5
Montgomery Sunrise	81	31	5
Opelika			
Opp	74	30	5
Ozark	48	89	4
Phenix City	78	48	4
Pleasure Island-Gulf			
Shores	72	40	5
Point Clear			
Prattville			
Prattville-Millbrook			
Sunrise	70	23	16
Robertsdale	66	48	4
Selma	68	60	4
Tallassee			
Troy	74	76	4
Tuskegee	79	14	
Wetumpka			
York	66	15	3

District 6880 endorses and supports the use of on-line make ups to meet our attendance requirements. This service provided to members through: eClubOne at www.rotaryclubone.org

If your clubs' attendance is not reflected above, please contact District Secretary Chris Rodger to report it! Club attendance reports are due to DT Chris by the 15th of the month. DS Chris can be reached at: rodgec1@auburn.edu