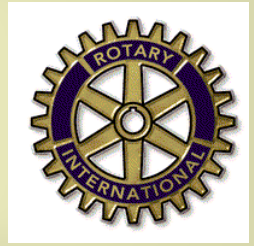




District 6600

Governor's Newsletter

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6600 Coming Events

2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles, 15-18 June

See the Stars! Share the spotlight with fellow Rotarians in the entertainment capital of the world.

PETS 1 will be February 21, 2009

All-Ohio PETS will be March 13-15, 2009

District Assembly will be March 28, 2009

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWS LETTER JUNE 2008

By Ralph Schibler

As we look at the Rotary calendar, we see that this month is the month in which we celebrate the **Fellowship of Rotary**.

When you think of Rotary Fellowship, what comes to mind? Is it the weekly meeting where you gather for a meal with your friends and fellow Rotarians? Is it sitting at the same table with the same people? At times, when I have visited Rotary clubs, it almost reminds me of church. Just as it seems to be in church, where certain people sit in the same pew week after week, so it is in some Rotary meetings. The same Rotarians sit at the same tables with the same Rotarians week after week. This is Rotary fellowship to some of us.

But, RI would like us to think in some different terms. We should be broadening our understanding of Rotary Fellowship. When was the last time that your Rotary club had a family picnic? A picnic where your fellow club members and their families got together and just had some fun and fellowship as Rotary families? No fund raising, no work projects, just a good old fashioned picnic with perhaps some potato bag races, a peanut scramble, corn hole contests, (other wise known as bean bag tosses) and things like that. Not that there is anything wrong with fund raising and work projects, as they can also provide fellowship.

Or, what about a family style Christmas party, or Halloween Bash?

Or, what about some kind of a gathering with a neighboring club, extending your Rotary Fellowship beyond the boundaries of your own community? In that way, you broaden your understanding of Rotary Fellowship.

We also widen our fellowship circle when we do make-ups when we miss our own local meeting. In a selfish way, makes-ups become useful because we can see what other clubs are doing, and bring some ideas back to our own clubs. But think of the contacts and friends that can develop as we visit other clubs while we are on vacation, or just in the next town as we make up for a missed meeting.

Of course, there is also the Rotary Fellowship that comes from attending a District Assembly or a District Conference. At these events you get to meet with fellow Rotarians from all over the district. As a result of attending a conference or assembly you can get to know and have as friends, Rotarians from all over Northwestern Ohio. What great opportunities for fellowship.

How many of you have ever attended a Rotary International Convention? This is another excellent way of extending your Rotary circle of friends. You meet wonderful people, not only from our state or nation, but like minded people from all over the world. As a result of attending some Rotary International events, I now exchange e-mails with people all over the world. These people I count as my Rotary friends, and members with me in our Rotary Fellowship. What a great part of Rotary we are missing when we do not seek to extend our circle of friendship beyond the group with whom we sit at the table in our meetings, or even with the fellowship of our local clubs.

Have you made a new rotary friend lately, someone who is outside your normal circle and your own club? Give it a try. You might just discover that there is a lot more to Rotary than your own local club.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE

What a great time we had at the District Conference. I want to thank all of you who took the time to attend. There were 300 in attendance at the dinner on Saturday evening, with about 170 family members elsewhere in the facility. I don't know if noise is a criteria of success, but there was a high school prom going on in the other part of the large room in which we had our dinner. With the steel drum band, I think we "Out Noised" them.

Once more, thanks to all those who helped make the conference a success by their many hours of work. In the spirit of Rotary Fellowship, see you all at the Lodge at Sawmill Creek next April for the 2009 District Conference.

TRANSIONING



Along with being Fellowship Month, June is a month in which we make transitions. Clubs are preparing for the transition from current presidents to incoming presidents. The incoming presidents have been preparing for their year as they set up committees and make plans for programs and all the other activities that clubs do. The first part of the year has been spent preparing the incoming presidents for their year.

The same is true on the district level. District Governor Elect David Daugherty has been undergoing training for the past several years, and has been involved in the training of incoming presidents. He has also been getting his leadership team in place for his year as DG. They have been making plans and setting agendas so that our district can move forward in the coming year. Congratulations and best wishes to all of you and to him for the year to come. All of us who have served in leadership roles in the past are here to help in any way we can. Just ask. **As Ever...Ralph**

By John Jaeger Perrysburg Rotary Club

The people of Intibuca Department in Honduras now have access to a low cost, simple ceramic water filter for home use thanks to assistance from District 6600. The filter is made in Honduras using a tested design from Potters for Peace, an international organization providing ceramic filters worldwide. Shoulder to Shoulder, and Honduras health organization based in Cincinnati, Ohio worked with the Maumee Rotary Club, District 6600, as well as the Siguatepeque, Honduras Rotary Club and was awarded a Rotary International grant for the purchase and distribution of 1,000 water filters. The filter uses a 5-gallon bucket; lid and faucet with a ceramic “flower-pot-like” filter insert which is coated with colloidal silver. The silver kills bacteria, especially those that cause diarrhea from impure water. Families can now produce up to three liters per hour of clean drinking water.



Family from Santa Lucia, Honduras area has not been sick for 7 months since using the water filter

After an initial trial of 100 filters and water source testing, Shoulder-to-Shoulder is distributing the filters in Santa Lucia, Concepcion, and Pinares/San Marcos de la Sierra in some of the poorest areas of Honduras to those in greatest need. Larger collection buckets with the standard filter can provide clean water to schools, clinics and community centers. Besides providing clean water, the filters will provide a micro-enterprise for distributing filters throughout Honduras, which will benefit the economy. The filters will be provided to families using a graduated cost scale. In many cases, filters will be given to families who cannot pay for them. Income from filter sales through the grant will be used to buy and distribute additional filters. The complete ceramic water filter can be purchased and

distributed for \$25 each and lasts 4 to 6 years. Replacement ceramic inserts cost \$10.

Maumee Rotarian and Shoulder-to-Shoulder volunteer, John Jaeger, of Perrysburg, Ohio is coordinating the project that will continue through Spring 2009. The people of Intibuca Department have requested an additional 5,000 water filters. For information, contact John at jfjaeger@hotmail.com or www.shouldertoshoulder.org

Late news from the Rotary Bikers



The group decided to sell tour jerseys AND tee Shirts. The Fremont Rotary club will be selling the tees for \$10 and hopefully will be able to recoup some of their hosting expenses. Details about this will be available soon. Contact the President of the Fremont Rotary Club at:

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All details of the 2008 MESA bicycle tour of Ohio can be seen on this District website feature:

<http://rotarydistrict6600.org/biketour/>



2008 – 09 District Governor’s Club Visits

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Number	Club	Date	Day	Time
1	Amherst	7/7/08	Monday	12:00 Noon
2	Avon/Avon Lake	7/8/08	Tuesday	7:30 am
3	Elyria	7/8/08	Tuesday	11:45 am
4	Vermillion	7/9/08	Wednesday	11:45 am
5	Elyria Sunrise	7/10/08	Thursday	7:45 am
6	Lorain	7/10/08	Thursday	12:00 Noon
7	Oberlin	7/11/08	Friday	12:00 Noon
8	New London	7/21/08	Monday	12:00 Noon
9	Huron	7/22/08	Tuesday	12:00 Noon
10	Milan	7/22/08	Tuesday	6:30 pm
11	Sandusky	7/24/08	Wednesday	12:00 Noon
12	Montpelier	7/28/08	Monday	12:00 Noon
13	Willard	7/29/08	Tuesday	7:30 am
14	Bucyrus	7/29/08	Tuesday	11:45 am
15	Greenwich	7/29/08	Tuesday	6:30 pm
16	Wauseon	7/30/08	Wednesday	11:45 am
17	Shelby	8/4/08	Monday	12:00 Noon
18	Mansfield	8/5/08	Tuesday	11:45 am
19	Ontario	8/6/08	Wednesday	7:00 am
20	Galion	8/6/08	Wednesday	5:30 pm
21	Loudonville	8/7/08	Thursday	11:45 am
22	Cardington	8/7/08	Thursday	6:15 pm
23	Wapakoneta	8/11/08	Monday	12:00 Noon
24	New Bremen New Knoxville	8/12/08	Tuesday	7:30 am
25	Celina	8/12/08	Tuesday	12:00 Noon
26	St. Mary’s	8/13/08	Wednesday	11:45 am
27	Kenton	8/18/08	Monday	12:00 Noon
28	Ada	8/19/08	Tuesday	12:00 Noon
29	Edgerton	8/20/08	Wednesday	12:00 Noon
30	Antwerp	8/21/08	Thursday	12:00 Noon
31	Bryan	8/21/08	Friday	12:00 Noon
32	Toledo	8/25/08	Monday	12 Noon
33	Van Wert	8/26/08	Tuesday	11:45 am
34	Delphos	8/27/08	Wednesday	11:45 am
35	Bluffton-Pandora	8/28/08	Thursday	12:00 Noon
36	Upper Sandusky	9/8/08	Monday	12:00 Noon
37	North Baltimore	9/9/08	Tuesday	11:45 am
38	McComb	9/9/08	Tuesday	6:30 pm
39	Findlay Flag City	9/10/08	Wednesday	7:00 am

40	Bowling Green (Noon Club)	9/11/08	Thursday	11:30 a.m.
41	Bowling Green (Evening Club)	9/11/08	Thursday	6:30 pm
42	Norwalk	9/15/08	Monday	11:30 am
43	Ashland	9/16/08	Tuesday	12:00 Noon
44	Ottawa-Glandorf	9/17/08	Wednesday	12:00 Noon
45	Fremont	9/22/08	Monday	11:45 am
46	Port Clinton	9/23/08	Tuesday	12:00 Noon
47	Oak Harbor	9/23/08	Tuesday	6:00 pm
48	Tiffin	9/24/08	Wednesday	12:00 Noon
49	Oregon-Northwood	9/25/08	Thursday	7:45 am
50	Sylvania	9/25/08	Thursday	11:45 am
51	Holland Springfield	9/26/08	Friday	12:00 Noon
52	Lima	9/29/09	Monday	12:00 Noon
53	Reynolds Corner	9/30/08	Tuesday	12:00 Noon
54	Maumee	10/1/08	Wednesday	12:00 Noon
55	Swanton	10/2/08	Thursday	12:00 Noon
56	Perrysburg	10/3/08	Friday	11:30 am
57	Waterville	10/6/08	Monday	6:00 PM
58	Marion	10/7/08	Tuesday	12:00 Noon
59	Findlay	10/13/08	Monday	11:45 am
60	Liberty Center	10/13/08	Monday	6:30 pm
61	West Toledo	10/15/08	Wednesday	12:00 Noon
62	Napoleon	10/16/08	Thursday	11:45 am
63	Archbold	10/17/08	Friday	11:45 am
64	Fostoria	10/20/08	Monday	12:00 Noon
65	Bellevue	10/21/08	Tuesday	11:45 am
66	Defiance	10/27/08	Monday	12:00 Noon
67	Hicksville	10/28/08	Tuesday	12:00 Noon
68	Stryker	10/28/08	Tuesday	6:00 pm

Photo from the past

Recognize anyone?

