



Rotary District 6690 “Service Above Self”

Monthly Newsletter – January 2011

Raising the Awareness of the Rotary Foundation

As we all know January is Rotary Awareness Month, and I would like to open this newsletter with this week's Foundation thought, "Celebrating our Foundation: Through Rotary, with the help of our Foundation, we can take on challenges that no one else has the ability or the inclination or the organizational resources to tackle. We in Rotary share what we have in a way that no one else does – with love, with kindness, and with simple generosity." 2004 / 2005 Rotary International President Glenn E. Estess Sr.

For me, Rotary has been a personal journey of growth, discovery, and learning. I have met some amazing people throughout all of District 6690, all over the Midwest, and all over the world. We are very fortunate to have such a strong Foundation Team at our District Level. Your Team has the knowledge, skill, patience and due diligence to support all of our 59 clubs to execute their many requests for grants, both locally and internationally.

Our Team is made up of Tara Craaybeek, Gary Vaughan, David Kott, Dana Charlton, J. Luke McCormick and Brent Rosenthal. It would only be fitting to recognize their commitment and dedication to Rotary and to the many clubs that rely on their expertise to successfully execute a community project. On behalf of all of our 3800 Rotarians we thank you. Furthermore, every club has a Foundation Chair whose responsibility is to encourage, conjoin, and keep all of us focused on our annual commitment of \$100.00 per Rotarian per year. Every Rotarian, Every Year, it matters, it's important, it's up to all of us, nobody else, period.

You have made a difference in your community and in the world. Your energy, commitment, passion and caring has touched many lives. Our credo "Service Above Self" is our belief and our commitment. You touch lives on Main Street every day. You make a difference in the world with "Every Rotarian, Every Year".

I would like to quote our Trustee Chair, Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar. "Awareness is an important part of The Rotary Foundation work. It is important that members are aware of The Rotary Foundation Goals 2010 / 2011: Polio Eradication, the Future Vision plan; Every Rotary, Every Year; and the Permanent Fund."

"Another part of The Rotary Foundation awareness is the sharing of information outside our organization. We are a group of leaders with a superb network. It is time for us to let the world know about all good things that we have accomplished over so many years. Rotarians have the opportunity to create – and must create – awareness regarding world problems and how they can be solved by Building Communities – Bridging Continents through Service Above Self."

Ray Klingensmith has stated many times that we should be Bigger, Better and Bolder. Let's show our colors. Remember, Every Rotarian Every Year drives money back to supporting and building a better world – reinvesting in your community and worldwide. I applaud you and all 59 clubs and over 3800 Rotarians in our District for your leadership. I thank you for working hard to make the world a better place.

Happy New Year -

DG Calvin T. Gebhart



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Rotary names attorney John Hewko as its new top executive

Experience of seasoned international professional complements the global humanitarian organization's mission and philosophy

EVANSTON, Ill. (Jan. 12, 2011) — Rotary International has named John Hewko, an attorney with extensive international experience in both the private and public sectors, to be the global humanitarian service organization's new top executive, serving as its general secretary.

In this position, Hewko will manage more than 600 employees of Rotary International and its charitable arm, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Headquartered in Evanston, Ill., with regional offices in seven countries, Rotary's Secretariat supports the activities of more than 33,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas, with a combined membership of 1.2 million men and women. The Rotary Foundation annually distributes over \$180 million to fund a variety of educational programs and humanitarian projects throughout the world.

Hewko is a former partner with the international law firm of Baker & McKenzie and was vice president at the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a US government

agency established in 2004 to deliver US foreign assistance to the world's poorest countries. He begins work on July 1 at a key moment in Rotary's 106-year history. Hewko will play a lead role in the implementation of the organization's newly-revised strategic plan that envisions Rotary's expanded engagement in areas such as maternal and child health, water and sanitation, disease prevention and treatment, basic education and literacy, economic and community development and peace studies and conflict prevention/resolution. His tenure could also see the successful conclusion of Rotary's principal humanitarian initiative: its 25-year campaign to eradicate the crippling disease polio, a goal that is more than 99 percent complete.

Hewko also will interact with government and business leaders to enhance Rotary's global visibility and forge new strategic partnerships worldwide to achieve common objectives and maximize the use of resources. He also will work to expand and strengthen Rotary's current relationship with organizations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, US Agency for International Development (USAID) and others.

In announcing Hewko's hiring, Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith hailed his "visionary leadership" and predicted that under Hewko's leadership Rotary will "continue to grow in numbers, stature and involvement in making the world a better place."

“Rotary is fortunate to have attracted a candidate with John Hewko's proven ability and extensive international experience,” Klinginsmith said. “His leadership will be an important asset for Rotary in the next few years.”

During his 15 years at Baker & McKenzie, Hewko specialized in international corporate transactions in emerging markets. He participated in the establishment of the firm's Moscow office and was the managing partner of its offices in Kyiv and Prague. While in Ukraine in the early 1990s, Hewko assisted the working group that prepared the initial draft of the new Ukrainian post-Soviet constitution and was a charter member of the first Rotary club in Kyiv. Prior to joining Baker & McKenzie, he worked for leading Brazilian and Argentine law firms and later with Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Washington and New York handling Latin American and project finance transactions.

In 2004, Hewko entered public service with the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). As vice president for operations and compact development, Hewko had primary responsibility for managing MCC's relationship with its 26 partner countries in Africa, Asia, South America, the Middle East and the former Soviet Union. During his tenure he oversaw the development, negotiation and approval of foreign assistance agreements with 18 countries totaling \$6.3 billion for projects in infrastructure, agriculture, water, sanitation, health and education. For the past year, he has been a non-resident senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace where his writing has focused on international development and foreign policy issues.

Hewko is a 1985 graduate of Harvard Law School, and holds a master's degree from Oxford University (where he studied as a Marshall Scholar) and a bachelor's degree from Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. He speaks six languages.

“I am delighted to be joining Rotary and honored to be able to participate in the organization's mission to promote world peace and understanding by addressing some of the root causes of conflict, such as poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy and the global water and sanitation crisis,” Hewko said. “Rotary's global membership of 1.2 million business and professional leaders -- supported by

a dedicated, professional staff -- is a powerful resource that is making a meaningful global and grassroots contribution to that goal. Just look at what Rotary already has accomplished in the area of polio prevention and eradication.”

Hewko emerged from a field of 440 potential candidates for Rotary's top job. The Rotary search committee worked with Korn/Ferry International, the world's largest executive search firm. Hewko replaces Edwin Futa, who is retiring after 10 years as general secretary.

Hewko and his wife, Margarita, have a daughter, Maria, who graduates this year from high school in the Washington, D.C. area.

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Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are 1.2 million Rotary members in 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary clubs have been serving communities worldwide for more than a century.

RI Board approves shift to a resource and support model for programs

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 29 December 2010



The RI Board has approved a shift in the structure of RI programs, effective 30 June, to better support clubs and districts and provide essential resources for international service. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson* [Rotary International](#) on Facebook.

The World Community Service and Rotary Volunteers programs will be phased out by 30 June to reinforce the priorities and goals of the [RI Strategic Plan](#) and to shift from a program-based model to a resource and support model.

The goal of this new model, approved by the RI Board at its November meeting, is to expand the resources available to clubs for connecting and partnering with each other.

"A significant component of Rotary's new strategic plan is the transformation of Rotary's involvement from monitoring, regulating, and administering specific projects to functioning in a highly supportive mode of providing clubs and districts with essential resources in their international service," says RI Director Kenneth W.

Grabeau.

The World Community Service program has helped Rotarians find partners for international service projects. RI will continue to fully support Rotarians in their efforts to serve communities in other countries.

While recognizing the importance of Rotary Volunteers, the Board supported an approach to volunteerism that would provide guidance and resources to a greater number of Rotarians, clubs, and districts. Rotarians are encouraged to include volunteers on service projects, both locally and abroad.

"The primary benefits of this evolution are a greater focus on club and district service, enhanced resources in the development of sustainable and more significant projects, and the development of cooperative relationships between and among the participating parties," Grabeau says.

In the coming months, the Rotary Friendship Exchange program will be transformed with a new, enhanced set of resources to support Rotary connections for international service projects, fellowship visits, and volunteer opportunities. These developments will be shared on the RI website and with Rotarians appointed to serve in district leadership positions for 2011-12.

"It is likely that the form and function of Friendship Exchanges will evolve as we implement the strategic plan to better provide necessary resources and essential support to clubs and districts," Grabeau says.

Rotary International staff will also be improving [ProjectLINK](#), RI's projects database.

The RI Programs staff looks forward to providing support and guidance to clubs on their service projects. Please contact international.service@rotary.org if you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes.

Future Vision Plan

Pilot District Partnerships with Nonpilot Districts (Effective 2010-11)

The Future Vision Plan of The Rotary Foundation has introduced a new grant-making model that will change the way Rotarians participate in international humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams. Throughout the three-year pilot (Rotary years 2010-13), pilot districts have agreed to participate in Rotary Foundation Global Grants and District Grants to ensure thorough testing of this new model. Pilot districts will not initiate activities using the traditional Foundation programs (Matching Grants, Ambassadorial Scholarships, and Group Study Exchange). Activities sponsored by pilot clubs and districts will be supported by the Foundation through district grants and global grants.

However, joint interaction between pilot and nonpilot districts will still be possible. The following charts illustrate which grants and programs districts can use to continue partnering during the pilot as the Foundation makes the transition from the current programs to the new grant-making model. In general, if partnership is required (as it is in global grants), pilot clubs and districts may only work with other pilot clubs and districts. If there is no requirement for partnership (as in district grants), pilot districts and their clubs may partner with nonpilot districts.

Because global grants may take place only between two pilot districts, it is not possible for nonpilot districts to contribute DDF or cash as part of the Foundation grant financing. Maintaining a limited scope of funding is essential to the evaluation of the new model. In addition, the new online application system is only available to pilot clubs and districts. Therefore, partnership between pilot and nonpilot districts must be funded according to either district grant requirements or traditional program requirements, as outlined below.

Nonpilot districts that wish to support global grant projects implemented by pilot districts may donate DDF directly to the pilot districts for them to use at their discretion in the financing of their global grant projects. District-to-district DDF donations are coordinated by Steve Lyons, *SHARE* system senior coordinator. Please contact him at steve.lyons@rotary.org for more information about district-to-district DDF donations.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why is The Rotary Foundation changing its grant-making model?

The Foundation has made only slight modifications to its programs since its inception in 1917. As we prepare for the next century of service, the Foundation has updated its mission and created a more effective and efficient way to help Rotarians develop diverse projects with greater impact and sustainable outcomes.

What types of activities can be done in the new model?

Clubs and districts will be able to carry out a broad spectrum of humanitarian and education efforts, both locally and abroad, through two types of grants:

1) **Rotary Foundation District Grants** are block grants made to districts to support smaller projects, both locally and internationally. Districts may use up to 50 percent of their available [District Designated Fund](#) (DDF) for these grants in a given Rotary year and administer the grant without the Foundation's involvement. Example activities:

- Exchanging of mixed profession vocational training teams with another district
- Traveling internationally so that local doctors can volunteer at clinics in other countries
- Giving students scholarships to attend local or international universities (traditional scholar)
- Donating art supplies to assist youth after-school programs
- Sending [ShelterBox](#) containers in response to natural disasters in other districts

2) **Rotary Foundation Global Grants** support larger projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in one of six areas of focus. Within global grants, there are two options:

a. Clubs and districts can create their own global grant projects, which are funded by the sponsors and a matching World Fund award. Example activities:

- Participating in international safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene education projects
- Sending scholars abroad to enroll in water engineering degree programs
- Distributing bed nets and malaria treatments for international malaria projects
- Sending vocational training teams abroad to participate in workshops and learn teaching methods to address adult illiteracy

b. The Foundation will develop packaged global grants with its strategic partners. The World Fund and the strategic partner provide 100 percent of the funding, and Rotarians implement the grant project. Example activities:

- Partnering with an international nongovernmental organization to distribute biosand water filters for villages that need improved access to clean water
- Partnering with an internationally recognized university to provide graduate students with the opportunity to study infectious disease and maternal health
- Partnering with international organizations and respected universities to provide vocational training to health workers in poor countries

What are the areas of focus for global grants?

There are six areas of focus for Rotary Foundation Global Grants:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

How will the new model affect PolioPlus and the Rotary Centers for International Studies?

As Rotary International's corporate program, [PolioPlus](#) is the organization's top priority and will continue to operate as usual until polio is eradicated. [The Rotary Centers for International Studies](#) program fits into the concept of global grants and also will be unchanged by Future Vision.

How will the Foundation's World Fund continue to support smaller projects?

Smaller projects can be funded through district grants. The Trustees established a minimum award amount of US\$15,000 for global grants. Clubs and districts are encouraged to work together to implement larger projects that meet the minimum award amount and that will have a more long-term and sustainable impact on the community. [See a chart](#) (PDF) comparing Foundation activities under the current model and the Future Vision Plan's new model.

How will pilot and nonpilot districts be able to partner during the pilot?

Pilot and nonpilot districts may continue to partner with one another using various Foundation programs and grants to conduct projects and activities during the pilot phase of the new grants model. The type of program or grant utilized by the district in such a partnership will be dependent upon whether or not it is a pilot or nonpilot district. [See examples of how pilot and nonpilot districts can work together](#) (PDF).

How will my district be affected if we don't participate in the pilot?

Nonpilot districts will continue to operate under the current grant structure until the new grant model is implemented globally in 2013-14. Districts not selected for the pilot will be updated on its progress and begin training on the new grant-making model in 2012-13 to make the transition in July 2013.

For more information, visit www.rotary.org/en/fvdistrict or e-mail futurevision@rotary.org.



ShelterBox USA

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SHELTERBOX NEWS: JANUARY 2011

Happy New Year!

Last year--our 10-year anniversary--was one of the busiest years in our history. Thanks to your support, we distributed more than 45,000 ShelterBoxes to families in desperate need; nearly five times as many as we did in 2009.

We delivered aid in 17 countries (Kenya, Haiti, Peru, Egypt, Chile, Uganda, Fiji, China, Mexico, Guatemala, Pakistan, Brazil, Niger, the Philippines, Indonesia, St. Lucia and Colombia) in response to 22 disasters.

You have helped save and protect thousands of lives, and with your continued support, we will continue to deliver shelter, warmth and dignity to families around the world who lose everything when disaster strikes. [Read more...](#)



Haiti One Year Later

On January 12, 2010, the Caribbean island of Haiti was hit by an earthquake that caused some of the worst destruction the world has ever seen. More than 200,000 people lost their lives in the tragedy and more than a million people lost their homes. This week will mark its one-year anniversary.

Our response to the earthquake was the largest, most challenging and longest deployment in our history. We committed emergency shelter and life-saving supplies for more than 28,000 families in the country. A ShelterBox Response Team is currently on the ground in Haiti. To get the latest situation and reflections, click [here](#).



First ShelterBoxes in Haiti made possible by Rotarians

One year after a devastating earthquake rocked the island nation of Haiti, thousands of families remain sheltered due in large part to efforts supported by Rotary Clubs around the world, including thousands of Rotarians within the

U.S. Click [here](#) to read more.



Join us at the ShelterBox Humanitarian of the Year Award reception honoring Donna Karan

ShelterBox has provided shelter, warmth and dignity to a million people in the past 10 years. This past year, ShelterBox became better known and the largest donor of shelter for the devastated nation of Haiti, follow the massive earthquake last January. Much of the success came from a passionate philanthropist and her commitment to global healing--Donna Karan. Join us in presenting her with the coveted Humanitarian of the Year Award. Click [here](#) for details.



Make it your mission to support ShelterBox in 2011

Our work would not be possible without the incredible support we receive from around the world. Why not make it your mission in 2011 to support ShelterBox? You can help provide a family with the emergency shelter and life-saving supplies they need to survive when they lose everything in a disaster. From fundraising events and challenges to fundraising at work, there are plenty of ways you can support ShelterBox. Click [here](#) to learn more.



Join the Conversation!

Become part of the ShelterBox USA community. On the ShelterBox USA Facebook page, you can stay up to date on all our latest deployments as they unfold and talk to ShelterBox supporters around the world. It's another quick and easy way to support ShelterBox and you can also invite your friends to do the same. Just click [here](#) or on the image to the right. Then you can 'Like' the ShelterBox USA page and become one of our fans!



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

RAY KLINGINSMITH

President, 2010-11

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To: District Governors

Re: January 2011 Newsletter

Happy New Year! One-half of the time for us to make our clubs Bigger, Better, and Bolder is gone. But, on the bright side, we still have six months to consolidate and continue our efforts to modernize and strengthen Rotary!

Now is a good time to remind your clubs about the new score sheet for the Presidential Citation program. The score sheet is a self evaluation tool for your clubs to submit to you by 31 March, and there is still time for the clubs to improve their scores by club activities and projects during the next three months. My goals are that 90% of the clubs will submit their score sheets to you by the deadline, that at least 60% will qualify for the President Citation, and that at least 20% will earn the Presidential Citation with Distinction. What is your prediction for the clubs in your respective districts? Will they exceed my goals? If so, send me your predictions!

The Past Officers Reunion will be held again this year in conjunction with the international assembly in San Diego, and this year the POR will be held in the same hotel. All of you are eligible to attend the POR, which will include the first plenary sessions at the international assembly. If you have an interest, please check the website at www.rotaryreunion.org. For those of you who attend the POR, I invite you to meet me in the Sundowners hospitality room between 5:00 and 6:30 on Monday afternoon, 17 January, for some cold drinks and warm conversation!

Plans are developing for the gala end of the year party for 2010-11 district governors and RI directors to be held on 28 June-1 July in Evanston. A tentative list of activities for the event is posted on the RI website at www.rotary.org/president. Information about hotel reservations at the Hilton Garden Inn is included on the tentative schedule. Prices for the various events will be established when we have a better idea of the numbers, so please send me a note at ray.klinginsmith@rotary.org, if you plan to join the fun. It will be a unique and enjoyable event!

The Cape Town reunions will be held on 3-5 February, and the committee has recruited an amazing list of speakers. I hope that several of you will be present, and I ask that you wear your burgundy blazers to show the presence of our governors!

Plans are progressing well for the RI convention in New Orleans, and the registration numbers are positive. But we need to continue promoting attendance in order to reach our goal of 20,000 registrants. DG Dick McCarthy still has some street banners available for sale to individual Rotarians, clubs, and districts, and you may find the relevant information on the HOC website at www.rotarycon2011.com. Or contact Dick directly at dick@richardgrayspowercompany.com.

Building Communities -- Bridging Continents

Please send any comments or suggestions to me at ray.klinginsmith@rotary.org



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

RI PILOT PROGRAMS

January 2011

Dear Rotary Club President and President-elect,

This is an announcement to all Rotary club leadership that Rotary International is conducting four new pilot programs beginning 1 July 2011 and operating through 30 June 2014 and is looking for clubs to participate in them.

In support of the RI Strategic Plan goal to 'foster club innovation and flexibility' the Board would like to evaluate and measure the impact alternative membership types and club operations have on member activities and engagement, membership growth and retention, improved member diversity, increased community and international service, increased support of The Rotary Foundation, and overall club effectiveness. Below is a brief recap of each pilot program. At this link are more detailed fact sheets for each of these pilots, guidelines for selection, terms of participation, and an implementation plan:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/members/generalinformation/pilots/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Satellite Club

The Satellite Club Pilot will allow a Rotary club to conduct multiple club meetings during a week, each taking place at a different location, a different day and/or a different time.

Corporate Membership

The Corporate Membership Pilot will allow a corporation or company in the club's area to become a member of the Rotary Club, through a club established membership approval process, and appoint a certain number of Designees as the individuals attending meetings, serving on projects, voting on club matters, serving as club officers and on club committees, etc.

Associate Membership

An Associate Membership Pilot will allow an individual to become associated and acquainted with a Rotary Club, its members, its programs and projects, and the expectations of club membership with the intent of becoming an active member within a designated period of time.

Innovation & Flexibility

This pilot project focuses on letting clubs self-determine their operations to fit better with their members' and community needs. Clubs will be authorized to make changes to the Standard Rotary Club Constitution and to their Rotary Club Bylaws in any area other than RI membership dues requirements.

A total of 200 clubs will be accepted to participate in each pilot, with a goal of equal representation from the thirty-four (34) zones. Clubs wishing to participate must have been chartered prior to 30 June 2009.

The deadline for submitting a pilot application form is 1 April 2011. Decisions for club selections will be made by 1 May 2011. Club and district officers will be notified of clubs selected to participate by 31 May 2011.

To participate in these pilot programs, your club must be in good financial standing and you will need agreement from the current club president and club president-elect along with the agreement of 2/3 of the members of the club. At this link are the project plan details and application form:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/members/generalinformation/pilots/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

You may email questions to ripilotprograms@rotary.org or contact your Club and District Support representative. **You may submit the application via email to ripilotprograms@rotary.org or fax to 1-847-556-2196.**

I encourage all club presidents to consider participating in these pilot programs in an effort to ensure Rotary's continued success and secure its future in a changing world.

Sincerely,

Ed Futa
General Secretary, Rotary International

cc: RI Director
District Governor



New Generations

INTERACT - ROTARACT - RYLA

projects.

Looking ahead: February is World Understanding Month

During World Understanding Month in February, Rotary and its New Generations are encouraged to reach across borders and cultures in the name of service and fellowship. Rotary also celebrates its anniversary on 23 February, marking a special achievement toward the building of peace and goodwill around the world.

How will your Interact club, Rotaract club, or RYLA program celebrate World Understanding Month and Rotary's anniversary? Consider these ideas:

- Host an international festival to increase your school's or community's awareness of different cultures.
- Conduct a service project during your next local RYLA event.
- Connect with an Interact or Rotaract club overseas.
- Collect money or supplies for people in need in a nearby country.
- Have club members volunteer for an international celebration or cause.
- Support an international project listed in RI's [ProjectLINK](#) database.
- Ask a Rotary Youth Exchange student to speak to your club or participate in your local RYLA event.

[Find out more](#) about developing an international project.

RI Recognition of Outstanding Rotaract Project

Every year, the RI Recognition of Outstanding Rotaract Project is awarded to six regional winners and one international winner to recognize their excellent community or international service efforts. The winning clubs receive plaques and the opportunity to present their projects at the Rotaract Preconvention Meeting. Entry forms are due to RI by 1 February and are [available for](#)



[RI Youth Programs Web page](#)



Interested in Youth Exchange?
[Subscribe to the YEX newsletter!](#)

District Nominating Committee Accepting Nominations for Governor

The District 6690 Nominating Committee is now accepting completed application forms for Governor of District 6690 for Rotary Year 2013 – 2014. **Application deadline is January 24, 2011.**

All nominations must be submitted on the District Governor-Nominee Application Form which can be downloaded from the District website. Fully completed application forms accompanied by a recent photograph should be directed to:

**Jim Flaherty, PDG
Acting Chair, District 6690 Nominating Committee
616-B Office Parkway
Westerville, Ohio 43082-6064
614-794-9590 (Fax)
DG2007@OhioRotary.org**

Qualifications for District Governor are prescribed by the Rotary International Manual of Procedure (RIMOP). In summary, the RIMOP stipulates that at the time of selection a governor nominee must:

1. be a member in good standing of a Rotary Club in the District;
2. be a member of a club in District 6690 that has no indebtedness to RI or the District;
3. have served a full term as president of a Rotary Club;
4. demonstrate willingness, commitment and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of governor;
5. demonstrate knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of governor and be willing and able to perform the duties and responsibilities faithfully.

The RIMOP stipulates additional requirements for governor effective at the time of taking office. Please consult the Manual for these details.



January 20, 2011

Dear Rotary Club President,

We are writing to you with exciting news and to ask for your support. The Lancaster High School Percussion Ensemble has been invited to perform at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans in May, 2011. This is a great opportunity for them and a great representation of Central Ohio for us.

If you attended the District Conference in 2009, you will remember seeing the Percussion Ensemble perform.

The Lancaster High School Percussion Ensemble has been in existence since 1978 and its select personnel presently consists of eighteen percussionists, one piano, one keyboard bass and one synthesizer player. The group, which rehearses two to four times a week after school depending on their performance schedule, originally performed only pop and jazz music and was formed to inspire students to further their skills in all aspects of performance, with emphasis on the keyboard idiom. The group has far exceeded its original expectations and is quite popular throughout the school and community for its performance of standard, jazz, and pop music. They have done exceptionally well in contests where they have received over seventy Superior (1) Ratings in class A at the Ohio Music Education Association Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Other national and international recent performances for the group include:

- 1995: Music Educators National Conference North Central/Indiana Music Educators Association Convention in Indianapolis, where they gave the Premiere performance of Tom Gauger's "Celebration";
- 1995: in May 1995, the group was the guests of Educational, Community and Government Officials from the Orenburg Region of Russia. During the nine-day tour, the ensemble gave several concerts at various locations in Orenburg and was involved with many festivities and activities that surrounded the 50th Anniversary of V-E Day.
- 1996: Ohio Music Education Association State Convention in Dayton where they commissioned and gave the premiere performance of David Gillingham's "Concerto for Percussion Ensemble"; the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools National Convention in Chicago; the 1996 Kiwanis International Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah
- 1997: National Association of Elementary School Principals in San Antonio, Texas;
- 1999: National Association of Elementary School Principals Convention in San Francisco, California;
- 2001: American Association of School Administrators National Convention in Orlando, Florida;
- 2004: the National Association of Elementary School Principals Convention in San Francisco, California;
- 2007: Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, South Carolina;
- 2009: Spoleto Festival Finale in Charleston, South Carolina.
- 2011: Ohio Music Educators Association State Convention in Cincinnati (also in 1996, 1999, 2003, 2005 and 2008);

The Percussion Ensemble will be performing in New Orleans on both Monday, May 23 and Tuesday, May 24 in the House of Friendship. If you are attending the Rotary International Convention, we encourage you to watch their performance; you will not be disappointed. We are also asking for your monetary support. Obviously the transportation of the students and equipment, and lodging for students will be a large expense for this group. We are hopeful that several Rotary Clubs in central Ohio would show their support by helping to sponsor this group. Donations of any size would be appreciated. This is a great opportunity to showcase a local group from Ohio to Rotarians around the world.

Please send your donations, payable to the Lancaster High School Percussion Ensemble, to Lancaster Rotary Club, P.O. Box 863, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. We appreciate your support. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 740-653-6339. We would appreciate receiving your donations by February 28, 2011.

Sincerely,

Penny L. Wasem

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Immediate Past President, Lancaster Rotary Club