



# Rotary District 6690 "Service Above Self"

November 2010

Calvin Gebhart, District Governor 2010-11

## Monthly Newsletter

I would like to share with you how impressive District 6690 is and its continuous focus on the communities they reside in. We are hard working, energized, and passionate Rotarians!

Everything you do, say and participate in reflects what we all stand for, "Service Above Self". My club visits are drawing to a close and my journey throughout this district has been a personal journey of discovery with learning and amazing opportunity of witnessing firsthand what Rotarians are made of.

I want to thank all of the Club Presidents, Board Members, Committee Chairs and especially all of the Club members. What a dynamic group of men and women that represents Rotary. You have made the world a better place. You have made a difference in your community, your energy, passion and caring has touched many lives. In my presentations I wanted to share with you my passion for Rotary and highlight four themes this year that I see what truly identifies what we do best. That is, The Spirit of Service, Individuals Clubs, Every Rotarian Every Year, and One person can make a difference.

Ray Klingensmith's theme "Building Communities – Bridging Continents" describes our current mission and highlights our achievement at what we do best. We are a unique and a premier organization, certainly one of the best in the world. We truly build the spirit and resources of our local communities. I have witnessed this phenomenon 59 times since July. You have made a difference in your community and in the world. Our credo

"Service Above Self" rings loud and clear throughout all District 6690 from Belpre, Mt. Vernon, Malta McConnelsville, Columbus, Belmont County Clubs, Gallipolis and Ironton. I applaud you and all 59 clubs and over 3800 Rotarians in our district for your leadership.

As we are all aware, November is Foundation Month, we are fortunate in our District to have such a strong team of dedicated Rotarians that manage our Foundation. At your convenience, please congratulate these individuals on such a quality job that they are doing for us.

Your District 6690 Foundation Committee includes the following individuals: Tara Craaybeek, Dana Charlton, Gary Vaughn, Diane Lease, David Kott and Brent Rosenthal.

In addition I have attached Rotary International's newsletter for the Foundation. Our District Goal for the Annual Fund this year is \$252,000.00, a percentage increase from last year of 3.72%.



I have several reminders that need your attention on behalf of the District. The following is my list:

1. Each club gets the opportunity to send two (2) candidates to our very first RYLA event in July 2011. Your club application needs to be in by mid-December.

2. Rotary International Conference is in New Orleans, please sign up quickly.

-How many Rotarians plan on attending? Please let me know your club numbers.

-How many of you have already registered? Let me know as well.

-Would you have an interest in chartering an airplane to New Orleans? Let me know your interest in participating in this.

5. Always remember Membership and Retention. Steve Heiser and Teddy Damron stand ready to be of service to you to help build club membership.



3. We just completed our Annual Ethics Conference in Newark. We had approximately 170 plus students attend this event. WOW! What a success, thank you Newark Rotary Club!!

4. David Roasa has put out the Host applications for our Inbound GSE Team. Now's the time clubs, let's sign up S. Korea District 3620. In addition, in early January 2011 we will announce that we will accept GSE Outbound Team Captains to S. Korea in 2011/2012.



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Greetings District PolioPlus Chair,

Welcome to Foundation month! Great strides have made this Rotary year to keep Rotarians actively engaged in Rotary's US\$200M Challenge. To date we have raised over US\$ 152 million. As District PolioPlus Chair, you have a unique opportunity to ensure that your tenure be remembered as the period in which Rotarians raised US\$200 million to eradicate polio. We are this close to eradicating polio and with your efforts and support as District PolioPlus Chair we will be even closer.

In celebration of World Polio Day, The Rotary Foundation offered a 2 for 1 recognition promotion during the week of 18-24 October. In this one week alone, we raised US\$3.3 million. This is more than was raised the entire 2009-10 year from online contributions to all TRF programs combined. It is an amazing display of what Rotarians can accomplish when it comes to the task of polio eradication.

To better assist you, the resources listed below are available:

- 1.) Check out our revamped **End Polio Now** website featuring our This Close campaign
- 2.) Keep track of our progress in reaching \$200 Million
- 3.) Reference [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) for fundraising ideas in your community

As a reminder, clubs are encouraged to contribute a minimum of US\$2,000 for each Rotary year of this campaign. Districts are encouraged to contribute 20% or more of their DDF each Rotary year. If your district has not made a contribution from the 2010-11 DDF please contact your Governor and consider a contribution. You

can also contribute from the 2011-12 DDF at this time and it will help us reach the \$200 Million by New Orleans. Certificates of appreciation will be issued at the end of the Rotary year to those clubs and districts that meet these goals.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Rotary's US \$200 Million Challenge. Your hard work is instrumental in meeting our commitment to The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and brings us one step closer to eradicating polio forever. By Building Communities – Bridging Continents, together we will END POLIO NOW.

Sincerely,  
John F. Germ, Chair  
Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee

# Top five reasons to support The Rotary Foundation

By Antoinette Tuscano  
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There are as many reasons to support The Rotary Foundation as there are ways to do good in the world.

By contributing to the Foundation, you help support the Foundation's six areas of focus, which help to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. By giving US\$100 a year through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative, you

become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. Contributions to EREY are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs.

Here are a few ways your contributions are making change possible.

## 5. Fighting hunger

In Romania, orphans and sick children have eggs, milk, and meat because of a Foundation grant that benefits local farmers. The farmers are able to buy everything from animal feed to packaging materials. There is one stipulation: They must donate a portion of their products to children's hospitals, schools, and orphanages.

In Alaska, USA, the Rotary Club of Anchorage East is also fighting hunger by distributing food to low-income families through a mobile food pantry.

Projects such as these help address the areas of focus of maternal and child health as well as economic and community development.

## 4. Reducing child mortality

The Rotary clubs of Jaela-Kandana, Western Province, Sri Lanka, and Madras Northwest, Tamil Nadu, India, are helping to reduce child mortality by providing improved sanitation facilities for 15 families in a small community in Sri Lanka. With a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, the clubs have built 14 toilets, helping to prevent diarrhea and other diseases related to poor sanitation.

According to the World Health Organization, 1.8 million children die of diarrhea every year, making it the second leading cause of death among children under five. Proper sanitation can reduce the rate of child mortality in many communities by up to a third. Water and sanitation is the third area of focus.

### 3. Promoting peace and conflict resolution

Watching civil war tear apart his homeland of Côte d'Ivoire instilled in Rotary Peace Fellow Kouame Remi Oussou a passion to resolve conflict.

He is now working for the *United Nations Development Programme* in the Central African Republic, a country that weathered periodic internal fighting before a comprehensive peace accord took effect in 2007.

**Rotary Peace Fellows** are leaders in promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and conflict resolution. Help support the Rotary Peace Centers. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution is the first area of focus. Read about four Rotary Peace Fellows and their visions for peace.

### 2. Basic education and literacy

Education helps rebuild lives, whether it's in small rural towns or in war-torn countries. For example, a literacy project sponsored by U.S. Rotarians in conjunction with the International Reading Association (IRA) is helping Sudanese refugees rebuild their communities by equipping them to teach future generations.

The Southern Sudan Teacher Training Initiative provides refugees of the country's decades-long civil war, who are known as the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan, with teacher training materials, guidance, and support to help them teach students in kindergarten through eighth grade. "People returning from refugee camps to rebuild their lives in Duk County are hungry for books and school supplies," says John Dau, a Lost Boy, humanitarian, and founder of the John Dau Foundation.

### 1. Eradicating polio

Around the world, Rotarians are taking millions of steps in walkathons, diving into icy ocean waters, and participating in other fundraisers to help Rotary fulfill its promise to rid the world of polio. Si Burgher, of the Rotary Club of Bloomfield, Indiana, USA, raised almost \$1,600 by having his shaggy eyebrows shaved.

Rotary launched its **PolioPlus** program in 1985. Since then, eradicating polio has been the organization's top priority. **End Polio Now** and help fulfill its promise.

Your contribution to *Every Rotarian, Every Year* helps make projects such as this possible.