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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

“The sky is falling” or “I know I can, I know I can” – fictional statements – one from a chicken and one from a train engine can be applied to Rotary Clubs and Rotarians! Across District 6270 Rotarians are groups of individuals when combined by energy and a positive attitude can accomplish any given task. Yes! Yes! Yes! (Let’s pump it up!)

A young professional friend who is in sales shared with me the B.A.T. principle. The **B.A.T. principle** is one we can use in Rotary: **B = Behavior, A = Attitude, T = Technique.** Rotarians are business people and professionals, guided by the ethical 4-Way Test that want to do good in the world. Yes we can! (Let’s keep pumping it up!)

This year in Rotary there were three opportunities to do good and increase world understanding: 1. Increase membership in our Rotary clubs, 2. Every Rotarian supports our Rotary International Foundation, and 3. Do something to reduce child mortality.

Let’s make that B.A.T. principle work in Rotary – demonstrate positive **behavior**, set the example – ask people to Rotary every week, give to our RI Foundation. Be a pacesetter! Keep a positive **attitude**, being down – does not get us ahead. We want to be in business at the end of 2009! Bring it home with **technique** – Service, Integrity, Fellowship, Leadership and Diversity. Let’s make it a grand slam in each Rotary club by increasing our membership, supporting our RI Foundation and reducing child mortality in our local communities and around the world. Yes, we can -- Rotary is the greatest Service Club on Earth! We know we can, we know we can and we will!

Yours in Rotary Service to Make Dreams Real.

Tamie, DG

District Conference

Here is information on our keynote speakers for the District Conference, April 24-26 at the Osthoff Resort on Elkhart Lake!

You all should be receiving your conference informational brochure with registration form soon or register on-line via our district website. You are ALL invited to attend -- please come, and celebrate what we have accomplished this year in District 6270! It is amazing.

Tom Henderson – Friday dinner keynote speaker, *Founder and CEO ShelterBox:*

Tom Henderson, a Rotarian for 20 years and ex-UK Royal Navy Search and Rescue diver, spotted a gap in aid provision for natural disasters in 1999. He developed the idea of the ‘ShelterBox’, with which he aimed to provide shelter and other essential equipment for survival in an easily transportable box. After gaining the support of his local Rotary Club, then Rotary Clubs worldwide, ShelterBox was formally launched in 2000 and the first boxes of aid were distributed in 2001. Since its launch in 2000, ShelterBox has responded to more than 75 disasters – earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunami, floods and humanitarian disasters such as conflict and the AIDs crisis in Africa. The charity has raised over £20 million to date, increasing its capacity to respond to disasters year after year. ShelterBox became well-established in the aid world following the Boxing Day tsunami in 2004, for which it provided aid for 150,000 people. Major deployments since 2004 include Hurricane Katrina, the Pakistan and China earthquakes, and the Myanmar (Burma) cyclone. Tom Henderson’s achievements recently earned him the accolade of ‘CNN Hero’, with extensive coverage on the international television channel.

Joe Dittmar – Saturday lunch keynote speaker *Lessons Learned from a Date with Destiny/A Historic and Inspirational View of 9/11/01:*

Joe Dittmar's eyewitness account of the sights, sounds and scenes from inside and outside the World Trade Center complex on 9/11/01 presents an intriguing and gripping perspective on what really happened before, during and after the terrorist attacks. While steeped with facts and observations of historic proportions, his presentation also presents concepts and ideas on what was learned that day and what lessons we can continue to teach. These lessons are historical, but also personal, philosophical, ethical and social. The recitation of his journey from the 105th floor of 2 WTC all the way back to Aurora, IL in a 36 hour period provides a wealth of insight on an event that not only changed the world, but changed the way we proceed with our daily lives as Americans and residents of an ever-compacting world community. Joe's perspective deals with not only our political and militaristic vulnerability, but also with the re-awakening of patriotic spirit and human determination. His offering stresses the point of "always remember and never forget", allowing all of us to help him continue to "tell the story" so that perhaps history doesn't have to repeat itself.

Spring Assembly

See the enclosed flyer to learn what leadership skills will be emphasized at the Spring Assembly on April 4th in Hartford. Spring Assembly is for all Rotarians – new and experienced. P.S. You'll learn something new! Come.

New District Rotary Club!

Yes – there will be a new Rotary Club in our District. This club will be the first for our district. Keep in touch.

Water and Sanitation News

Hike4Water:

Plans are proceeding for the upcoming Hike4Water. John Hopf's hike of the Appalachian Trail begins on March 22nd, which is World Water Day. Additional information can be found at www.Hike4Water.org if your club would like to donate, or contact John for a program. He is eager to tell about his plans, and will certainly have tales

to tell when he has completed the 2175 mile hike, sometime next fall.

WASRAG Update:

The Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group has nearly reached the 1000 member mark, after only the first year of its membership drive. Visit the www.wasrag.org web site to see the updated Strategic Plan and see a list of projects that are looking for help --- both financial and boots-on-the-ground type help. Also, find out how your club's members can get involved by joining this dynamic Rotary Action Group. The goal of WASRAG is to pursue the United Nations Millennium Goal to "**By 2015 reduce by 50% the proportion of people without access to safe water and sanitation.**"

RI Joins with USAID in a Global Development Alliance:

The RI/USAID Global Development Alliance (GDA) was created to implement water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) projects in the developing world. Using its experience from the PolioPlus program, RI is beginning the next global initiative.

There are three initial goals for the next 18 months:

- 1) RI/USAID will establish a functioning GDA with mechanisms that permit joint activity in water, sanitation and hygiene at a significant scale.
- 2) This GDA will initiate water projects in at least three focal countries around the world (one each in Asia, Africa and Latin America).
- 3) The GDA will have long-term strategic, financial, operational, communication, technology and monitoring and evaluation plans in place to ensure continuation of activities beyond the initial term.

Additional information on this GDA will be featured in the April 2009 issues of *The Rotarian* and *Rotary World*.

Request for Information:

If your club is working on a water and sanitation project that has not already been included in the District 6270 Project List, please contact Rob Bassett, District Water and Sanitation Coordinator, so that we can get the information included in the summary that is sent to the Zone each quarter. Contact him at robofrcmf@aol.com, or 414-350-6090.

PDG Lloyd Larson

Lloyd Edward Larson, age 88, passed away on January 1, 2009, in Orange City, FL. Lloyd was born on July 21, 1920 in Ryder, ND and moved to Orange City, FL in 1986. Lloyd graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1949, where he received his BBA Degree. After a career in business, Lloyd returned to college and earned a second BA and a Masters Degree to pursue his career as an educator. He retired after 23 years as an Administrator for Gateway Technical Institute in Elkhorn, WI. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, serving in the China, Burma, India theater as a navigator. Lloyd was a devoted member of Rotary International for 53 years, with perfect attendance for 52 years. He served as District Governor of District 6270 in Wisconsin and was a charter member of the Four Townes Rotary Club. He was a member of the AF & AM Masonic Lodge #28 in Burlington, WI, DeLand Shrine Club, Orange City Library Association, V.A.S.A. Lodge in DeLand and was on the Board of Directors for the West Volusia YMCA. Lloyd is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dorrie Larson of Orange City, FL; two daughters, Deborah Larson of Winter Springs, FL and Sandra(Douglas) Betlach of Coral Springs, FL; A gathering of friends was held at the Deltona Memorial Funeral Home, and a Memorial Service was held at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in DeLand.

PDG Philip Orth

Philip Orth, of Naples, Florida, former long-time resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 23, 2009, at the age of 90 years. Beloved husband for 66 years of Mariette. Loving father (Pops) of Jeffery (Nancy) Orth, Martha (John) Wolf, Jr., and Sarah (Joseph) Peroutka. Orth retired as Chairman of the Board of the Ph. Orth Co., Oak Creek, Wisconsin, in 1996. He had also served as a Director of several corporations and community banks. Phil, with a lifelong love of fishing, was a fly fisherman of renown, fishing extensively in Wausaukee, Wisconsin, the Florida Keys, and Montana. He served as: Chairman of the Foundation for Wildlife Conservation; President of the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County; Vice President of the Friends of the Museum; Director and member of the Executive Committee of Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital, Milwaukee; President and District Governor-Milwaukee Rotary. A celebration of his life will be held this summer. Memorials to The Zoological Society of Milwaukee County, the Medical College of Wisconsin, or Alverno College would be deeply appreciated in lieu of flowers.

DELAVAN-DARIEN ROTARY



Larry Steenstry, Retired United Airlines Pilot

Larry Steenstry, a former Naval Aviator and retired United Airlines Pilot, spoke to the Delavan-Darien Rotary club at Lake Lawn Resort on January 12, 2009. During his 40 year flying career, Larry flew Navy Helicopters and a wide range of United Airliners. While flying U.S. Navy helicopters, he was involved with the recovery of Gemini 4, the first U.S. spacewalk mission. Astronaut Ed White performed the first U.S. space walk during this mission. The astronauts also conducted the first rendezvous in space during the time in orbit. This mission was designed to perfect the skills needed to get man to the moon. Just four years later, in July 1969, Astronaut Neil Armstrong landed on the moon. During the splash down of Gemini 4 in the ocean, Larry was the first helicopter to find the capsule.

After his Navy flying, Larry was hired by United Airlines and flew for them for 35 years, retiring in 2002. Larry liked speed and he was able to set a world record time for an airliner while flying a Boeing 737. He carefully picked a trip that was about one hour in length with an historically low passenger load. As it happened, the San Francisco to Medford, Oregon leg was perfect to attempt a time to climb record to 9000 meters, or 29,528 feet. The National Aeronautics Association had an observer on board for the record flight. Larry arranged to take off from San Francisco and accelerate over San Francisco Bay. The morning of the record attempt, there were only 19 passengers on board and the fuel load was the minimum legal amount for the short flight. Larry had coordinated with air traffic control for an "unrestricted climb" to 29,528 feet. After takeoff and acceleration, he climbed continuously to the altitude in six minutes and 41 seconds, beating the old record (held by the Russians) of 9 minutes and 31 seconds. The record was made with paying passengers onboard and was perfectly safe, remarked Larry. He sent a picture of the airplane and copies of the world record certificate to each of the 19 passengers. When asked by an audience member if he liked speed while driving, Larry responded, "yes...I once got a speeding ticket on the way to work for going 110 in a 55 zone!" Larry now flies an Aeronca single engine airplane from his own strip about 3 miles north of Lake Lawn Airport.

DISTRICT 6270 CALENDAR

(Calendar not complete. Please check website for up-to-date calendar.)

March 20-21, 2009 - Upper Midwest PETS, Radisson Hotel, Appleton, WI

April 4, 2009 - Spring District Assembly – Hartford Central Middle School, Hartford, WI

January 2009 - Group Study Exchange – Outbound - India

April 2009 - Group Study Exchange – Inbound - India

April 24-26, 2009 - District Conference, Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI

June 20-26, 2009 – World Affairs Seminar, Carroll University

June 21-24, 2009 Rotary International Convention, Birmingham, England

July 1, 2009 – New Rotary Year!

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Meeting Site Changed – Make note of this:

As of Feb. 24, 2009 the West Bend Sunrise Rotary Club will meet at the Top of the Ridge Restaurant (3rd floor at the Cedar Ridge complex)

113 Cedar Ridge Dr.

West Bend, WI 53095

Our meeting day and time will remain the same:

Tuesday 7:15 a.m.

District Newsletter – Please share

Rumors have it the district newsletters are not being shared. What a shame. Please share this newsletter and all future ones, or once it comes to the club – please announce its arrival – pass it around at club meetings and share that it is on the district website.

TIME DATED MATERIAL

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