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District Governor Newsletter for December

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Happy New Year (again) West Central Illinois Rotarians!

It's another fun thing about being a Rotarian, that we have two new years to celebrate. The one that everyone else celebrates (January 1), and the one that accountants and Rotarians celebrate – July 1.



The great thing about the internet is that you can find the answer to just about any question, and sometimes you even get the truth. Some time ago, I was curious as to why Rotary starts its year on July 1, so I Googled it, and found the attached website (<https://www.rotary.org/en/why-rotary-year-begins-1-July>). Since the source was Rotary, I thought it must be accurate. I guess the founders decided to start Rotary International's first fiscal year the day after the first convention ended on Aug 18, 1910. The next year they started the fiscal year on the first day of the 1911 Convention on Aug 21, 1911.

The following year they decided to designate 30 June as the end of the fiscal year, to give the RI Secretary and Treasurer time to do their financial statements. Later, they started doing conventions in June (there was no air conditioning back then and most of the host cities were more tolerable in June than in August- smart). The term "Rotary Year" – now known by the Rotary acronym "RY", was coined in 1913. Love those Acronyms.

As Lily Tomlin's character, Edith Ann (the little girl in the big rocking chair) used to say... "And that's the truth"-- If you're under the age of 45 and don't remember Edith Ann, you can Google it.

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Important Dates

January
Vocational Service Month

January 26, 2019

Presidents Elect Training Seminar
Orientation/Presidents Mid-Year Summit
Scheels, Springfield, IL

February 16, 2019

District Team Training Seminar
Scheels, Springfield, IL

March 1-2, 2019

Midwest Presidents' Elect Training Seminar (PETS)
Itasca, IL

April 27, 2019

District Assembly
Location: TBD

June 1-5, 2019

Rotary International Convention
Hamburg, Germany



How's your new calendar year going? I've done all my club visits and we had a nice District Conference, so my Governor Year is still half full (I guess I'm an Optimist- not to be confused with Optimist International- another great service organization), and so is your RY.

I'm happy to say that 42% more Rotarians in the District have contributed money to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International at this time, than at the same time last year. That's a tremendous increase and thank you for your generosity! Several clubs will get banners this year because 100% of their members give to the Foundation. More importantly – three years from now, your clubs will have more grant money to use for community projects. Give, until it makes you feel good!

The Rotary Year starts with a focus on Membership, during August, and Membership is something we have to work on all year long. Last Rotary Year, our District had a net loss of 52 members for the entire year. Through December 31, we are currently showing a net loss of 52 members for the year. We will be working on **Membership strategies** at **President Elect Training** and **at District Assembly** this year and we'll be rolling out a new initiative to come to your clubs and offer some Membership sessions later this year. Our goal is to have a Rotarian who is trained on how to facilitate that session near where your clubs are. Each club is different, and perhaps you have some new members coming into your club right now that aren't in the counts. Keep in mind, over the last three years, the average club in our District retained around 70% of the new members it added during that period, and also about 70% of the members who were more than three years with the club at the beginning of that period. There are things each club can do to improve their results- with some it's recruiting more new members, with others it's taking steps to help members enjoy the experience more and stay engaged longer. AS much as we all think we are immortal, no Rotarian is in a club forever, and it's everyone's prime duty to not keep your clubs a secret and share the gift of Rotary.

There are different tactics to use, depending if you are trying to recruit, retain newer members or improve retention of veteran members. We all know the Definition of Insanity-- "If you keep doing the same thing and expect different results". If you're not getting the results you want, and your club is getting older and smaller, maybe 2019 is the year to get flexible and try something new. If you do the right new thing, the right way, you will get better results. We can you figure that out. **Stay tuned for Membership sessions, coming soon.**

Congratulations to the clubs this year that have recruited **at least three new members** in the first half of this Rotary Year (a pace of at least one new member every other month): **Aledo, East Alton, Edwardsville, Highland, Jacksonville, Macomb Centennial Morning, Metro East Community, Morton, Peoria, Peoria North, Pittsfield, Quincy, Riverbend, Springfield, and Springfield-Westside. Top three are Quincy (11), Peoria North (9), Peoria (8). Number one among the mid-sized clubs-- Macomb Centennial Morning (6 new out of a club with 61 total members).**

January is Vocational Service Month

As you know, one of the Avenues of Service in Rotary is Vocational Service, but lately it seems to be one that we don't focus on a lot. The concept of Vocational Service is rooted in the idea that all useful occupations are deserved to be recognized for their worthiness, and each Rotarian's occupation is an opportunity to serve society. In our newsletter this month, we're spotlighting the amazing Vocational Technical Team, being led by PDG Eric Dolbeare(Pittsfield), a farmer. Our District (You) recently helped send this group to the African nation of Zambia, to work with subsistence farmers who grow Maize (Corn) for their families during their planting season (Southern Hemisphere- They plant when we harvest). See the article about the outcome of the first visit there and the work we're doing to apply our expertise in corn growing in a place where farming techniques are somewhat less advanced. I suspect our team is learning as much about life and humanity as they are learning about agriculture from them. By donating their time and expertise, our Team is a channel for all of us local Rotarians to build goodwill and better friendships and ultimately make for a more prosperous, healthy and peaceful world.

Thanks for your donations to the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, to help us have the funds needed to sponsor this project. Thanks also to the Vocational Technical Team. I'm looking forward to hearing more about your visit later this year.

Illinois' economy is in a bit of a pickle. People are leaving the state, just when we need them the most. You can make a difference in your community by being an ambassador of your profession to Rotary and by being a reciprocal representative of Rotary to your profession. Talk about your profession in your club, take time to learn about others' as well. Demonstrate your values as a Rotarian by practicing your profession with integrity and by helping young people achieve their career goals. Check out publication 255 – Introduction to Vocational Service – available as free download on Rotary.org.

That's all I have, for now, I'll save something for the next edition. Until then, stay warm, and I'll see many of you at President Elect Training Orientation in Springfield at Scheels on January 26. As always, Be the Inspiration!
Your Friendly Neighborhood District Governor, BB

BRIAN BARSTEAD
District Governor
Rotary District 6460

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Our District Vocational Training Team in Zambia

John Gibbons, Rotary Club of Edwardsville

On November 10, 2018, a District Rotary Vocational Training Team (VTT) flew to Lusaka, Zambia in Africa for 3 weeks to teach the local farmers how corn is grown in Illinois. The VTT team was sponsored by our District and Rotary Foundation, and led by farmer PDG Eric Dolbeare, with team members crop specialist John Meese, and farmer Todd Steinacher. While there, the VTT Team worked with the Nkwazi Rotary Club in Lusaka, and with African Vision of Hope, a charitable organization that has five K-12 schools and its own farm in Zambia.

The VTT Team found that small farmer methods there are primitive, comparable to farming in Illinois 100 years ago. The Team-taught American farming methods in a classroom for several days and “graduated” 11 selected small farmers from the area.



Then the Team traveled over dirt tracks to visit the 11 farms in different villages, each providing food for one family, all less than about 5 acres. The Team tested their soils, coordinated with the Pioneer seed company rep there to provide each farmer with modern hybrid corn seed, proper fertilizers and crop protection chemicals, and with a sprayer, other tools, and an ox-drawn planter/fertilizer machine. The Team assisted each farmer as they operated their equipment until all 11 fields were planted.



The rainy season had begun, and some fields had already sprouted before the Team returned home. The local extension agent participated in the classroom teaching sessions and agreed to visit and assist the farmers after our Team leaves. Team leader Eric Dolbeare plans to return to Zambia for a week in January and will visit each of the farms to check on the growing corn and assist with any problems. Then the Team plans to return to Zambia again at harvest time in April to see how well their training worked (and hope to have a celebration). When he returned home in December, PDG Eric declared that the VTT was a very worthwhile endeavor and the Team expects the crop yield of the participating farms to greatly increase. The participating farmers have all agreed to continue the new way of farming, and to show the methods to their neighbors. The VTT Team thanks the companies and Rotarians on both sides of the world who helped and are still helping with this project.



Club News and Events – Adding Your Stories to the District

We have been receiving numerous of news stories from our clubs throughout the District for programs, events, and projects that they are PROUD of. We will start sharing ALL of these remarkable stories to the district membership. Please send ANY newsworthy event that you are proud of (and you SHOULD BE) that your clubs are doing, and please share these items with all of us in the District. I would LOVE to fill the newsletter with all the WONDERFUL things that all of you do every single day in your communities and in the world.

I have started adding club stories on the District Website. However, I am now asking clubs to submit their stories via DACdb's Club Stories ... as discussed at District Assembly. I have noticed that many clubs are posting stories in DACdb ezStory but are not making it available to the District to publish on the website. To easily make your stories available to the District, here is what you need to do:

When Adding your New Club Story, click on the “Share” button as noted in the picture below. Also ensure that under the “Show Story In:” that “Websites” checked.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `/Rotary/SecLogin3.cfm?CFID=129651258&CFTOKEN=91397434`. The page title is "Add New Club Mason City Story". Below the title, there is a "Share" button circled in red and a "Save" button. The form contains the following fields and options:

- Information** / **Contents** tabs
- Start your story by entering the information below. The selections you make will affect the presentation of the Story to your members. The 'Story Name' is what you know the story by. The 'Story Headline' is what your members will see. These will typically be the same -- but do not have to be. Also, the sequence will determine the order your story will appear when published. Stories with the same sequence number may appear in any order.
- *Story Name: [Text Input] This is the Title of your Story, as it appears internally
- *Headline: [Text Input] Enter Story Title / Headline as it will appear when it is published
- Limited HTML can be included in the headline
- Story State: Draft Review Approved Published Unless a Story is in the 'Published' state, it is not visible to members or websites.
- *Story Start Date: [Date Picker] 07/31/2018 Start showing the Story as of this this date (default is today)
- Post Until: [Date Picker] Show the Story Until this date. Blank means forever -- until deleted.
- Story Sequence: [Text Input] 0 This is the sequence your story will appear on the listing (lowest number first). The sequence number is important only when your story is in an Approved and/or Published state.
- Main Story Image: [Choose File] No file chosen This is the main story image. It will be alternated down the page. Only one (1) main image is allowed per story. Additional images can be uploaded and added in the ezStory summary or description.
- Show Story In: Websites * Home Page Dashboard ezBulletin *
- Enable Comments: Enable Comments (blogging) on website
- Include: Story Date ByLine Edited By Story separator
- Category: No Categories defined
- By Line: (contributed by) [Dropdown] Knieriem, David W. Name to appear on the By Line (if displayed).
- Target RoleKey(s): [Text Input] Optional, enter Club positions you only want this story to be viewed by (e.g., S,SE,T). Leave blank for all members.

Next, in the dialog box that will appear, chse “Copy” the story to the District, and then click “Save”.

You can share this ezStory with the District list of stories by either making a **copy** of it, or **moving** it. Stories that are shared will be in District story listing in a *draft* publication state.

Copy this story to the District ezStory list.

This will leave a copy of the story here. Changes made here to this story after sharing it with the District will not be reflected in the District copy.

Move this story to the District ezStory list.

The ezStory will be moved to the District ezStory list and the ezStory will no longer appear in the club's story listings.

If you need additional information and instructions of how to create and save ezStories in DACdb, please go to: <http://rotarydistrict6460.org/wp-content/uploads/Forms/Training/CreateStory.pdf> or view the DACdb video at <https://vimeo.com/278726876>

I ask that all clubs develop, submit and upload their own stories to ezStory in DACdb for publication on the District Website and the District Newsletter. If you need assistance with this, or have questions on how to do this, please contact me at dave@dkofficeconsulting.com or 217-899-5526. I will be happy to assist you.

THANKS

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Dave Knieriem, Past District Governor 2014-15
District Newsletter Editor and Webmaster



Alton Godfrey – Coats for Kids

Elizabeth Parker, Past Club President, Rotary Club of Alton-Godfrey

Alton-Godfrey Rotary President-Elect Tim Hinrichs recently delivered coats and cash donated by the club members to Judy Gann of Riverbend Head Start & Family Services. Gann said that the annual Coats for Kids drive was started by Debbie Edelman eleven years ago. Alton-Godfrey Rotary has been a major contributor to the drive. This year, \$3,000.00 was collected and used to purchase new coats at a discounted price. The needs of about 220 kids have been filled with donations from the community.

Each year Riverbend Head Start sets a goal to collect and distribute 400 coats to kids from low-income families needing help with providing warm outerwear for their children. Proper fitting coats, hats and gloves help to enable the children to attend school and participate in outdoor learning experiences.

During the drive, new and gently used winter coats for babies, toddlers and preschoolers are collected at drop-off centers throughout the community. For a list of drop off centers, call 618-463-5946.



Alton – Godfrey – All God’s Children Shall Have Shoes

Elizabeth Parker, Past Club President, Rotary Club of Alton-Godfrey



Alton-Godfrey Rotary President Jim White assists a local student in selecting a new pair of shoes at Famous Footwear at Alton Square Mall on Monday as part of the All God’s Children Shall Have Shoes program. The program has been providing shoes to children since the 1960’s and has served thousands of students.

Monday, December 10, 2018. Members of Alton-Godfrey Rotary were among area volunteers on hand at Famous Footwear at Alton Square to assist local students receiving shoes through the All God’s Children Shall Have Shoes program. Through their schools, students are selected to benefit from the program which provides them with a pair of shoes and a pair of socks. Famous Footwear personnel size each student for proper fit, and local volunteers are matched up with students who they help in selecting a pair of shoes of the student’s choice. The program is supported by donations and fund-raisers. Alton-Godfrey Rotary members volunteer for this program each year.



Attention All District 6460



The Jacksonville Rotary Club is inviting you to join together to make a difference on a global project. Your fundraising efforts will be featured during a fun-filled evening at the 14th Annual Valentine's Dance in the Hamilton's Ballroom. In addition to helping earn your club's Presidential Citation, the team or individual who raises the most money for this year's Global Grant Project will be crowned the 2019 Global Charity Ambassador(s) at the dance.

This year's Global Grant will provide computer equipment for a school for the deaf in Jamaica. Individually we make a difference but together we can make an impact!

If you would like more information about how your club can participate please contact Jon Valuck at 217-491-8744 or jvaluck@yahoo.com. You do not have to be present at the dance to participate or to win the fundraising challenge.

Fundraising will primarily take place on-line through social media.





Ins and Out, Youth News

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Chicago 2018

39 Rotary youth exchange students from across the world explored Chicago!!!!!!





**Thanks to D 6450 for hosting 3 Rotary district students.
We thank you, Chris and Cheri and others!!!!**



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Host an Inbound for 2019. Your club still could request to host an Inbound for next year. Ask questions, get more info, ask for a grant, but just do it. Contact Tiffany Warmowski tifhermon@yahoo.com

Look for Outbounds for 2019. These students must be between 15.5-18.5 at departure – July, 2019. Contact John Maguire tmaguir@macomb.com (asap)



Need your report!!!!



If you are liaison for an Interact/Rotaract club, give me an email so I can add you to our list on Youth Service in dacdb. Share what your club is doing.

Sincerely,  Barb Malany Youth Service Chair, Rotary District 6460
barbmalany@yahoo.com



Membership and Foundation Reports – Rotary Year 2018-19

Rotary Club of:	Membership			Foundation				
	Report through December 2018 (YTD) (RI Data –1/8/2019)			Report through December 2018 (YTD) (TRF Data – 1/8/2019)				
	7/1/2018	12/31/2018	Gain/Loss	Annual Fund Goal	Annual Fund Sent	Other Giving Sent	Endowment Sent	Total Foundation Giving
Abingdon	18	18	0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Aledo	5	8	3	\$50	\$75	\$150	\$0	\$225
Alton-Godfrey	75	69	-6	\$5,000	\$6,610	\$0	\$0	\$6,610
Bethalto	16	14	-2	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bushnell	19	20	1	\$1,000	\$1,700	\$1,100	\$0	\$2,800
Cambridge	21	21	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Canton	24	24	0	\$2,700	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100
Carlinville	44	41	-3	\$4,000	\$1,760	\$200	\$0	\$1,960
Chillicothe	6	7	1	\$0	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$300
Collinsville, Maryville, Caseyville	23	23	0	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$100
East Alton	31	34	3	\$1,300	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$100
East Peoria	25	24	-1	\$750	\$672	\$200	\$0	\$872
Edwardsville	126	122	-4	\$4,500	\$2,200	\$1,450	\$0	\$3,650
Farmington	26	24	-2	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Galesburg	78	70	-8	\$10,000	\$1,030	\$25	\$515,223	\$516,278
Galesburg Sunrise	39	37	-2	\$3,800	\$2,070	\$0	\$0	\$2,070
Galva	26	27	1	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Granite City	22	21	-1	\$1,000	\$252	\$0	\$0	\$252
Havana	23	23	0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highland	67	67	0	\$5,500	\$3,800	\$400	\$0	\$4,200
Jacksonville	111	105	-6	\$13,000	\$8,235	\$1,121	\$0	\$9,355
Jacksonville Sunrise	11	12	1	\$2,500	\$2,420	\$114	\$25	\$2,559
Jerseyville	26	25	-1	\$650	\$15	\$2,060	\$0	\$2,075
Kewanee	46	44	-2	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land of Goshen	37	37	0	\$1,000	\$1,254	\$0	\$0	\$1,254
Macomb	65	57	-8	\$6,000	\$3,550	\$150	\$0	\$3,700
Macomb Centennial Morning	60	61	1	\$0	\$1,650	\$425	\$0	\$2,075
Manito-Forest City	19	17	-2	\$100	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200
Mason City	10	10	0	\$500	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Menard County	14	13	-1	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Metro East Community	19	20	1	\$1,000	\$50	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,250
Midtown Springfield	32	31	-1	\$1,200	\$683	\$200	\$0	\$883
Monmouth	56	56	0	\$1,000	\$2,050	\$1,000	\$0	\$3,050
Morton	106	107	1	\$7,500	\$3,570	\$0	\$0	\$3,570
Pekin	41	40	-1	\$1,025	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Peoria	185	177	-8	\$0	\$16,485	\$1,300	\$0	\$17,785
Peoria North	155	156	1	\$21,000	\$19,484	\$2,290	\$0	\$21,774
Pittsfield	56	54	-2	\$6,000	\$4,000	\$187	\$0	\$4,187
Quincy	104	107	3	\$4,000	\$1,535	\$0	\$0	\$1,535
Quincy East (Terminated)	15	-	-	\$0	\$100	\$250	\$0	\$350
Riverbend (The)	30	31	1	\$1,000	\$225	\$300	\$0	\$525
Rushville	20	20	0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Silver Creek	15	16	1	\$500	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Springfield	56	55	-1	\$20,000	\$710	\$11,850	\$0	\$12,560
Springfield South	30	32	2	\$5,000	\$1,546	\$370	\$0	\$1,916
Springfield Sunrise	29	29	0	\$6,000	\$4,779	\$353	\$0	\$5,132
Springfield Westside	12	14	2	\$1,400	\$1,364	\$300	\$0	\$1,664
Washington	60	56	-4	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Wood River	29	28	-1	\$1,000	\$0	\$100	\$0	\$100
District 6460 Contributions to TRF				\$0	\$674	\$1,246	\$0	\$1,920
District Totals	2163	2104	-59	\$148,575	\$98,048	\$28,641	\$515,248	\$641,937