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Governor's Message: Is Rotary Christmas Year Round?



DG John and Christie Adams with Charlie at RC Lexington's photos at Southern Lights service project (see article later in newsletter)

At this writing we are in the middle of the holiday season. For me it is the celebration of the birth of Jesus and the introduction of the values of hope, peace and goodwill, by God on earth. Still, I recognize and find great comfort, that every religion and faith celebrates hope, peace and goodwill, in the fourth quarter of the year or in the first quarter of the new and upcoming year.

This need to celebrate must have been made innate in us by our creator as the origins of holiday celebrations around the winter solstice go back as long as humans have joined together to form societies - - and in most

every society. It is important that we do celebrate hope, peace and goodwill every year as it gives us a reminder of the importance of these universal values.

But are not these celebrations in vain if we do not aspire or act to give hope, make peace, and promote goodwill throughout the year and not just at holiday time? If we do nothing during the rest of the year, do we really have the occasion to celebrate in the holiday season?

For Rotarians the foregoing rhetorical questions are moot. Rotarians not only celebrate the universal values of hope, peace and goodwill in the winter solstice, but we also act on them throughout the year. Our coming together weekly to seek out, plan, implement and celebrate our many Rotary projects and programs is how we act to bring hope, peace, and goodwill to our fellow man locally and internationally throughout the year. When Rotarians proclaim hope, peace and goodwill in their holiday greetings to acquaintances, friends and family; it is not an expression of hollow words, but expressions backed by the past and future efforts to serve others.

Not only do Rotarians give gifts at Christmas and Holiday time, we work together to give meaningful gifts of hope, peace, and goodwill, throughout the year to many in our communities and around the world, including and not limited to: educational opportunity, water & sanitation, health-care, literacy, shelter & clothing, food, vocational assistance, vaccines and disease prevention, peace & conflict resolution initiatives.

Therefore Christie, Charlie and I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, and in the New Year let us vow to honor God by serving others through Rotary so that we may bring more hope, peace and goodwill here on earth.

[Reminder - call for District Governor Nominations - paperwork due January 16th](#)

Please be reminded that any club in District 6740 is invited to suggest one of its Rotary club members for consideration by the District Nominating Committee for Selection of the Nominee-Designate for the office District Governor for Rotary Program Year 2014-15. The deadline for submission of the suggestion by Governor-Nominee Data form (see below) is January 16, 2011.

Please see this link to last month's newsletter article for full information:
<http://6740newsletter.blogspot.com/2011/12/governors-message-nominations-for.html>

[January and February events](#)

January

28 - Rotary Leadership Institute, Lexington

February

11 - RC Bluegrass and RC Richmond Diamonds and Denim

25 - RC Corbin and RC London International Dinner in Corbin

RC Corbin Empty Stocking

CORBIN — By Jeff Noble / Staff writer taken from the Corbin Times Tribune

<http://thetimestribune.com/x191076932/Empty-Stocking-Fund-serves-500-area-families>

It wasn't hard to find where the party was on Wednesday. All the lines led to where the 24th Annual Empty Stocking Fund's Christmas Party was held. And for the families and children of those in need, those lines to Forest Bowling Lanes were heartlines this holiday season.

Beginning Tuesday night and ending Wednesday afternoon, hundreds of adults and kids joined with scores of volunteers and folks to give a helping hand and make Christmas a reality for 500 children.

Corbin police and firefighters were there to help out with the crowd, which waited outside despite a pouring rain. The packages, gifts, toys, goodies to eat and the shoes were all inside the bowling lanes, after a marathon gift-wrapping session at the Corbin First Baptist Church the night before.

Santa Claus was there, too, on Wednesday, but he needed some help go get the gifts to the party. Keeping his trusty sleigh in mothballs until Christmas Eve, Santa decided to borrow a big U-Haul truck to trek the loads of goodies over to the bowling lanes, where this year's party was held.

The color guard presented the flag. A few words were said by local, regional and state officials, including Corbin Mayor Willard McBurney, former State Rep. Charlie Siler and a representative from Gov. Steve Beshear's office in Frankfort. They asked for those families and children there to receive the gifts to "make a line out back to the front, so we can bring everyone inside in an orderly manner." Then Empty Stocking Fund organizer Joe Caldwell called for everyone to enjoy the party before they came back in, saying, "We want the kids to eat pizza, bowl a few rounds, open up their presents, and make all the noise they want to."

Moments later, when the first group lined up at the main entrance of the bowling lanes, someone asked a volunteer, "Are we ready to let 'em in?" Rotary Club member J. Bell Sosh agreed, and hollered out, "Let 'er rip!"

With those three words, this year's edition of an area tradition started in 1988 by the Corbin Rotary Club and The Times-Tribune was off and running.

It was former Times-Tribune Publisher Wink Devane who came up with the idea. With club members and volunteers wrapping those first presents on the second floor of the Times-Tribune building, that first fundraiser gave a Christmas present for some 80 children. By 1990, the event was being held at the Corbin Civic Center, and in 1993, the party was moved to the present location at the bowling lanes.

Eligibility for children to be included in the project begins in mid-November, with solicitations for donations announced in The Times-Tribune shortly afterwards. Once contributions begin coming in, donors and gift levels are recognized, which continues through December. Gifts and other items are then purchased by Rotary Club members and ultimately unloaded, recognized and wrapped Tuesday night for the party, which was held in two sessions — on Wednesday morning and Wednesday afternoon.





RC Lexington - Southern Lights Santa Project



Charlie Adams visits Santa and his volunteer Rotarians at Southern Lights at the Kentucky Horse Park

RC Lexington conducted its annual project at Southern Lights at the Kentucky Horse Park. Funds

raised at this event purchase coats for needy children. Rotarians assist Santa as many children are photographed sitting on Santa's knee and passing along their Christmas wish lists. The job of recruiting Santas and elves has really become no job at all. It requires over one hundred volunteers to cover the thirty-four or so nights – from the Friday before Thanksgiving through December 23rd (with Thanksgiving night off). They rise to the occasion and get the job done. Each night they show up to give four hours of their already heavily-scheduled December. Participation has become an annual family event as daddies play Santa and wives and children play elves – all in appropriate attire. Each year there are new recruits, but some are about to be fifteen-year veterans.

Charlie Adams, son of District Governor John and Christie Adams enjoyed his visit to Southern Lights with parents and his two grandmothers, too! It is rumored that DG Adams volunteered at a later date - does anyone recognize this elf?



RC Covington Founders' Day Dinner

The Rotary Club of Covington held it's annual Founders Day Dinner on November 4th at the Plantation Club at Twin Oaks Country Club. The event celebrated the 91st anniversary of the founding of the Covington Rotary Club.





The evening included a reception, dinner, entertainment, program and club history, honoring and recognizing Rotarians, an auction and dancing.

Additional photos from the elegant evening are available on the club's Facebook page:
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Covington-Kentucky-Rotary--lub/261742540534086>

Upcoming Events

January

28 - Rotary Leadership Institute, Lexington

February

11 - RC Bluegrass and RC Richmond Diamonds and Denim

25 - RC Corbin and RC London International Dinner in Corbin

March

3 - RC Somerset-Pulaski County International Dinner

22 - 25 Presidents Elect Training (PETS) in Nashville, Tennessee

April

20 - 22 District Conference in Somerset, Kentucky

21 - 22 RC Georgetown Kite Festival

May

3 - RC Paris Run for the Roses fundraiser

6 - 9 2012 Convention in Bangkok, Thailand

RC Somerset - Wreaths Across America

The Rotary Club of Somerset joined with other volunteers to organize our local Wreaths Across America tribute on Saturday, December 10. Wreaths were placed in memory of those who have served or in honor of those currently serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corp, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marine. An additional wreath was placed for those Missing In Action and/or Prisoners Of War. For additional information see www.wreathscrossamerica.org.

Additional photos can be found at RC Somerset's webpage: <http://somerseattroty.wordpress.com/>





RC Winchester

RC Winchester hosted the Leadership Winchester class at the club meeting on 12/16/11. Sounds like a very interesting program!

RC Florence Holiday Service Projects

The Florence Rotary Club conducted two significant holiday events – one for Thanksgiving and one for Christmas.

FOOD for FAMILIES – A community service team led by Jack Lundy organized a Thanksgiving food drive. The group gave each team in the club a grocery sack and a list of items with which to fill it – turkey, ham, canned goods, dairy products, etc. The teams far exceeded the request. Several members of the club filled an entire sack by themselves. The club donated the food to the Rose Garden Mission food pantry in Florence. The Rose Garden Mission, operated by the Franciscan Daughters of Mary, relies totally on donations for support. Jack Lundy reported that this year's food drive was the most successful to date.

FLORENCE ROTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT FUND-RAISER – The Florence Rotary Club puts on a Christmas concert each year to raise money for a local charity. The entire cast of singers and musicians came from the Northern Kentucky area. Several were professional performers who donated their time. This year's concert was a rousing success. Several of the performers brought the crowd to their feet. One of the concert-goers remarked afterwards that "this wasn't just a concert ... it was a worship experience." The Florence Rotary Club raised \$5,000 for Santa's Workshop at a local church. Santa's Workshop brings needy families to the church at Christmas for meals, clothing and gifts for

the children.

RC Campbell County welcomes a new member



Greg Young, a manager with Heritage Bank, is sworn in as the newest member of the Campbell County Rotary by Rotary President Arnd Rehfuss. The Campbell County Rotary Club meets each Wednesday at noon at the Highland Country Club in Ft. Thomas. The service club contributes regularly to community events and service projects. Welcome Greg!

RC Middlesboro recognizes a local citizen for service above self

RC Middlesboro has been running a program this year recognizing both youth and others in the community that have demonstrated citizenship and service above self. Last week we recognized Paige Cloud. She teaches developmental math at the SCKETC (community technical college). The reason her story is so interesting is this. She dropped out of high school early and out of pressure from her peers and mother went back school to get her GED, spent one year at South East and then a math degree from UK. She feels that she can relate to these students just out of high school going to college, because she knows the pressures they are dealing with at this age. This is a picture of our incoming president Ann Maciula giving her the award.



[RC Covington Holiday Open House](#)

On December 4th, club President Marja Barrett invited the Covington Rotary Club members and their families to an open house at her home. Many members and spouses attend this social gathering and had a wonderful time.



Additional photos from this fun event are available on the club's Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Covington-Kentucky-Rotary-Club/261742540534086>

RC Pikeville Pancake Breakfast

The Pikeville Rotary Club once again held a profitable Pancake Day on Dec. 2. Over 800 folks were served hot pancakes and sausage at the East Kentucky EXPO Center. The largest crowd ever helped the club make \$6500 for local projects.



RC Covington rings the bell for the Salvation Army and holds other service projects



In addition, RC Covington recently held a canned food drive to benefit Be Concerned, a local food pantry. RC Covington also raised funds and collected toys for the John G. Carlisle Elementary School. Rotarian Kinny McQuade played Santa Clause with Rotarians as elves handing out presents to the kids.

RC Whitesburg Celebrates the Season with Christmas Party



Gerald Slone, a member of the Rotary Club of Hazard and a master of magic tricks provided the entertainment for the annual Rotary Club of Whitesburg's Christmas Party held at the Pine Mountain Grill on December 14th. Members and guests were active participants in the magic tricks and the show was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Special music was provided by Jessica Frazier, daughter of Rotarian Barbara Ison. Jim Webb, Rotarian and Poet, awed everyone with his reading of *Twas the Night Before Christmas*, one of the oldest and most popular Christmas poems first

published on December 23, 1823, and still enjoyed every year by young and old alike. Jake Sparkman, son of Rotarian Dena Sparkman, and Bailey Caudill, guest of Rotary President Margaret Hammonds assisted with the drawing for door prizes. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the Pine Mountain Grill.

