

District 6740 Rotary News

Rakesh Sachdeva, District Governor

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Make plans now to attend!

2009 District 6740 Conference

"Make Dreams Real"

April 24 - 26, 2009
Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center
126 Main Street
Pikeville, Kentucky

The conference theme this year, CelebrateCompassion, will be reflected in our speakers, topics of discussion, and other activities.

You just can't miss the Party in Pikeville!

To secure block rates, please reserve your room by April 1 and mention the Rotary Conference:

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606-432-8181 606-433-1800
The Landmark Inn
606-432-2545

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Dear Rotarian,

At the end of this month, District 6740 will celebrate another successful year of affiliation with Rotary International by putting on a district conference.

The Pikeville Rotary Club, the primary host club for the event, is very excited to welcome Rotarians from all 42 clubs in our district's 57 counties. The Organizational Committee, which is comprised of Rotarians from the Prestonsburg, Paintsville, Hazard, Somerset/Pulaski, Whitesburg and Pikeville clubs, have been diligently working to offer a conference which will not only be fun and exciting but contain pertinent and purposeful information for you and your club.

There will be an variety of wonderful entertainment at each luncheon and banquet, including musical talent, a professional comedian, and a Lincoln impersonator. The meals have been carefully planned to offer you the best cuisine from the chef at Savor. In addition, currently, we have over 15 exhibitors for your persual.

Keynote speakers include the Representative from Rotary International William Bradfield, author Jonathan Miller (The Compassionate Community: Ten Values to Unite America), and Dr. John Stemple (on peacemaking in the world.)

There will also be two wonderful spousal events including a private style show and coffee and unique city tour including a scenic overlook, a new B & B, and a museum.

I have every confidence that the conference will be both informative and inspirational and that you will return to your communities renewed, invigorated and ready to lead your clubs to challenging new heights.

Yours in Rotary,

DG Rakesh Sachdeva



See you in BIRMINGHAM!



The Rotary International Convention is just around the corner. The Host Committee has mailed

every club in the data base a special promotional HOC DVD, filmed on-site in Birmingham. If your club did not receive a copy, please contact impromo@rotary.org and include a full address so that a copy can be mailed.

New, for the first time ever, a Special Summit for Club Presidents, which includes all 2008-09 and 2009-10 club presidents registered for the convention, will be held Monday June 22 from 14:00-15:00 hours, during the 100th RI Convention at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, England. An invitation was sent to all club presidents and club presidents-elect in January and February.

The incredible lineup of speakers includes:

- * **Mia Farrow, actress, polio survivor, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador**
- * **Dr. Jane Goodall, primatologist, humanitarian, UN Messenger of Peace**
- * **Tom Henderson, Rotarian, founder of ShelterBox**
- * **Deepa Willingham, Rotarian, founder of PACE Universal**
- * **Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus and Nobel Prize Laureate, at the Rotary World Peace Symposium**

The entertainment includes:

- * **Mezzo-soprano Katherine Jenkins**
- * **The Lord Mayor's Grand Reunion Breakfast (now open to club presidents!)**
- * **Medieval Spectacular at Warwick Castle**
- * **The Birmingham Royal Ballet**
- * **Treorchy Male Choir**
- * **East Meets West Variety Show**

Please watch the RI Web site (www.rotary.org/convention) and especially the "promoting conventions" link for more details.

District Speech Contest gets underway

Is there a student in your local high school who would be interested in earning \$1,000 cash? That is what some talented student will take away if he or she wins the *2009 District Speech Contest*.

One of the most exciting vocational projects our district sponsors is our annual Speech Contest. Any high school student (public or private school or even home schooled) is eligible, as long as he or she is not the child of a Rotarian.

Each student is asked to write a speech about this year's Rotary theme "Make Dreams Real" and to speak for 5-8 minutes on that topic without notes. Participants will be judged on delivery, originality, and content. This is a great way for our students to learn more about the service of Rotary as well as encouraging them to develop and improve their speaking skills.

The winner of the local club contests will earn \$200, paid for by the local club. The winner of the local club contest will proceed to one of the three regional contests. Those regional contests will be held at Blue Licks State Park on Saturday, March 28 at 2:00 pm; at Versailles on Saturday, April 11, and Whitesburg on Saturday, April 18 at 2:00 pm.

The three winners of the regional contests will then advance to speak before the District Conference on Saturday April 25 in Pikeville. The district winner will receive \$600; second place will receive \$300 and third place prize is \$200. All awards will be in cash. Thus, the district winner will have earned \$1,000 in cash for a 5-8 minute speech.

Please consider this youth project for your local Rotary club. You will be amazed at the enjoyment you will feel by encouraging the speaking skills of our young people. If your club is interested in participating, please let me know immediately. I have all the forms and instructions you will need to have a successful competition.

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Help eradicate polio!

One of Rotary's longest-standing campaigns has received a big boost with the infusion of US\$635 million into the global effort to eradicate polio - a new \$255 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced by Bill Gates at the 2009 International Assembly in San Diego, CA, an additional \$100 million that Rotary will match over the next three years, which is part of the US\$200 Million Challenge Grant - as well as a combined \$280 million pledged by the governments of Germany and the United Kingdom that does not count toward the money to be raised for the Gates Foundation matching grant. Every dollar given to PolioPlus will be counted toward the \$200 million match, which must be completed by 30 June 2012.

HAS YOUR CLUB MET ITS PLEDGE TO POLIO PLUS ??

Introducing the 2009-9010 Rotary Theme Logo

"The future of Rotary will not be shaped at RI headquarters - it will be shaped in each and every Rotary club because it is for each of us - as Rotarians - to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong.

Whether Rotary will thrive, or whether it will falter, whether our service will mean much to many, or little to few; whether Rotary is known with respect, or seen as a relic of days gone by: all this is up to you.

**The Future of Rotary is in
Your Hands."**



RI President Elect
John Kenny

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY HELD IN PIKEVILLE

The District Assembly will be held in Pikeville on April 23 from 4 - 8 pm at the Landmark Inn. Information given at the Assembly will be VERY useful to all current presidents, presidents-elect, committee members and other key officers to be in attendance.

The meeting will continue on April 24 from 8 - 10 am. At this time on the 24th, a training seminar (SETS) will be conducted for secretaries-elect. Those who will serve as secretaries for 2009-10 will find this training to be extremely helpful in fulfilling their duties for their clubs.

Please make every effort to attend. The district assembly is free and includes a dinner and breakfast. Lodging is not provided by the District.

We hope that you will be staying after the District Assembly for the District Conference held at EXPO Center in Pikeville. Please check out the district website for details to register. Advance registration is required for materials preparation and meal count

For additional information, contact Gary Griesser at 859.586.6225 or 859.466.1101 or email griess1006@aol.com

District GSE Team shares images of India

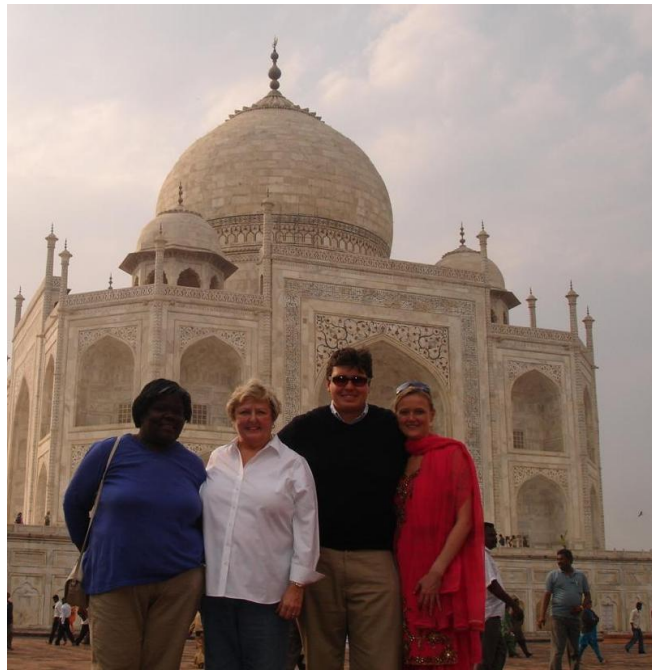
The Group Study Exchange Team recently wrapped up its 30 day trip to Sub-Himalayan India returning home to Kentucky on Feb. 13. The GSE team members included Team Leader Rotarian **Jeanne Clark** (Pikeville), Sallie Ingram (Warsaw), Nathan Mick (Lancaster) and Jackie Sue Wright (Maysville).

The GSE Team receives bindis and beautiful marigold leis as their new Indian friends welcome them.



The Golden Temple in Amritsar is an extremely holy site for the Sikhs.

The Taj Mahal in Agra was one of the most beautiful pieces of architecture the team visited.



Covington Rotary Club reports

One exceptional program of the Covington Rotary Club featured Police Chief Lee Russo of the Covington Police Department. **Kinny McQuade** introduced Police Chief Russo who began the program by recognizing the improvements to policing that had occurred in the past two years including the reduction in violent crime and the better attitudes of citizens toward the police force. He proceeded to introduce the three officers who were being honored and spoke briefly about each of them.



The first to be honored by Rotary President **Brandon Reis** was Officer John Magnus who was cited for his heroic efforts in pursuing a running subject. In spite of being fired upon, Officer Magnus judged that he could not return fire due to the possibility of injuring innocent citizens. Although the subject escaped, he was later identified and arrested due to information from several citizens in the community.

In the area of self-improvement, Officer Justin Tucker worked with the city's Housing Management to identify persons who were committing crimes on the city's properties. He compiled a searchable database and other information to be made available to department officers, especially those on the beat in these properties. This resulted in improving relations between the Police Department and Housing Authority and its residents by helping reduce the number of criminal incidents around the properties.

Lastly, in the area of administration, Lieutenant Bryan Carter worked diligently to redesign a patrol deployment model that restructured shifts and staffing levels to maximize resources during the hours of day when call demand was greatest. Lt. Carter's work has improved the efficiency, effectiveness, and morale of the department.

President Brandon presented each of the officers with a certificate and then gave a plaque and a \$500 donation to the department in their honor.

Georgetown Rotary news

* At a recent meeting of the club, President **Tara Wilson** introduced **Bob Neumeyer** as the newest member of the Georgetown Rotary. Bob has been in Georgetown about eight years. He is a financial advisor with Waddell & Reed of Louisville, but he keeps a home office in Georgetown. Bob graduated magna cum laude from the University of Alabama with a bachelor of business administration degree. He is currently working toward his MBA at Morehead State University.

* *The Jim Reed Classic Basketball Tournament*, hosted by the Georgetown Rotary, will be held the first week of December. It will be a 3-day event with colleges playing on two days and high school teams competing on one day. **Eric Ward** and **David Livingston** are leading the event and it is expected that this will be a major money-maker.

* On March 10, horseman Roy Cornett was the guest speaker for the club. Rotarian **Henry Hall** introduced Roy, who is a real estate broker. Roy's topic on that day, however, focused on his support for horseback riding trails and the creation of better trail heads. Roy is a member of Trail Riding Equestrians in Kentucky (TREK) and of Back Country Horsemen of America.

Roy reported that there are about 350,000 horses in Kentucky, of which around 50,000 are thoroughbreds. Kentucky's status as "the horse capital of the world" is in serious trouble, according to Cornett. Other states are moving ahead, and purses for racing are too low.

Horse people have money and spend it on horse-related activities.

Roy passed out a flyer which encouraged passage of video lottery terminals at horse racing tracks, which would provide an estimated \$700 million in revenue. The money would go to various worthy causes, including \$770,000 to increase purses at Kentucky race tracks and to improve equine facilities and trails.

Cornett emphasized that horse trails need to be marked and trail heads need special parking facilities so that people can bring their own horses and park their trucks and vans in a suitable area. He continued by saying that outdoor recreation in Kentucky faces lowered income because its revenue is based on hunting and fishing licenses. Cornett lamented, "We have fewer hunters and fishermen every year."



* Scott Turner, Coordinator for the Western-Anne Mason Family Resource Center was the guest speaker on Feb. 24. He was introduced by Rotarian **Bruce Gordon**. Scott is active in many Georgetown organizations. He is president of the Hispanic Initiative and is on the board of directors of the Community Connection.

Scott also directs plays, such as "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)", for the Royal Spring Theatrical Society. This play will be performed on April 25 in a benefit for the YMCA Campaign for Kids at the Hilton Garden Inn in Georgetown.

Scott described how important the Community Connection is to Georgetown. There are 175 people on their e-mail list, and CC brings together many local organizations. The Community Connection was instrumental in creating the 2-1-1- dial for help program which is spreading to many localities. "If you have a burning fire, call 9-1-1 but if you have a burning question, call 2-1-1", shares Turner.

The Family Resource Center provides parenting programs, health education and services such as dental screenings and fluoride varnishing to preschool children, and program support for summer and after school programs. He also distributed the YMCA Spring Program guide.



Scott discussed his involvement in the Early Childhood Council, which is funded by tobacco settlement money.

ECC supports training of child care providers and encourages participation in the "Stars for Kids Now" quality rating program by providing supplies, equipment, and reimbursement for certain training costs associated with participation in this program.

* On March 24, the club welcomed Earlene Arnett as their guest speaker for that meeting. Rotarian **Pam Jessie** introduced Earlene, who is the Director of the Scott County Public Library. Earlene told club members, "When the economy gets bad, people go to the library.". Over 17,000 people attended the Scott County Public Library in February, a thousand more than in November. The library has 95,000 books with over 400,000 in annual circulation. Last year they had a 7.9% increase in books checked out and a 13% increase in DVDs checked out.

Earlene gave many reasons why people go to the library. Over 400 adults took classes, such as computer classes, at the library last year. The AARP gives free tax help on Wednesdays and Thursday mornings before April 15. There are two large conference rooms and two smaller rooms which can be used for meetings. T



One of the most popular programs is called "Sit-Stay-Read". It is for children who are hesitant to read to people yet become very relaxed when reading to a dog. Volunteer dog handlers watch a video on the program and bring their dogs to the library early so their pets may adjust to the other dogs that may be present. The dogs are trained to be quiet while the children read to them. Children who normally are impatient will wait patiently for a chance to read to their favorite dog.

Corbin and London Rotaries share International Dinner

On February 27, the Corbin and London Rotary Clubs held their first joint International Dinner at the London Community Center. By all accounts, it was a great success. "The results of our first International Dinner were amazing," said Corbin Rotary President **Mark Steely**. "To see Rotarians at work and the accomplishments they can achieve, truly made me proud. I am honored to be involved in such an event for such a worthy cause."

All proceeds (estimated to be over \$8,000) from this inaugural event will be sent to Rotary International to help match the \$200 million dollar grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to eradicate polio worldwide. Only four countries in the world continue to report cases of polio - Afghanistan, Nigeria, northern India and Pakistan.

According to Event Chair **Lori Acton** and Co-Chair **Joe Caldwell**, the food from sixteen different countries were represented as well as two cuisines from the United States (Cajun and Hawaiian). Entertainment was provided by the band "Zydeco Bon" out of Lexington.

*London Rotary President **Mike Giles** (below left) welcomes Judge Executive Lawrence Juhl to the event. Rotarian **Hugh Richards** (below right) brought the Hawaiian cuisine.*



President **Giles** (below left) takes time out to sit and talk with **Seema** and **DG Rakesh Sachdeva**. Corbin Rotary President **Mark Steely** (below right) really knows how to work the crowd.



President **Giles**, Event Chair **Lori Acton**, and Somerset Rotarian and AG **John Adams** (below left) take time for a photo. London Rotarian and PDG **John Burkhart**, Rotarian **Sejal Patel**, President **Mike Giles** and President **Mark Steely** enjoy the band.



Members of the London Rotary Club recently welcomed guest speaker Tracey Miller from the Cumberland Valley Children's Advocacy Center. Tracey updated the club on the status and services available through the Advocacy Center. She was introduced by club President **Matthew Kauffman**.



Pikeville Rotary hold first Winter Ball

After several months in the making, the Pikeville Rotary sponsored its first *Winter Ball* to raise money for PolioPlus. The event was held on Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Landmark Inn's Mark V Ballroom in Pikeville.

The festivities included an elegant buffet of roast beef aux jus, chicken cordon blue, country corn, fresh green beans, garden salad, rolls and dessert. After dinner, guests danced the night away to the music of Tim Michaels. There were multiple door prizes awarded to the party-goers as well as an extremely successful silent auction. Damron's Photography provided each guest with a photo as well as candids for the club.

The event was attended by 48 Rotarian couples, with a total attendance of 120. The proceeds of the evening went toward the Pikeville Club's pledge of raising \$10,000 for PolioPlus.

*The Winter Ball Committee included Rotarians **Charlie Pinson, Melanie Horton, Eva Ratliff, Karen Roberts Prater, and Sheila Boyd.***



Beauty Tips from the Late Audrey Hepburn

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.
For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.
For beautiful hair, let a child run their fingers through it once a day.
For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.

People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone.

Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you will find one at the end of each of your

arms. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands, one for helping yourself and the other for helping others.

Rotary clubs light up the world to end polio

What do the Colloseum, the British Houses of Parliament and the Sydney Opera House all have in common? Each of these iconic structures served as the dramatic backdrop for an equally dramatic message: End Polio Now.



In celebration of Rotary's founding on Feb. 23, 1905, Rotary clubs from around the world arranged for key landmarks on several continents to be illuminated with the "End Polio Now" logo. The illuminations were meant to raise public awareness of the disease, which still threatens children in parts of Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Cases worldwide have been reduced 99% thanks to Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.



Rotary clubs presented a variety of other polio eradication awareness and fundraising activities surrounding Feb. 23. A few examples included:

-In Scotland, several historic buildings, including Culzean Castle, were briefly illuminated with the "End Polio Now" message on consecutive nights.

-Purple Pinkie Week began Feb. 23 in the United Kingdom. Rotary members solicited donations in exchange for a spot of purple dye on each donor's pinkie finger. That is how Rotary volunteers and health workers in developing countries record that a child has received the oral polio vaccine.

-Rotary clubs working with the Singapore postal service arranged for the release of official postage stamps carrying the polio eradication theme and other Rotary messages.

-A team of 12 South Korean Rotary members, accompanied by Korean journalists, traveled to India the week of Feb. 23 to help immunize thousands of children.

Rotary club members around the world have contributed more than \$800 million and countless volunteer hours to the effort and are now eagerly working to raise \$200 million in responses to \$355 million in challenge grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The money is needed to help close a funding gap that could undermine two decades of progress. To learn more about polio eradication, visit www.rotary.org/endpoliotoday.

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

District Governor Elect **Dennis McEvoy** and the Rotary District 6740 College of Governors announce that this year Rotary District 6740 will offer an Ambassadorial Scholarship to be awarded for study abroad during the academic year of 2010-11.

This process starts with the receipt of applications from qualified scholar candidates by 01 July 2009. The completed application, including the fully completed sponsoring Rotary Club's endorsement page, should be sent to C. Dale Elifrits, PDG, 19 Brandywine Court, Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076.

Applicant interviews will be scheduled during August and September in order to select the award recipient and notify The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship program office by 15 October 2009. The approved scholar's travel will then occur during 2010-11 as dictated by the academic year plan of the institution where the scholar will study.

Applicants must have permanent residence in District 6740 and be endorsed and sponsored by a Rotary Club in District 6740. An applicant may currently be attending college outside of the District as long as the person's permanent address is within the District.

This is an award of US\$23,000 for either a twelve month period or a twenty-four month period of study at an institution of higher education with which The Rotary Foundation has or will establish a program for Ambassadorial Scholar study and is located in a foreign country. The scholar is not assured of receiving a degree via this program. The scholar is expected to be an ambassador from District 6740 to the Rotary Clubs in the area of the chosen college or university and to the area's communities. This may include being an ambassador to the Rotary International District in which the college or university is located. Additionally, the scholar is expected to participate in District 6740 programming after the study abroad in order to complete the cultural exchange back from the foreign locale to this District.

For further information, visit these sites on the Rotary International World Wide Web site, www.rotary.org:

The Rotary Foundation Educational Programs Information for Rotary Clubs, Club

Officers, and Rotarians:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/ages/ridefault.aspx>

Ambassadorial Scholar Program Guide for Rotarians and Applicants:

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/012en.pdf

This site provides a wide range of information about the Ambassadorial Scholarship.

Ambassadorial Scholar Program Applications form download for applicants including Club President's endorsement page:

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/139en.pdf

This site contains what the scholar applicant needs for completion of the application.

Notes to Sponsoring Rotary Clubs: Please note that the sponsoring Rotary Club is fully expected to identify a Rotarian who will serve as the scholar's "Sponsor/Counselor" before the club endorsement form is completed. Sponsoring Rotary clubs should screen applicants with respect to their backgrounds and their academic records regarding the applicant's expectations for admission to their target colleges or universities while studying abroad. If the applicant anticipates entering the college or university at the graduate level, this generally requires at least a 3.000 (4.000 scale) grade point average for all previous college-level credit.

Also, please note the date of 01 July 2009 as the last day for submitting the completed application. The completion of the application is largely the responsibility of the applicant. However, assistance by the sponsor/counselor is encouraged.

The work of the District selection committee is facilitated by receipt of the entire packet in one mailing from the sponsoring club representative or the applicant, except for the official college transcripts. These must either be sent directly to PDG Elifrits from the respective college or university Registrar's office(s) or included in a sealed official university or college Registrar's Office envelope(s) with the application materials.

Should any person have questions please contact C. Dale Elifrits at home/eveining telephone 859.441.9997.

Meet ADG Meena Mohanty

Meena Mohanty of Richmond is the assistant district governor for clubs in Area 5, which includes Nicholasville, Richmond, Bluegrass Richmond, and Winchester.

Born and raised in Richmond, Meena traveled north to college. She attended the University of Cincinnati where she thought she would pursue a career in medicine but soon realized that she was more suited to the field of law. She went to law school at Temple University in Philadelphia.

Meena married and returned to Kentucky, "dragging my husband with me", to take a job as a Public Defender. In that position, which she has been doing for twelve and a half years, Meena assists indigent clients.

Her family blessed with two children, ages 8 and 4, Meena and her husband have the unique opportunity of taking care of her their younger child who has Down's Syndrome. Meena reflects, "Although he has required special care, he has brought immense joy and happiness to my family."



We hope you enjoy receiving the Rotary Newsletter each month, and we look forward to hearing about your club projects and other newsworthy information. Please submit pictures and articles for publication by the third week in each month to jeanne@setel.com.

**Yours in the spirit of Rotary,
Jeanne W. Clark
Newsletter Editor**

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