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Don Hinch, District Governor

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To My Fellow Rotarians;

Time flies when you are having fun. Can you believe one half of our Rotary Year is almost over? Have you contacted and invited the person you wrote down as a potential Rotarian for your club? Have you made your commitment or pledge to The Rotary Foundation? Remember the children and people of the world are counting on us. I am sure I don't have to remind you, but to get Internal Revenue Service Tax Credit this year, your check or Credit Card must be dated no later than December 31, 2003.

This is a good time for us to take a mid year "Rotary Inventory". Are we doing our best? Will your club be a better club at the end of this Rotary year as a result of your involvement and participation? Have we achieved half of our club and personal goals and objectives? What if your fellow Rotarians took the same position you are taking, would your club be one of the best and leading clubs in the district? **Is my glass half empty or is it half full and even more important, what are you doing about it?**

Please don't forget to send the name, address, and email address of your new club officers to our District Administrator, Lilly Crisp, 275 Payton Richards Road, Jamestown, TN 38556 or crispy@twlakes.net

Listed below is some of the important and key events and meetings coming up that I hope you have listed on your calendar:

- March 12-14, 2004 Interact Conference, Grand Hotel, Pigeon Forge.
- March 13, 2004 Presidential Celebration, Music Road Hotel, Pigeon Forge
- March 19, 2004 Assistant Governor Training, Holiday Inn, Cookeville
- March 19-20, 2004 PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) Holiday Inn, Cookeville
- April 5, 2004 Deadline for Club Awards of Excellence submission to Art Clancy, 4633 Somona Road, Knoxville, TN 37918-4533
- April 17, 2004 District Assembly for all Club Officers, Board members and interested Rotarians, Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville
- May 5, 2004 District Golf Tournament, Lake Tansi Village, Crossville, TN
- May 13-16, 2004 District Conference, Marriott Hotel, Chattanooga
- May 23-26, 2004 International convention, Osaka, Japan

Please allow me to take a personal moment and say a great big "Thank You" for everything you have done to help and make Brenda and me feel welcome and for your personal involvement in your club and our great district. Brenda and I would like to wish you and your family the very best possible Holiday season.

**** PETS – MARCH 19-20 ** PETS – MARCH 19-20 ** PETS – MARCH 19-20 ****

March 19: 5:30 Registration; 6:15 Dinner and Keynote Speaker

March 20: Sessions begin at 7:30 a.m. Conclude at 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Cookeville

PETS (President Elect Training) is mandatory for all Presidents-Elect and encouraged for Presidents-Nominee.

Attention:

Any Club Presidents or Club Foundation Chairmen who might have a potential Major Donor prospect please contact PDG Jack Richard

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Rotary International's Group Study Exchange --- Your Chance to Grab a Chunk of the World

For almost 50 years, Rotary's Group Study Exchange Program has provided unique, inspiring and life-changing vocational, educational and cultural experiences for professional men and women. Each GSE Team consists of one Rotarian Team Leader and 4 Team members, aged 25 to 40. GSE Teams are exchanged between two Rotary Districts and are put together at the District level. We recruit, select and train our team to go to our paired District, and they send us their team, which we host. For several years we have been using the Host Hub concept, perfected by former GSE Chairperson, Carol LaRue (Maryville Club). A Host Hub is a District 6870 Rotary Club that agrees to provide lodging, transportation, food, program and fellowship for the visiting team for 4 days of so. We generally use 7 Host Hubs which provide our visitors with broad exposure to our District's area, and let them meet and learn from dozens of Tennessee Rotarians. In recent years, our District (6780) has exchanged teams with Districts in Malaysia, Egypt, Mexico, England, Hong Kong, Turkey, Austria/Hungary and India.

This Year It's Brazil

Our GSE exchange partner for this Rotary year is District 4520, which is in the Brazilian State of Minas Gerais, which is located in Southeast Brazil, north and west of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. The State got its name from the "Rich Mines" of gold and diamonds that were believed to be in the area. Unfortunately, such was not the case, but the name stuck - Minas Gerais. About 3,000,000 people live in the capitol city of Belo Horizonte, which natives say has the best cuisine and best "chachaca" (moonshine) in all Brazil.

An outstanding Team from District 4520 visited us this October. Lead by Rotarian Jadir Moereira, the team was hosted by Hub Clubs in Maryville, Oak Ridge, Cookeville, Lebanon, Tullahoma, Cleveland and Farragut. The gave presentations to local Rotary Clubs, visited local farms and factories, saw some Tennessee football, tried some Tennessee beverage, hiked in the Smokey's, worshiped in the Bible Belt, enjoyed fun and fellowship and exchanged vocational insights with local counterparts. All the Rotarians and Clubs that came in contact with this Team were impressed by their professionalism, their enthusiasm and their friendliness.

Now It's Out Turn

We are now beginning the process to select and train our Team to go to Minas Gerais in May. Applications are now sought for GSE Team Leader. This job goes to a Rotarian who will lead the team and represent our District in Brazil. If you want to know more about being a Team Leader, contact Doug Nichol (Team

Leader to Egypt) at: hdnichol@mindspring.com, Bob McElroy (Team Leader to Malaysia) at: mcelroyrlm@aol.com, or Ted Frazier (Team Leader to Hong Kong) at: tdfraz@aol.com. GSE District Chairman, Dick Bowers, would also be pleased to talk with prospective Team Leaders. He can be reached at ambowers@aol.com or (865) 681-9858. Application forms can be obtained from him, or on line at: www.rotary.org/newsandinfo/downloadcenter/pdfs/161en.pdf. Applications for Team Leader will be accepted through December 31, and interviews and selection will occur in mid-January. Team Members (non-Rotarian professionals aged 25 to 40) will be recruited and selected in February. Team training will be in March and April with travel to Brazil in May.

Who Should Participate and What's the Cost?

Being part of a GSE Team is a life-changing event. GSE's who participate in this one-in-a-lifetime experience return home changed forever, not only with new perspectives and an enlarged vision of the world, but with fresh idea and an understanding of another nation's culture, commerce and people. Rotary International pays all international travel expenses for the Team. Sponsoring local clubs provide funds for host gifts, banners and presentation items. Local expenses are paid by the hosting Rotary Clubs. Incidental and personal costs are all that the Team members pay. So, get involved. If you are a Rotarian, think about becoming a Team Leader. And, think about those non-Rotarians who would be perfect Team Members. Again, for further information go to the Rotary website at www.Rotary.org, or contact Dick Bowers, District 6780 GSE Chairman at: ambowers@aol.com or (865) 681-9858.



Dick Bowers, District GSE Chairman; Jadir Moreira, Team Leader from Brazil District 4520 and District Governor Don Hinch



Club President Tim Phillips and member of the Farragut Rotary Club host Brazilian GSE team for a farewell dinner."

Ambassadorial Scholars Selected for 2004-2005

The District 6780 Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee has selected four outstanding Ambassadorial Scholars for the study year 2004-05. The committee interviewed 12 candidates from 10 clubs for three Academic-Year Scholarships and five candidates from five clubs for one Three-Month Cultural Scholarship.



ANTHONY AKERS , sponsored by the Rotary Club of Knoxville, will study Language Pedagogy in Budapest, Hungary. Tony has an M.A. in English and has been teaching at Pellissippi State and the University of Tennessee. He is already involved with Rotary, traveling to Mateszalka, Hungary as Team Leader of a Summer Youth Exchange group sponsored by the Rotary Club of Knoxville. This fall (2003) he is in Hungary establishing an Interact Club at the high school in Mateszalka and teaching English. Tony is the District's first Ambassadorial Scholar to Hungary. He is from Maryville, Tennessee.



SARAH KEETON, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Knoxville, will study Educational Policy in Guanajuato, Mexico. Sarah is now a senior at the University of Tennessee and is the Student Body President. She has held many leadership positions while at UT and volunteers at several organizations off campus. She is especially interested in educational policy pertaining to literacy, one of the Rotary Foundation's areas of emphasis. Sarah is from Rogersville, Tennessee.



VICTORIA MCCREEDY, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Maryville, will study International Relations, especially U.S.-Japanese Relations, in Tokyo, Japan. Vicki graduated from Emory University with a major in International Relations and a minor in Japanese. She has been living in Shizuoka, Japan since August 2001 where she teaches English in a high school and continues her study of Japanese. She also volunteers extensively in the community and participates in many cultural activities. Vicki is the District's first Ambassadorial Scholar to Japan. She is from Maryville, Tennessee.



JILL BAKER LADAA, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge, will travel to Germany on a Three-Month Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship. The purpose of this type of scholarship is intensive language and culture study for those who have some knowledge of a language but are not yet fluent. Jill has an M.A. in Gerontology and is currently the Executive Director of the Keystone Adult Day Program in Oak Ridge. She is involved extensively in community and professional activities, especially those focusing on the needs of the elderly. She resides in Knoxville.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. While abroad, scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. They are encouraged to participate in volunteer activities and be involved in the communities where they live and study. Upon returning home, scholars share with local Rotarians and

others the experiences that led to greater understanding of their host countries. Their experiences generally profoundly impact their lives and careers.

The Ambassadorial Scholarships Program of The Rotary Foundation is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program. More than 1,300 scholarships are awarded for study each year. Through grants totaling approximately US\$26 million, recipients from some 69 countries will study in more than 64 different nations.

District 6780 began awarding Ambassadorial Scholarships for the study year 1952-53. Since that time our district has awarded nearly 100 Academic-Year Scholarships and three Cultural Scholarships for study in 26 countries.

The next application cycle for study year 2005-06 will be in the spring of 2004. Information will be mailed to all district club presidents in early January. Applications will be due to clubs in mid-April and to the district committee in early May. Club should begin seeking qualified applicants now. Please see the Web site at: http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/index.html for details about qualifications and the program. For additional information, contact Karen Wentz, Chair, Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee, at 423-884-6865, e-mail: kwentz42@yahoo.com.

Tour de Tridea II

Bike Across The Northern Plains Of Hungary...

Laugh, Sing, Toast, and See The Sights

With Fellow Rotarians

From May 21-31, 2004, the Rotary Club of Knoxville, Tennessee and the Rotary Club of Mátészalka, Hungary are planning the Tour de Tridea II, their second Rotary bicycle ride from Budapest to Mátészalka, Hungary. Participants will celebrate:

- *Launching Rotary's Centennial Celebration countdown
- *Twin Clubs such as Knoxville-Mátészalka Rotary Clubs
- *The 5th anniversary of the first Tour de Tridea in 1999.

The theme for the ride is "Safer Cycling in Hungary" to help increase local awareness of bicycle safety practices. Rotary Clubs and Rotarians in East Tennessee District 6780 and in Hungary District 1910, and any other interested Rotarians, their families and friends are invited to participate and provide support. Non-bike riders are also most welcome!

Individuals who participate will purchase their own plane tickets. Accommodations and transportation in Hungary during Tour de Tridea II will be very reasonable. As soon as it is known how many people are going, a cost estimate for the Hungary part of the trip will be sent to participants.

Most Tour de Tridea II participants plan to depart for Budapest, Hungary on or about Friday, May 21, 2004, and most will return by May 31 (Memorial Day). The tour will consist of bike riding in the mornings and sight seeing in the afternoons of each day. After spending Thursday/Friday night(s), May 27/28, in Mátészalka as guests of our Rotary friends/twins, most plan to return to Budapest for the weekend or until departure for home.

BIKES WILL GO TO CHILDREN WHO NEED THEM

After being pedaled across the Northern Plains of Hungary by Rotarians, the bicycles will be given to an orphanage in Mátészalka and to Camp Tridea, a camp for under privileged children, orphans, and refugees that is the primary and ongoing project of Mátészalka Rotarians. Rotary Clubs or individuals can sponsor a bicycle, helmet and other safety equipment for only \$250. Contributions need to be received no later than the end of March 2003.

LEARN ABOUT TWIN CLUB OPPORTUNITIES

East Tennessee Rotarians who are interested in establishing a Twin Club relationship in Hungary (Now, there are 28 Rotary Clubs in Hungary) will have many opportunities during Trideia II to meet and learn if there is a good club match. Our East Tennessee Rotary District 6780 would like to have more clubs establish a Rotary Twin Club. Plus, the more Twins we have in Hungary, the more we can accomplish together. It is all about synergy and service, hand in hand.

THE VISION FOR TRIDEA II

Building good will and better understanding, laughing together, learning to appreciate and enjoy our cultural differences and similarities, and lending a hand together-- these are ways Trideia II participants will promote safer cycling and peace as the countdown to Rotary's Centennial Celebration begins.

SIGN-UP BY DEC. 31

To get on the mailing list to receive more details as they are known and to sign-up to participate and and/or donate bicycles, go to: VolRotary.com - Knoxville (Downtown) - Tour de Trideia II - "Click here to sign-up" Complete form and hit "submit" or contact the Rotary Club of Knoxville at 531 S. Gay Street, Suite 903; Knoxville, TN 37902; (865) 523-8252; knoxrotary@ntown.net.



December 2002 meeting with the Hungarians to plan Tour de Trideia II

May 2003 practice ride on new route.



The Fairfield Glade Rotary Club, in celebration of its Centennial, dedicated a flagpole September 15 on the grounds of the new Cumberland Medical Center Wellness Complex. Richard Cieszanski, president of Fairfield Glade Rotary Club, said the club wanted to celebrate the Rotarian event and also demonstrate its support for the Wellness facility. The spun aluminum flagpole is 35 feet tall. A plaque mounted on marble at its base gives details of the gift



Fairfield Glade Rotarians

Miller-Follin Attendance Data for Rotary year 2003-2004

CLUB	Apr-03	May-03	Jun-03	Jul-03	Aug-03	Sep-03	Oct-03	Nov-03	TOTAL %
Alcoa			81.00%	76.00%	95.00%	93.00%		75.00%	52.50%
Athens	82.00%	86.00%	84.00%	89.77%	89.77%	95.45%		84.89%	76.49%
Bradley Sunrise	66.00%	67.00%	65.00%	68.20%	77.60%	72.00%	76.50%	65.80%	69.76%
Carthage	70.00%	85.40%	84.00%	81.00%	81.00%	93.30%	84.72%	88.00%	83.43%
Chattanooga	79.91%	71.36%	69.87%	68.17%	69.92%	68.61%	68.80%	60.02%	69.58%
Cleveland	81.83%	82.29%	77.00%	79.92%	76.82%	79.17%	76.43%	82.98%	79.56%
Clinton	74.00%	71.00%		72.00%	72.00%	64.00%	72.00%	73.00%	62.25%
Cookeville	77.28%	70.86%	60.99%	70.32%	71.62%	76.46%	70.45%		62.25%
Cookeville Breakfas	91.92%	82.92%	68.80%	68.80%	81.70%	88.80%	81.82%	71.82%	79.57%
Crossville	82.74%	78.28%	80.99%	76.09%	73.84%	79.64%	73.42%	77.21%	77.78%
Crossville Breakfast	83.00%	87.00%	87.00%	84.00%	0.9	84.00%	85.00%	89.00%	86.13%
Dayton	83.85%	86.19%	85.41%	81.91%	88.17%	82.29%	82.13%	79.17%	83.64%
Etowah	70.00%	83.00%	75.00%	68.00%	82.00%	76.00%	74.00%	70.00%	74.75%
Fairfield Glade	92.50%	94.30%	89.90%	95.50%	94.90%	91.60%	93.75%	97.00%	93.68%
Farragut	85.71%	85.91%	80.24%	80.16%	81.52%	87.87%	77.04%	88.96%	83.43%
Fayetteville	76.48%	79.12%	77.92%	78.42%	73.73%	75.85%			57.69%
Gainesboro									0.00%
Gatlinburg	75.00%	71.30%		73.00%	78.00%	88.00%	82.00%	74.00%	67.66%
Grundy County	46.21%	41.00%	53.75%	47.85%	55.70%	55.40%	55.40%	42.00%	49.66%
Hamilton Place	69.49%	68.12%	68.00%	67.00%	68.00%	69.50%	69.00%	63.00%	67.76%
Harriman	66.00%	67.00%	67.00%	64.00%	72.00%	72.00%	68.00%		59.50%
Hartsville	59.00%	64.00%	44.00%	79.00%	71.00%	85.00%	83.00%	73.00%	69.75%
Jamestown	54.87%	60.47%	55.63%	67.44%	63.07%	62.77%	58.05%	63.63%	60.74%
Jefferson City	61.00%	57.00%	49.00%	60.00%	72.00%	63.00%	57.00%	63.00%	60.25%
Kingston	60.00%	61.00%	64.00%	68.00%	79.00%	70.00%	74.00%	61.00%	67.13%
Knoxville	74.00%	72.00%	70.00%	82.00%	73.00%	71.00%	74.00%	72.00%	73.50%
Knoxville Breakfast	82.00%	88.00%	80.00%	64.91%	88.00%	88.00%	85.00%	80.00%	81.99%
Knoxville Volunteer	51.32%	56.84%	57.89%	64.91%	72.51%	80.00%	57.14%	79.94%	65.07%
Lafayette				70.20%	67.25%	71.00%	72.00%	66.00%	43.31%
Lebanon	78.78%	80.17%	80.81%	75.28%	75.72%	77.55%		79.89%	68.53%
Lebanon Breakfast	66.00%	72.20%							17.28%
Lenior City	91.70%	86.70%	100.00%	89.90%	87.50%	78.10%	72.50%	75.60%	85.25%
Lenoir City/Tellico		88.41%		86.31%		89.77%	89.58%	88.58%	55.33%
Livingston	67.00%	69.00%	59.00%	64.00%	68.00%	70.00%	71.00%	75.00%	67.88%
Loudon	80.00%	77.00%	73.00%	80.00%	76.00%	83.00%	78.00%	75.00%	77.75%
Manchester	88.00%	86.00%	81.00%	75.00%	75.00%	81.50%	79.00%		70.69%
Maryville	71.00%		74.12%	72.60%					27.22%
McMinnville	85.09%	88.65%	87.70%	88.61%	89.86%	86.81%	90.17%	90.19%	88.39%
McMinnville Breakfa	92.38%	87.30%	87.70%	87.00%	89.58%	89.33%	85.66%	87.71%	88.33%
Monteagle	78.10%	80.95%	79.76%	74.00%	73.75%	75.00%	78.00%	77.27%	77.10%
Morristown	76.30%	57.50%	55.60%	72.10%	74.80%	54.25%	61.00%	58.70%	63.78%
Morristown A.M.	76.30%	74.10%	64.40%	72.10%	74.80%	73.50%		80.00%	64.40%
Mount Juliet	77.00%	72.25%	75.40%	63.00%	77.00%	76.00%	73.20%	73.30%	73.39%
North Knoxville	73.12%	89.00%	78.05%	79.69%	91.76%		82.43%	81.82%	71.98%
North River	82.00%	75.00%	77.00%	80.00%	77.00%	78.00%	76.00%	68.00%	76.63%
Oak Ridge	78.80%	76.80%	68.80%	72.50%	77.00%	72.50%	75.00%	76.10%	74.69%
Oak Ridge Bkfst	70.70%	67.60%	60.30%	69.20%	74.70%	73.10%	68.60%	69.00%	69.15%
Pigeon Forge	67.96%	62.67%		69.29%	63.49%	73.14%			42.07%
Rockwood	75.02%	68.33%			73.75%	75.00%	73.33%		45.68%
Rogersville	74.00%	73.00%	66.00%	74.00%	74.00%	80.00%	89.00%	78.00%	76.00%
Sevierville	96.20%	93.00%	93.00%	97.90%	97.37%	95.34%	97.70%	98.27%	96.10%
Sevierville Sunrise	82.86%	88.00%	88.00%	79.56%	86.76%	82.35%	88.22%	67.59%	82.92%
Seymour Breakfast	64.00%		73.00%	76.00%	77.00%	75.00%	87.00%		56.50%
Shelbyville	84.70%	90.60%	96.60%	89.20%	97.50%		79.82%	89.00%	78.43%
Shelbyville Breakfas	84.70%	86.88%	77.23%	81.90%	80.36%	94.59%	87.85%		74.19%
Smithville	67.83%	60.94%	64.29%	64.33%	77.77%	76.56%	60.93%	64.58%	67.15%
So. Campbell Co.	56.00%	53.50%	55.00%	55.00%	61.00%	63.00%			42.94%
So. Knoxville	79.00%	78.00%	71.00%	83.00%	80.00%	80.00%	82.00%	73.00%	78.25%
So. Pittsburg	56.32%	65.00%	75.00%	70.00%	76.00%	78.00%		81.00%	62.67%
Sparta	89.00%	87.75%	86.00%	77.00%	76.00%	72.00%	81.00%	68.00%	79.59%
Tullahoma	86.52%	84.49%	75.00%	77.39%	90.46%	77.81%	78.88%	74.73%	80.66%
Tullahoma Sunrise	92.50%	89.05%	84.91%	71.40%	83.50%	82.00%	90.00%	80.00%	84.17%
West Knoxville	79.11%	75.62%	81.32%	78.33%	74.49%	76.35%	78.38%	79.35%	77.87%
Winchester	74.00%	80.00%	80.00%	76.00%	74.00%	81.00%	79.00%	79.00%	77.88%
Totals	84.23%	83.38%	81.45%	76.02%	79.69%	77.83%	81.45%	75.56%	79.95%