



# VOLUNTEERING IS ... THE HEART OF *Lend a Hand*

## District 6780

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Don Hinch, District Governor

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### *To My Fellow Rotarians;*

As we enter the “home stretch for this Rotary year, we are approaching some of our most important district meetings. I cannot over emphasize the planning meetings for next year. I realize most of us have other jobs but it is amazing to observe and see the difference in our clubs that attended these meetings with their preparation and completed Planning Guide for their Rotary year versus the ones that don't feel and think they are necessary.

1. PETS (President Elect Training Seminar) – DGE John Bailey, DGN Karen Wentz and PDG Harry Fields, our District Trainer, have put together an outstanding agenda and lined up the best presenters to make this the biggest and best PETS in our history. I would also like to encourage you to send your President Elect-Nominee. Trust me, you cannot start learning and preparing too early. Bring your checkbook or credit card and will help you pre-register and take advantage of the early discounted registration fee for the District Conference that has been extended to March 20<sup>th</sup>.
2. PDG Art Clancy wanted me to remind everyone the deadline for entering our District Club Awards of Excellence is April 05<sup>th</sup>. There is no way you can win if you don't enter. Quite often this year I have heard of and observed several projects I am convinced would win if the club would take time to enter.
3. District Assembly – Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville. This meeting is a must for every new officer and committee chair and a good “refresher” for some of us older Rotarians. I have never been to a planning session that I did not learn something to do or not to do.
4. District Golf Tournament – Wednesday afternoon May 5<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Lake Tansi Golf Course in Crossville. Our Gold committee is going all out with some financial help from the City of Crossville to make this a fun filled afternoon and is loading up the “ditty bag” with a golf cap, golf shirt from Lake Tansi, a sleeve of golf balls and a golf glove along with several other items.
5. District Conference – May 14<sup>th</sup> –16<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Hotel in Chattanooga. Plan now to come down and help us “Celebrate Rotary”. We have extended the early registration until March 20<sup>th</sup> to allow more of our Rotarians to take advantage of the discounted early registration.
6. Gifts for the District Conference – Remember we are asking each club to provide two gifts with a minimum value of \$25.00 to be used as a door prize and our big silent auction. I am advised jewelry, wine, golf items of any kind, home decorating items, tools, bath items in a basket, Botox gift certificates, dinner, Crystal, oversize bicycle, Wet Vac, BBQ grill, etc.
7. Be preparing to tell your Assistant Governor who will be carrying your Club Banner in for the “Roll Call” for our Business Session Saturday morning. I would like to see every club represented and have 100% participation.

Once again, please allow me to ask; is my glass half empty or is it half full? And even more important, what are you doing now to help your club and our great district to be better than we were in the beginning of this Rotary year.

DG Don Hinch

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

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Mr. Don Hinch, District Governor 6780

As you know, one year from now we will be celebrating Rotary's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Clubs everywhere have been challenged to make this coming year special by launching highly visible service projects for everyone in their community to see. Clubs across the land have responded most enthusiastically by creating or sponsoring commemorative parks, camps, youth centers, libraries, shelters for the needy, and a myriad of other worthwhile and much-needed facilities for the direct benefit of all in the community. These projects will not only provide valuable services for the community, but will create outstanding public relations for Rotary as well.

In sponsoring these facilities, many clubs have given them names that include the word Rotary. "Rotary" is a trademark owned by Rotary International for the use and benefit of the clubs and districts under certain guidelines adopted by the RI Board. Unfortunately, some of the facility names are not in compliance with RI Board policy concerning the use of the word Rotary. Clubs have used the word Rotary without further qualifiers, which are necessary to tie the project to the local club or district that sponsored it. When used alone, the word Rotary means Rotary International. Thus projects with names such as "Rotary Park" imply that the park is sponsored by or under the direct control of Rotary International, when such is not the case. Moreover, the local Rotary club that did sponsor the park is not given due credit for it. Following the Board's guidelines for the use of the "Rotary" mark helps to protect the organization's right to own and protect this mark for future generations of Rotarians.

As you will recall, this subject was covered in detail at the 2003 International Assembly in Anaheim, and all governors were provided with specific instruction and materials for counseling clubs on the proper use of the Rotary name and emblem (Rotary Marks). The basic policy on this subject can be found in the *2001 RI Manual of Procedure*, chapter 19, pages 171-178. An excerpt from that policy is also attached. Since some of these projects involve the erection of buildings or other permanent structures, I also have enclosed the Board's guidelines for these types of projects. As Rotary's official representative in the district, it is your responsibility as the district governor to uphold the rules of the organization, and to correct and assist clubs as needed when they have violated these rules.

Compliance with this Board policy by all clubs is especially important as we approach Rotary's centennial. You are asked to review the policy with the clubs in your district, and to assist them in the correction of any club projects that may have been misnamed. Should you have any questions about the policy, or need assistance with suggestions for alternative names that would be in compliance, your CDA representative is ready to assist you, as am I.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this important matter.





### **The "Culture of Giving" is strong in Tullahoma.**

The Rotary Club of Tullahoma (Noon) honors their new Paul Harris Fellows every year at their annual Sweetheart Banquet. The club followed their record year in 2003 of 38 new Paul Harris Fellows with 32 new PHF Awards this year. The group photograph includes club members who have earned their first PHF and those who are honoring others by earning additional PHF Awards through their continued annual giving.

### **District Awards of Excellence**

It is time to begin thinking about your club's participation in applying for a district award in avenues of community service, vocational service and/or international service for 2003-04.

Criterion of entry qualifications:

- Originality of project
- Project planning
- Anticipated results of project
- Presentation and appearance of project to district awards committee.

Awards will also be given for club bulletins. Even though this is a time of E-mail, there is still a place for prepared club bulletins.

Bulletin awards will be based on:

- Design format
- Rotary info content
- Club info and humor
- Club size

Please send monthly copies to me for consideration. Awards of excellence entries should be sent to me no later than April 1, 2004. If you have any questions, you may reach me at 865-687-9396 or 865-523-4131.

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## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE 2006-2007**

As prescribed by the District 6780 Rules of Procedure, the Nominating Committee of District 6780 met in Chattanooga February 15th for the purpose of the selection of a Nominee to serve as District Governor for the Rotary Year 2005-2006. The selection of the Nominating Committee is Rotarian **Jim Devlin** from the Rotary Club of Tullahoma As specified in the *Bylaws of Rotary International*, a club may propose a candidate for district governor-nominee after this announcement and before a deadline set as April 1st. Such a candidate must be someone duly suggested to the nominating committee. If no nominations are received, the nomination of the committee will be declared the governor-nominee.



### **Introducing Jim and Theresa Devlin, Governor and First Lady Nominee, 2006-2007**

Jim has been a “native” Tullahoman for 25 years and is a member of the Tullahoma Rotary Club. He graduated from the University of Evansville in 1971 with a BS in Marketing.

Jim has been a Rotarian since 1986 when recruited by PDG Robin Hines. He has served two years as AG, served on the District GSE Committee, and chaired the District Grants committee. Jim has personally supervised three Open World programs and one CCI visit of Russian visitors and now speaks Russian as well as Spanish. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and is proud that he has met the last five RI Presidents, soon to be six in March.

After three years in the US Army Airborne, mostly at Fort Campbell, KY, Jim moved to Evansville, IN where he was introduced to the quick service restaurant business. Jim has been a McDonald’s franchisee for over 25 years and operates 8 restaurants in southern middle Tennessee with his wife Theresa. Jim has served on McDonald’s National Advertising Board and is currently president of the McDonald’s Middle Tennessee Advertising Co-op.

In Tullahoma, he has served as president of the Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce, founding board member/fundraiser of the local Hands on Science Center, and board member of St. Paul’s School. Jim is chairman of the finance committee of the Tullahoma Education Foundation and co-founder/builder of Serenity House, a meeting place for twelve step programs.

Jim and Theresa have four children and ten grandchildren. Two of the children live in Tennessee, one lives in Indiana and one lives in Illinois. The Devlins are members of St. Paul’s Catholic Church.

Jim is an avid runner and a veteran of 21 marathons and 5 triathlons. He enjoys landscaping, crossword puzzles, movies, and international travel. Theresa is an avid hiker – her favorite hiking

spots besides the Great Smoky Mountains being Mount Haleakala, HI and Mount Zion, UT. Her hobbies are reading leadership books, learning to cook and most recently trying to learn to knit.

They both enjoy the opportunity Rotary offers to meet and work with outstanding business men and women world wide and look forward to doing just that at the International Convention June 19 – 22, 2005 in Chicago.

## **DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2003-2004**

Please use the link listed to access forms for the Golf Tournament, registration for the conference, and other highlight from the District Governor.

<http://www.district6780-rotaryconference.com/>

**Miller-Follin Attendance Data for Rotary year 2003-2004**

CLUB	Feb-04	TOTAL %
Alcoa	77.00%	61.09%
Athens		71.41%
Bradley Sunrise	61.30%	69.18%
Carthage		67.67%
Chattanooga	70.44%	69.80%
Cleveland	70.04%	78.79%
Clinton	78.00%	66.55%
Cookeville	76.30%	71.21%
Cookeville Breakfast	67.75%	77.63%
Crossville	76.17%	77.43%
Crossville Breakfast	84.00%	86.00%
Dayton	84.00%	83.77%
Etowah	75.00%	75.73%
Fairfield Glade		85.32%
Farragut	77.60%	82.97%
Fayetteville	72.00%	76.96%
Gainesboro		0.00%
Gatlinburg	74.00%	77.30%
Grundy County	62.00%	49.79%
Hamilton Place	68.00%	68.37%
Harriman	68.00%	55.73%
Hartsville	68.00%	72.09%
Jamestown	53.52%	61.52%
Jefferson City	66.00%	61.00%
Kingston	64.00%	68.00%
Knoxville	78.00%	75.00%
Knoxville Breakfast	87.00%	79.31%
Knoxville Volunteer	65.91%	67.63%
Lafayette		44.70%
Lebanon	77.71%	77.35%
Lebanon Breakfast	69.00%	62.74%
Lenior City	84.80%	86.71%
Lenoir City/Tellico	87.73%	78.64%
Livingston	78.00%	69.45%
Loudon	70.00%	76.45%
Manchester	81.30%	80.27%
Maryville		67.49%
McMinnville	86.48%	88.05%
McMinnville Breakfast	88.16%	88.20%
Monteagle	71.59%	74.74%
Morristown	45.00%	60.48%
Morristown A.M.	19.90%	70.62%
Mount Juliet		66.67%
North Knoxville	83.33%	74.62%
North River	78.00%	76.27%
Oak Ridge		68.29%
Oak Ridge Bkfst	73.50%	70.91%
Pigeon Forge		30.60%
Rockwood		33.22%
Rogersville	78.00%	76.27%
Sevierville	97.80%	96.28%
Sevierville Sunrise	78.28%	81.45%
Seymour Breakfast	83.00%	72.45%
Shelbyville	98.00%	81.67%
Shelbyville Breakfast		53.96%
Smithville	68.88%	66.56%
So. Campbell Co.		49.38%
So. Knoxville	80.00%	80.36%
So. Pittsburg	90.00%	77.48%
Sparta	81.00%	79.16%
Tullahoma	86.67%	80.63%
Tullahoma Sunrise	78.00%	82.94%
West Knoxville	76.32%	77.60%
Winchester		72.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>74.79%</b>	<b>79.04%</b>