



## HOOD RIVER ROTARY CLUB INSTALLS THIRD GENERATION MEMBER

On Thursday, May 24, 2007 Ben Sheppard, the son of past-president Craig Sheppard, and the grandson of William O. ("Bill") Sheppard, became the third generation of his family to serve as a current member of the Hood River Rotary Club. The Sheppards own and operate CM & WO Sheppard, Inc., a farm machinery dealership that was started in Hood River almost 90 years ago by Bill Sheppard's father and uncle. The three Sheppards are the only members of the club that have the classification "Agricultural Machinery - Retail." Craig is married to Jean Sheppard, current President of the Hood River Rotary Club. District Governor Tom Jenkins did the installation on his visit to award the club a Presidential Citation for outstanding service during 2006-2007.



## DISTRICT TRAINING

It has been a busy year for the District Training Committee, with a successful half-day session on public speaking (to be repeated this year by popular demand), Pre-PETS, PETS and two District Assemblies, one in LaGrande and one in Battle Ground, Washington. The feedback we received from the attendees at these sessions was almost uniformly favorable, indicating that we are doing some things right!

The question we keep asking ourselves about the Assemblies is how to encourage more attendees from all our clubs. The Assembly is the one opportunity for most club leaders to receive specific training and information on the area for which he/she is responsible. Without the training, your job can be more difficult or confusing.

Please let Governors Tom or Dave know if you have ideas on improving the sessions and getting more Rotarians to attend. We hope to see all of you at an Assembly next Rotary Year.

JUNE						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Youth Exchange "Intent to Participate" form for 2007-08 Due	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 RI International Convention Reception Hilton 5pm
17 RI International Convention Salt Lake City, UT	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



## WEST COLUMBIA GORGE CLUB'S FIRST YEAR IS OUTSTANDING

Mike Gaston AG Central East Region

The West Columbia Gorge Rotary Club, the newest club in District 5100, chartered in August 2006, is having a truly great first year. The club issued a commemorative coin as a memento for each person attending the Chartering Ceremony to remember the date.

This brand new club was the first in the District to report that all members had signed up for the Red Wing Society". Needless to say, the District Governor was in attendance at their meeting when this milestone was announced. Governor Tom expressed his thanks to the club for "Leading the Way". He expressed hope that West Columbia Gorge's leadership would bring many other clubs into the society.

This club, led by their President Terry Kneisler will be presented with their "Presidential Citation" in June. The club has completed a local service project every other month. All of the club's membership has been involved. In addition they have grown their membership initiating two new members this year.

After an educational trip to the Michoacan area of Mexico, the club has established a partnership with the local Morelia Rotary Club and is in the process of submitting a matching grant project.

Club President Terry said, "From the very onset, we have developed a consciousness of World Community Service and the importance of the R.I. Foundation, as well as member friendship and fellowship". What a great start for our newest club.



District Governor 2006-2007  
Tom & Mary Jenkins



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## GOVERNOR'S LETTER

As I write this June letter, it does not seem possible that this is the last letter I will send to each of you as your Governor. When I look back on the last 3 1/2 years of Mary's and my Rotary Life, all I can say is "wow". What a ride this has been. We can not thank you enough for giving us the opportunity to serve. It has been an experience that we will have for the remainder of our lives.

As I reflect back on that night in January of 2004, I thought about a phrase that my father constantly used to describe relationships between two people, two organizations, two of almost anything. He said, "A bargain to be a bargain must have benefit to both parties". How very true this statement is and how clearly it describes Mary's and my relationship with Rotary during this period.

That night we talked about the Governor's job and why I wanted to be selected. More importantly, we thought about what we would bring to the bargain and what we would take away.

What did I bring? I had the time and the desire to serve Rotary. I had 32 years of experience, and I believed that I knew what we as an organization were doing well and what needed attention. I had a lot of ideas of how our district organization should change. I wanted to work to improve our membership numbers, membership demographics, and our giving to the R.I. Foundation.

What would the both of us take away? We knew that the work would be interesting. We knew that we would gain a whole new circle of friends. We knew that this service to Rotary would fulfill our need to give back to society for all of the good things that life had brought to us.

However, little did we realize how much we would truly gain during these last three plus years. Both of us are overwhelmed with what we have learned, what we have experienced and the new knowledge we have acquired.

Early in our education process, I took a long hard look at the Rotary Logo. Across the top it says "Rotary". Across the bottom it says, "International". I suddenly realized that I knew a lot about the domestic side of Rotary, but I knew very little about the International side of the organization. Here I had a lot to learn.

I started this educational process by reading David Forward's wonderful book on Rotary's first 100 years and enrolling in PDG Denny Jones "Leadership Academy" course. This gave me a good foundation and a keen understanding why Rotary is so important to the developing world. I also saw why we are able to do valuable projects in the world that others cannot do. There are four key attributes that any organization must have to operate successfully worldwide. First, it must have the breadth to cover the entire globe. We exist today in 170 countries. Second, it must have an organization in place in these 170 countries. Our 33,000 clubs give us that organization. Third, we must have a cadre of people ready to practice "Service Above Self". Our membership of 1,250,000 Rotarians fills this need. Finally, you must have financial resources. The Rotary Foundation gives us that ability. This is why I said to each club on my visit, "We do what we do because we can".

During this educational process, Mary and I learned a great deal about the developing world. Did we know that a huge part of the world lives in poverty? Of course we did! Did we understand the real causes of world wide poverty? We really didn't.

We learned that the majority of children born in the developing world are born into impoverished families. We learned that clean water for drinking and cooking is a luxury that most of the world's poor countries do not have. Without clean water, disease is rampant. Half of the children living in the Amazon basin do not see their tenth birthday. When sickness rules, children do not go to school. No schooling means massive illiteracy. An illiterate society cannot educate itself, and thus the cycle of poverty continues

generation after generation.

With this new found knowledge, the statements of RIP Bill Boyd at the International Assembly in San Diego in February of 2006 became very meaningful. He asked us to return to our Districts and ask our clubs to participate in clean water projects. He asked us to attack literacy both here and abroad. He asked us to improve the world's knowledge of Rotary. He asked us to support the "Family of Rotary", male and female, majority and minority, young and old.

I am very proud of what we, in District 5100, have accomplished. We are supporting water projects all over the world. Our literacy programs embrace reading support groups in our schools; book and library programs, both here and abroad; and the dictionary project that now covers the State of Oregon and Southwestern Washington. We have had a very active PR program at both the District and the club level and our Family of Rotary efforts have increased our membership and our diversity.

This year, we also had a series of goals and objectives that we wished to accomplish here at home. We asked each club to seek a positive membership gain this Rotary year. I am delighted with the results. Through April, we have 233 new club members, and we will finish the year with two new clubs.

Giving to the R.I. Foundation annual program fund is up \$45,000 through April. Total giving, including restricted donations and donations to the permanent fund, is up 160%. If we have a strong June and each Rotarian in the District joins the "Red Wing Society", we will no longer be last in our support for the Foundation.

The youth of the world are our future. I am very proud of all the youth oriented programs in this District. Those of you who attended the District Conference had an up close and personal look at our inbound and outbound exchange students. District 5100's youth exchange is among the best in the Rotary World. RYLA offers young adults in our community an outstanding opportunity for leadership training. Remember this is one of the programs that your children and grandchildren can attend. Our "Interact Club" program has grown dramatically this Rotary Year. There is no better way to teach "Service Above Self" than through a high school Interact Club.

With the pinning of the District Governor Pin on DGE David Jay at the District Conference, Mary and I have nearly completed our work. My goal was to turn this great District over to Governor Dave and be able to state that together we have made it a little bit better. I think we accomplished that goal.

Mary and I thank everyone in the District for the hospitality, the kindness, and the effort you all have put forth. As I have said throughout this year, "I am very proud to be your District Governor". We hope to see you at the RI Convention in Salt Lake.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
Tom Jenkins



## MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

**Week 49** - June 3 - 9 How many Rotary Conventions have you attended? At the International Convention in Salt Lake, you will find many booths set up giving out information about Fellowships and community and international projects and general Rotary information. You will meet Rotarians and Rotary leaders from throughout the world.

*Attending a Rotary International convention will change your life forever.*



MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCES IN 2007-08

To promote membership growth, RI President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson plans to hold seven presidential conferences on sharing the magic of Rotary in Canada and the United States in July and August. Each will open with an evening reception followed by a one-day meeting.

Conference locations and dates are Philadelphia, 13-14 July; Nashville, Tennessee, 20-21 July; South Bend, Indiana, 27-28 July; Denver, Colorado, 3-4 August; Vancouver, British Columbia, 10-11 August; San Jose, California, 17-18 August; and Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 24-25 August. Find out more at www.rotary.org.



REPORT ON THE 2007 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

By Aaron Cooper

On the 21st of April, 2007, the 2007 Council on Legislation convened in Chicago, Illinois. The Credential Committee certified the credentials of 525 members. This was out of the 530 voting members authorized to be voting delegates - having been elected by the clubs in their respective districts. The 2007 council faced a formidable task. On the desks before us were 337 proposed enactments or resolutions.

The final tally at adjournment was:

- 84 proposals adopted as proposed,
13 proposals adopted with some amendment,
14 proposals referred to the RI board for further study,
152 proposals rejected,
50 proposals withdrawn,
24 considered withdrawn.



THE DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION REPORT

By Reg Keddie

Since this is the last report for 2006-07, it is good to review how we as a District performed in Rotary Foundation activities. The final report for Annual Programs funding won't be available until mid-August. It is safe to say that through April (the latest information available) that our District has supported Rotary Foundation activities about 17% better than for the same period last year.

Education Programs - 2006-07 saw us sending two Cultural Scholars: Rachael Harmon who studied in Mexico and Janelle Ward who studied in Venezuela. Both have returned and are putting their Spanish immersion training to work daily.

Our Group Study Exchange with District 9270 in Australia was a huge success. Our team, led by Rick Bombaci, impressed the Aussie hosts, and the inbound team was a delight.

Humanitarian Grants - Rotarians serving others through the humanitarian programs of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) are "doing good in the world", an important part of the purpose of the Foundation. District 5100 clubs participated in 19 Matching Grants in projects all over the world.

Besides doing these international humanitarian projects, through the District Simplified Grants, \$29,333 of DDF was used for both local and international projects. Several clubs participated in Dictionary projects for their local schools while Clackamas RC installed defibrillators in their local schools.

TRF Financial Support - It is not too late to complete the goals you set last year at PETS. Please remember that the funds must be sent to the new mailing address which is: The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693.

- Manual Credit Cards, received by 29 June
Web contributions - authorized online by 30 June
Wires/EFT's/ACH's - initiated prior to 30 June 2007
Checks postmarked 30 June 2007 and received at the lockbox by 06 July 2007
Checks postmarked 30 June 2007 and received at this building by 06 July 2007

Thank You- It is with sincere appreciation that I extend a heartfelt thanks to all the clubs and Rotarians for their participation in and support of Rotary Foundation programs. We have had a very successful year in the work of our Foundation.



MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

Week 50 - June 10 - 16 Who invited Paul Harris our founder to join Rotary? You're right, he was the only person that was not invited to join. Everyone else has been invited.

Every Rotarian, Every year, One new member

Week 51 - June 17 - 23 We are nearing the end of another Rotary year and it's been great, hasn't it? We have inducted new members, retained the Rotarians we had, and added to the strength of our clubs. Thank you for all the work you have done in membership this year, and you are encouraged to continue during the new Rotary year.

Remember to Share Rotary

Week 52 - June 24 - 30 Has this been a good Rotary year for you? Don't forget to thank your Rotary President and the Board of Directors, as well as those who work in your Rotary District for all the hard work and time they have put in to making this a successful Rotary year.

Just say thanks!



WHEN I GROW UP, I WANNA BE A GSE TEAM LEADER

Stewart Martin, GSE Chair

At three I was determined to be a fireman. By age 15, I wanted to be a chemist and invent flubber. Five years later I had the university degree to become a human factors engineer. At 24 I was admitted to law school, which opened many doors.

It's not just great international travel (I've been through two dozen countries). And it's not just a leadership opportunity (I've had many). Why is it so special to be a GSE Team Leader? A thousand words and dozens of photos won't give you the real understanding.

I will share a few lasting images. When I saw my team members painting props for their humorous skit, I knew their presentation in the Indonesian language would be memorable. When they joked, worked together and bonded, I knew their relationships would endure the frantic schedule.

Yes, in GSE trips there are moments of sheer fun: a monkey stole a camera, then a local Balinese man rescued it with a banana. We visited Balinese actors in costume, drank wine from a Rotarian's bota bottle, danced at a night club, visited world class artists in their studios, and one member caught fish in a rice paddy right next to our restaurant table, in the warm rain.

As much as GSE is a vocational service we do for young professionals, I submit it is also a personal journey for the Rotarian. There may be moments of personal or spiritual growth, like the purification ceremonies where I wore traditional Balinese wrap, sat for hours in the hot sun, and relished the sheer joy being with these people on their beautiful island.

As a Rotarian - as an adult - as a growing, learning person - I still wanna be a GSE Team Leader when I grow up. But this honor only comes once in life. Now it's someone else's turn. Maybe yours?

GSE application deadlines: Team leaders June 1, So. Korea team members June 29, Argentina team members July 20. For more information, see the GSE section of www.District5100.org.



DISTRICT 5100 LITERACY NEWS

Diane Bandonis, D5100 Literacy Chair

Congratulations to the following Rotary clubs, and individuals, who were recognized at our recent District Conference for outstanding contributions to Literacy during the 2006-07 Rotary year. A list of winning Rotary clubs' projects will be placed on our District website www.district5100.org.

- RI's Special District Literacy Recognitions (minimum 5 literacy projects required). Rotary clubs of:
1. Hood River 8. Salem Capital Area Sunrise 15. Camas-Washougal 22. Portland
2. Newberg Early Birds 9. Vancouver 16. Beaverton 23. West Salem
3. Sherwood 10. Tillamook 17. McMinnville 24. SW Pacific Coast Peninsula
4. East Portland 11. Pendleton 18. Albina 25. Canby
5. Tigard 12. Tualatin 19. Forest Grove Daybreak 26. LaGrande Sunrise
6. Salem 13. McMinnville Sunrise 20. Vancouver Sunrise 27. Seaside
7. Salem Sunset 14. LaGrande 21. Newberg Noon 28. Greater Clark County

Rotary clubs receiving the highest recognition (minimum 10 Literacy projects), will receive not only RI's Special District Literacy Award, but also RI's Zone Special Literacy Recognition Award!

- 1. RC of Salem 3. RC of Tigard 5. RC of Sherwood 7. RC of Hood River
2. RC of Salem Sunset 4. RC of East Portland 6. RC of Newberg Early Birds 8. RC of Newberg Noon
9. RC of Portland

Individual Literacy Award Winners

- 1. Rotary Club of Beaverton-International Literacy Project Recognition, "Books for Uganda"
2. Rotary Club of Beaverton-District Dictionary Project Recognition
3. Christine Huot-Service Above Self, Rotary Club of Beaverton, Dictionary Project Chair
4. Joyce Lockard-Service Above Self, "Books for Uganda" Project Chair, Rotary Club of Beaverton
5. Rotary Club of Canby-District Community Literacy Project Recognition, "Build a Library"
6. Mike Caruso, Service Above Self, The 4-Way Test Contest Chair
7. Ray Fields, Service Above Self-District 5100 Literacy Website
8. Shauna Kohlman, Service Above Self, Literacy Public Relations.