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Governor's Message

Help Needed for Disaster Victims

Kim Kim, D6760 Assistant Governor and member of the Hendersonville Rotary Club, has recently been helping to provide ShelterBoxes to the Filipinos who were devastated by a rash of typhoons bombarding these islands. Kim Kim is one of the few Rotarians in this area who is trained and certified to distribute and setup Shelterboxes in disaster situations (floods, typhoons, earthquakes, and such) around the world. (Click on Television Interview photo below, right for video)

Kim Kim recently sent the following report-back about the situation in the Philippines to the President of the Hendersonville Rotary Club, Robin Williams. "I have never eyewitnessed such a catastrophe in my life and even if we accomplish our mission while we are here, I can’t help but think it is only a drop in the ocean. I have to comfort myself that even if it is a drop in the ocean, I think we made the biggest difference to those families who lost everything they had. It is beyond description in words. This is the biggest challenge for the ShelterBox right now because resources are running out. Please forward this to all our members in the district. ShelterBox is in four countries in the Pacific Ocean and we need your help. Thanks.”

Another Rotarian and typhoon victim in Manila, Sonny Ventura, reported to his global colleagues as follows: “You must have heard of the recent catastrophic typhoon that hit Manila and Luzon. I just would like to share with you that I have never experienced such magnitude of destruction and fear until this disaster came. . . . Most parts are still without electricity and submerged. In view of the situation, can you bring this scenario to the attention of those who may be sympathetic enough to share their spare resources? We will very much appreciate it if you can help in any way. This is the time that we really need all sorts of assistance. We would like to focus on the acquisition of ShelterBoxes.”
And finally, Fred Hahn, Zones 30-31 RI Director, sent the following plea for help for disaster victims in the Philippines and surrounding areas: “I would call on those of you with district means, connections and ingenuity to step forward with assistance. We would hope that those who have insights and suggestions would share those with the rest of us.”

ShelterBox is a planned response to inevitable but unpredictable natural and man-made disasters. When disaster strikes, the traditional focus is on immediate needs. Local and international relief organizations react with initial aid of food, medicine and short-term shelter to relieve suffering and hardship. However, the need for shelter goes on, often for months. Displaced and vulnerable people often have needs that persist long after the relief agencies are gone. Tents, sleeping bags, and clean water are invaluable while the local infrastructure is being restored and people are better equipped to cope. ShelterBoxes have been distributed to people in over fifty countries including the Katrina victims in the United States in September, 2005.

ShelterBox is for people, not countries. Each ShelterBox goes immediately and directly to the people who need it most. Each ShelterBox provides critical shelter and warmth for up to ten people. The ShelterBox includes a 10-person tent, ten sleeping bags, water purification tablets, flashlight/batteries, rope, cooking and eating utensils, tools, stove, rain ponchos, and such.

The complete cost of a new ShelterBox is $1000. Assuming six months of use, the cost of a box is about fifty cents per day per refugee, the approximate cost of a daily newspaper. Is your club looking for an excellent program? Kim Kim (rotariankim@yahoo.com, C 615-719-4586) would be happy to come and tell you more about ShelterBox.

I encourage your Rotary Club (or individuals) to sponsor one or more ShelterBoxes (or portion of a ShelterBox) to help persons in need around the world. Any donation amount is welcomed. Go to shelterboxusa.org on the internet and click the “Donate/Sponsor A Box” tab on the left-hand side. Thanks for your compassion and help.

Gary Benmark
District Governor
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Family of Rotary

No News Reported

Editor's Note

With all the H1N1 stories in the news, Gov. Benmark thought it would be a good idea to include this nugget.

Global Handwashing Day

October 15 was Global Handwashing Day. Although people around the world wash their hands with water, very few wash their hands with soap. Experts say that washing hands frequently with soap could be
one the most important mechanisms for preventing the spread of infectious diseases.

Initiated in 2008 by the Global Public-Private Partnership for Handwashing with Soap, Global Handwashing Day is endorsed by a wide array of governments and organizations such as Rotary International.

Washing your hands is claimed to be an effective measure against getting or spreading germs.

Ken

**Calendar**

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**District Announcements**

**Governor Visits to D6760 Rotary Clubs**

There have been many changes in Governor visits to Rotary Clubs in D6760 since the tentative schedule was issued in the District Directory in July. The following is the current schedule for DG Visits to Rotary Clubs for the remainder of the year:

-- Tuesday, October 20, Noon --- Lexington Rotary Club
-- Wednesday, October 21, 7AM --- Clifton Rotary Club
-- Wednesday, October 21, Noon --- Pickwick Landing Rotary Club
-- Friday, October 23, Noon --- Lawrenceburg Rotary Club
-- Tuesday, November 3, Noon --- Westmoreland Rotary Club
-- Wednesday, November 4, 7AM --- Franklin at Breakfast Rotary Club
-- Thursday, November 5, 6:45AM --- Murfreesboro Breakfast Rotary Club
-- Monday, November 9, Noon --- Pulaski Rotary Club
-- Tuesday, November 10, Noon --- Waynesboro Rotary Club
-- Wednesday, November 11, Noon --- Clarksville Rotary Club
-- Thursday, November 12, 7AM --- Clarksville Sunrise Rotary Club
-- Friday, November 13, 7:15AM --- Green Hills Rotary Club
-- Tuesday, November 17, 6:30PM --- Dickson Evening Rotary Club
-- Thursday, November 19, Noon --- Smyrna Rotary Club
-- Tuesday, December 1, Noon --- Murfreesboro Rotary Club
New 6760 Banner

The District recently procured a new banner for Rotary events. If you'd like this or a similar banner for your club, here is the information:

Wise Choice  
ATTN: Paul Wise  
Cost: $165.00  
10 West Woodson Ave.  
Bonanza, AR 72916  
Phone: 479-638-8608  
Cell: 479-883-9267  
Fax: 479-638-8601.

Soybean Parade Grand Marshall

Audrey Roberts, D6760 Assistant Governor Coordinator for West Tennessee (Martin Rotary Club) was
recently honored as Grand Marshall of the Soybean Parade, a featured event of the Soybean Festival held in Martin, Tennessee. This is an excellent example of Rotarians being recognized for their leadership in the community.

2009 District 6760 Interact Workshop

Seminar Contacts: George Daniel, Interact Chair, Martin Rotary, email: gdaniel@utm.edu or Glen Vanderford, New Generations Director, email: gv6760@bellsouth.net

Who:

- District 6760 Rotary Club presidents, Interact chair/sponsor, and/or interested members
- Interact club presidents, advisors, and/or interested members

When: Saturday, November 21, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Renaissance Center in Dickson, TN

Cost: $10 per person for meeting and lunch

RSVP: Attendance to George Daniel at gdaniel@utm.edu on or before November 15 for lunch count. Please include number and names of attendees. Payment of $10 per person due at meeting check-in.

Our initial district Interact workshop is designed to bring district Interact members together to share their Interact successes, concerns, or other topics of interest to members, officers, and/or advisors.

Our agenda for the day will focus on topics that include:

- Interact/Rotary interactions
- Club projects
- Club organization
- Fund raising
- Membership development
- Fellowship activities
- Membership retention
- Initial Interact leadership conference

This workshop will be interactive, dialogue, sharing, and questions.

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE (RFE) SCHEDULED FOR 2011 WITH NORTH EAST ENGLAND (D1030)

PLAN NOW TO TRAVEL WITH THE RFE TO ENGLAND

Once again, a Group Study Exchange has led to a Rotary Friendship Exchange. In Sept/Oct 2007 and April/May 2008, our district (6760) and District 1020 in North East England hosted each others' Group Study Exchange teams. Our team was led by Rotarian, Dana McLendon (Downtown Nashville), and the UK team was led by Rotarian Dave Sadler (Saltburn by-the-sea). Dave is well remembered and highly regarded by many D6760 Rotarians who met and hosted him and his UK team. Through Dave, we have been put in touch with Martyn Taylor, (Middlesbrough) RFE chairman for D1030, and the following details have been worked out.
On May 9, 2011, a group of up to 10 Rotarians and their spouses or single Rotarians will arrive at the Nashville airport, where they will be met by host Rotarians from Middle Tennessee Rotary Clubs. After 4-5 days in Middle Tennessee, the group will have one night of non-hosted "downtime", probably at a resort state park and then move on to West Tennessee, where they will be hosted by Rotarians from that part of D6760.

Beginning Monday, September 13, 2011, a Rotary Friendship Exchange Group consisting of up to 10 Rotarians and their spouses or single Rotarians from D6760 will be hosted by Rotarians in District 1030 (NE England) for 10-12 days. Most people making the trip will likely do some individual (non-hosted) traveling in the UK or Europe either before or after the "official" RFE. (Scotland, Ireland and Western Europe are easily accessible).

The traveling group from D6750 will be led by Rotarian Dana McLendon and his wife Mary Huston McLendon, who led a similar Rotary Friendship Exchange to Western Australia in 2006/2007.

Preference for space on the D6760 outbound RFE Group to NE England (Sept 2011) will be given to D6760 Rotarians who agree to host members of the inbound RFE Group (May 2011). If you are interested in hosting or traveling to England with the RFE Group for D6760, please contact Dana McLendon at demclendon@comcast.net. Dana is listed in the District Directory under "Friendship Exchange". Expressing your interest now will ensure you are kept informed as plans are finalized and official registration for the trip is opened.

In a RFE, air travel costs are borne by the individual Rotarians, not The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Host Rotarians provide lodging, many meals and most ground transportation. Traveling Rotarians pay for their meals away from the hosts' homes and for admission tickets to museums, sporting events, etc. Registration for the outbound trip is expected to approximate $75 per individual.

Save The Date - 2010 PETS Scheduled

Date: Mar 18, 2010 - Mar 21, 2010

Location: Sheraton Music City 777 Megavock Pike Nashville, TN 37214

WHO ATTENDS PETS?

- Rotary Club Presidents-Elect
- Assistant Governors
- District Governors, Governors-Elect and Governors-Nominee

Attendance at PETS is MANDATORY for every club president-elect per the Rotary International Standard Club Constitution, Article 9, Section 5 (c). In exceptional and unusual cases a governor-elect may work with a president-elect to make other arrangements.

Rotary Leadership Academy

We are now accepting applications for the 2009 - 2010 Rotary Leadership Academy. We are excited about what this new program can bring in developing our future Rotary leaders. We have made significant changes in the program and think that not only will it help to build future club and district leaders but will be
streamlined enough to make it easier for students to learn and grow at a pace that is conducive to the life of a busy Rotarian. We would like to encourage all of you to ask your club members, board members and future leaders to apply for the program this year. Class size is limited to 25 members but we hope to have a full class this year. It promises to be an exciting opportunity to grow as a Rotarian. The application, a listing of the new faculty, and the new lesson schedule are available for download at the new district website. Please share with anyone that you think would be interested in participating. The class fee is $60 and is used to cover all of the materials needed for the program.

If you have questions please do no hesitate to contact me or to refer to the district website at www.rotary6760.org. My contact information is on the application. Thank you in advance for sharing this with your club members and I hope to see applications arriving soon.

Christy Batts RLA Dean

OFFICIAL CALL FOR GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

This is the Official Call for nominations for district governor candidates for the 2012-2013 Rotary year.

Nominations must be in the form of a resolution that is adopted by the entire membership of the club in which the candidate holds membership.


Past District Governor Jim Johnston, District Nominating Committee Chair urges club presidents, past presidents, and other club and district leaders to begin identifying possible candidates and be ready to respond to this Official Call. A deadline of December 15, 2009 has been set for receipt of proper paperwork. Each candidate must submit seven copies of Governor Data Sheet, Resume, and Resolution to the chair of the Nominating Committee. Copies of the Governor Data Sheet can be obtained from PDG Jim Johnston. Any questions please contact PDG Jim at (931) 380-3646 or (931) 212-9226.

PDG Jim Johnston, Chair, Nominating Committee

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Want your International project publicized?

Send a brief summary of any international projects that you are currently working on or are planning for this Rotary year to Laquita R. Stribling.

Club Announcements

Future Rotarian?
Lewisburg Rotary Club Barbecue Cook Off Winners

Through the rain and chill of October the 3rd Annual Lewisburg Rotary Club State Championship Barbecue Cook Off turned out another successful year. Twenty-five professional cookers, some from as far as Arizona, braved the elements to turn their grills up and bring a little spice to the 7th Annual Goats, Music and More Festival in Lewisburg, TN.

The Lewisburg Rotary Club State Championship Barbecue Cook Off is a Kansas City Barbecue Society sanctioned event that continues to grow each year. This fundraiser for the Lewisburg Rotary Club provides substantial funding for its projects and causes, both here at home and around the world. A Special Thanks goes out to this year’s sponsors – Advanced Eye Care, A-Plus Collision Center, Coble Furniture, First Farmers and Merchants Bank, First National Bank, Roberts & Lyons GM and Wal-Mart.
“Bring Home The Troops” Effort Needs Your Donation

The Waynesboro Rotary Club is leading the fund-raising effort for “Bringing the Troops Home for Christmas” so local National Guardsmen can enjoy the holidays before overseas deployment.

Detachment 1, Troop A/1 of the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment is headquartered in Waynesboro and its 130 members will soon begin training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, in preparation for deployment to Iraq. Before this heavy brigade combat team made up of mostly Wayne and Lawrence County soldiers ship out, the Rotary Club and several other organizations want to join hands to bring them home for Christmas with their families.

The plan is to lease two 55-passenger buses and one 30-passenger bus to bring the troops to Wayne County on Christmas leave and return them to Camp Shelby. The approximate cost will be $9,500.

Rotary Club president Steve Collie says that about half the cost in cash and pledges has already been raised. American Legion Post 254 in Collinwood has pledged $1,000 and several churches and local organizations have stepped up as well.

“Our club will serve as the clearing house for donations,” said Collie. “We will arrange to lease the buses and make payments from the donations. The transportation will be provided for Troop A personnel only.”

Collie said that if the fund-raising goal is exceeded, additional funds will be held in the event of an emergency leave while the troops are deployed.

All civic organizations, clubs, churches, and individuals in Wayne and Lawrence Counties are urged to help the troops have a Merry Christmas prior to their overseas service.

“This is a great opportunity for us all to show our troops how much we appreciate the sacrifice they’re making...
and the risks they’re taking to fight for our freedoms,” said Collie. Contributions may be made payable to the Waynesboro Rotary Club and mailed to Steve Collie at P.O. Box 27, Collinwood, TN 38450. Questions, comments or suggestions may be addressed to Collie by phoning 724-9191.

**Spring Hill Rotary Club will be having a 5K Grey Ghost Run October 31**

It will be held on Saturday, October 31st at 8am. There will also be a Goblin Gallop for the children at 9am. Both will be held at Historic Oaklawn Plantation in Spring Hill. There will be inflatables and lots of fun activities for the kids. The 5K is a certified 3.1 mile run. The proceeds will benefit Gabe's My Heart and the Rotary Club. For additional information go to [www.greyghost5k.com](http://www.greyghost5k.com) or call Denise Barone of the Spring Hill Rotary Club at 615-302-0132.

**Montgomery Bell Breeze and Leaves Run November 7, 2009**

What: 20K Run or 10K Walk/Run through the Park Where: Montgomery Bell State Park - 1020 Jackson Hill Road Burns, TN 37029 - Camp 2 Who: Anyone that would like to participate - must be at least 12 years of age When: November 7, 2009 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (awards ceremony to follow) Preregistration Fee: 20K - $35 with a shirt or $30 without a shirt 10K - $25 with a shirt or $20 without a shirt Preregistration ends on October 24, 2009 Note: Participants who register the day of the race will not have the guarantee of a shirt and $5 will be added to the registration fee Dickson Good Morning Rotary and Montgomery Bell State Park are hosting a 20K Run and 10K Walk/Run. The profits raised will be donated to local and international charities. T-shirts are available for all runners who preregister for the race. Cash awards will be given out to those that complete the 20K in first or second place in their respective age and gender categories. Local businesses have donated cash and other items to help with the race day expenses and prizes. On race day, the participants and spectators will enjoy refreshments, music, and door prizes. We look forward to the first annual Montgomery Bell Breeze and Leaves Run. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the run/walk, you can contact Tiffany Bernard (@ tiffany@jimdurhamcpa.com) or visit our website at [www.dicksonrotary.com](http://www.dicksonrotary.com) to register on-line. We look forward to seeing you!!

**Rotary Club of Green Hills Venue Changing**

I just want to update you all on some very exciting news. The Green Hills Club is moving locations after 21 years. We will now be meeting at Nero's Grill in Green Hills. Neros is located at 2122 Hillsboro Dr., Nashville, 37215.

I would like to personally invite each of you to join us for our first meeting (and 2nd quarter club assembly) in our new home on the 16th. If you can't make that date, then feel free to join us at any point.

I hope this note finds each of you well.

Best to you and yours.

Tim Kiernon

**Housekeeping**
**ATTENDANCE/MEMBERSHIP REPORTS**

The response to the District's new online reporting thru the website has been overwhelmingly positive. Kudos to all club leadership for embracing this new technology and simplifying the process of reporting. For helpful hints on making the most of our system, simply click "Help" on the District Website. Here's another great link to help make your life easier -- [http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/help/help_basicsforclubexecs.asp?did=6760](http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/help/help_basicsforclubexecs.asp?did=6760)

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The next issue: Wednesday **October 21, 2009**, please send your news to Ken Ivey.