

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

## DISTRICT 5840

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### **From Governor Doug's Desk**

July 2005

Here we are at the start of a new Rotary year. The installation of officers is complete and clubs are finalizing their plans for the year. Your district leadership team has been busy making plans as well. We have set some ambitious goals for the year.

One goal we have set concerns membership development. We have set a target growth of at least one net new member in each club in the district. This goal falls in line with the goal set by RI President Carl-Wilhelm for Rotary worldwide. While growing one new member per club may sound like a modest goal, for many clubs it is a challenge. Some clubs have to recruit 6 or 7 members just to stay the same size. While we want to increase our overall membership, we want to stress the quality of members and not the quantity.

A second goal concerns our support of the Rotary Foundation. I would like to see every Rotarian in this district give \$100 to the Rotary Foundation. Last year the district under Centennial Governor John Peterson's leadership increased its per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation by 73%, to \$55. I believe we can build on that this year. Remember, every dollar we contribute to the Annual Program Fund of the Rotary Foundation is spent for Foundation projects three years after it is contributed. And fifty cents of every dollar comes back to the district where we get to decide what Foundation programs we wish to support. Those programs include Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange, District Simplified Grants, and Matching Grants. November is Rotary Foundation month. You'll be hearing more about the Foundation in the near future.

A third goal is to have every club in the district earn a Presidential Citation. The one way the RI President can honor a local Rotary club is by awarding it a presidential citation. The citation is designed to increase a Rotary club's involvement in the Four Avenues of Service. The criteria for earning a presidential citation can be downloaded from the Rotary International web site ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)). The one firm criterion is that a club must show a membership growth of at least one new net member.

A fourth goal is to increase the attendance at the District Conference. The District Conference will be held in Kerrville at the Inn of the Hills on May 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2006. In recent years attendance at the district conference has been around 250 people. That means the majority of Rotarians in the District are not celebrating the successes of the District nor are they getting to know and have fellowship with their fellow Rotarians. My goal for the district conference is to have at least 450 people in attendance.

How am I going to get that to happen? I'm going to try and answer the number one reason people give for not attending the district conference – the cost. No matter what the cost, Rotarians feel it is too much. I plan on getting corporate sponsors to underwrite the cost of the district conference and then charging a flat fee to Rotarians who register for the conference. The only reason to charge a flat fee is to get a commitment from Rotarians to show up at the conference. If you would like to help underwrite the conference with either a cash contribution or possible in-kind contribution, please contact me. I will see that you get a corporate sponsorship package.

District 5840 is a leader in the Youth Exchange program. Our district is a very active member of the South Central Rotary Youth Exchange (SCRYE) organization. Every district in the world is struggling with the challenge of meeting the guidelines that Rotary International established. The challenge we face is one of developing a program that meets the intent of the Rotary International guidelines on one hand, but is not so stringent that it shuts down the program as a result.

This certification process will ultimately impact every club in the district. The District's Youth Exchange Committee is working with the leaders of SCRYE to develop a program that meets the Rotary International guidelines. I have every confidence in that committee that the end result will be a workable process that protects not only the youth exchange kids but the other folks involved in the exchange program. And although nothing has been said officially, I certainly think some type of certification requirement will be set for Interact and RYLA as well.

By the time you read this Sue and I are well into our club visit schedule. The club visits have been exciting and rewarding for us. We are seeing for ourselves firsthand Rotary in action in the communities in our district. The variety of projects is amazing. The dedication of the Rotarians is inspiring. Big clubs and small clubs are taking **Service Above Self** seriously. I firmly believe that while Rotary International is truly an international organization, the work gets done at the local club level.

The other major goal is a tough one. Rotary International has set July 2006 as a deadline for Rotary districts that wish to participate in the youth exchange program to be certified by Rotary International. If a district is not certified it will not be allowed to conduct a youth exchange program with another district that is certified. The entire certification process revolves around setting up a sexual harassment/sexual abuse program in the district.

A special salute to Carol Thompson and her Membership Development Committee for putting on an excellent Membership Development Seminar on July 16<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended. PDG Bill Bryce led the seminar. The topics included everything you'd ever want to know about membership recruitment, retention, and club extension. The Membership Development Committee stands ready to assist you with any questions or concerns you have about any aspect of membership.

DISTRICT 5840  
CLUB VISIT SCHEDULE  
2005 – 2006  
(Revised July 5, 2005)

CLUB	MEET WITH OFFICERS	CLUB ASSEMBLY	CLUB VISIT
ALAMO HEIGHTS	August 29, 2005	August 29, 2005	August 30, 2005
BALLINGER	August 8, 2005	August 8, 2005	August 9, 2005
BEEVILLE	September 20, 2005	September 20, 2005	September 21, 2005
BOERNE	September 16, 2005	September 16, 2005	September 16, 2005
BOERNE SUNRISE	August 1, 2005	August 1, 2005	August 2, 2005
BRACKETVILLE	July 14, 2005	July 14, 2005	July 14, 2005

BRADY	September 12, 2005	September 12, 2005	September 13, 2005
CANYON LAKE	September 27, 2005	September 28, 2005	September 28, 2005
CUERO	September 21, 2005	September 21, 2005	September 22, 2005
DEL RIO	July 11, 2005	July 11, 2005	July 12, 2005
DRIPPING SPRINGS	July 25, 2005	July 25, 2005	July 25, 2005
EAGLE PASS	July 12, 2005	July 12, 2005	July 13, 2005
FREDERICKSBURG	October 30, 2005	October 31, 2005	October 31, 2005
FREDERICKSBURG MORNING	August 3, 2005	August 3, 2005	August 4, 2005
GONZALES	September 19, 2005	September 19, 2005	September 20, 2005
GREATER SAN MARCOS	July 28, 2005	July 28, 2005	July 29, 2005
HONDO/D'HANIS	November 3, 2005	November 3, 2005	November 3, 2005
JORDANTON	November 1, 2005	November 1, 2005	November 1, 2005
JUNCTION	August 25, 2005	August 25, 2005	August 25, 2005
KARNES CITY	September 7, 2005	September 7, 2005	September 8, 2005
KENEDY	September 6, 2005	September 6, 2005	September 6, 2005
KERRVILLE	August 23, 2005	August 23, 2005	August 24, 2005
KERRVILLE MORNING	September 11, 2005	September 11, 2005	September 12, 2005
NEW BRAUNFELS	July 19, 2005	July 19, 2005	July 20, 2005
NEW BRAUNFELS DOWNTOWN	July 21, 2005	July 21, 2005	July 21, 2005
PEARSALL	October 4, 2005	October 4, 2005	October 4, 2005
PLEASANTON	October 6, 2005	October 6, 2005	October 6, 2005
POTEET	October 5, 2005	October 5, 2005	October 5, 2005
RANDOLPH METROCOM	October 3, 2005	October 3, 2005	October 3, 2005
SAN ANGELO	August 11, 2005	August 11, 2005	August 12, 2005
SAN ANGELO SUNRISE	August 9, 2005	August 9, 2005	August 10, 2005
SAN ANGELO WEST	August 7, 2005	August 7, 2005	August 8, 2005
SAN ANTONIO	November 15, 2005	November 15, 2005	November 16, 2005
SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT	September 13, 2005	September 13, 2005	September 14, 2005
SAN ANTONIO DOMINION	August 23, 2005	August 23, 2005	August 23, 2005
SAN ANTONIO HIGHLANDS	October 11, 2005	October 11, 2005	October 11, 2005
SAN ANTONIO LEON VALLEY	September 14, 2005	September 14, 2005	September 15, 2005
SAN ANTONIO MISSION TRAIL	August 16, 2005	August 16, 2005	August 16, 2005
SAN ANTONIO NORTH CENTRAL	November 7, 2005	November 7, 2005	November 7, 2005
SAN ANTONIO NORTHEAST	October 11, 2005	October 11, 2005	October 12, 2005
SAN ANTONIO NORTHWEST	October 27, 2005	October 27, 2005	October 27, 2005

SAN ANTONIO OAK HILLS	September 22, 2005	September 22, 2005	September 23, 2005
SAN ANTONIO SUNRISE	November 17, 2005	November 17, 2005	November 18, 2005
SAN ANTONIO WEST	November 7, 2005	November 7, 2005	November 8, 2005
SAN MARCOS	December 6, 2005	December 6, 2005	December 7, 2005
SAN SABA	August 11, 2005	August 11, 2005	August 11, 2005
SEGUIN	July 18, 2005	July 18, 2005	July 19, 2005
SEGUIN SUNRISE	August 17, 2005	August 17, 2005	August 18, 2005
STONE OAK	August 25, 2005	August 25, 2005	August 26, 2005
UVALDE	September 26, 2005	September 26, 2005	September 26, 2005
WIMBERLEY	September 27, 2005	September 27, 2005	September 27, 2005



DG Doug and Sue with Eagle Pass  
President Helen Magana



Eagle Pass Board Dinner



The evening of DG Doug's installation in Kerrville



DG Doug at installation



**Boerne Sunrise**



**Dominion**



**Dominion**



**San Antonio North Central**



**North Central Rotary at Orientation**



**Prospective members North Central  
Rotary**

## GSE OUTBOUND

Our district 5840 outbound Group Study Exchange (GSE) team will exchange with District 4640 (Brazil) beginning April 27, 2006 and ending May 28, 2006.

Contact person for this program is Stephanie Macchia

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If you need applications for either team members or team leader, contact Stephanie for the necessary paperwork.

She needs the endorsed team leader application in her office by 5:00 P.M. on October 4, 2005 and the endorsed team member applications by 5:00 P.M. on November 1, 2005.

Remember, team members are chosen from young professionals who are non Rotarian nor family of Rotarians.

The selected team Leader is to be chosen from interested Rotarians.

## PHF SEMINAR

**Part One:** In order to keep Club Leadership fully informed on changes, reporting procedures, requesting & status of Grant Applications, Paul Harris Fellows, training and club contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), I am requesting that each Club provide me with the name and Email address of your **Rotary Foundation Point-Of-Contact (RFPOC)**. This individual will receive timely information on TRF that your **District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC)** receives from various sources. Please provide me this information as soon as possible.

**Part Two:** On **Saturday, August 20th, 2005** I have scheduled a one day (indepth) training session that will cover recent changes to District Simplified Grants (DSG), Matching Grants procedures and applications. Additionally, there will be presentations on Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY), Permanent Fund, status of Polio Plus and other relevant Foundation subjects. This will be very important and informative training for all, Club RFPOC's, DRFC members and Assistant Governors (AG's). All clubs should be represented. The training will be conducted at the **Boerne Convention & Community Center, 820 East Adler Road, Boerne, TX starting at 9:00 a.m. and concluding around 2:30 p.m.** PDG George Yeiter, Major Gifts Advisor (MGA) for our District will conduct the training assisted by others. More information will be forwarded later.

For information: Because of your contributions to the Annual Program Fund (APF) and your support of the TRF Cruise Raffle, your District has achieved a **THREE YEAR HIGH** in the Annual Giving to TRF. District 5840 in 2004-2005 has raised the per capita to **\$55.37**. We are over half-way to our goal of **\$100.00** per member. Congratulations!!!! Let's keep up the good work in 2005-2006.

I am looking forward to working with each of you in 2005-2006. Thanks for your support in our Centennial Year!

Yours in Rotary,  
PDG John  
Centennial Governor 2004-2005  
Chairman, DRFC 2005-2006

## View Point

We would all marvel if we knew the many, many things that have been done in the name of Rotary during the last hundred years. We all know that there are countless projects, donations, civic duties, etc. that each club has done since being chartered. The question is "What all have we done?" In doing a little research of only one club, the Del Rio Rotary club, I find there are no living witnesses to many projects. We have a person nearing 100 years old, who donates annually \$2000.00 for our scholarship fund. He is only an Honorary Rotarian. It seems that many years ago the Rotary Club loaned him some money to enable him to take time out from work to study for the Bar Exam. The generosity of Arturo Gonzalez has helped numerous people over the years complete their education and have productive lives. Few people know of this generosity.

In Del Rio we have a public swimming pool that was well used when I was very young, in the 1940's. Recently I found out that the Rotary Club in conjunction with the Del Rio Lions club started the park and planted the trees and landscaping that is evident to this day.

The point is, I just want to make everyone aware that there is history in the things your club has done. It should be recorded and shared with all of the district. Don't wait until the history is lost. Check your old records. Contact older Rotarians and ex Rotarians. Talk to older citizens of the area. Record everything you find and share the knowledge with everyone who is interested.

**A challenge: "Send some part of the history of your club to DG Doug each month. Let's find out what we and previous Rotarians have done, and spread the word."**

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