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From Governor Doug's Desk

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This month I want to talk about Hurricane Katrina's impact and what Rotary is doing to help. Let me share with you a portion of an e-mail I received from fellow District Governor Don Chauvin from District 6200 in Louisiana:

"First I want to help you understand the location of District 6200 and District 6840. Simply put, District 6200 encompasses 22 Parishes (counties) in South Louisiana. We have a total of 50 clubs within this vast area and it is home to such cities as Baton Rouge, Houma, Grand Isle, Lafayette and Lake Charles. Our neighboring Parishes to our East belong to District 6840 and continues east into Southern Mississippi. This district is home to New Orleans, Biloxi, MS, Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, McComb and Hattiesburg (and many points in-between) and Neil Alford is District Governor.

The eastern area of district 6200 and the entire area of District 6840 bore the brunt of Hurricane Katrina. The degree of relief needed varies from all areas of devastation. Here in District 6200 our primary concern for our residents is a cleanup effort and assistance to needy families with basic staples to restock pantries. In addition we need help caring for the vast number of refugees who have been relocated into our district.

Over in District 6840 Louisiana Governor Blanco has called for the COMPLETE evacuation of the New Orleans metropolitan area. This is a MAJOR evacuation effort considering that New Orleans has a population that exceeds 500,000 people. The evacuees have been moved to nearly EVERY community within District 6200. It is nearly impossible to find a vacant room at any of the hotels throughout Acadiana (District 6200)

The local community service organizations are working together to help feed and house these refugees who will be in these areas for a long time. Many times the housing is a blanket on a concrete floor in a shelter. Louisiana weather is not conducive to tent villages because of the extreme heat and humidity. Add to this a mosquito population that is large enough to make one's life miserable outdoors at night."

Governor Don went on to say: "Our most pressing need is financial aid! If your fellow Rotarians would prefer to use Rotary as their vehicle to provide aide, then this district has a qualified 501(c)(3) foundation to handle the funds contributed. We are asking those able to contribute to make checks payable to **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6200 FOUNDATION, INC.** and mail to Rotary District 6200, □ Janice Bradshaw, P.O. Box 44365, Lafayette, LA 70504.

We are now prepared to accept relief products shipped into District 6200. Please contact our coordinator Joe Hidalgo (2040 Delmas, Opelousas, LA 70570) BEFORE shipping product into District 6200 so that he can make proper preparations for receipt of your shipment. The following is an example of the items needed: blankets, diapers, baby formula, powdered milk, first aid kits, can openers, cleaning supplies, bottled water, canned foods, sugar, artificial sweeteners, toilet paper & paper towels, toiletries, feminine hygiene supplies, trash bags, gloves, disposable razors, plastic knives, forks and spoons, batteries, flash lights, Ensure, towels, wash cloths, bread, insect repellent and clothing. Any help you can provide in sorting these supplies would be appreciated. In addition you can help us by labeling the contents of boxes shipped. Feel free to add to this list as you might see fit.

What about manpower? If you have Rotarians willing to come into District 6200 to provide manpower to help with the cleanup effort, then this should be coordinated through Rotarian Joe Hidalgo. He will determine the location of the staging area and assign your relief team to Rotarians who will serve as guides. Keep in mind that the availability of housing is nearly nonexistent at present. If you can send your team in with an RV - this would help. Here in Louisiana, where much of this nation's gas is produced, we are starting to experience some shortage of gas supplies."

So many clubs in District 5840 have responded to this disaster by sending money to the relief agencies, gathering supplies to be sent into the disaster area, or both. The response was fast and without hesitation.

At my request, the Alamo Heights and Boerne Rotary Clubs have taken the lead and are applying for a \$5,000 matching grant from the District's Donor Advised Fund. The money will be sent to District 6200's Foundation to help with the relief efforts.

I have received several inquiries from Rotarians concerned about any Youth Exchange Students in the disaster area. Kathy Meurin and the district Youth Exchange Committee have been in contact with their counterparts in Districts 6200 and 6840. The report is that the students are safe and sound and do not wish to relocate to another area. That is one bit of good news from the disaster area.

The long term recovery needs for the 90,000 square miles destroyed by Katrina will be many. The Rotary Foundation will be exploring ways that the Foundation can help with those long term needs. Be sure to check the Rotary International web page (www.rotary.org) for the latest information.

STONE OAKS ROTARY



Vince, Amber, Jerem, and Steve



Amber and Jeremy McGilverey



Mr. and Mrs. Vince Nazzaro



Peter and Steve



Ole and friend



Sandy, David, and Larry



Stephanie and two friends from Alamo Heights.

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It looks like a good time was had by all at the Stone Oaks Rotary Club meeting.

Evening meeting with the Board STONE OAKS ROTARY CLUB



Jackie Parsons, president 2005/2006: Doug and Sue



Interact folks: from l to r, Jackie Parsons, Vivi Ana Clark Interact VP (Student) Gabe Oviedo, Interact Sponsor (teacher), Lalanica Chandrasekera, Interact President, and DG Doug.



Gabe, Lalanica and DG Doug



Jackie, Omo Omosowofa, Intl. Lane Chair (received \$6K Grant from RI for Nigerian trip), and DG Doug



David Flack, Club Secretary, and DG Doug



The San Angelo Sunrise Club honored Miwes Baggett, an Honorary club Member, as Rotarian of the Year for 2004/2005. Presenting the award is Centennial President Kathi Reeves. The club just completed a successful fund raiser, the second annual Biscuits and Gravy Bike Ride.



Boerne Sunrise Visit: Rebecca Rogers (L), president of the Boerne Sunrise Club, welcomes District Governor Doug and his wife, Sue



San Angelo Sunrise: DG Doug presents Centennial President Citation to Kathi Reeves (C) Centennial President of the San Angelo Sunrise Rotary Club.



Ballinger Citation: DG Doug presents a Centennial Presidential Citation to Bert Bronajugh, Centennial President of the Ballinger Rotarv Club.



Fredricksburg Morning Club president David Hardison, his wife Nancy Hardison, DG Doug and Sue, and Assistant Governor Jayson Fritz and his wife Jan Fritz



The San Saba Rotary Club grew by about 20% as DG Doug inducted three new members during his visit in August. Joining the club are Phil Bode, Karen Bode and Bill White (L-R). Club president Mike Thomas is in the rear, second from left.

“Service Above Self” is the Standard for San Saba Rotary Club

San Saba, Texas – July 25, 2005 - The San Saba Rotary Club is off to another great year under the leadership of its new President Mike Thomas. Mike is a longtime San Saba resident and is anxious to expand the club in a variety of new and exciting directions.

“Our goals are to increase membership, to complete the Rotary Club’s Centennial Project, to continue the Honor Student Banquet, and to expand the U.S. flag display program to include new Dillo flags,” said Mike Thomas, San Saba Rotary President. “We want to help our community grow and prosper, and at the same time enjoy good fellowship with our members.”

The Rotary Club’s Centennial Project is to place house number signs on homes throughout the city. The purpose of this is to help fire, police and EMS services in locating a particular residence in the

event of an emergency. It also helps public service crews during electrical and telephone emergencies to identify a residence.

In addition, the San Saba Rotary will expand its fund raising program of displaying U.S. flags throughout the community on appropriate holidays and special occasions, to include a new brightly colored Dillo Flag that will be displayed each Friday during football season and for other significant sporting events. Also, the Rotary has teamed up with the San Saba High School Student Council under the direction of Colleen Womack, to help place the flags. In return for this partnership, the Rotary will make a significant annual contribution to the Student Council each year.



The San Angelo Rotary Clubs sent four students on short term exchanges this summer. Three of the students, with their counterparts, spoke to the club about their experience. Two of the students went to France and one went to Switzerland.



DG Doug and Sue with San Angelo West President Billy Hollis and his wife Sharon enjoy a get together at Zentner’s Daughter Steak House.

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CLUB	MEET WITH OFFICERS	CLUB ASSEMBLY	CLUB VISIT
BEEVILLE	September 20, 2005	September 20, 2005	September 21, 2005
BOERNE	September 16, 2005	September 16, 2005	September 16, 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
FREDERICKSBURG	October 30, 2005	October 31, 2005	October 31, 2005
GONZALES	September 19, 2005	September 19, 2005	September 20, 2005
HONDO/D'HANIS	November 3, 2005	November 3, 2005	November 3, 2005
JORDANTON	November 1, 2005	November 1, 2005	November 1, 2005
KARNES CITY	September 7, 2005	September 7, 2005	September 8, 2005
KENEDY	September 6, 2005	September 6, 2005	September 6, 2005
KERRVILLE MORNING	September 11, 2005	September 11, 2005	September 12, 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 ANTONIO	November 15, 2005	November 15, 2005	November 16, 2005
SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT	September 13, 2005	September 13, 2005	September 14, 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 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
SEGUIN SUNRISE	August 17, 2005	August 17, 2005	August 18, 2005
UVALDE	September 26, 2005	September 26, 2005	September 26, 2005
WIMBERLEY	September 27, 2005	September 27, 2005	September 27, 2005

Stone Oak Rotary Club

Ad Hoc Board Meeting

Friday, September 09, 2005

Following the weekly meeting, at Sonterra, which had a record 79% attendance, President Parsons called together ten members to consider establishment of a ROTARACT club at St. Mary's University.

Ten board members were present: Jackie Parsons, Carlos Pena, Vince Nazzaro, David Flack, Al Slavin, Steve Phillips, Sandy Garza, Dick Rowe, Nelson Finch, and Wayne Duncan (the only ones not present were OMO Omosowofa and Byron Jordan). A quorum was present, allowing a vote. It was unanimously approved. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.

Cuero Rotary Club

The Cuero Rotary Club participated in Cuero's Summer Nights program during June and July. The aim of this project was to give young people in Cuero something to do this summer. Each night had different activities. This program was sponsored by the Cuero Area Ministerial Alliance and volunteers from area churches, civic clubs and interested individuals coordinated the different activities. The Cuero Rotary Club sponsored a Putting Tournament for all ages from 8p.m. to 10 p.m. each Wednesday night. We hosted, on average, 28 kids every week and awarded Dairy Queen Blizzard coupons to the top three finishers in three age groups. A good time was had by all, especially the two or three Rotarians who volunteered each week. A large part of the Cuero community came together in a myriad of different ways and executed plans that made 2005's summer better than ever. The Cuero Rotary Club is now getting ready for Turkeyfest, our annual celebration, the second weekend in October. We will be selling our four-wheeler raffle tickets and having a car bash, that has become increasingly popular each year. Submitted by Emily Davis, Secretary

On October 1, 2005, the Gonzales Rotary Club is sponsoring the "Cannon Express Tour Bicycle Ride" in conjunction with Gonzales' "Come and Take It" celebration. Registration form and Information about this ride can be found on our website: www.cannonexpress.org When a rider registers online fees can be paid by credit card.

Bill Hallmark, Gonzales Rotary Club Secretary/Treasurer

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DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

The District Newsletter is published as a means of sharing news about Rotary and District 5840. Send in your news and pictures. Get your club involved and recognized for who you are and what you are doing.

Katrina: If your club wants to get involved in the Grant Application that is being presented, talk to DG Doug, Alamo Heights Rotary Club, or Boerne Rotary Club. The matching grant will go a long way to help those in desperate need in the wake of Katrina.