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From Governor Doug's Desk

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The 2005-2006 Rotary Year is almost over. As I write this, Sue and I are packing for the International Convention in Copenhagen. It is hard to believe that my year as your District Governor is coming to a close. It has been a wonderful year for me.

All of you can be proud of what your clubs have accomplished this year. I saw first hand that Rotary is alive and well in District 5840. We faced many challenges this year. As individuals and as a District we responded to the needs of the victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. You provided material goods, money, and countless hours of volunteer time to help those families displaced by the hurricanes.

In addition to hurricane relief, clubs completed many projects. The hungry were fed. The homeless were given shelter. Those needing medical attention received it. Young children were encouraged. The spirit of Rotary was shown many times over through **Service Above Self**. That's what Rotary is all about.

Sue and I send a personal thank you to all the clubs and individuals who responded to the Dictionary Project.

According to the latest numbers we received, Rotarians in this district distributed over **5,000 dictionaries!** That is over 5,000 lives impacted by Rotary. Our hope is that the clubs who did the project this year will continue to do so in the future. Projects don't have to be big in scope to make a big impact on lives.

In addition to all the service projects, the district raised over \$60,000 for the Rotary Foundation through the Tahiti Cruise raffle. We raised the per capita giving to the Annual Program Fund of the Rotary Foundation to over \$57.00 as of April 30th. That is a very significant increase over last year.

The District sent a Group Study Exchange team to Brazil and hosted one from Brazil. The exchange fostered good will and better understanding between our two countries. Our team, led by Rosa Lavender from the Kerrville Noon Rotary Club, is currently working on a PowerPoint presentation that they want to take to the clubs in the district. The presentation will highlight their trip and let Rotarians share in the exchange. Please contact Rosa at rlave47@yahoo.com, to schedule the team to come visit your club.

DGE Bruce Flohr is putting the finishing touches on his plans for Rotary Year 2006-2007. Please join Sue and me in congratulating Bruce and wishing him the best possible year for Rotary.



OUR GSE TEAM FROM BRAZIL

Rotary 5840 Convention

This years district Convention started with the presentation of colors by these fine young men of the Color Guard



STUFFING THE BAGS FOR MEXICO FAMILIES



The meetings start with a song and it sounds great with a piano



THIS YEARS EXCHANGE STUDENTS



Excitement was overwhelming!!



Larry Lindenschmidt, forever involved with youth programs



**Memories of the last year in Texas
Friends forever**



DG Doug and Sue



Desserts were fabulous



Head Table before meal

Do you see yourself in the following pictures?



Figure 1 Kay, Sue, PCDG John Peterson, and DG Doug



More Friendships forever







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The Dominion Rotary Club

(Guest Columnist- Rebecca R. Cuellar)

- Club received Presidential Citation from District Governor Doug Whinnery



Chris Byrd accepting Presidential Citation from Doug Whinnery.

Chris Byrd, club president, received this year's Presidential Citation from Rotary District 5840 Governor, Doug Whinnery. In accepting the award, Club President Byrd acknowledged the hard work and dedication of all the club members. The purpose of the Presidential Citation is to increase Rotary club involvement in all four avenues of service activities, namely, club, vocation, community and international. Each avenue of service contains several projects that each club must accomplish in order to qualify for the award. By qualifying for this award, the club has encouraged its member Rotarians to involve themselves personally in serving others and promoting a high standard of Rotary service in the community. The award is revised on an annual basis by the Rotary International president and traditionally highlights the president's theme. This past Rotary year the R.I. presidential theme was: Service Above Self.

- **Dominion Rotary Club Voted # 1 in Rotary District 5840**

The Dominion Rotary Club was voted "Best in District" for 2005-2006. The club was recognized for its outstanding performance in all four areas of Rotary service: Club Service, Community Service,

Vocational Service, and International Service. In making their recommendations to the District Governor, the judges took into consideration club size and a balance of activity in all four areas of service. With a current membership of 72, the Rotary Club of San Antonio at the Dominion has performed admirably by providing thousands of wheelchairs for The Wheelchair Foundation, raising money for the SAM shelter, supporting Kids-N-U's, starting the first Early Act Club in Texas, and donating dictionaries, clothing, and other school supplies to the one-room school in Piedras Negras, Mexico.

The District Convention was a success and there is only one big event to complete this year.

The International Convention in Sweden/Denmark

Everyone who can , should attend. It is a memory that will live with you forever.