



# *May & June, 2016 Newsletter*

## **Rotarian SPOTLIGHT**

*"Be a Gift to the World"*

Our final "Spotlight" shines on a group, rather than on one individual – The District Youth Exchange Program Committee.

### **What an Extraordinary Year!**

The feeling I have right now is that of being a part of a Stanley Cup champion team with each of you having had an "assist" on the winning



goal. I am so proud of the team effort displayed by all of the clubs in our District, especially each club president – thanks!

The past year has gone by as quickly as the puck flies into the net. And, all of you have

made it an enjoyable journey. That journey is reflected in the pictorial pages toward the end of this newsletter.

From the early part of July to the end of this Rotary year, youth has been in the forefront—the CSRYE Summer Retreat with our Outbounds, Inbounds, and Rebounds (ask your Club's youth leader for the meaning of these terms); the RYLA weekend at Little Grassy in late July; our District Conference, the Blanche Sloan Speech Contest and the youth luncheon that followed; the creation of a new Interact Club in Lawrenceville; and McKendree

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## **COMING EVENTS**

May 16 – Four Club Meeting - Golconda

May 23, 24 – Cards/Cubs Games

May 28 – June 1 – RI Convention, Seoul, South Korea

June 4 – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Run/Walk - Swansea

June 11 – District Changeover/Foundation Dinner- Mt. Vernon

July 23 – District Foundation/Membership Seminar – John A. Logan College

July 29-31 – RYLA – Camp Little Grassy

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## Extraordinary Year

University's Rotaract Club that hosted members of various other Interact Clubs in April.

I think that any District Governor would tell you the highlight of their year is all the Club visits and observing the good that is accomplished in each community where we demonstrate that each one of us is a *"Gift to the World."* Those visits are special memories I will always cherish. Along the way, I have met so many kind Rotarians and have had my heart warmed by all of the humanitarian service that has been done, and is continuing.

The District Conference was well attended and the turnout of support for our "Stop Hunger Now" project overwhelmed me. Again, thanks to everyone who participated. Our featured guest speaker, John O'Leary, challenged each one of us to be that *"Gift to the World."*

**A special request** - Our District has an opportunity to reach its Foundation goal with some matching points. Please help!!! See flyer on page 18 for how you can help! Over 30,000 points are already used!

And so, it is soon time to turn out the lights on this "championship" year, and I wish my successor, Dave Matthews, all the best. May he experience as much success, if not more, than I. Continue to *"Be a Gift to the World"* with *"Rotary Serving Humanity!"*

### **SPOTLIGHT continued from page 1**

Our District Youth Exchange Program Committee consists of Deputy Governor of Youth Service and RYE Chair, Steve Jackson (Freeburg Club); Assistant RYE Chair, Warren Schenewerk (Freeburg); Inbound Coordinator, Judy Berowski (Freeburg); Vice-Chair for the Inbound Coordinator, Leon Russell ( Anna-

Jonesboro); the Outbound Coordinator, Rich Lunan (O'Fallon); Vice-Chair for Outbounds,



Ed True (O'Fallon); Rebound Coordinator, Sharon Lorinkas (Carbondale); Treasurer and Compliance Coordinator, Martin Rowe (Eldorado); Program Trainer, Donna Schenewerk (Freeburg); and Parent Support Chair, Mary Jackson (Freeburg).

This committee volunteers countless hours of service for youth by planning events, conducting interviews, serving as chaperones, chauffeurs, counselors, and surrogate parents each and every month. The committee also handles one of the most demanding, if not *THE* most demanding, volunteer jobs within our District. Due to Steve Jackson's leadership, District 6510 received the **Gold Level Award of Achievement from NAYEN**, the North American Youth Exchange Network!



Please give them a warm *"thank you"* the next time you see one of these dedicated Rotarians for their *Service Above Self*. They are definitely worthy of this month's *"Spotlight"* recognition and being *"a Gift to the World!"*

## Monthly Themes

Rotary International has realigned the themes for each month. Part of the **Governor's Trophy Point System** is to host events reflecting the theme for that particular month. For the remainder of the year the themes are as follows:

**May** – Youth Service

**June** – Rotary Fellowships

## ***District 6510 2015-16 Goals***

- Each One, Reach One  
Membership Goal 1,650
- National Children's Cancer Society (NCCS) – club fundraisers
- Foundation (TRF) Goal \$165,000 (\$100 per member average)
- Polio Plus - \$50,000
- Every Rotarian Volunteer 8 hours of community service or fundraising activity
- *As fellow Rotarians, I ask for your help in striving to achieve these goals . . . not for me . . . but for your Club, your community and to truly . . .*

***“Be a Gift to the World”!***

## **Belize Children's Project World Community Service Project Rotary International - District 6510**

### **News & Needs**

#### **News:**

Sadie Codd is recovering remarkably well from her hip surgery. She is already up on a walker, while she heals. Sadie enjoys her host family – Robert and Karen Bauman, their sons, and extended family. Everyone is involved in hosting Sadie.



Josiah Arzu is back to health and motoring around with his walker while he heals from his surgery.

#### **NEEDS:**

### **BCP'S EMERGENCY NEED**

For the last 20+ years, we have been fortunate not to incur any major medical expense other than for those services we obtained through Shriners' Hospital or the volunteer services of Rotarian Dr. Enrique Farinas. Unfortunately, on March 18, 2016, our good fortune hit a bump.



Four weeks after his surgery at Shriners Hospital to correct his Pseudoarthrosis of his left tibia, Josiah became ill with a fever and welts rash. He was in constant pain, crying continually, he stopped eating and could not sleep.

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## Belize Children's Project (continued)

After trying everything over-the-counter to get Josiah over this mysterious illness, his host father, Rotarian Ryan Brown, called our Program Director. The decision was made to take him to St. Elizabeth's urgent care facility, which was the closest facility to their home. After a brief visit to the urgent care facility, Josiah was referred to St. Louis Children's Hospital - Emergency Room.

Josiah was tested for everything the doctors could think of. His cast was removed to make sure his surgical wound was not infected. There were X-rays, CT scans, MRI's, blood work, and three days of hospitalization for a very sick little boy. He had round-the-clock caregivers with him through the efforts of his host family and BCP volunteers. He turned the corner, late Monday, and was released back to his host family.

Unfortunately, Josiah's 65-hour illness resulted in medical expenses of over \$18,000. This has been negotiated down with Children's, Washington University Physicians, and St. Elizabeth's Urgi-Care to approximately \$12,000. As a result of these bills, our budget has been greatly impacted. We currently have four more patients in the pipeline to provide services to finish out our 2015-2016 schedule. (Note: we are in need of host families for three of the four patients that are in process!)

So, our GREAT NEED is that we ask that your clubs dig a little deeper and commit a little more, this year, to help our budget situation so that the BCP can continue helping 15 - 20 patients per year. And, please reach out to your family and friends to help us find loving families for our patients.

As always, we appreciate all of the support you provide, and pray you will help us with this GREAT NEED. For more information, go to <http://thebelizechildrensproject.webs.com/> or contact Tim Gutknecht (618) 281-7626.

## Rotary Youth Exchange District 6510

A message from Ore Ojewuyi our Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Student to France this year:

Had a good talk with my host brothers today about the meaning behind my Rotary Blazer and why Rotary means so much to me. Their interest was so encouraging. As little as this conversation may seem to someone else their questions of genuine interest showed me signs of how bright and ready for this they will be at my age or older. It is really an amazing feeling to explain to them how much Rotary has done for me and does for people all around the world.

Because of Rotary I have had the chance to meet best friends, and different families, and experience things I would have never been able to without doing my exchange. Hopefully I can be a good example for my brothers (including my brother back home) or someone else I meet to embark on exchange. Even if they decide not to do exchange in the long run they already understand the importance of thinking of more than yourself which is a huge part of this organization. My exchange isn't an exchange just for myself but is something to be shared and hopefully inspire others to do something similar (or grander). And as my host brother shoots me with his nerf gun I can tell they don't know just how much they made my day brighter with that little convo.



## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Rebecca Peterson of Carterville and Natalie Stratemeyer of Centralia were chosen as winners of this year's scholarship contest out of 88 applications.

## ROTARACT/INTERACT

### DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 The Rotary Club of Swansea will hold the 13th Annual "Service Above Self" 5K Run/Walk. The Run begins and ends at Wolf Branch Middle School (410 Huntwood Road; Swansea, IL). Start time is 8:00 a.m. Jim Riess, 5K Run/Walk Chair, is happy to announce that for the first time the club is offering on-line registration. Please go to [swansearotary.org](http://swansearotary.org) to register.

Entry Fees: \$20 by May 27th or \$25 on the day of the race.

The proceeds benefit The Chad Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund which supports college scholarships given to qualifying graduates of area high schools. "The Club is proud to support the educational opportunities of our community's future leaders," said James



Davis, President of the Rotary Club of Swansea.

This year, two \$3000 scholarships will be awarded on June 9 at the

Swansea Rotary Club meeting. This year's recipients are Hannah Geppert, a Belleville East High School senior, and Scott Semko, an Althoff Catholic High School senior.

A committee of Swansea Rotarians reviewed the applications to select the winners. "There were so many qualified applicants this year, but the committee had the challenging task of choosing just two individuals," said Scholarship Committee Chair Ruth Ann Erdmann.

McKendree Rotaract Club hosted several high school Interact clubs to make tie blankets for the Violence Prevention Center in Belleville.



### This Able Veteran



Rotary Sponsored dog, Memphis, assigned to his Veteran, Sam Hoekstra of Carterville – a new beginning for both.

## **DISTRICT HAPPENINGS (continued)**

**Greg Yank at the Rotary COL (Council on Legislation) in Chicago April 10-15. Greg was District 6510's delegate to the Council.**

Many Rotarians, especially the newer members, are not aware that the Council on Legislation (COL) exists and is the only body that can change RI's Constitution, RI's By-Laws and the Standard Club Constitution. The Council is made up of one representative from every District in the world (currently 534). The COL convenes every three years to discuss and vote on proposed enactments from the individual Rotary clubs, Districts and/or the RI Board.



This past April the Council met in Chicago for a week with PDG Greg Yank representing District 6510. Hailed as the most progressive Council ever held, legislation was passed to allow clubs more flexibility in meetings, attendance, classifications and memberships. Virtually the only requirement is that clubs meet at least twice per month. And, classifications can be discarded for a more liberal definition of finding prospective members who have integrity, demonstrate leadership ability and professionalism, and are willing to serve. I believe we have an excellent

opportunity to increase our membership numbers! The specific legislation was sent to each club president at the end of April with the intent they share it with their members. It can also be viewed on RI's web site.

## **Club Program**

Ruthie Alexander (left), board trustee, and Esther Curry (center), assistant library directory of the C.E. Brehm Memorial Public Library District, recently gave a presentation to the Rotary Club of Mt. Vernon. The speakers talked about the library services provided to the approximately 39,000 citizens of Jefferson County which include programs for both adults and children. Hillary Esser, also pictured, introduced the speakers.





## DISTRICT HAPPENINGS (continued)

### District 6510 Rotarians Attend District Assembly

On April 23, 2016, 78 District Rotarians met at John A. Logan College in Carterville for the District 6510 Assembly. DGE Dave Matthews presented his district budget for 2016-17 which was approved by the attendees. He also presented his goals for the year. His main objective is to introduce all the clubs to the Children Advocacy Centers located within our district. There are six centers which serve about 2,000 abused children a year. The main service is forensic interviewing for children who have allegedly been abused. Advocacy through any court proceedings may also be provided. During the coming year he would like to see all our clubs explore potential projects or involvement with these six agencies.

DGE Dave Matthews also stated that these agencies will be at his district conference November 4-5, 2016 in Mt. Vernon. Proceeds from sponsorships for the conference will be disbursed to these centers. Also at the conference on November 4 will be a service project that repeats DG Tom Guebert's project of last year. At 1:00 p.m. on that date we will gather at the United Methodist Children's Home in Mt. Vernon and package 20,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now. A light lunch will be provided there and can be purchased when registering for the conference. A goal has been set for \$4 per member per club to pay for this service project.

Another goal set by DGE Dave is for the donations to the Annual Program Fund to be at least equal to \$26.50 per member for each and every club. This was the total amount given in 1917 by the Rotary Club of Kansas City as the first donation to The Rotary Foundation started earlier that year by Arch Klumph. A celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Rotary Foundation will be held at Cedarhurst in Mt. Vernon on April 29, 2017.

Training included Public Relations, DACdb, Membership, and Youth Protection. Presenters were Gina Blankenship, Jill Pietrusinski, Tom Ripperda, Deb Frey, and Ed True. Status reports on the Foundation, Belize, and Polio Plus were also presented by Lanny Lenker, Tim Gutknecht, and Mike Nowobilski.

The District Foundation and Membership Seminar is planned for July 23, 2016 at John A. Logan College. Please plan to attend.



Jill Pietrusinski is recognized as a major donor to The Rotary Foundation.



Deputy Governor Lanny Lenker shares info on 50,000 matching points.



Great turn out – over 90!!!

**DISTRICT HAPPENINGS (continued)**

O'Fallon Sunrise Club builds wheel chair ramp.



**Start  
to  
finish!**



**Freeburg Rotary Relays – Feeder grade schools 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Over 800 students competed in various races.**





## **DISTRICT HAPPENINGS**

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### **Mt. Vernon Rotary Clubs Honor STRIVE Students**

Fifty-nine seniors from Mt. Vernon Township High School were honored at this week's Rotary Club of Mt. Vernon meeting for their participation in the STRIVE program.

STRIVE, an acronym for Start Small, Think Tall, Reach Out, Invest All, Visualize Finish and Expect the Best, is a collaborative effort between the two Mt. Vernon Rotary clubs, Mt. Vernon Township High School and the Rend Lake College Foundation which coordinates monthly meetings for high school seniors to learn job and life skills and receive business mentoring. Subjects discussed during the sessions included finance and credit, employment opportunities, workforce requirements and college admissions and scholarship application.

The Rotary banquet was the culmination of a year-long commitment from the students. Several students were recognized for their achievements. Kelsey Vasquez and KaMiyah Hawthorne were awarded \$250 scholarship grants, while Jasper Klein and Haley Chelf were awarded one-year scholarships to Rend Lake College valued at over \$3,000. Rotarian and STRIVE coordinator Dennis McEnaney, who also served as master of ceremonies, gave special thanks to Mt. Vernon High School principal Rowdy Fatheree and counselors Lindsey Moore and Gina Allen and Rend Lake College Foundation CEO Shawna Bullard for their contributions along with thanking both Rotary clubs for their support.



From left to right: Mark Kabat, Mt. Vernon West club treasurer, KaMiyah Hawthorne, Kelsey Vasquez, Hillary Esser, Mt.Vernon Club President



From left to right: STRIVE coordinator Dennis McEnaney, Jasper Klein, Haley Chelf and Rend Lake College Foundation CEO Shawna Bullard

# Pictorial Review 2015-16 - Starting with Changeover Dinner







# Official Club Visits











District 6510 Conference – Oct 15-17, 2015









## Our Youth (RYLA top two photos)

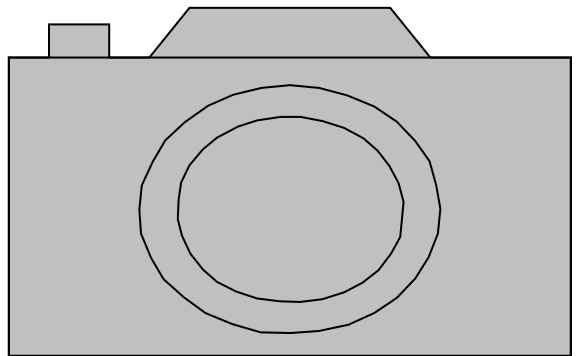


## Our Foreign Exchange Students enjoying a moment together.



## Paul Harris and Major Donor Recognition







# MISCELLANEOUS



## District Project – National Children’s Cancer Society







**50,000 Point Matching  
Campaign**  
**April 15 through June 1,  
2016**



**We have 50,000 points to Give Away! You Have an Opportunity!**

Get your **first** (or next) **Paul Harris Fellow** award in half the time!

Rotary District 6510 is making a special offer. We will match your **personal** donation, from **\$100 on up**, to the **Annual Fund** of Our Rotary Foundation. This can help you finish your first Paul Harris Fellowship, or your next multiple Paul Harris Fellowship level. You can make someone else a Paul Harris Fellow, or two or three. Or just move up toward your next level a bit faster.

**How does it work?**

1. **Fill out the Donation Form** (next page) **completely, all blanks**
2. Write your **personal check** to **The Rotary Foundation**, and write **Annual Fund** in the **Memo**
3. **Mail the Check and Donation Form to Foundation Chair Lanny Lenker at this address:**

Lanis Lenker  
Rotary District 6510 Matching Program  
1515 Lafayette Ave, Unit 207  
St Louis MO 63104

**Did you want to make someone else a Paul Harris Fellow?**

- Your **\$ donation** must be big enough so your **points** will make the PHF happen
- Print/spell the recipient's name very carefully on the Donation Form

**Special Notes:**

Donations made **online** at rotary.org **cannot count for this match**  
 Donations **mailed directly** to The Rotary Foundation **cannot count for this match**  
**Rotary Club Checks cannot be matched** - only those donations submitted via the steps listed above.  
 Donations made for **PolioPlus cannot count for this match**

**Processing all these donations will take some time. Expect:**

- Paul Harris Fellowships and pins will require 1-2 months to arrive.
- You will receive an emailed receipt letter from The Rotary Foundation approximately 2-3 weeks after we receive your check.
- Your receipt will only be for the \$ amount of your check, since we are providing "the match" with Foundation Recognition Points. Rest assured that your account will be properly credited.

**We can only match the first \$50,000 in donations we receive**  
**Be sure your Check and Donor Form arrive early!**



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***RYLA 2016: 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Youth  
Leadership Academy***  
[www.rotaryyouth.org/ryla](http://www.rotaryyouth.org/ryla)

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***RYLA IS:***

- A leadership training program sponsored by Rotary International that promotes, encourages and rewards outstanding young people
- A scholarship paid 3-day retreat that brings together amazing young men and women from all over Southern, IL to become better leaders
- A weekend of hands-on activities enhancing confidence, team building and leadership skills.

***IS RYLA FOR YOU???***

- Will be a Freshman-Senior in school year 2016-2017
- Have demonstrated leadership in your school, community or place of worship
- Would like to meet teen leaders from around Southern, IL  
*...then yes; RYLA is for you!*

Learn more, see pictures and register online at

[www.rotaryyouth.org/RYLA](http://www.rotaryyouth.org/RYLA)

To find a local rotary club for sponsorship visit

[www.Rotary6510.org](http://www.Rotary6510.org)

**STATS:**

July 29-31, 2016  
Little Grassy Camp; Makanda,  
IL

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**COST:**

\$225 - Fully paid by the  
sponsoring local Rotary Club

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**REGISTRATION:**

Once selected by the local  
Rotary Club you will complete  
the online application at:  
[www.rotaryyouth.org/ryla](http://www.rotaryyouth.org/ryla)

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**RYLA TIMELINE:**

June 1, 2016 - Applications  
Deadline.  
June 20, 2016 - Selection  
confirmation

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