

**Rotary District 6860  
Fall Leadership Conference  
The Harbert Center  
Birmingham, AL  
October 14, 2011**

**PDG Phil Fowler, Chair Council of Governors, called the meeting to order with the following members and guests present:**

**Members**

DG Martin Uptain  
DGE Doug Barclay  
DGN Tom Green  
PDG Dennis Brooks  
PDG Don Hadden  
PDT Scott Stone  
PDG John Valieant  
PDG Bo Porter  
PDG Ron Layne  
PDG J.G. Brazil  
PDG Byron Nelson  
PDG Georgia Medori  
District Foundation Chair Greg Jean

PDG Fowler began the meeting with a report that November is Foundation Month and challenged each PDG to address two clubs during the month about the Rotary Foundation. He believes many clubs are not aware of the District and RI Programs and opportunities such as New Vision, etc. We have a transition in process that is not moving as smoothly as it should. We need to increase awareness throughout the district.

PDG Don Hadden, Awards Chairman, reported that the District Awards for RY11-12 are posted on the District6860.org website. Clubs need to be familiar with and apply for the appropriate awards. A copy of the District Awards attached to this memo. DG Uptain reported that he also believes many clubs don't know what qualifies a club for a particular award and urged everyone to help get the word out.

PDG Valieant reported that there is a new award for two clubs partnering on a project or program. PDG Fowler stated that our society has changed and that we must use new and innovative means of reaching young professionals to interest them in Rotary.

PDG J.G. Brazil reminded that the Alabama Tornado Relief Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is still active in the Foundation to pay for disaster recovery. The DAF was established April 27, 2011 following the deadly outbreak of tornados in our district. The initial applications came in June 18<sup>th</sup>. The DAF has awarded \$58,400 for 14 projects in 10 clubs. The current DAF fund balance is \$972.25. Awards have ranged from \$250 to \$3,250. A list of the 14 funded projects is on the District 6860 website.

PDG Bo Porter, suggested that the relief work has moved into the Recovery phase and asked whether there were plans to solicit additional funds for the DAF? Discussion followed indicating that we should do so. DG Uptain reported that he includes disaster recovery opportunities in his discussion with clubs during his visits. He also recognized PDG Brazil for his sincere efforts with the recovery plan. The District and RI provided funds for the DAF.

PDG Fowler reported that another gift from a Kentucky District in the amount of \$1,700.00 was used to set up a fund in Arab to aid individuals. PDG Fowler's Company, Frog Togs Inc. provided a building for workers who came into the area to help with tornado recovery.

\_\_\_\_\_ (not sure who) provided an update on the Children's Hospital Transport Program reporting that the District has raised \$193,000 of 250,000 pledged for the Children's Hospital Transport vehicle. The Rotary emblem has been removed from the Helicopter and placed on the Land Transport Vehicle.

PDG Medori reported on the Finance Committee Motion to pay only the DG and DGE travel expenses to the Rotary International Conference. The DGN travel will no longer be funded. Motion made by PDG Medori, PDG Porter seconded. Motion passed.

DG Uptain discussed health of the Rotary District 6860.

He has felt at home at every club he has visited and is having a ball!

He again asked everyone to get involved. Hard work makes a difference.

The Polio Plus fund is down to about 1 % of its original value. During the period Oct 24-28<sup>th</sup> online contributions to Polio Plus will earn double Paul Harris points. The District Communications Officer, PDG John Valieant, will publicize this notice throughout the District. Members of the Paul Harris Society should make their annual contribution during this October timeframe.

Encourage Every Rotarian Every year in the clubs. The Rotary Foundations is the life blood of Rotary International. DG Uptain's Goal is to be first DG to have every District member donate to the Rotary Foundation.

There being no further business to discuss, PDG Fowler adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Andrew  
District Secretary