

**Rotary District 6860  
Winter Leadership Conference  
The Harbert Center  
Birmingham, AL  
February 10, 2011**

**PDG Mary Jean Sanspree, President of the Council of Governors (COG), called the meeting to order with the following members of the Council and guests present:**

**Members:**

PDG Mary Jean Sanspree, President  
DG Martin Uptain  
DGE Doug Barclay  
DGN Jerry Shepard (RY 2014-15)  
PDG Dennis Brooks  
PDG Don Hadden  
PDG Bill Johnson  
PDG Ron Layne  
PDG Bo Porter  
PDG Ken Schuppert  
PDG Scott Stone  
PDG John Valieant  
PDG Phil Williams  
Mr. Gary Andrew, District Secretary, Non-Voting Member  
Ms. Kristin Woods, Guest

**Members Absent:**

DGN Tom Greene (RY 2013-14)  
PDG J.G. Brazil  
PDG Phil Fowler  
PDG Bill French  
PDG Riley Lumpkin  
PDG John Lutenbacher  
PDG Mark Maloney  
PDG Byron Nelson  
PDG Harold Patterson  
PDG Ty Robin  
PDG Jim Shamblin  
PDG Glenn Smith

**DGE Doug Barclay** asked to address the council. He updated the council on his cancer treatments and his body's response to them. DGE Barclay reported that he is normally a very organized person. However, the treatments leave him very tired and unable to organize his work as he would like to do. He explained that he has a growth on his larynx that makes it difficult to talk for over 5 minutes at a time. DGE Barclay very much wants to continue his preparation and to serve as District Governor next Rotary Year. However, he fears his limited speaking ability will interfere with his Club visits as District Governor. He asked the COG for their advice and support. The members of the COG applauded Doug for his courage and commitment to Rotary and encouraged him to continue. They promised their complete support and suggested that when he makes Club visits that he ask the Club's designated Assistant Governor (AG) to accompany him. DG Barclay will present awards and recognitions to the Club and its members and make the announcements. The Club will continue with their regularly scheduled program.

**Ms. Kristen Woods** addressed the COG on behalf of the Children's Hospital Program. Ms. Woods reported that the Children's Hospital believes they have a pledge of \$250,000 from 25 clubs throughout the District 6860.

She asked the COG to consider officially naming The Children's Hospital as an official District 6860 wide campaign program/project. She further suggested that the COG establish a goal of raising \$1,000,000 for the Children's Hospital Program over the next three years.

Discussion ensued. DG Uptain would like to see the district take on a worthwhile project. DGE Barclay recommended that the District Clubs should have a voice in this decision since the Clubs have the resources. PDG Porter recommends we set a goal but not a pledge. PDG Governor Ken Shuppert stated that RI wanted districts to have projects that were of significance. PDG Williams recommended the Children's Hospital set a goal. PDG Don Hadden asked could District 6860 support the Children's Hospital in a similar fashion that District 6880 supports Camp ASCA in Dadeville, AL.

PDG Bill Johnson moved that the District support the Children's Hospital as an official District wide project. PDG Don Hadden seconded. The motion carried.

DG Uptain will form a committee to work out the details of the proposal with Children's Hospital. The District Communications Officer will add the Children's Hospital Newsletter to the District Website.

**The Annual Service Award** recommendation was made by the committee consisting of PDG's Stone, Johnson, and Robin. PDG Johnson moved with PDG Valieant seconding, that Dr. Rogers Redding of Birmingham be approved to receive the Annual Service Award.

**DG Uptain**, recommended that the duties of the District Communications Officer (DCO) be added to the District Policy. The recommendation was discussed but not accepted.

**PDG Layne**, moved the meeting of the COG be adjourned.

There being no further business to come before the committee, President Mary Jean declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Andrew  
District Secretary