

Rotary News

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One year after Tsunami – Rotary Clubs continue efforts to support reconstruction

(EVANSTON, Illinois, USA, 22 December 2005) – One year after the devastating tsunami killed an estimated 300,000 people in nearly a dozen countries bordering the Indian Ocean, Rotary clubs worldwide have continued to donate money and muscle to help in relief, recovery and rebuilding efforts.

Rotary clubs so far have raised \$20 million to assist communities affected by the disaster. The Rotary Foundation also collected \$5 million through its Solidarity in South Asia Fund. Rotary club leaders in the affected countries, including Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand, are coordinating distribution of the fund's money to rebuild schools, hospitals, and homes. The Rotary Foundation has also allotted thousands of dollars in matching grants to support the efforts of local clubs.

As a community-based organization of business and professional leaders, Rotary works through its network of 32,000 volunteer service clubs in nearly 170 countries to provide aid and assistance when disasters strike. Rotary has hundreds of clubs and thousands of members in the countries hit by the tsunami, allowing for an immediate response at the local level.

Examples of Rotary's tsunami efforts include:

- Rotary clubs in Sri Lanka are coordinating a \$10 million project to rebuild and furnish 25 schools destroyed in the disaster. Five of the school projects are being sponsored by clubs in Denmark, which have donated \$550,000. The Rotary Club of Brockton, Mass., also raised \$77,500 for one of the schools.
- Rotary clubs in Indonesia are supporting the rehabilitation of the badly damaged coastal community of Southwest Aceh.
- Rotary clubs in Chennai, India, are rebuilding six primary schools on nearby Pulikat Island, as well as schools, community centers and public health facilities in six villages along the coastal mainland.
- Rotary clubs in Thailand are providing new fishing boats and equipment to restore the economy of the Kamala Beach community near Phuket.
- Also in Thailand, U.S. Rotary clubs in the San Francisco area have raised \$150,000 to provide water purification systems and 75 tons of rice for displaced families near Phuket.
- Rotary Clubs in Great Britain and Ireland raised over \$12 million for relief and recovery.



SERVICE Above Self

Board Meeting Notes

- Jonathan Hunter, Client Advisor from Old National Bank was approved for membership.
- Club assets total \$20,724.36. Foundation assets total \$49,597.58. Happy Jar=\$318.
- Membership Committee—Looking into ways to recognize those Rotarians that sponsor a new member and a mentoring program for new members.
- February will have 3 guest from foreign countries.
- Dave Bolk will be foundation chairman in 2006-2007.
- Steve Songer had a roundtable with committee chairs to discuss ways to improve our club. Some ideas included special badges for club officers, people with red badges serve as greeters, form Rotaract club, and include boys in Interact club
- Tom Dever will submit to the club a change in bylaw simplifying the process of approving new members and making it more in-line with Rotary International.

February, a Month of Special Programs

David Mitchell, our club’s International Service chairperson, reports that February 23 is the anniversary of the first rotary club meeting. This date is observed as World Understanding and Peace Day and for our meeting that week, Dave’s committee is planning a program designed to give special recognition and emphasis to Rotary’s commitment to international understanding.

Additionally, in the weeks leading up to this program, we will have a foreign student as a guest at each of our lunches who will participate in short interviews. On February 7th, our guest will be a Chinese student from ISU; on the 14th, a student from Zimbabwe who attends Rose-Hulman; and, on the 28th, another ISU student who comes from Costa Rica.

David says, “we hope to make these 3-minute interviews entertaining, educational and one more brick in the wall towards the understanding that we are all alike, but have different cultures.”

February Birthdays

- Bill Aubin—2-27
- David Callahan—2-12
- Frances Campbell—2-12
- Matt Cohen—2-10
- Dan Debard—2-7
- Jerry Einstanding—2-2
- David Goss—2-24
- Dale Hudson—2-15
- Mike Morris—2-9
- Patrick O’Leary Jr. —2-19
- Patrick OLeary—2-18
- Brian Ross—2-12
- Verlyn Schueler 2-13
- Tom Swan 2-19
- Bill Tennis 2-10
- Allen Varner 2-16
- Martha Woods 2-23



Terre Haute Club Committees

Club Service Joyce Keenan	Blood Drive.....Rick Kohr
Bulletin.....Ray Brauer & Joyce Keenan	Goodwill Drive.....Bill Aubin
Fellowship.....Sally Stewart	Salvation Army.....Sally Stewart/ Mike Morris
Program..... Bill Tromble & Todd Sullivan	Foundation/Paul Harris Craig McKee
Public Relations..... Dave Piker	Ten for one club.....Craig McKee
Web Site.....Bill Tennis	Paul Harris Awards.....Stephanie Welsh
Invocations.....Bart Colwell	Community Grants.....David Bolk
Membership.....Charlie Williams	International Service Dave Mitchell
Classifications.....Tom Dever, Mike Hopper	Vocational Service Brian Miller
Orientation.....Lee Ann Crooks, Allen Varner	
Community Service Paul Stanley	
Interact.....Janice Adkins, Marty Woods	
Environmental Protection.....Santhana Naidu & Brian Ross	

2005-2006 Officers and Board Members

President.....Steve Songer	<u>2004-2006</u>	<u>2005-2007</u>
President-elect.....Tom Dever	Bill Aubin	Mike Collins
Vice-President.....Paul Stanley	David Bolk	Bart Colwell
Secretary.....Stephanie Welsh	Lee Akers	Kim Ingalsbe
Treasurer.....Linda Stanley	Joyce Keenan	Chuck Shutt
Attendance.....Kim Ingalsbe	Brian Miller	Sally Stewart
Past President.....Lisa Pepperworth	Alice Shagley	Charlie Williams
Sergeant-at-Arms.....Mike Collins		

MISSED MEETINGS are easy to make up by attending another club’s meeting; coming to a board meeting (first Monday of each month at the Goodwill Offices); doing a service project; attending a committee meeting; or going on-line, reading an interesting article about Rotary and answering a question or two.

Make-up Locations

Monday:

Paris Noon Cafe` France
Princeton Noon General Hospital

Tuesday:

Marshall 6:45 am Family
Restaurant

Casey Noon Richards Farm
Indianapolis Noon
Sullivan Noon Sullivan Elks Club

Wednesday:

Rockville 7:15 am Terre Vin Winery
Brazil Noon Elks Club
Greencastle Noon Walden Inn
Linton Noon Elks Club

Plainfield Noon Kristy's Club

Thursday:

Terre Haute 7:00 am Holiday Inn

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