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To: Assistant Governors, District Leadership Team, Presidents, Secretaries, ICO's
District Committee Chairs, PDGs, District Rotarians
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Subject: Weekly District Update



Rotary District 5220 "Friday Facts"

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June is Rotary Fellowships Month

Important Dates

June 19, Transitional Cabinet Meeting
June 30, Ambassadorial Scholar Applications due
July 31, Ambassadorial Scholar Interviews

Transitional Cabinet Meeting

Tomorrow is the last cabinet meeting of this Rotary year. The meeting is open to all Rotarians and is an excellent opportunity to hear about and learn what we have accomplished this year and the plans for next year. I urge all new members to attend this meeting. It will be held in Salida at the Salida Firehouse and will begin at 8:30 am.

Ambassadorial Scholarships

Now is the time to be following up on the Ambassadorial Scholarship candidates to make sure their applications are sent in by June 30, 2004. Interviews and selection of the candidates is set for July 31, 2004. Please contact those individuals who have expressed interest in the program or those who you know who might be a candidate. This is a scholarship for postgraduate work in a university outside of the United States. These scholarships can be up to \$25,000 for one year of study.

History Fellowship: "Now or never" to preserve President Paul's home

It is "now or never" for the Rotary History Fellowship's long-held dream of preserving our Founder's home for use by current and future Rotarians. The current owners have notified the Fellowship that they plan to sell it this fall. Fortunately, the Paul & Jean Harris Home Foundation, PJHMF, had already purchased an exclusive Option to Buy, at \$550,000, paying a \$1,000 deposit on this option.

The option gives the PJHMF until September 1, 2004 to acquire Comely Bank with funds from Harris Home Foundation Sponsoring clubs and donations from interested Rotarians and Rotary Districts.

Recently, the Foundation hired a real estate appraiser who calculated the current fair market value at \$561,687.

More information is available at rotaryhistoryfellowship.org. the Paul & Jean Harris Home Foundation chairman is James Alden, jalden@mei.net

Rotary's Centennial

Frequently, Rotarians ask what they should be doing in their Club, District and as individuals to help promote the 100th Anniversary of Rotary International. The official launching of Centennial activities will be on February 23, 2005, and will continue through Rotary's Centennial Convention in Chicago from June 18 to 23, 2005. Past Rotary International President, Cliff Dochterman has written a series of 12 steps that may provide guidance for Rotarians who wish to become involved in promoting this once-in-a-lifetime Rotary event. The following are steps 10, 11 and 12, the last three of the series.

#10- Centennial Goals for Membership and Foundation Giving - Two major goals will challenge Rotarians during the Centennial celebration. The Centennial Membership goal is to seek several hundred thousand new Rotarians during 2004-2005. By bringing in new members Rotary will demonstrate that even at the age of 100, Rotary International is still strong, healthy and very

attractive to men and women of all ages. An active membership, retention and orientation plan would be created in all clubs to achieve this goal.

A Rotary Foundation contribution goal of an average \$100 per member has been established for the Centennial. This goal will require a personal commitment and some sacrifice by many Rotarians. However, when achieved, it will enable the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation to be greatly expanded.

#11- Centennial Convention Chicago – All of the Centennial activities will culminate at the International Convention to be held in Chicago in June, 2005. Thousands of Rotarians are already making plans to attend the convention of the century. A centennial parade will initiate a fantastic convention weekend. Many groups are already preparing to participate in the parade through the streets of Chicago.

World-renowned speakers will be on hand and visiting Rotarians will find Rotary at its very best. A large menu of activities is being planned by the host, Chicago Rotary Club Number One, including our opportunity to visit Rotary's World Headquarters in Evanston.

#12- Centennial Rotary Website – There are dozens of other ideas on the Rotary International website www.rotary.org which will give your club and district many additional ways to observe the Rotary Centennial. Browse the Centennial pages to learn more about the Centennial Bell, the Centennial Calendar, 100 ideas for Rotary clubs, Famous Rotarians and much more

The Centennial is limited only by the imagination of Rotarians.

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