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## ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

June is the month when we recognize Rotary Fellowships. Acquaintance is the basis of Rotary and the extensive Fellowship program is available for us to share with others our professional, recreational and travel interests and issues. These programs serve to extend acquaintance and fellowship beyond the horizons of our club, district and country. Two examples in our district are the ascent of Mt Davidson last August; and the friendship travel exchange this July with District 1220 (Nottingham, UK), by which these visitors will be hosted for one week in Medicine Hat and one week in Calgary.

Page 61 of the June 2004 Rotarian magazine is a useful list and resource of what Fellowships are available. The only thing missing seems to be a freedom from the Prairie winter fellowship.

## MY FINAL MONTH - LEND A HAND – FAMILY OF ROTARY

It has been my job to bring to you and interpret for you President Jonathan Majiyagbe's compelling, simple theme of **Lend A Hand** and his presidential emphasis on the **Family of Rotary**. Our clubs have embraced both with enthusiasm and sometimes in novel ways. I thank all of you – the assistant governors, club presidents, district officers, district committee members and club members for making a big difference in our community and the world. I also thank a special non - Rotarian, my wife Kathy, for being of so much assistance to all of us.

The clubs are where the action is and the club presidents are the strength and the weakness of Rotary. My intention to encourage each club president and club with a second, informal visit did not quite work out, because of the need to spend time on some unexpected matters. I did achieve 41 out of the 47, and had visited four of the remaining 6 as DGE, just before taking office last July.

We now move into a new Rotary year, a special year, the Centennial of Rotary. I give my best wishes to RI President Glenn Estess, and DG Ken Copithorne and Wendy as they lead us to **Celebrate Rotary** in 2004 - 2005.

## SIX MEMBERSHIP FACTORS

From the visits to the clubs I have recognized that 5 of our 47 clubs do not have membership recruitment and retention problems. What factors do these 5 clubs have in common?

1. They are based in a small town
2. They have been chartered for 20 + years
3. They have provided at least one well used, well loved facility for the community such as a splash / water park
4. They are reported in the media at least once a month
5. They have earned the respect of the community
6. Within their club they have a lot of social events and care very much for each other

These factors are not all absolute. One club of those clubs is a city club, but has focused on serving a small area. Another club is less than 20 years old. The one absolute is having earned the respect of their community. How does your club relate to these membership factors?

## GOVERNOR'S TRAVELS

Governor Mike continued his second visits to the clubs by attending Calgary North to hear Rotarians Shirley and Ted Valentine describe their Polio NID visit to India. He revisited Calgary South and Calgary Heritage Park, and when visiting the Calgary club, he received a white hat lapel pin for travelling the farthest to the meeting – from the Chamber of Commerce to the Palliser Hotel. At Rocky Mountain House he shared with that club some perspectives picked up on his Official visits. He presented a Presidential Citation certificate and commendation from the R I International Convention for membership growth to the Rotary club of High River. One week was spent at the R I International Convention in Osaka – a report on this has been posted on the district website. He attended the family BBQ at Rotary Challenger Park, where 400 young and old enjoyed the event despite the fluctuating weather. At Col Fred Scott Elementary School – associated with Calgary East – he was in attendance for a presentation of \$2,000 for the Park, representing the collection by the children of 40,000 used pop cans. On Father's Day Mike participated in the Dad 'N Me event at the Calgary Zoo put on by Calgary North, where one enthusiastic member gave him a club brochure and asked him to join the club.

## GSE TEAM RETURNS FROM UKRAINE

Our GSE team lead by Joe Hrankowski of the Medicine Hat club has returned home. The team left Canada on April 30th and returned on June 30th. By all accounts the team was met with open arms and enthusiasm by their Ukrainian Rotarian hosts. The group visited Rotary Clubs in Uzhgorod, Lviv, Mykoliav, Simferopol, Alushta, Yalta, Dnipropetrovsk, Kharkiv and Kiev. In all some fourteen Ukrainian Rotary Clubs acted as hosts to our District 5360 team.

The team, made up of Social Worker Christine Bennett, Agronomist Trevor Lennox, Investment Manager Craig Senyk and Lawyer Erica Bach, saw the exchange as an experience and opportunity of a lifetime. They were not disappointed! Ukraine is a land with a rich and ancient history which was all brought to life for the team by the sponsoring clubs. Lifetime friendships were forged during the short thirty days that the team was exposed to true Ukrainian hospitality. They met with their counterparts on a vocational exchange that compared and contrasted the Canadian way of life and work to the ways of an emerging democracy, one fraught with challenge yet filled with hope and enthusiasm. The mix made for a wonderful exchange of ideas and ensured that all those involved would learn and share in the spirit of Rotary and the GSE Program. True bridges of understanding and friendship were forged between the team members, Ukrainian Rotary members and friends of Rotary in Ukraine.



This recent GSE was the first one hosted by our Ukrainian Rotary partners. The scheduling and timing was well executed and the team was exposed to all facets of Ukrainian Culture including opera, ballet, traditional folk music, history and historical sights. All of this of course was made even more special by the hosts who ensured that the team was able access many sites that are

often not seen by tourists. A good insight into the workings of Rotary in Ukraine was a great benefit to the group.

A very tired but contented team arrived home with many memories and experiences to relate. To date the team has made two presentations, one in Medicine Hat and the other in Swift Current. Any club that is interested in hosting the team members available on any given date and seeing their presentation should contact Joe Hrankowski at [jhrankow@memlane.com](mailto:jhrankow@memlane.com) as soon as possible so that the visits can be considered and scheduled.

## MAY ATTENDANCE

Club	Members	Attendance %
Airdrie	41	73.03
Banff	*	*
Brooks	35	85.48
Calgary	289	53.20
Calgary Centennial	*	*
Calgary Chinook	*	*
Calgary Crowchild	*	*
Calgary East	37	72.12
Calgary Fish Creek	19	75.56
Calgary Heritage Park	44	96.62
Calgary Millennium	24	71.88
Calgary North	63	74.55
Calgary Olympic	*	*
Calgary Sarcee	27	65.38
Calgary South	189	68.13
Calgary West	88	75.33
Canmore	*	*
Cardston	40	73.21
Coaldale	*	*
Cochrane	45	60.47
Drumheller	41	87.50
Fort Macleod	24	62.50
High River	79	64.92
Innisfail	52	71.11
Kananaskis	*	*
Kindersley	*	*
Lacombe	55	87.50
Lethbridge	129	53.54
Lethbridge East	*	*
Lethbridge Sunrise	23	56.52
Maple Creek	*	*
Medicine Hat	108	61.88
Medicine Hat Saamis	*	*
Medicine Hat Sunrise	33	68.18
Okotoks	*	*
Olds	36	84.72
Pincher Creek	43	66.86
Ponoka	*	*
Raymond	16	40.62
Red Deer	131	70.09
Red Deer East	49	95.21
Red Deer Sunrise	*	*
Rocky Mountain House	22	63.75
Stettler	44	68.89
Swift Current	28	94.67
Sylvan Lake	28	75.14
Taber	14	64.29



### A CHANCE MEETING

in an elevator inside the Kyoto Handcrafts store:

DG Mike with Patrick Kaberenge, the 03 – 04 club President of RC of Kololo – Kampala, Uganda. Earlier in the year this club hosted our district Foundation Chair, Garth Toombs during his Rotary Foundation discovery visit to Uganda. Patrick is the Director of currency for the Bank of Uganda

This illustrates the internationality that is Rotary. Wherever you go in the world you have friends of friends.

Another enjoyable chance meeting was with Dr Joe and Dorothy Sera, R I President Jonathan's representative at our district conference in April. This time they were the sergeants who ushered us into our seats at the plenary sessions held in the 50,000 seat Osaka Dome.

