

# ON TRACK TO *Lead the Way*

Rotary International  
District 6560

Governor Bing Pratt



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## Let's get on the TRACK for a great trip

**It is a great privilege** for me to serve as the central Indiana District Governor in 2006-2007. Thank you for this opportunity.

It has been said that the journey is more important and enjoyable than reaching the destination. Let us get on the right **TRACK** for our journey of **Rotary service** in 2006-07. I can't say let's get started, because all of you have already been preparing for the official start of the start of **YOUR Rotary** year on July 1. Each club sets its own agenda and goals. The District was established by RI to help the individual clubs in their endeavors. But in addition, we are part of **Rotary International**. As such we are expected to support the programs of the Rotary International President, William "Bill" Boyd from New Zealand. He has selected "Lead the Way" as his theme. He expects Rotarians to **LTW** in all that we do vocationally, socially and in **Rotary service**. He is stressing **continuity** rather than start new initiatives. In that regard, he has chosen as his emphases **water management, Literacy,**

**Health and Hunger** and the **Family of Rotary**. The district will encourage each club to develop programs in these areas. And we will favor them when we review and accept Grant applications.

### Major District Goals for 2006-2007

Each of the committee chairs has and will continue to work hard to exceed last year's significant accomplishments. Many of the committees will be featured in this and later newsletters. All of the chairs are listed in the district directory.

1. Continue the Mexico Initiative by sending more Fire trucks and Emergency service vehicles, having a repeat GSE exchange with the **Mexico City** District and developing more sister city partnerships with their clubs.
2. For the **first** time we will have a second GSE team which is going to **Bangladesh!!**
3. Expand the Gift of Life program with more pediatric heart surgery and develop additional support for the children and their family after surgery. We are also working on

the possibility of sending a surgical team overseas.

4. Increase the number of clubs applying for and receiving Matching Grants. Another **first** this year is our smaller District Simplified Grants. We will award \$20,000 in up to \$2000 amounts with a 1 to 1 match in early July.
5. We will support and add to **youth** projects through our Rotary Youth Exchange program and increase both the number of Interact clubs in local high schools or communities and Rotaract clubs in colleges and universities.
6. Continue to **increase** the district membership!!! Yes, we have reversed a trend of the past several years and have a net gain for 2005-06 for the District.
7. Continue to award Ambassadorial and short term teacher Scholarships

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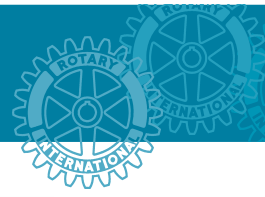
How do we do all these and many other things? We support **The Rotary**

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"Rotary is looked on more and more for leadership by major international institutions and by our communities. ...The idea behind **Lead the Way** is to challenge Rotary as an association, and all our clubs, to accept the challenge of showing leadership in the issues that confront our communities and our world. I want to challenge every Rotarian to be an example in those basic qualities of integrity, tolerance, honesty, and service."

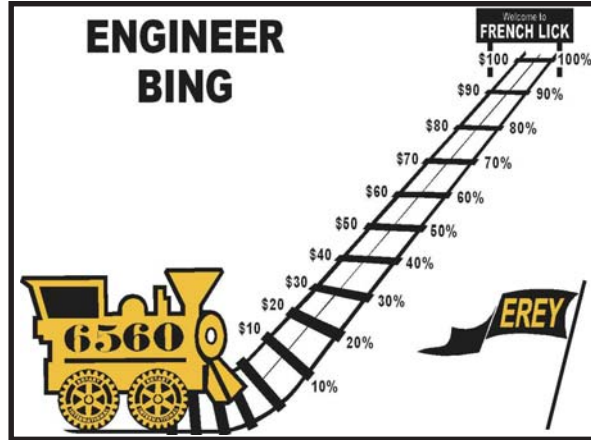
William Boyd, *Rotarian* magazine, March 2006





**Foundation.** We are following a record district year, but for the first time all 44 clubs have submitted an achievable and “exceedable” goal for annual giving. The RI annual fund program, as you know, is called Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY). It’s goal is for every Rotarian to give \$100 per year.

We have several inducements to encourage contributions. The highly desired district locomotive pin will be presented to members who give \$100 to the fund. Each club president received a “thermometer” like chart with a locomotive which is ready to get up the track to the French Lick Conference Center and Casino. One side of the track will be colored in when contributions are received with an average of \$100 per member being the goal. The other side is for the percentage of club members that have given with 100% participation the goal. In addition, we are having a contest with the Southern Indiana Rotary District. The winning district



will have the higher percentage of clubs that meet the EREY goal of an average of \$100 per member by April 1. At the District conference at French Lick April 20-22, 2007 the loser will have to entertain winner at the Saturday dinner. We expect to be entertained by the Southern Indiana District Governor and his Assistant Governors.

We will encourage increased membership in the **Paul Harris Society**. This donor level of \$1,000 per year to the annual fund has now been officially recognized by RI. We had over 74 charter members in our initial

year. There will be a fall event and a reception at the District Conference for PHS members and major donors. Hopefully, this will be at the West Baden Hotel.

### The District Conference

The District Conference will be held at the renewed, refurbished, and revitalized **French Lick Conference Center and Casino on April 20-22, 2007.** This will be held with the Southern Indiana district which doubles the size and makes for more activities and fun. There will be events for the **Family of Rotary** including a **Train Ride**, swimming and golf.

Special guests at the District Conference will be an African Tribal King and an Egyptian woman who is a POLIO survivor.

Let’s get started on the Right Track and Lead the Way for a great **ROTARY** year!

—District (Engineer) Governor,  
Bing Pratt

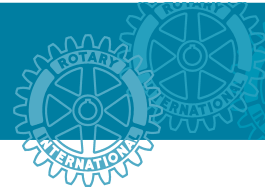
## Great Year, Martin

Congratulations on ALL you have accomplished. You have set the bar very high. Since this is NOT a limbo contest we have to go OVER it. The June, 2006 issue of Martin’s newsletter reviewed many of the year’s accomplishments. For those of you who did not receive it, these are some of the highlights:

- The Limbirds, Pratts and Grahams started the year by going to Mexico in July to deliver wheelchairs. That was the inspiring start to the Mexico Initiative that included sending nine fire trucks, numerous books, multiple grant projects, the Group Study Exchange and another full container of 280 wheelchairs.

- More than 30 clubs participated in matching grants through the Rotary Foundation.
- There was excellent attendance at the informative District Assembly, Membership and Youth seminar, Foundation Seminar and District conference. They kept us up do date and we had a lot of Rotary Fellowship as well.
- Annual Fund giving to The Rotary Foundation set an all time district record. This was helped a great deal by the new Paul Harris Society level of giving.

You are a hard act to follow, but we will do our best to LEAD THE WAY and stay on the Right TRACK in Rotary Service.  
—Bing



## 2007 Group Study Exchange

### A 4-Week, All-Expenses Paid, Professional Development Opportunity In Another Country

There are two opportunities in 2007 for young professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 to be on a GSE Team to travel outside the United States on a memorable 4-week tour of another Rotary District. This all-expenses paid journey allows the team members to stay with Rotarian families to learn their culture, visit historic and civic centers of several host cities, experience how other professionals in their field practice their professions, and promote goodwill and understanding among people of the world. The two destinations are:

#### GSE with Bangladesh D3280

**Outbound:** GSE Team departs on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007 and returns on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007.

**Inbound:** GSE Team arrives on Sunday, March 25, 2007 and departs on Sunday, April 22, 2007.

#### GSE with Mexico D4170

**Inbound:** GSE Team arrives on Saturday, March 3, 2007 and departs on Saturday, March 31, 2007.

**Outbound:** GSE Team departs on Wednesday, April 25, 2007 and returns on Friday, May 23, 2007.

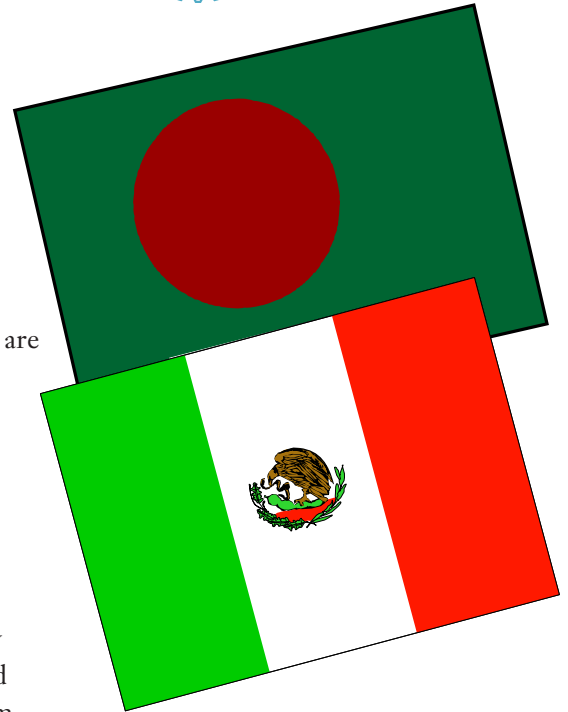
Rotary Club presidents and supporters of GSE can spread the word to schools, hospitals, businesses, universities and Chambers of Commerce in their areas to alert them to this opportunity. Furthermore, Rotarians in our District 6560 are needed to be Team Leaders. **All applications are due on September 9, 2006**, in time for the following Team Selection Schedules:

- **Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006**  
*Team Leaders Selection*
- **Saturday, Sept. 23, 2006**  
*Team Members Selection*

District 6560 Rotary Clubs are asked to submit a proposal to host the visiting teams for a 3-5 day period during the periods shown above. If your club has not experienced hosting a GSE Team before, this is a great opportunity to show our Hoosier Hospitality and promote goodwill and fellowship toward guests from abroad.

For additional information and GSE Team applications please visit:

- <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse/member/index.html>
- <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/160en.pdf>
- <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/161en.pdf>



- <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/260en.pdf>

For questions and mailings of all applications, please direct to:

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## Outstanding Ambassadorial Scholars for 2007-08 to Represent District 6560

Two excellent Ambassadorial Scholars will represent District 6560 in 2007-08. They exemplify the meaning and intent of the Ambassadorial Scholarship program—to be ambassadors of goodwill who will further international peace and understanding.

#### David Hoa Khoa Nguyen

The son of immigrants from Vietnam who sought a life of freedom and prosperity in the United States and Indiana, **David Hoa Khoa Nguyen** is a multi-talented young person who plans a career and life dedicated to service, leadership, and teaching. He is a licensed secondary teacher in the areas of

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*Ambassadorial Scholars continued*

general science, physical science and earth-space science and has been a tennis coach since the summer of 1998.

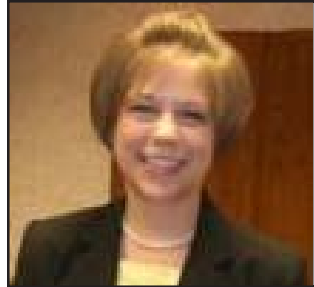
His interest in education policy led to his enrollment in Indiana University School of Law and his yearning for a formal business education prompted him to pursue a Masters in Business Administration. He will complete his JD/MBA in the spring of 2007. Not only has his education been eclectic but he has also found diverse ways to serve others, including being a child care provider at his church, coaching tennis since his junior year in high school, being a Patient Care Volunteer for Hospice of Bloomington Hospital, and being a Guardian ad Litem Volunteer for Child Advocates, Inc.

His desire is to study International Business Law in the Netherlands, the United Kingdom or Ireland. He would hope to be able to return to Indianapolis and assist in the economic development of our State. As secretary of the Student Bar Association and chair of the Committee on Diversity Initiatives at law school he has been privileged to meet many Masters of Law (LL.M.) students from different countries all over the world. This has further heighten his desire to live aboard and immerse himself in another culture.

As a Rotary Ambassador of Goodwill he hopes to share his culture with those in Europe as a native born Hoosier. Then he hopes to bring his observations and experiences back to the United States to bridge differences through tolerance and diversity. David was sponsored by the Indianapolis Club.

## Andrea Leigh Wiese

The second Ambassadorial Scholar for 2007-08 is **Andrea Leigh Wiese**.



*Todd Scholar Andrea Weise*



*Scholar David Ngueyen*

She will be receiving the Todd Ambassadorial Scholarship sponsored by the Attica-Williamsport Rotary Club; Andrea was sponsored by the Muncie Club so both clubs will sponsor her. "Environmental sustainability, religion, Impressionism, behavioral psychology, economics, youth counseling, social justice, and media influence are just a few topics that incite great passion in me and entice me to explore further", these words in Andrea's autobiography give some insight in to the diversity that characterizes her. With a Jewish mother and a Catholic father, she knows firsthand what religious conflict can mean but she also knows first hand what love and acceptance can bring. Andrea poignantly described her experience in traveling to Israel last May and the connection with her spiritual heritage which she had never felt growing up in rural Indiana.

Her education background at Ball State University will lead to a teaching degree in history, political science and sociology in May 2007. Andrea struggled for many years to learn to read and overcome a diagnosed learning disability in reading comprehension with the love and support of her parents who are both

teachers. Her desire to teach grows out of the help she received from many people in her life. She has taught as a

high school student teaching Jewish customs, traditions, beliefs, history, holidays, and Hebrew to K-2 graders; as a college student working at a camp in West Virginia; as a resident assistant on campus and providing programs twice a month;

and as an intern at the Eisenhower National Historical Site in Gettysburg giving programs to diverse groups, programs that she developed on D-day and Eisenhower's relationship with Israel during the Suez Crisis. Andrea will be a teacher who will encourage her students to do philanthropic projects. She firmly believes that it is up to the youth to start moving toward peace, equality and freedom. As an ambassador and a teacher she wants to help with the change. She wants to study at Ben Gurion University in Negev, Israel to study the Middle East and its ongoing conflicts. The university features an International Workshop where world scholars present their research on world issues. Andrea is not alone in realizing the critical nature of the Middle East conflicts to the entire world. She will raise awareness through her Rotary Club presentations and her work in the classroom and will make a positive, significant difference in the world. One of her recommendations said: "Andrea is a jewel. A rare combination of high purpose, a wonderful sense of humor, intelligence, and articulateness, she is one of few students I have met who is so passionately dedicated to learning from new experiences."



## Indy Airshow

The **Picnic with the Thunderbirds Symposium** will be held at the Vitesse Hangar at Mount Comfort Airport on the east side of Indianapolis at 6 PM on Friday, August 25. Our Rotary district is a co-sponsor.

All monies collected go to Riley Children's Hospital. This year's program starts with an hour of time on the airport ramp to view show

aircraft and war birds up close with no crowds or congestion. At 7 PM the Thunderbirds will arrive to picnic with the crowd. The Thunderbirds will practice their air show on Friday at 2 PM and then come to the picnic. This year the flight team includes a female Major, the first female pilot on a military flight demonstration team.



The picnic, catered by Texas

Roadhouse, will commence at 7 PM in the hangar and will be followed by a symposium that includes Astronaut Dr. David Wolf from Indianapolis, General Merrill McPeak, former AF Chief of Staff, and MG. Tom Swalm and MG. David Robinson. Former Gov. Ed Whitcomb, Col. USAF (Ret.) and Col.(Ret.) Jim Casler—the most highly decorated USAF officer, 6 1/2 year POW, and native of Indianapolis—will be honored as special

guests from WWII.

Purchase symposium tickets at [Indyairshow.com](http://Indyairshow.com) by clicking on the yellow ticket icon, then on the purchase icon, and then on Indianapolis air show in the box. They can also be purchased from Jim Graham at 317-852-8119 or 317-443-5820 (cell phone).

The Indianapolis Airshow will be Saturday and Sunday August 26 and 27. Last year DG Bing took a grandson. Both plan to return. He advises to take a cooler of water and soft drinks and folding chairs. For an additional ten dollars you can sit in the bleachers along the main performance path. Before the main show airplanes are on display and there are many exhibits. This is a great afternoon for the **Family of Rotary**, and a chance to help one of our projects—the Riley Hospital for Children. This has annually raised about \$200,000 a year.

Club	Membership July 1, 05	Membership May 31, 2006	Attendance May
Indianapolis East	16	15	94.67%
Anderson Surburban	10	10	90.00%
Greenfield Sunrise	15	13	90.00%
Attica-WilliamSPORT	32	36	82.94%
Lafayette	225	232	82.00%
Sheridan	21	20	80.00%
Union City	35	32	77.20%
Lafayette Daybreak	49	50	77.00%
Flora	19	17	77.00%
Rushville	48	40	76.00%
Greenfield	80	81	75.74%
Plainfield	24	27	75.38%
Hartford City	31	32	75.00%
Frankfort	46	49	74.00%
Muncie	174	178	74.00%
Kokomo Early Risers	57	55	73.20%
Indianapolis Northeast	37	36	72.44%
Shelbyville	34	36	72.00%
Portland	34	39	71.00%
Winchester	34	31	69.25%
Zionsville	33	34	68.00%
Hagerstown	42	40	67.00%
Marion	96	95	66.74%
Brownsburg	40	39	66.00%
Fishers	99	102	66.00%
Muncie Sunrise	94	102	66.00%
Noblesville Midday	31	37	65.41%
Kokomo	135	146	64.70%
Anderson	160	144	64.10%
Lebanon	63	65	63.00%
New Castle	47	37	63.00%
Carmel	116	140	61.33%
Indianapolis Sunrise	7	10	60.00%
Indianapolis	469	445	58.00%
Greencastle	57	60	57.00%
Avon	40	31	55.00%
Richmond	31	31	54.19%
Rockville	31	36	53.70%
Danville	44	46	52.74%
Marion North	14	14	52.00%
Tipton	27	24	50.00%
Noblesville	11	14	39.29%
Connersville	28	NR	NR
Crawfordsville	47	NR	NR
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2783</b>	<b>2721</b>	<b>67.19%</b>

### The 4-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the TRUTH?
- 2 Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?