

# ON TRACK TO Lead the Way

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District 6560

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Governor Bing Pratt



## Getting Our Train in Order

There are several essential things for your club to do this month

### A. The Governor's Citation.

Presidents—YOU must submit a statement that your club has fulfilled the SEVEN criteria by April 1st. (See inset below) When I came up with this list, I knew this would be a stretch for some clubs. I considered them achievable but fairly difficult. Send me a copy of the seven with a note in the margin of how and when you did each.

1. Most of you got the Planning

Guide to me by my visit and that will check that one off.

2. All of you paid the district dues and you should all have paid the RI dues of January 2007.

3. New members: One plus 5%; for example if you had up to 29 members you needed to take in just ONE; 30 to 50 TWO; and so on. That is not increase in members just NEW ONES.

4./5. List person that fulfills this.

6. EREY of \$100 AVERAGE to the Annual Fund of RI. Last year 22 clubs cleared this hurdle.

7. Every club should have achieved this one !!!

Again, get this in to me by April 1st.

### B. The Rotary International President's Citation.

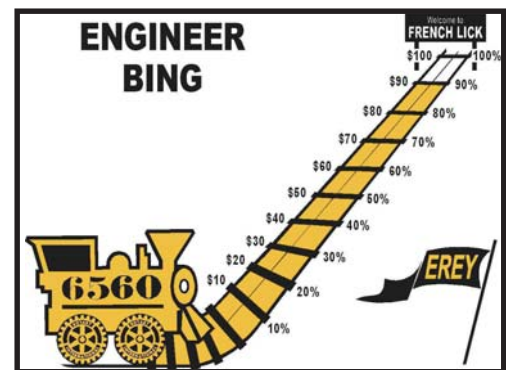
This is also due to me by April 1st. There was a copy of this form and the detailed criteria in your binder. It is also available at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). The membership criteria is a net increase of ONE. I find the wording a bit hazy. "Develop and implement a plan to achieve a net increase of one". Surely we all had a "plan to increase". Then you must have done one of **four out of five** categories listed. There is room

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## Governor's Citation Award

### 2006-2007 Qualifications Complete by April 1, 2007

1. Complete and submit by July 1, 2006 the "Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs" (pp. 83-88 of the Club President's Manual).
2. Pay club bills to RI and Rotary District 6560 on time.
3. Membership: ONE new member plus one per twenty on the club role as of June 30, 2006.
4. President and/or your club representative attends the Foundation Seminar on Saturday, November 4, 2006.
5. President and/or representative register for the District Conference at French Lick on April 20-22, 2007.
6. Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) contribution to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation average \$100 per member.
7. Nominate a club member for the RI "Four Avenues of Service Citation" or give a club award to a community leader.



This is how far up the track your club should be by the end of March.

"Like nothing else, literacy is a stepping stone away from poverty. It is a gift of self-reliance, one that can be freely passed on from generation to generation. Once there's literacy in a family, it's almost always there to stay, as literate parents raise literate children. Literate parents are also more likely to raise healthier children, whose horizons will stretch far beyond their own homes and villages. Literacy, quite literally, opens up a new world."

William B. Boyd, RI President, discussing March as Literacy Month





## Nine clubs over \$100 per member

The Contribution report of The Rotary Foundation for February 28 shows nine District 6560 clubs over our GOAL of \$100 per member for Annual Fund Giving. Congratulations to the RCs of Brownsburg and Greenfield Sunrise which joined the group this month. Several clubs are very close and I have been assured that they will be over this month, which will determine the winner of our contest with the Southern Indiana District.

Some districts are calling the clubs

over \$100 “STAR” clubs giving them a gold star with the year on it to put on their banner along with Governor’s citations. (Should we adopt that recognition?)

Only Three clubs show ZERO giving for the year. I know that two of these have money that has been given for the foundation and has either not been sent in or not yet recorded by RI. Guess which clubs I am calling and visiting shortly!!

Per capita figures are included in District Secretary Mike Ellis’ report.

## Gift of Life Riley Team Operates on 9 in Jordan

Our Gift of Life cardiovascular surgery team from Riley Hospital for Children performed nine heart surgeries in six days while in Amman Jordan earlier in March. Five children were from Iraq and four from Jordan.

A reception was held on March 14 to hear about the trip from the surgeon, Dr. Mark Turrentine. This event was organized by DGE Jim and Roberta Graham to also recognize the Rotary Clubs and the five Wal-Mart stores in Hendricks County whose Rotarian managers had contributed to pay for tickets for the seven person team. Rotary Clubs also contributing included Brownsburg, Carmel, Zionsville and Noblesville. (I apologize for leaving one or two off this list.)

Dr. Turrentine said that Riley Hospital could only do a handful of children here a year, so this was very efficient. Dr. Anne Farrell, pediatric cardiologist on the team reported that **all nine** children came through the surgery “with flying colors” and are doing well post operatively.

Our District Gift of Life Fund has contributed \$20,000 to the hospital in Jordan. We hope to include members of this Gift of Life surgery team in the District Conference on Saturday April 21st so **we all** can hear more about this wonderful project.

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on the form for brief descriptions of your activities.

### C. District Conference

Do not delay! Registration is due by end of March.

### D. Annual Giving to TRF.

Let’s get a lot more clubs over the \$100/ member goal—NOW. Remember our contest with the Southern Indiana District on the percentage of

## Paige Watson Wins Speech Contest

The District Speech Contest was held March 10, 2007 at Ball State University. Nine students participated representing the Rotary Clubs of Danville, Avon, Anderson, Lebanon, Attica/Williamsport, Sheridan and Greenfield Sunrise. Each of the students spoke on this year’s Rotary International topic of “Lead the Way”.

Your governor sat in on the speeches but fortunately did not have to cast a vote. Three members of the Ball State speech team and their coach were the panel of judges. We rewarded each of them with a gift certificate. Most of the speeches concentrated on leaders in history and what makes a good or bad leader.

The Speech Contest Chair, Judy Burke of the RC of Fishers, announced the top three places. First place went to Paige Watson representing the Rotary Club of Greenfield Sunrise. She will repeat her speech at the luncheon on Saturday, April 21, at the District Conference. She and her family will be guests of the District and she will receive a check for \$500. You will be impressed with her talk. She applied principles learned from leaders to her life.

Chris Funderburk from the RC of Anderson was second and will receive \$250. and Arielle Brown of the RC of Danville club will get the third prize of \$100.

clubs over \$100. Check with your Treasurer to make sure the money has been sent to the new address: 14280 Collection Center Dr. Chicago IL 60693.



## Rotarian An Alternate in Global Race

RC of Frankfort Past President Gina Sheets was recently chosen as an alternate for the 2007 Blue Planet Run, a 100-day trek spanning about 14,000 miles around the globe. The run is intent on drawing attention to the plight of unsafe drinking water. Sheets, the CEO of Clinton County Chamber of Commerce and a long-distance runner for about three years, said she was drawn to the Blue Planet Run because of its goal to raise awareness that not everyone has drinkable water at their disposal. Rotary is working hard to improve the state of drinking water around the world and this event ties in very nicely with Rotary's goals too.

[Source: The Times, Frankfort, Indiana]

## FundRaiser Announcement

The **Rotary Club of Frankfort** will hold its annual **Rotary Spaghetti Dinner** on April 28 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Clinton County Fairgrounds 4-H building. Tickets available at the door: Adult \$7.00, Child 6-12 \$4.00, Under 6 free. Menu: All you can eat Spaghetti, Meatballs, Breadsticks, Two sides, Drink and Ice Cream. All proceeds go to charitable organizations including Frankfort Rotary Baseball. There will also be a silent auction while you eat.

## Acting Chair for PHS

Mike Warren of the RC Carmel has accepted the position as acting chair of the Paul Harris Society committee. You may contact him at through email at michael.e.warren@smithbarney.com or at his work number 317.818.7317. Mike will be updating our PHS records and getting invitations out for the reception on Saturday at the District Conference. And then, increasing the PHS membership!

Hal Thompson has an illness that will put him on the sideline for a while. We all wish Hal a speedy and complete recovery.

Club	Membership June 31, 06	Membership Feb. 27, 07	Attendance February	TRF/ per capita
Anderson	139	131	58.27%	\$0.76
Anderson Surburban	10	11	86.50%	\$42.00
Attica-Williamsport	36	37	61.28%	\$242.66
Avon	40	33	55.00%	\$99.17
Brownsburg	39	40	79.00%	\$102.16
Carmel	143	147	64.77%	\$180.87
Connersville	25	28	47.62%	\$35.88
Crawfordsville	47	46	50.00%	\$0.00
Danville	46	46	68.71%	\$55.44
Fishers	104	99	59.00%	\$123.65
Flora	19	15	77.00%	\$76.47
Frankfort	48	49	88.00%	\$29.79
Greencastle	60	62	NR	\$56.22
Greenfield	80	85	84.06%	\$0.00
Greenfield Sunrise	15	15	80.95%	\$112.67
Hagerstown	39	34	65.00%	\$29.06
Hartford City	36	35	81.00%	\$19.44
Indianapolis	428	408	59.00%	\$53.80
Indianapolis East	15	12	83.33%	\$61.67
Indianapolis Northeast	33	33	50.00%	\$122.29
Indianapolis Sunrise	12	13	50.00%	\$16.67
Kokomo	144	144	75.00%	\$76.28
Kokomo Early Risers	49	53	79.00%	\$121.90
Lafayette	231	229	66.03%	\$35.85
Lafayette Daybreak	48	45	66.90%	\$43.54
Lebanon	65	66	74.15%	\$160.16
Marion	96	80	68.67%	\$74.17
Marion North	14	15	53.00%	\$0.00
Muncie	178	168	54.60%	\$56.89
Muncie Sunrise	103	95	60.00%	\$33.31
New Castle	53	50	78.00%	\$10.00
Noblesville	6	13	70.00%	\$9.09
Noblesville Midday	37	37	NR	\$20.10
Plainfield	26	23	57.00%	\$88.11
Portland	34	33	83.00%	\$13.01
Richmond	30	NR	NR	\$21.32
Rockville	36	36	52.70%	\$27.08
Rushville	48	33	NR	\$33.51
Shelbyville	36	36	64.00%	\$15.00
Sheridan	20	18	78.00%	\$10.00
Tipton	24	17	60.00%	\$5.00
Union City	32	30	NR	\$69.32
Winchester	31	27	56.00%	\$99.16
Zionsville	34	32	68.50%	\$265.38
		2659	65.87%	

## 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?