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The Heartbeat: Rotary Heart of America News

*Thomas A. Branum, Sr.,
 RI Director 2007-2009*

June 2008

Greetings!

It ain't over yet!

This is the last month of the 2007-2008 Rotary year. Even though the sun is setting on the year, it isn't over yet.



Now is the time for good managers in districts and clubs to clear up loose ends. Be sure to report all of your new members, even if they come into your club the final day of the year. Be sure to remind all clubs and individual donors to send funds to The Rotary Foundation to arrive no later than June 30th.

M & M is still the name of the game.

the mail next week!

[Register online!](#)

For more information,
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Sunset on the Zambezi River

Still Available - Heart of America Breakfast Tickets



You can still get Heart of America breakfast tickets for the LA convention. Contact HOA Breakfast Chairman Ed Hardesty at edwin.hardesty@ssa.gov if you cannot find the sales person for your district.

District 6200 GSE to District 2420



D-6200 GSE team, all schoolteachers, visits D-2420 in Turkey.

Zone Webmaster



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**L.A. Convention
June 15-18, 2008**

Don't forget to [register for the Los Angeles Convention.](#)

Tips From Your Editor



Zones 29-30 webmaster Todd Lindley gave the keynote address for D-6510 Rotary Foundation Dinner.

Africa Initiative

This month we begin an African initiative offered to districts and clubs in the Heart of America. Our primary emphasis will be on projects that benefit health and literacy for women and girls. This will mesh perfectly with the "Reach out to Africa" program that you will be learning more about from other Rotary leaders. It is my hope that many of our people will find a project listed and make arrangements with African clubs to complete it. Perhaps some will require cooperation between more than one of our clubs or more than one district.

See the first few listings at rizoness29-30.net under the index item "[Africa Grants Projects Wish List](#)." As more suggestions come to us from Africa, they will be added to the list.

Please consider making some of these a part of your Humanitarian Grants program for 2008-2009. When a connection has been established, please notify webmaster Todd Lindley at rotary6060.tl@gmail.com and copy yours truly at tombranumsenior@cs.com.



Although you can't see it, this beautiful, young lady and her father are standing beside a concrete block "school building" with no windows or

*Some tips from your Editor
Karin Blue . . .*

While you're perusing the Africa Grants Project Wish List on the Zones 29-30 website, why not also see what's on the site about [water projects](#)?

Can't attend the Convention in LA? Attend in spirit! Check the [Convention page](#) on the RI website for the daily reports!

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- [District 5710](#) (Kansas)
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- [District 6080](#) (Missouri)
- [District 6110](#) (Parts of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma)
- [District 6150](#) (Arkansas)
- [District 6170](#) (Arkansas)
- [District 6190](#) (Louisiana)
- [District 6460](#) (Illinois)
- [District 6490](#) (Illinois)
- [District 6510](#) (Illinois)
- [District 6820](#) (Mississippi)
- [District 6840](#) (Parts of Louisiana and Mississippi)

Zone 30 Districts

- [District 6560](#) (Indiana)
- [District 6580](#) (Indiana)
- [District 6670](#) (Ohio)
- [District 6690](#) (Ohio)
- [District 6710](#) (Kentucky)
- [District 6740](#) (Kentucky)
- [District 6760](#) (Tennessee)
- [District 6780](#) (Tennessee)
- [District 6800](#) (Parts of Mississippi and Tennessee)
- [District 6860](#) (Alabama)
- [District 6880](#) (Alabama)

Future RI Conventions

For those of you who like to make long-range travel plans, these are possible sites of future Rotary International

doors or desks or books. Usually served only by volunteer teachers, the school is in a small, thatched-roof village at the end of a long, rutted, dirt road about 12 miles from the highway . . . many children like her need your help.

Rotarian School Projects in Turkey



The two schools pictured here were built and equipped by Istanbul Rotarians, and then they were donated to the government. . . .



. . . along with the Rotary wheel embedded in the floor!

Conventions:

2009 - Birmingham, England,
21-24 June

2010 - Montreal, Canada, 20-
23 June

2011 - New Orleans,
Louisiana

2012 - Bangkok, Thailand

2013 - Lisbon, Portugal

2014 - Sydney, Australia

2015 - Latin America or
Western USA

2016 - Seoul, Korea

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Heart Surgery for Iraqi Children

Rotarians at the Rotary Club of Istanbul Karakoy have started a program to bring children from neighboring Iraq for heart surgery. This boy, shown with his parents, was scheduled for surgery the next day.



Followup reports are good. Discount prices have been arranged at a private hospital and it is hoped that international partners will join in Matching Grants for future children.

Interested clubs and districts may contact DG TashinTugrul at tahsintugrul@altasaluminium.com.

We All Need Water

Water is a primary indicator of the possibility of life as we know it. On our planet, about 1.2 billion people don't have safe drinking water, and, about 2.5 billion people are without sanitation. These are the contributing factors that cause over 6,000 children to die -- every day.



We can do something about that. Clean water leads to a reduction in infant mortality, improved health for all ages, an improved food supply, economic development, education, longer lives and reduced birth rates. All of that - for the price of a water well or a sanitation system, or a water purification system - that you can provide or support through the Rotary Foundation matching grants program.

Whatever your "water goals", your District Water Resource Coordinator can help you to access information and water partners around the world.

Jane Molloy, Zone 29 Water Resource Coordinator

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Important Dates and Reminders



- June 14-18, 2008: RI Conventional, Los Angeles, California
- Sept. 9-11, 2008: GETS/GNATS, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Sept. 11-14, 2008: Zones 29/30 Rotary Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Sept. 10-13, 2009: Zones 29/30 Rotary Institute, Tulsa, Oklahoma

A more comprehensive list of important dates can be found at the "[Calendar of Events](#)" tab on the [Zones 29/30 website](#). Let others know what you are doing. Please tell Zones 29-30 webmaster Todd Lindley of any dates planned for your district (including your district conference) during the next year. His email address is: rotary6060.tl@gmail.com.

About Us

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