

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6250, INC.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

VIRTUAL ZOOM

JUNE 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 am by the President, District Governor Edwin Bos.

Announcement of a Quorum – District Secretary Debbie Fox-Schroeder

Twenty-eight-member clubs were present, constituting a quorum by representing 65% of our district clubs representing 75% of the total membership. A listing of delegates in attendance is attached and is a part of these minutes.

State of the District Report – District Governor Edwin Bos

Read the Mission Control, Lift off and Splash Down.

2019-20 MISSION CONTROL (June 19th)			2019-20 ROTARY CITATION					DAYS, HOURS AND MINUTES TO SPLASHDOWN >>>>							12:00:00	Light Blue = Planned in 2020-21	
CLUB ID	AG GROUP	CLUB NAME	CITATION RECIPIENT (3 of 3 >>)	REQUIRED ACTIVITIES (2 of 2)	UNITE PEOPLE (3 of 9)	TAKE ACTION (3 of 9)	PRESIDENTIAL DISTINCTION (up to 3)	TRF > \$100 / MEM / YEAR	HOW FAR TO GO AS CLUB !!	POLIPLUS > \$0 / CLUB	DISTRICT GRANTS	GLOBAL GRANTS	ROTARACT	INTERACT	YOUTH EXCH.	RYLA Participants (May 2019)	RFE Participants (2019-20)
26002	7	Madison Horizons	Yes	2	3	4	0	\$67.86	\$675.00							2	
2698	11	Madison South	Yes	2	3	6	0	> \$100			1	Guatemala			IB		
2699	7	Madison West	Yes	2	3	4	0	> \$100					0.5	IB	1		
2700	7	Madison West Towne Middleton	Yes	2	6	7	0	> \$100			1	Guatemala		0.5	OB & IB	5	2
2701	2	Marshfield - 100 Years!	Yes	2	3	3	Yes	\$98.82	\$45.00				1			4	
29366	2	Marshfield Sunrise	Yes	2	4	5	Yes	> \$100					1		ST	7	2
2702	5	Mayville	Yes	2	4	4	Yes	> \$100			1	Poland		1	IB	4	
62833	2	Medford Morning	Yes	2	3	3	0	\$91.76	\$140.00	\$0			1			2	
2704	1	Menomonie	0	2	2	4	0	\$94.58	\$298.00			Philippines			ST		
30505	1	Menomonie Sunrise - 25 Years!	Yes	2	6	7	Yes	> \$100			1	Philippines					
2706	11	Mt. Horeb	Yes	2	3	4	0	> \$100			1	Puerto Rico		1	OB, IB & ST	2	
2708	3	Onalaska	0	2	2	4	0	\$29.17	\$1,275.00						OB		
84277	3	Onalaska-Hilltopper	Yes	2	5	4	0	> \$100		\$0				1	OB	1	
2709	11	Oregon - 75 Years!	Yes	2	5	6	0	\$87.17	\$385.00					1	OB, IB & ST		
2711	5	Portage	Yes	2	4	3	0	\$8.52	\$2,470.00	\$0				1	IB	4	
24016	10	Prairie du Chien	Yes	2	5	3	0	> \$100			1			1	IB	7	
29011	4	Reedsburg Western Sauk County	Yes	2	3	5	0	\$6.97	\$1,302.40	\$0						1	
2713	10	Richland County	Yes	2	3	4	0	> \$100			1				OB	3	
85723	10	SW Wisconsin Platteville	Yes	2	3	3	0	\$35.79	\$1,220.00				UW Platt.		OB		
2714	3	Sparta	Yes	2	3	4	Yes	\$10.00	\$1,800.00	\$0							
2715	8	Stoughton	Yes	2	3	3	0	> \$100				Philippines			IB		
2716	6	Sun Prairie	Yes	2	6	3	0	> \$100			1			1	IB & ST	4	
2717	4	Tomah	Yes	2	3	4	0	> \$100		\$0	1			1	IB		
24883	10	Viroqua	Yes	2	4	5	0	> \$100		\$0						2	
2718	8	Watertown	Yes	2	3	3	0	\$80.91	\$1,050.00					1	IB	4	
2719	6	Waunakee	0	2	2	4	0	\$90.76	\$776.00		1				IB	4	2
2720	5	Waupun	Yes	2	3	3	0	\$23.53	\$1,300.00	\$0		Poland			ST		
2722	4	Wisconsin Dells	0	2	2	5	0	\$60.90	\$1,525.00			Greece & Latvia		1			8
2723	2	Wisconsin Rapids	Yes	2	4	4	0	\$83.47	\$975.00							4	
31198	2	Wisconsin Rapids Sunrise	Yes	2	3	3	0	\$86.49	\$500.00	\$0						2	2
Clubs Participating >>			54				13	32		46	21	22	2	35	40	42	15

During Virtual District Conference we recognized two people and I would like to briefly do that again here.

First, Past District Governor Joe Ruskey of the Prairie du Chien Club has worked tirelessly on behalf of the District and Rotary for many years. Joe has been awarded the Service Above Self Award by Rotary International. This year this award went to only 143 of the over 1 million Rotarians in World. Congrats Joe!

Second, Ivan Haynes of the Madison East Monona Rotary Clubs passed away in 2018 at the age of 87. This past January our District received word that, through cumulative giving of over a quarter of a million dollars, Ivan was inducted into the Rotary Foundation's prestigious Arch Klumph Trustee's Circle. His gifts will continue to benefit our District and Rotary for many years to come.

- Report on District Membership – John Locke

District 6250 = 2,673 Members	Worldwide= 1,208,611 Members
July 1, 2019 = 2,739 Members	July 1, 2019 = 1,189,466 Members

District Membership Team Initiatives:

- We have launched the **Membership Growth Grant** with the purpose of empowering clubs to strengthen their membership through creative membership initiatives.
- We have a District Membership Team of 6 including 4 region membership masters providing closer support to clubs.
- Membership Leads -We have received 33 leads from RI, 8 have become members, 20 are still in process, 5 are no longer pursuing Rotary.

- Report on The Rotary Foundation – Josh Mansee

Foundation Team Highlights:

- Team has grown by 10 members, and 3 new subcommittees
- #1 in Zone for Paul Harris Society Growth and total Rotary Direct membership
- 265k of DDF (500K+ total) of funds put out in the world doing good via Grants
- Sponsorship of a Global Scholar & 2 Peace Fellows
- Trending well to goals for Annual Fund & Polio
- 4 New Major Donors and 1 Arch Klumpf inductee
- 68% of clubs have a Foundation Chair

- Report on Charitable Trust – District Governor Edwin Bos

The District 6250 Charitable Trust is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit entity created to assist smaller Clubs within our District by granting the benefits of a foundation without incurring the additional costs of establishing one. The Trust also provides our District the ability to raise tax-deductible funds in support of disaster relief as well as Rotary initiatives, such as Interact, Youth Exchange, and (of course!) polio eradication.

There are 7 clubs within District 6250 that currently have \$21,000 on deposit with the Trust to use for their Club projects. During the last Rotary year, these clubs fundraised \$13,400 for their projects, using the Charitable Trust to ensure preferential tax treatment for the donations solicited. In addition to club projects, our District, through the Trust, supported disaster relief with nearly \$1,500 donated to RID 3850 in the Philippines for Typhoon Phanfone relief. Amazingly, nearly \$10,800 was raised in ONE DAY at PETS training to support a great non-profit organization of one of the featured speakers. \$3,800 was donated to the End Polio Now fund through sales of "Give Rotary the Finger" apparel. Nearly \$20,000 of funds are on deposit with the Trust endowing the McKinney-Marshall Fund, which annually grants scholarships for youth exchange.

If your club doesn't have its own foundation, but could use the fundraising benefits of a foundation, please visit the D6250.org website to learn more about another tool in the Swiss Army Knife that is Rotary.

- Report on Election for RI Director Election Committee Representative and confirmation of Bill Hoel, Rotary Club of La Crosse – District Governor Edwin Bos

Must be a PDG and several other criteria such as attending Zone meetings etc.. All our PDG's were asked but only PDG Bill Hoel both stepped forward and was eligible. Under RI Bylaws section 11.020.7.

No ballot shall be required if there is only one nominee in a district. The governor shall declare the nominee as the member of the nominating committee. Bill's name has been submitted to RI to serve on the Nominating Committee for RI Director this fall.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the annual business meeting of June 7, 2019 were not read because they had previously been distributed.

A motion to approve the *minutes from the business meeting* of June 7, 2019 was made by General Consensus. No objections. Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Approval of the 2018 – 2019 Financial Statements – District Treasurer Dick Spencer

District Treasurer Dick Spencer presented the Financial Statements.

Per Rotary procedure the Audit Report was conducted and included in the Annual Meeting Packet. December 18, 2019 the audit committee reviewed the fiscal year end June 30, 2019 and District Governor Bill Hoel's annual expenses.

District Treasurer Dick Spencer, Rotary Club of La Crosse Valley View thanked Darwin Isaacson, Rotary Club of La Crosse Valley View, Scott Haumersen, Rotary Club of Madison, Todd Restel, Rotary Club of LaCrosse and Arien O'Heron, Rotary Club of Caledonia for their work on the District Audit Committee.

The District ended up expenses in the excess of revenues of \$22,904.65 on the fiscal year.

A motion to approve the 2018 – 2019 Financial Statements was made by General Consensus. No objections. Approved.

Approval of 2020-2021 District Budget and District Member Dues

District Treasurer Dick Spencer, District Governor-Elect Bill Pritchard

Budget for \$72,629 loss for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The finance committee is recommending that we maintain the dues at \$40 per member. The intent is to keep a reserve balance of 55% of the operating balance.

A motion to approve the *2020-2021 District Operating Budget* was made by General Consensus. No objections. Approved.

Question from the floor – the reserve is around \$179,000 for the District. Rotary International has a target reserve of 55% of operating expenses.

Board Member Elections

The District Nominating Committee has nominated two at-large members to the District 6250 Board of Directors for 2020-21. The nominating committee nominates At-Large Member Carol Hermann (Rotary Club of Lodi), and Marie Whisenant (Rotary Club of Southwest Wisconsin-Platteville).

Motion to approve members Carol Hermann (Rotary Club of Lodi), and Marie Whisenant (Rotary Club of Southwest Wisconsin-Platteville) to the ***District Board of Directors*** was made by General Consensus. No objections. Approved.

Confirmation of District Governor Nominee

Edwin Bos for the District Nominating Committee chaired by Joe Ruskey, PDG, presents the ***District Governor Nominee Designate 2020-21***. The nominating committee nominates, Karen Hebert, Rotary Club of Chippewa Valley After Hours, as District Governor Nominee 2021-22.

Motion to approve Karen Hebert, Rotary Club of Chippewa Valley After Hours, as ***District Governor Elect 2020-21*** was made by General Consensus. No objections. Approved.

Confirmation of District Governor Nominee Designate

Bill Hoel for the District Nominating Committee chaired by Dean McHugh, PDG, presents the ***District Governor Nominee Designate 2022-23***. The nominating committee nominates, Ben Bauer, Rotary Club of Marshfield Sunrise, as District Governor Nominee Designate 2022-23.

Motion to approve Ben Bauer, Rotary Club of Marshfield Sunrise, as ***District Governor Nominee Designate 2022-23*** was made by General Consensus. No objections. Approved.

Approval of the Vice Governor

Motion to approve Bill Hoel, Rotary Club of LaCrosse was made by General Consensus. No objections. Approved.

The District Nominating Committee for District Governor Nominee Designate

Motion to approve the nominating committee (see below) for the District Governor Nominee Designate for 2023-24 was made by General Consensus. No objections. Approved.

Nominating Committee for District Governor Nominee 2023-24

- Bill Hoel, Rotary Club of La Crosse
- Edwin Bos, Rotary Club of Fort Atkinson
- Bill Pritchard, Rotary Club of La Crosse After Hours
- Karen Hebert, Rotary Club of Chippewa Valley After Hours
- Ben Bauer, Rotary Club of Marshfield Sunrise
- Chuck Hanson, Rotary Club of La Crosse
- Mick Gilbertson, Rotary Club of Janesville Noon

Announcement of Election for the District’s Representative to the Council on Legislation & Alternate Representative

- Dean Ryerson, Rotary Club of Madison West Towne-Middleton, Representative
- Rob Stroud, Rotary Club of Madison., Alternative Representative

New Business:

Announcement of 2021-2022 Meeting to be held April 23, 2020 in Madison, WI.

Before we adjourn, I’d like to thank everyone for year that I’ll never forget. There have been a few bumps along the way but generally I think we’ve moved our District in a positive direction over the past year. I’d specifically like to thank all 60 club presidents for managing their clubs how they saw best ... each club is unique, each club is independent and each club president has to manage their club in the manner that works best for them. All our presidents have done a great job as can be seen by the number of Rotary Citations our Clubs have earned this year.

Also our Assistant Governors; Mike in Eau Claire, Ben & Oralee in Marshfield, Pat in LaCrosse, Amanda & Deb in Tomah, Rebecca & Brent in Beaver Dam, Carole in Lodi, Judy in Madison, Mark in Stoughton, Bill in Beloit, Sherry in Richland Center, Donna in Madison and Bob in LaCrosse. It’s not an easy job especially with technology making it so easy for DG’s to communicate directly with Club Presidents. The AG job is a job I’ve held, and it is a position that I hope our District will look at in the future and attempt to redefine. It needs to be made more relevant in the virtual world we live in.

We tried something different this year with our weeklong DG Visits per AG Group and I can highly recommend it to any future District Governors. Spending a week with an AG Group grounds you in everything they are doing and builds relationships that are stronger than can be achieved with just a club visit. My biggest regret it that my final three Group visits were cut short by COVID-19. A big thanks to all the Rotarians from around the District who hosted me in their homes this year ... thanks to your hospitality I’m proud to say that your District Governor in 2019-20 did not spend one night in a District hotel.

Finally, to our District Board and to Bill and Karen and now Ben. It’s been a pleasure working with all of you. We’ve definitely hit a few bumps along the way ... but bumps are good, bumps indicate passion and there is A LOT of passion on our Board and in our future DG’s. We’ve definitely moved things forward so here is to all of us hitting many more passion bumps in the future.

Thank you everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.

2020 Annual Business Meeting - Attendance

39 Clubs Represented	•	District Total 60 Clubs	•	65% represented
2119 Members Represented	•	District Total 2,703 Members	•	78% represented
81 Electors Votes	•	District 108 Total Electors	•	75% represented

Club Name	Members	Electors	Name 1	Name 2	Name 3	Name 4	Name 5
Baraboo	37	1	Rebecca Oettinger				
Beaver Dam	29	1	Dennis Levenhagen				
Beloit	54	2	Cathy Nilliarium	Mary Kaminski			
Black River Falls	33	1	Carol Martin				
Caledonia, MN	25	1	Ashley Dress				

Chippewa Falls	51	2	Logan Sullivan	Cathy Statz			
Chippewa Valley After Hours	25	1	Karen Hebert				
Columbus/Fall River	25	1					
De Forest Area	19	1	Proxy – see below				
Eau Claire	49	2	Jerry Kuehl				
Eau Claire Morning	24	1	Mike Kloss				
Edgerton	34	1	Proxy – see below				
Fitchburg-Verona	17	1	Tim Buethien				
Fort Atkinson	46	2	Carl Selvick				
Granton	14	1					
Holmen Area	38	2					
Janesville	85	3	Lois Smith				
Janesville Morning	46	2					
Jefferson	29	1					
La Crescent	29	1	Bob Spencer	John			
La Crosse	187	6	Tammy Woods Todd Restel	Rob Palmberg Eva Restel	Andy Bakkum	Diana Carey	Sarah Arent-Beyer
La Crosse After Hours	65	3	Brandon Harris	Marissa Dickinson			
La Crosse East	39	2					
La Crosse-Valley View	65	3	Mark Etrheim	Julie Keitel	Thomas Byerly		
Lake Mills	38	2	Sandee Macht				
Lodi	19	1					
Madison	447	17	Jason Beren	Mike Casey	Mark Moody	Pat Jenkins	Andrea Kaminski Jorge Hidalgo
Madison After Hours	28	1	Erin Luken				
Madison Breakfast	28	1	Heather Dyer				
Madison East-Monona	15	1	Harry Ripp				
Madison Horizons	20	1	Melissa Carlson				
Madison South	73	2					
Madison West	35	1					
Madison West Towne-Middleton	53	2	Mary Van Hout				
Marshfield	38	2					
Marshfield Sunrise	54	2	Becky Huebner-Leu	Larry Clouse			
Mayville	39	2	John Stork				
Medford Morning	15	1					
Menomonie	57	2	Rich Rhiel	Ellen Ochs			
Menomonie-Sunrise	34	1	Courtney Sand				
Mt. Horeb	27	1					
Onalaska	18	1					
Onalaska Hilltoppers	30	1					
Oregon	35	1	John Bonsett-Veal				
Portage	25	1					
Prairie du Chien	31	1	Joe Ruskey				
Reedsburg/Western Sauk County	13	1					
Richland County	21	1					
Southwestern WI - Platteville	19	1	Marie Whisenant				
Sparta	21	1					
Stoughton	48	2	Todd McVey	Justin Guerin			
Sun Prairie	38	2	Toni Pabon				
Tomah	30	1	Martha Klatt				
Viroqua	9	1					
Watertown	50	2	Josh Macht				
Waunakee	85	3	Tom Kennedy	Linda Olson	Jim Katner		
Waupun	14	1					
Wisconsin Dells	35	1					
Wisconsin Rapids	57	2	Sue Sippel	Matt Ironside			
Wisconsin Rapids-Sunrise	39	2	Carrie Nikolai				

Clubs Represented by Proxy:

Club Name	Members	Electors	Proxy Elector
Edgerton	34	1	Edwin Bos
De Forest	19	1	Edwin Bos