

The Centenarian

Zones 31 & 32

News and Notes

To Assist in Preparing for Rotary's 100th Anniversary



Occasional encouragement and advice from Leon & Tom

January 2004

To Zones 31 & 32 Governors and Governors-elect:

- *Unless your name is Methuselah* – this is your one chance to celebrate a century of Rotary fellowship and service and to make Rotary's 100th anniversary THE Rotary celebration of all time in your district. You are being asked to commit your district and clubs to anniversary celebrations throughout the centennial year. If you make this commitment, a lot of manpower will be needed to organize and promote celebration activities, in particular joint activities between clubs and across districts. Bottom line: our centennial celebrations ought to be front burner items from NOW until the end of the 2004-05 Rotary year.
- We will do ourselves and Rotary a huge favor by loading up district centennial celebration committees with our best and brightest. We need idea people and people with clout who are doers. The committee needs a clearly stated charge from you and affirmation that both of you – governors and governors-elect – understand and support what Rotary is trying to do in making the anniversary celebrations international and local events that will draw continuing media attention to Rotary beginning now and extending through June 2005.
- This is an unparalleled opportunity for the two of you to raise Rotary's profile in the districts and clubs of zones 31 & 32. That will happen only if you make it so. It isn't your job to do it. It **IS** your job to see that it gets done.
- **LET'S PARTY!**

Send in the Bells

Five Rotary Centennial bells are traveling around the world, ringing in celebrations among Rotary's oldest clubs. One Rotary bell will travel to the first 100 clubs to be chartered, 17 of which are in zones 31 and 32.



The other four bells will travel to the first Rotary club chartered in each country of four regions: Africa; Asia/Pacific; Europe/Middle East; and Latin America/Caribbean.

The bells symbolize the Rotary tradition of ringing the bell to open weekly meetings and underscore the important role club meetings have played in developing fellowship and service over the past 100 years. Traveling the world as they

are, the bells also symbolize the international presence of Rotary.

The bell is scheduled to arrive at zones 31 & 32 clubs as follows:

December 1, 2004: Washington, DC
 December 4, 2004: Baltimore, MD
 December 13, 2004: Harrisburg, PA
 December 16, 2004: Philadelphia, PA
 December 21, 2004: Camden, NJ
 January 6, 2005: Reading, PA
 January 11, 2005: Newark, NJ
 January 18, 2005: New York, NY
 January 27, 2005: Paterson, NJ
 February 9, 2005: Hartford, CT
 February 14, 2005: Providence, RI
 February 21, 2005: Boston, MA
 March 3, 2005: Worcester, MA
 March 10, 2005: Albany, NY
 March 15, 2005: Binghamton, NY
 March 25, 2005: Syracuse, NY
 April 5, 2005: Rochester, NY

Make these dates **BIG** occasions for **area-wide** celebrations.



PARTY OF THE CENTURY!
Zones 31 & 32 Institute
Hyatt Regency -Chesapeake Bay
Cambridge, Maryland
October 7-10, 2004

A CENTENNIAL HONORS

COMMITTEE has been established under the able direction of **Mac Leask** (Zone 31) and **Jack Tartamella** (Zone 32) to focus on some of the great achievements of our Clubs and Districts. Mailings have gone out encouraging Rotary Clubs to identify the most outstanding accomplishments of their Club and/or individuals in the Club. These will be sent to the District Centennial Honors Committee who will select the five most outstanding of these submittals and forward them to the Zone Honors Selection Committee. This Committee will have the difficult task of ranking these. The three top ones from each District will be honored at the Zone Institute to be held in Cambridge, MD on October 7-10, 2004. All of the projects nominated will have the opportunity to exhibit at the Zone Institute.

Ward Vuillemot (Zone 31) and **Brad Jenkins** (Zone 32) are developing a **Centennial Celebration Journal**. Every District in the Zones is being asked to budget \$500 for a page in the Journal to highlight a significant achievement for a club or an individual during the past century of service. All of the Centennial Governors (2004-2005) will be featured in the Journal as well as noteworthy facts of Rotary history involving our Zones. There will be other opportunities available to Districts to use this Centennial Celebration Journal to raise funds for The Rotary Foundation.

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Cambridge Connection

Coming

Look for the latest Institute information on the zone web www.rotaryzones31-32.org

Watch for the mailings regarding these opportunities to be a part of the celebration of **ROTARY'S FIRST CENTURY OF SERVICE**. The activities described here combined with the Centennial activities already being planned in your District should guarantee that Rotary's Centennial year will be truly memorable.

For more information regarding the Centennial Honors or the *Centennial Journal* contact the appropriate person mentioned above. They can be reached as follows:

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A Centennial Weekend Package to attend the 2004 Zones 31 & 32 Institute October 8-10 will be available for assistant governors, district officers, club presidents serving during the centennial year, and district Rotary Foundation committee chairs and subcommittee chairs. This is a one-time occasion when invitations are being extended to Rotarians who are not officers or soon-to-be officers of Rotary. Among Rotary dignitaries attending the Institute will be RI President-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar. Centennial Weekend Package chair **Bob Nelson** (bob.nelson@nasa.gov) will soon be sending notices to districts with registration and cost particulars. Look for this exciting opportunity to welcome a new group of Rotarians to a first-rank conference center and for first-rank Rotary fellowship, information, and inspiration.