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A NEWSLETTER OF MESA, A DISTRICT 6600 PROJECT, #8

NEXT MEETING: September 13, 2005
Findlay Ford, 4 P.M.
1 P.M. Warehouse Work Session

Highlights from the July 12th Meeting

- This year's **Elyria's Rotary Tour for MESA**, celebrating the 100th year of **Rotary International**, is expected to raise approximately \$14,500 in unrestricted funds for **MESA**.
 - **Ron Stoner (Bowling Green)** reported that 5 containers were shipped in the last two months. One container of school desks and equipment were sent to Panama (**Bob Haas, New London Rotary**). Another sent to Zambia with Optical and Dental equipment (**Tom Brumley, Findlay Rotary**). Two containers of hospital beds and mattresses went to Zacamil Hospital in El Salvador (**Stan Kujawa and Randy Diehl, Findlay Rotary**). The last container sent out this fiscal year went to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala filled with corn, canned meat and dehydrated soups **Isabel de Bosch (in Guatemala), Rich Carr (Maumee Rotary) and Stan Greene (Waterville Rotary)**. **Twenty-five** containers were shipped during the 2004/2005 Rotary year.
 - A committee has been formed to 'solve the warehouse problem'. The current warehouse situation is inadequate in terms of convenience and available space. If you can help contact Ron Stoner (ronstoner@dacor.net).
 - The raffle drawing for the Ford Mustang is scheduled for October 22nd. Jim Shrader and Ron Stoner will be visiting District Rotary Clubs over the next few months to promote **MESA** and the raffle:
 - This year's Uniendo Conference is in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. As more information becomes available we will pass it on. Conference dates are the 19th through 22nd of January, 2006 with a possible extension of 4 or 5 days for those interested in staying longer.
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HELP WANTED

- **Title: Assistant Director of Operations.**
- **Financial Remuneration: Below minimum wage.**
- **Working Conditions: Could be better, but co-workers are great.**
- **Benefits: Fantastic, with prospects for future advancement, plus travels to exotic places.**
- **Start: Immediately**
- **Need more information: Job description follows:**

Work with MESA Director of Operations to do the following:

1. Receive donated equipment and supplies
2. Organize and maintain the MESA warehouse
3. Maintain an inventory of equipment and supplies
4. Palletize and otherwise prepare overseas shipments
5. Load cargo containers
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Helpful experience or skills:

1. Ability to operate a forklift
2. Knowledge of common warehouse procedures
3. Computer literacy (spreadsheets, word processing, etc.)
4. Ability to identify common medical equipment and supplies
5. Mechanical ability (to make minor equipment repairs)
6. Elementary Spanish
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Those interested should send letter of application and short resume to:

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MESA: 2004 – 2005 Annual Fiscal Review

MESA ended a successful fiscal year with an increase of \$17,000 in available funds, as donations outstripped expenditures. This is a significant improvement compared to fiscal year 2004 when available funds decreased by \$6000.

Where **MESA** Money Came From

Revenues came from several sources, and have been broken down into three groups; unrestricted club contributions, other unrestricted contributions and restricted contributions. The total amount of money received by **MESA** from these sources totaled **123,552**, almost doubling last year's collections.

Unrestricted club contributions: District 6600 has requested that each club contribute \$5.00 per member to **MESA**. These club contributions totaled **\$18,714** a 25% **decrease** over 2004. While 73% of the clubs met or exceeded (some significantly) this minimum request- 14 clubs representing 1244 members contributed nothing. The top 5 clubs by dollar amount and per member contribution follows:

TOP CONTRIBUTORS: Dollar Amount

CLUB	AMOUNT
Findlay Rotary	\$3,000
Lima Rotary	1,555
Defiance Rotary	1,000
Ashland	720

TOP CONTRIBUTORS: Per Member

Findlay Rotary	\$14.8
Oberlin	13.2
Stryker	11.7
Bowling Green	11.4

Other Unrestricted Contributions. These special unrestricted club contributions totaled **\$38,412**. The most significant of these was the **Findlay Rotary Foundation Raffle (\$30,582)** and the **Elyria Rotary Tour for MESA (\$4730)**.

Restricted Donations. District Rotarians contributed **\$41,052**, with another **\$25,374** of funding received from District Simplified Grants, non-Rotarian donations, and 'other' sources earmarked for specific projects. One third, or **\$21,132** of restricted funds was earmarked for Tsunami relief. The **New London Rotary** donated **\$10,000** for shipping containers to Belize.

Not included but significant is the subsidy support received from Universal Heart of Tulsa, Oklahoma. This subsidy covers up to 80% of the cost of shipping **MESA** containers worldwide. Additional support comes in the form of free warehouse space, donated equipment and supplies, donated manpower and the charity-rate use of shipping containers.

How **MESA** Spends the Money

The total amount of money spent by **MESA** in the past fiscal year was **\$106,518**, a 40% increase over the previous year. Of this amount **\$63,082** was the cost of doing 'business'. Shipping and delivery charges of **\$27,807** decreased from **\$36,333** in fiscal year 2005, reflecting the fact that fewer vehicles were being shipped. Other significant operating expenses included; **\$8000** for digging two wells in El Milagro, El Salvador; **\$4639** for cribs, **\$19,670** for food for the St Vincent De Paul orphanage in El Salvador.

The **\$35256** overhead cost covered salaries, office supplies, insurance, taxes, etc, including the cost of \$8180 for the Uniendo Conference. Overhead costs, although increasing slightly in dollar amount, decreased to 35% of total expenditures. In the previous two years they represented 40% of total expenditures.

The following table compares fiscal year 2005 with the fiscal year that ended in 2004

	Fiscal 2005	Fiscal 2004
Total income	\$123,552	\$67,299
Total expenditures	106,518	73,352
Increase in available funds	17,034	6,193 (decrease)

Mel Honig, Editor

ROTARY TOUR FOR MESA RAISES \$24,000

At a recent meeting of The Rotary Club of Elyria, Elyria Rotary President Ed Stewart, Rick Dakers of Elyria Sunrise, Tom Herberger of Elyria and Kurt Anderson of Elyria Sunrise presented a check to Ron Stoner, Executive Director of MESA from funds raised through the bike trip to the Rotary International Convention in Chicago. The check of \$14,800 did not include a matching contribution of \$10,000 from the Findlay Rotary Club, thus making a total contribution of \$24,800.

Not only did Rotarians and family members have a big fundraising success but they also connected with Rotarians from around the globe. Their 375-mile trek was an awesome feat, and plans are already underway to produce a similar event for 2006 -- this time a tour of about the same length within R. I. District 6600.



Ron Stoner, MESA Director of Operations

New Life for Old Computers

Working with the Wauseon Rotary and the Fulton County Workforce Development Agency, high school students and the Fulton County recycling center have helped MESA with the donation of forty (40) rebuilt computers.

Each year Don Creager of the recycling center receives outdated/discarded computers. In the past they have been sent to prisoners to tear down for metal salvage. This summer the county, under the 'Workforce Investment Act', instituted a new program to have at risk Fulton County high school students learn a useful skill.

Identifying students who are having difficulty in school, Melanie Guilders who runs the program, asked for volunteers from this student population. Seven students were finally selected to complete the classroom work, where they learnt how to bench test, tear down and then rebuild computers. They then went to the recycling center where they put this newly learned knowledge to work. After rebuilding the computers the students put together a kit containing a computer, monitor, mouse and operational software. Any unusable computers or parts would still be sent to the prison for metal recycling.

The last job for the students, using new parts, was to build their own computer systems, which they got to keep as a reward for a job well done. This is the first year of the program, but will be repeated again next year. MESA would like to thank Fulton County not only for the computers but also for finding a way to help our youth.

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