

MESA Worldwide



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NEXT MEETING: September 12, 2006
Waterville Warehouse, 4 PM
World Community Workshop

Highlights of the July 10th Meeting

Treasurer's Report: **Jim Heinrich (St Mary's Rotary)** gave his end of year fiscal report, the highlights of which are summarized in the article below.

Director of Operations: **Ron Stoner (Bowling Green Rotary)** reported that two container shipments, one to El Salvador and the other to Mongolia were sent last month, as was a fire truck to Guatemala. The new MESA warehouse in Waterville is now operational, mainly thanks to the hard work of **Bob Ruele (Lima Rotary)** and **John Swearingen (Napoleon Rotary)**. John got all the electricity on and made sure that all three loading docks were operational. Bob made arrangements to clean the floors and paint lines in them for proper inventory control. Since there is no water at the warehouse we are greatly appreciative of **Fred Seiple's (Waterville Rotary)** help in getting same. It was also through Bob's help that most of the inventory in the old Findlay warehouse has been moved. It is estimated that it will be ten truckloads in all when everything is finished.

Country Reports:

- **Mexico:** **Bob Kuck (PDG, Rotary International Canada)** brought **Eloisa Robledo (Rotary International, Mexico)** to the MESA meeting to thank us for our continued efforts to help the Tarahumara indigenous peoples of rural northern Mexico. Ms. Robledo, a Mexican government representative and active Rotarian, is setting up 38 clinics in rural Mexico. She has also been very effective in getting needed equipment and supplies into the country, and is looking forward to continued cooperation with District 6600 Rotary Clubs and MESA. **Jim Heinrich** stated that as a result of the visit of the Graduate Student Exchange team from Mexico we have applied for a matching grant to remodel a kitchen for the elderly.
- **Belize:** **Bob Haas (New London/Galion Rotaries)** is continuing to collect supplies and equipment for the schools he is sponsoring in Belize. He currently has hundreds of desks, chairs, books and miscellaneous supplies ready for shipment. He has also been donated 1100 feet of six-foot security fencing, but

needs the posts and hardware to put it together in Belize. Any help in getting these supplies would be greatly appreciated. Eight volunteers will be going to Belize in August to plan for the January trip when a larger contingent will be going down to continue work at the schools.

- **El Salvador: Randy Diehl (Findlay Rotary)** reported that the kitchen equipment for the Special Children's Orphanage in San Martin has been purchased and the kitchen is now complete.

Mel Honig (Sylvania Rotary) reported that two wells dug in the canton of San Lucas, El Salvador by Living Water, El Salvador have been completed.



Before the digging of this new well in San Lucas the local, primarily indigenous, population had only shallow open wells that easily became contaminated in the wet season and dried up in the dry season. This new well will provide sanitary water year round because it is completely enclosed and taps aquifers that are resistant to surface contamination.

MESA and the Toledo Rotary sponsored the digging of this and another well in San Lucas.

Fundraisers: Ron Stoner and Jim Shrader (Findlay Rotary) gave an animated presentation on the Elyria Rotary Clubs' Bicycle Tour. Please see article below for details.

MESA: 2004 – 2005 Annual Fiscal Review

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 \$145,051 a 16% increase over 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 **\$17,194** an 8% **decrease** over the previous physical year. While 60% of the clubs met or exceeded (some significantly) this minimum request- 24 clubs representing 1680 members contributed nothing. The top clubs by dollar amount and per member contribution follows:

TOP CONTRIBUTORS: Dollar Amount

CLUB	AMOUNT
Findlay Rotary	\$4,500
Bellevue	975
Bryan	750
Elyria	750

TOP CONTRIBUTORS: Per Member

Findlay Rotary	\$22.73
Bellevue	18.75
Bowling Green	8.33

Other Unrestricted Contributions. These special unrestricted club contributions totaled **\$39,880**. The most significant of these was the **Findlay Rotary Foundation (\$20,972)** and the **Elyria Rotary Tour for MESA (\$13, 300)**.

Restricted Donations. Contributions received from District Rotary Clubs, District Simplified Grants, non-Rotarian donations, and 'other' sources for specific projects totaled \$69,638. Three quarters, or **\$54,300** of restricted funds was earmarked for Hurricane relief. The majority of the remainder was shipping containers to Belize and Mongolia and water projects in Central America. The largest contributors were the **Toledo (\$32,000) and Findlay (\$10,000) Rotaries**. On a per member basis there were 4 clubs that gave more than \$50 per member: **Toledo (77.48), Reynolds Corners (64.29), Oregon-Northwood (55.56) and Findlay (50.51)**.

Not included but significant is the subsidy support received from Universal Heart of Tulsa, Oklahoma. This subsidy, however, was greatly reduced this year because of their efforts towards providing Hurricane relief. 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 Disbursed the Money

The total amount of money disbursed by **MESA** in the past fiscal year was **\$157,289**, a 32% increase over the previous year. Of this amount

- \$55,400 was for Katrina relief;
- \$21,300 Tsunami relief;
- \$39,267 for the cost of donated equipment and supplies, and shipping expenses to Central America.
- Overhead expenses of \$40,813 included salaries, taxes, conventions, rent, repairs, postage, insurance, supplies and miscellaneous.

The following table compares fiscal year 2006 with the fiscal years that ended in 2005 and 2004

	Fiscal 2006	Fiscal 2005	Fiscal 2004
Total income	\$145,051	\$123,552	\$67,299
Total disbursements	157,289	106,518	73,352
Change in available funds	(12,238)	17,034	(6,193)

The total available funding to start fiscal year 2006-2007 is **\$40,484**.

Mel Honig, Editor

Announcement recently found on the Internet???????

Unbelievably ideal vacation for the adventurous individual. All expenses fully paid including food, overnight accommodations and travel. See beautiful countryside....rolling hills, green meadows, and fields of corn. Wonderful companionship and thousands of dollars donated to your favorite charity. Now is the time to sign up for this chance of a lifetime. Next scheduled trip is June 2007.

If you missed the 2006 Adventure, then you can read all about it on the District 6600 web site. Just click on 'What's New' for Kurt Anderson's (**Elyria Sunrise**) daily updates of the adventures of Rotarians bicycling to raise funds for **MESA**.

Seven Rotarians and one guest left Elyria on June 18th on a 400 mile, 6 day journey through northwest Ohio, meeting old friends and making new ones, and earning \$\$\$\$ with every mile traveled. Fighting headwinds, thunderstorms and floods the original 8 were joined by numerous Rotarians along each leg of the adventure. Greeted at every stop with food, smiles and even better....donations, the group overachieved their goal of passing last year's \$24,000. This year they have received in excess of \$40,000. Congratulations Elyria Sunrise and Elyria Rotary Clubs.



We are halfway home: Bryan, Ohio.

To view more pictures, go to the District 6600 website; click on 'What's New', then
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