

# MESA Worldwide



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**NEXT MEETING: May 15, 2007**  
**Defiance College, Serrick Hall, 4 PM**

## Highlights of the March 13th Meeting

- Treasurer's Report : Jim Smith, standing in for Treasurer Jim Heinrich, reported that 31 clubs have yet to send in their recommended annual \$5.00 per member contribution.
- Chuck Stocking brought the meeting attendees up to date on progress made by the MESA Reorganization Committee. See a more detailed report on this reorganization effort below.
- Gary Davis reported that two containers were recently sent to Belize, with another container scheduled to be sent next week. The three for Belize were full of books, desks, clothing a mini eye clinic. Another container is scheduled to be sent to El Salvador in the near future.
- MESA has received a used truck from Findlay Ford. The truck, valued at \$4500.00, has been purchased with anonymously donated funds.
- In order to facilitate Gary's effectiveness on the job it was voted to set aside funds to purchase a laptop computer, and also to obtain a MESA debit card, that would have a \$5000.00 limit.
- In an effort to reduce shipping costs a meeting has been set up with Jessica Settles of Universal Heart, and Gary Davis, Chuck Stocking, Andrew Timothy, Ron Stoner and Bob Ruehl. In the past Universal Heart has subsidized MESA shipments, but has not in the recent past.
- The recently held Wishing Star benefit raised \$84,000 for operating expenses for the after care facility at the Benjamin Bloom Pediatric Hospital in El Salvador.
- Plans to build a dining room at the San Martin orphanage in El Salvador were discussed. During the Uniendo Conference, the District 6600 Rotarians visited the orphanage to see the newly constructed kitchen that was funded by MESA.

# MESA Reorganization Plan

At the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Chuck Stocking reported that progress is being made towards the reorganization of MESA. The following are extracts from the Reorganization Committee's report. The report is a proposal, subject to final approval of the MESA Trustees.

## 'PROPOSED' MISSION STATEMENT:

**The mission of MESA is to facilitate international service projects bringing equipment, technology and volunteerism to meet humanitarian need throughout the world.**

## 'PROPOSED' VISION STATEMENT:

**To be the best service organization in engaging Rotarians in facilitating partnering between Rotary Clubs to meet humanitarian needs, health care, education, economic development and poverty eradication.**

GOALS: The report outlines 4 immediate goals that need to be addressed make MESA more effective and efficient. They are

- Project Coordination and Communication,
- Operations
- Needs Analysis
- Resources

STEERING COMMITTEE: The plan recommends the 'Steering Committee' be composed as follows:

POSITION	NOMINEE
Chair, Steering Committee	Randy Diehl
Treasurer	Jim Heinrich
Director of Operations and Logistics	Gary Davis
Director of Promotion and Development	Paul Craun
Volunteer Coordinator	Open
International Event & Exchange Planning	Randy Diehl
Coordinator of Projects and Programs	Open
Secretary	Judy Riggle
Clinical Services	Ram Pai
Coordinator of Country & Project Contacts	Open
Country/Project Coordinators (17 country/project coordinators)	

Mel Honig, Editor

## **Mesa Reorganization Plan, Notes From the New Director of Promotion and Development**

The MESA organization is moving forward into a new era. Having been approved as the new Director of Promotion and Development at the just concluded District Rotary Conference; I am very excited to be working with Gary Davis, Director of Operations and Logistics to create a much larger presence for MESA in District 6600. We plan to work together to assure that every club in the district is aware of the many medical and humanitarian needs in other countries.

District 6600 has the heart and resources to help meet some of these needs through the District's MESA Program. We are planning to enhance our communication with the many clubs in the district. We want to refine our ability to learn about important needs in other countries and streamline our warehouse and shipping processes to be more effective in collecting and delivering supplies and equipment to meet these needs. We are also working to create more awareness of volunteer opportunities to assist with the many ongoing activities of MESA.

I look forward to updating you with more exciting news in the future.

Paul Craun  
Director of Promotion and Development  
MESA

## **On the Road Again**

Andrew Timothy, in only a few days, put together a mission to deliver two ambulances and several thousand books to Louisiana. The ambulances, destined for Mexico and Honduras, were donated by the North Baltimore and Defiance Rotary Clubs, respectively. The books were collected by Maumee Valley Girl Scout Troop for Andrew Jackson Elementary School in Chalmette, a suburb of New Orleans. Gary Davis, our new Director of Operations and Logistics, drove the MESA truck loaded with the books. Gary and the truck then brought back the two ambulance drivers, Mel Honig and Andrew.

It was another eye-opening experience. When the books were delivered, we were all amazed at the amount of destruction still evident in this interracial suburb only about ten miles from downtown New Orleans. The school itself is a converted high school, recently reopened with a student population of about five thousand students (5,000). It was as if the hurricane passed through the week before with almost all the homes and businesses in a state of destruction.



Bound for shipment to Honduras the Defiance Rotary Club emergency vehicle was fully equipped and in excellent condition.



Andrew and Gary with the North Baltimore rescue vehicle.

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