

Donation Pledge

Please join our efforts to help those in need. The riders are making significant personal sacrifice in time, expense and effort. Your equally generous support will both encourage the riders and improve the lives of people around the world. Your donation is fully tax deductible and can be made in lump sum or as a per-mile amount.

I pledge to the Rotary Tour For MESA the following amount:

\$ _____

I have enclosed my check made payable to MESA.

Please bill me for the pledged amount

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Rider/Team sponsored _____

My Rotary Club _____

**Mail to: MESA Treasurer
1092 Bending Brook Lane
Waterville, OH 43566**

**Thank You
For Your Support!**

Do not use this form for rider registration.

*Riders got use the information and forms online at
www.RotaryMESA.org.*



**July 9-14
2011**



M.E.S.A. - Medical Equipment and Supplies Abroad

MESA is a special project of Rotary District 6600, a district that covers the northwest quadrant of Ohio. The MESA project began in 1981 when Rotarians from Ohio met Rotarians from impoverished third world countries who described the desperate need for medical equipment and supplies.



Realizing that much of what American facilities discard as obsolete may be fully usable in other countries, Ohio Rotary clubs began collecting and shipping millions of dollars worth of equipment - everything from wheelchairs to operating tables, x-ray machines

and ambulances - to places such as Guatemala, Zambia, and Romania. Donated supplies also include infant and geriatric care items and school materials.



The list of items that are accepted is very long and varied. Now items that are accepted also go beyond the medical field and include basic school items like desks, and computers that are still in good working order.

Medical equipment and supplies remain the primary focus for the project. These items are stored in the project's



warehouse until a destination is determined and a container is filled. Then arrangements are made for the delivery of the container to South America, Africa, Asia and parts of Europe.



MESA also serves areas of need in our own country. The best example of that is how emergency supplies and equipment were sent to Louisiana after the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

Since MESA is a 501(c)3 organization, your donation of cash or goods is tax deductible. And you are assured that your donation is used efficiently by the volunteers of Rotary.

The MESA TOUR: A Unique Rotary Event

It's a Bicycle Tour...

Since 2005 bicyclists from all over District 6600 have ridden hundreds of miles to raise money for MESA. Each year the Tour takes on a different look, a different route and visits different clubs along the way.



This year the bike tour goes to 20 clubs on a zig-zag route that starts in Bryan and ends

in Mansfield. 350 miles in six days makes for a memorable trip for all who ride and all whom they visit along the way. Day riders and weeklong riders join together to raise money for MESA and raise camaraderie among clubs in District 6600. Check the MESA website for details.

The MESA TOUR Is For YOUR Club

There are a number of ways that all Rotary clubs in District 6600 become involved in the Bike Tour.

Clubs that are involved directly in the tour, either as overnight hosts or lunch/rest stop hosts, enjoy first hand the renewed fellowship that rides in with the tour. This is a chance to meet many other Rotarians and to work together to produce an activity that is memorable for all. It is also a chance for members to get together with their own club in a unique social setting. Many clubs participate also by having one of their members ride the TOUR - this builds daily interest as riders progress on their routes.

With the tour comes attention. Wise club leaders use the tour as an opportunity to draw public attention to their place in the community. This is done by inviting the media to help greet the riders as they arrive in their city. Whenever a local club makes it known that they are responsible for helping to raise significant dollars for needy persons elsewhere, that can become big news.

The MESA TOUR has become a true win-win event for all participants: Bicyclists, Motorcyclists, and the clubs they visit.

It's a Motorcycle Tour...

The MESA TOUR now includes the "other" kind of bike - the motorcycle. Realizing there are probably more motorcycling Rotarians than there are those who ride bicycles, the Tour planning group decided to add more bikes to the mix.

The motorcyclists will ride on Saturday within their own areas - the district has been divided into six sections for this - and each section will do a one-day ride with a theme to it. Then on Sunday all motorcyclists will ride into Findlay to join in on the **MESAFEST** event.

The motorcyclists will be raising money for MESA also and most clubs in the district will be visited on the routes. Check the MESA website for details.



MESAFEST!

In 2011 MESA turns 30!

All Rotarians in the district are invited to come out to Findlay to help celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the pride of District 6600. For 30 years MESA has been collecting and sending medical equipment, supplies, educational materials, emergency equipment and other items to help our friends in other parts of the world.

MESAFEST will be held on Sunday, July 10 in Findlay. Come on in and join the bicyclists and motorcyclists as they roll in as part of the MESA TOUR. Cheer them on in their pursuit of making history in raising more funds than ever for the project.

MESAFEST is for all Rotarians to come out, have fun, grab a bite to eat and raise a toast to what MESA has accomplished over the last 30 years.

The Findlay Rotary Clubs are planning a big event for us all. You'll get a chance to visit the amazing MESA Warehouse, where items are sorted, counted, inventoried, stored and their destiny determined for their next use in other parts of the world.

For all the details on this exciting event, visit the website at www.RotaryMESA.org. There will be periodic news sent to clubs via the district's newsletters and other communications.

MESA will put your donation to work

Use the pledge form on the other side of this page to make your own donation to MESA. When you make your donation to MESA, you are assured that it is used in the most efficient manner possible, with volunteer Rotarians doing much of the work with as little administrative overhead possible. Your cash donation goes toward the shipment of cargo and the purchase of large lots of usable items at great discount.

More information about the tour and how your donation is put to work is available on the website at www.RotaryMESA.org

Ride The Tour

You can do more than just pledge to MESA - you can also ride the tour. And this year we give you two ways to ride - by bicycle and by motorcycle.

When you ride, you can get others to sponsor you so your efforts are multiplied many times. Contact your friends, neighbors, relatives, and fellow Rotarians to pledge so much per mile that you ride.

All riders, regardless of distance to be ridden, must **register** so we know who is riding when.

To register, follow the instructions online at www.RotaryMESA.org. Riders are not to use the attached pledge form to register but must use the Rider Registration on the website. Important additional information can be found there also.