



Rotary District 6780 Business Meeting and Memorial Service
Chattanooga Convention Center
April 21, 2017

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by District Governor Fred Heitman.

DG Fred introduced the following dignitaries at the meeting:

RI President John Germ – Rotary Club of Chattanooga

RI Director Karen Wentz – Rotary Club of Maryville

DG Fred asked all Past District Governors to stand and be recognized.

Introduced DGE Debbie Alexander-Davis and DGN Jim Roxlo.

Also introduced District Secretary Greg Maciolek and District Treasurer Jenifer Campbell.

Minutes of 2016 Business Meeting

District Secretary Greg Maciolek

As the reading began, a motion to accept the minutes as written was made and seconded. Voice vote was unanimous.

State of the District

DG Fred Heitman

DG Fred expressed gratitude and thanks for the great support this past year especially concerning donations to The Rotary Foundation. Our district has set a new high for donations (more than \$882,000) and the year isn't finished yet. The same for PolioPlus. The great part about the donations to The Rotary Foundation is that in three years, there will be more money for district grants. He expressed thanks for the generosity of the district Rotarians.

DG Fred said he did some things differently this year. For instance, there was the Million Dollar Dinner that was chaired by PDG Frank Rothermel. It didn't raise a million dollars, it raised \$3.7 million dollars! IPDG Beth Stubbs was recognized for organizing the Million Dollar Dinner function that was so great.

DG Fred said he still has one more club to visit. He has made about 150 club visits so far this year. He was especially pleased that he could make so many of the club fundraisers and service projects. It was great to see Rotarians serving humanity in the district.

A horrific tragedy happened in Sevier County in November 2016 with the wildfires that claimed 14 lives and destroyed over 2,400 structures in the county. He was extremely proud of the way that the five Sevier County Rotary Clubs responded, especially the Pigeon Forge club which led the operation of the Boyd's Bear Distribution Center for the victims of the fires. RI President John Germ emphasized being a

TEAM this year – Together Everyone Achieves More. Teamwork was definitely exhibited in Sevier County by the Rotarians and others to help the victims. PDG Jerry Wear of the Pigeon Forge Rotary Club led the overall project and Rotarian Roy Helton also of the Pigeon Forge Rotary Club. Many of the volunteers worked 14-16 hours per day to help out. Some of these volunteers were Rotarians who lost their homes and businesses too. We are going to recognize them on Saturday night at the Governor’s Dinner. Very proud of these Rotarians. Could not have better demonstrated Rotary Serving Humanity.

We have had a record number of grant applications and in fact, we have allocated all of the funds available for grants including \$55,000 for Global Grants. That’s great. You may not realize it but you have changed people’s lives both locally and globally.

Authentication of Credentials and Issuance of Ballots Phil Parkey – Credentials Chair

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| Authorized Electors | 133 |
| Clubs in Attendance | 32 49.2% of clubs |
| Electors in Attendance | 76 |

The process for identifying the number of electors this year changed per the Council on Legislation. It is now based on the December 31st membership number. Phil also recognized Rotarian Joan McIntee who has been missing the last couple of years.

Ballots were distributed for first, **the 2020-21 DG Nominating Committee** of which all electors will pick five. Second, the ballot for the **Zone 30 Nominating Committee** to select the RI Director for 2019-2021. All electors will select one. Ballots were collected.

Treasurer’s Report District Treasurer Jenifer Campbell

Jenifer Campbell reported on the financials for the Rotary Year ending June 30, 2016 and then on the financials for the current Rotary Year ending on March 31, 2017. Rather than having handouts, all of the reports are available on the District website for review.

As of June 30, 2016, there was \$273,325.34 in the bank which is a very healthy amount. Of that amount, \$28,000 was set aside for various commitments including Hear 2 Heart and scholarships which left \$245,000 available for the current budget. There was a net increase of \$16,108 over the previous year’s ending amount.

As of March 31, 2017, there is \$347,549 in the bank with \$28,000 set aside as stated before. \$58,000 is also in that amount which is paying for the District Conference so that will soon be gone. That leaves just over \$260,000 in the bank for current year expenses. That concluded the treasurer’s report.

Ballot for 2019 Council on Legislation Nominating Committee.

The nominating committee is composed of five members that is populated first with members who have served on the Council of Legislation previously. Three of them are on the ballot: Past RI President Jim Lacey, RI President John Germ and PDG Harry Fields. Two additional members on the ballot are PDGs Carol Foster and Robin Textor. Since you can only vote for five, DG Fred asked if there was a motion to accept the nominees as stated. There was and it was seconded. A voice vote was unanimous.



2017-18 District Budget

PDG Frank Rothermel, Finance Committee Chair

PDG Frank detailed the process for those who might not be familiar with the path the budget takes. DGE Debbie drafts a budget, she meets with the chair of the Finance Committee (PDG Frank), they agree upon a budget and then it is presented to the Finance Committee who then acts on it. Because of the surplus in reserve funds, the last couple of years the budget has shown a \$10,000 deficit to help reduce the surplus reserve funds. It was reviewed by the College of Governors in January 2017 and the draft budget has been posted on the District website. It was also presented to the presidents-elect at their training seminar.

A motion to approve the budget was made and seconded. Voice vote was unanimous in approving the budget for 2017-18.

At 2:25 p.m., the meeting was suspended to conduct the Bomar Foundation Meeting. See separate Bomar Foundation meeting minutes.

At 2:45 p.m., District Business Meeting resumed.

Nominating Committee Report

PDG Jerry Wear Chair

The Nominating Committee members were PDGs Jerry Wear, Chair, Carol Foster, Jack Bailey, Jr., Beth Stubbs and Frank Rothermel. They met on January 7, 2017 and recommended that Greg Maciolek of the Rotary Club of Knoxville Breakfast for District Governor for 2019-2020. Publication of the nomination as specified in the Rules of Procedures produced no challenges. Therefore Greg Maciolek was declared the DGN-Designate for 2019-20. A motion was made and seconded to approve of Greg Maciolek as DG for 2019-20. Voice vote was unanimous.

Resolutions Committee Report

PDG Bobby Davis

PDG Bobby Davis presented three resolutions for consideration.

1. Proposed Regular Resolution 17-01.

Subject: To revise District Rules of Procedure Awards Committee provisions to establish a new award in honor of 2016-2017 Rotary international President John F. Germ from the Rotary Club of Chattanooga
Proposed by: DG Fred Heitman

IT IS RESOLVED by District 6780 at its 2017 Business Meeting that the District 6780 Rules of Procedure be and hereby are amended by adding the following subsection:

6.6 John F. Germ Rotarian Serving Humanity Award

6.6.1 General. The name of the Award is the John F. Germ Rotarian Serving Humanity Award to honor 2016-2017 Rotary International President John F. Germ from the Rotary Club of Chattanooga.

6.6.2 Award. In consultation with the District Governor elect and the District Governor nominee the District Governor will select the Award recipient(s) each year. The Award will be announced and presented each year at the District Conference.

6.6.3 Basis. The Award will recognize a Rotarian or Rotarians in District 6780 who exemplifies the Rotary motto Service Above Self by performing continuing humanitarian service in the true spirit of Rotary Serving Humanity.

PROPOSER'S STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND EFFECT

District 6789 has a tradition of honoring individuals who have served as senior Rotary International officers by associating them with a District award. What more fitting way could there be to honor 2016-2017 Rotary International President John F. Germ than to create the proposed John F. Germ Rotarian Serving Humanity Award.

2016-2017 Rotary International President John F. Germ's service to humanity epitomizes the Rotary motto "Rotary Serving Humanity" and reflects the true spirit of his presidential theme. John has given unselfishly of his time talent and treasure by serving Rotary at the club, district and international levels for over forty years. His efforts have been recognized through the Rotary International Service Above Self Award, the Rotary Foundation for Meritorious Service, and the Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award. He has also served in numerous leadership positions in community organizations and received many community service awards. In 2013, the White House recognized him as a Champion of Change. Because of John's passion for Polio eradication we are "nearing the finish line" for eradicating this dreaded disease from the face of the earth.

A motion from the floor was made to approve the resolution and it was seconded. The voice vote was unanimous.

DG Fred and the assembled gave RI President John F. Germ a standing ovation.

2. Proposed Special Resolution 17-01.

Subject: To recognize the exemplary service of Rotarians of Sevier County and certain other volunteers following the 2016 Gatlinburg Area Wildfires.

Proposed by: District Governor Fred Heitman and Past District Governor Jack Bailey, Rotary Club of Oak Ridge

Proposed Resolution:

"WHEREAS, on late on Wednesday November 23, 2016 a three acre fire was reported on the summit of Chimney Tops Trail in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and by Monday November 28, it had grown to 500 acres and been spread by wind eight miles to the Twin Creeks Picnic Pavilion south of Gatlinburg, AND

"WHEREAS, during the evening of Monday November 28 hurricane force winds prevailed in the area widely spreading flaming embers from both fires miles north across Gatlinburg and toward Pigeon Forge ultimately causing devastating fires that resulting in 14 deaths, 180 injuries, and burn-over of more than 17,000 acres, AND



WHEREAS, the fires resulted in the loss of over 2,545 residences and other structures in Sevier County, creating a humanitarian crisis for the hundreds of families involved who had lost their homes, their belongings, their jobs, and in many cases even their means of transportation, AND

WHEREAS, there was a critical need to provide continuing near-term humanitarian support to fill the gap between emergency response and long term recovery, AND

'WHEREAS, the Rotarians of Sevier County recognized this gap, and stepped forward and provided coordination of receipt and expenditure of contributions, and management of volunteers and donated inventory and distribution of clothing, food and medicines to displaced families in need at the Rotary Distribution Center in Pigeon Forge over a three and one-half month period, AND

WHEREAS, this extraordinary humanitarian effort was led with distinction by Past District Governor Jerry Wear, Rotary Club of Pigeon Forge, AND

WHEREAS, critical long-term support was provided by Rotarians from Sevier County including Mary Brown, Don Gibson and his wife Dee Dee, Bob Guerrero and his wife Joyce, Roy Helton, Linda Wear, and Bruce Wilson, Rotary Club of Pigeon Forge; Jeff and Megan Ownby, Rotary Club of Gatlinburg; Mickie Ratliff, Rotary Club of Sevierville Sunrise; and David Ratliff, Rotary Club of Sevierville. Long-term support was also provided by David Carr from the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge; and Hazel Key and her husband Ronnie, and Tim Spires, Rotary Club of Cleveland; AND

WHEREAS, many non-Rotarians including Helen and Donna Allen, Dawayne and Michelle Berne, Robert "Doc" and Jane Bockover, Davy and Bonnie Brewers, Alex Brownfield, Bob Clarke, Thomas and Judy Crompton, Jenny Gambrell, Patty Hopple, Steve and Kat Klein, David Lane, Sabrina Puckett, Chris Putnam, Bruce Shubert, Jack and Hazel Teague, Randy Trentham, and Tamara Vaught also provided exemplary service to the affected persons of Sevier County, AND

WHEREAS the efforts of all of these people clearly demonstrated this year's Rotary theme of Rotary Serving Humanity,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ROTARIANS OF DISTRICT 6780 duly assembled in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on April 22, 2017 that recognition is hereby made of the exemplary service of these Rotarians and non-Rotarians - all who gave unselfishly of their time, talent and treasure to improve the lives of those impacted by the Gatlinburg Area Wildfires in the true spirit of Rotary's motto of Service Above Self AND

'BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become part of the permanent record by spreading it upon the face of the minutes of this meeting."

It should be noted in these minutes that a long and sustained applause followed the reading of the above resolution.

An motion was offered to the amend the resolution indicating that Hazel Teague is a member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland and that the late Tim Spires is a past president of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. It was seconded and the voice vote was unanimous.



Another motion was made to amend the resolution further that noted that Hazel Key was from Maryville. It was seconded and the voice vote was unanimous.

A motion was made to approve the resolution as amended. It was seconded. No discussion ensued. The voice vote was unanimous.

3. Proposed Special Resolution 17-02

Subject: To express gratitude for the 2017 All Star Multi-District Conference
Proposed by: The Resolutions Committee

Proposed Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Rotarians of District 6780 are enjoying an enlightening and rewarding multi-district conference with outstanding fellowship and Rotary information, AND

WHEREAS, the success of this conference may be credited to the leadership of District Governors Gary Andrew, District 6860 (AL); Chuck Barnett, District 6860 (TN); Fred Heitman, District 6780 (TN); and Keith Key, District 6740 (KY), AND

WHEREAS, the Rotarians of District 6780 are honored by the presence of and participation by Rotary International President John Germ and his spouse Judy and Rotary International Director Karen Wentz and her spouse Ron Appuhn, AND

WHEREAS, credit for the success of the conference also is due All Star Multi-District Conference Chair Stacey Swafford, Rotary Club of Dayton, and other members of the District Conference Committee; AND

WHEREAS, special recognition is due to the residents of the host city, Chattanooga, TN whose enthusiastic support for the ALL Star District Conference enhanced its value to all who attended, .NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ROTARIANS OF DISTRICT 6780 duly assembled in Chattanooga, Tennessee, on April 21, 2017 that expression is made of their sincere appreciation to all these persons for their contributions, AND "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall become part of the permanent record by spreading it upon the face of the minutes of this meeting.

A motion was made to approve the resolution as read. It was seconded. The voice vote was unanimous.

DG Fred thanked PDG Bobby Davis and the Resolutions Committee members.

Election Results

Rotarian Bob Guerrero, Elections Chair

District Governor 2020-2021 Nominating Committee:

PDG Jack Bailey
PDG Bobby Davis
PDG Carol Foster

RID Karen Wentz
DG Fred Heitman

Rotary International Director Nominating Committee Member: PDG Beth Stubbs



James Bomar Foundation Board Member: PDG Jerry Wear

DG Fred and those assembled provided applause to show their approval and congratulations.

DG Fred thanked Bob Guerrero and his committee for their work on the elections.

Old/New Business

None was presented to the chair.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

The Memorial Service followed.

Respectfully submitted,

**Greg Maciolek
District 6780 Secretary**