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District 6820 Newsletter

Mark Doiron DGE, is planning a Multi-District PETS this year. We will be meeting with incoming Presidents and Secretaries from the District just North of us which includes Memphis and the District South of us which includes New Orleans. Our district will host this year 2006 and then, rotate to the other areas. This is big step forward for us as other districts meeting together have had great success with their meetings. More info to follow!

The Foundation Seminar is on for November 11th, at Red, Hot & Blue, a Bar BQ restaurant on County Line Rd. , just past the mall, in Jackson area. Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth of Newton will be finalizing the program shortly and details will follow ASAP. This is one of two of the most important seminars of the Rotary Year. Plan to be there!

PDG John Fair has taken the responsibility of Task Force Coordinator for the Katrina effort for our district. John is coordinating shipments, consolidation, routing, needs, unloading points, and central communications. John is in touch with coordinators of other districts in the impacted areas and has contacts with key people for getting assistance to the areas needed. He has worked tirelessly. I cannot say enough about the work that he has done and the results he has brought to the entire area during this critical time of need. The immediate need on the coast is housing and he is working on this too. I know what he has done and what his efforts have meant to others. Thank you, John Fair.

Your District Secretary's wife, Lorraine Cochran, has been seriously ill. Jeff Cochran, has been stretched to get all of his work done. Let's remember Jeff's wife in our prayers.

A new look for your district newsletter, perhaps as early as next month. Keith Remy has agreed to help as we strive to become more professional....

Many, many thanks to each of you for your generous contributions to the Rotary Katrina Fund and a big thanks to District Secretary Bill Simmons and PDG Bill for their efforts. Contributions have now exceeded \$300,00. And more to come. This week I received a letter from a District Governor in Japan asking what they can do, stating "Japan remembers and values the generosity of your friendship and support for the recovery from the Great Kanto Earthquake which devastated Tokyo in 1923..." The support for our people continues to be overwhelming.

Yours in Rotary,

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