

... WITH A PASSION FOR FEEDING THE HUNGRY

***District 7350** will begin a new hunger and poverty campaign under incoming Governor Kelly Wike. Their Rotary Centennial project is “1,000,000 Meals – We Can Do It One Dime At A Time”. Governor Wike’s District Centennial project will be to raise the money required for four 45,000-pound containers of food; one container for the food banks in her District; one container to be sent to the Appalachian area and the two other containers sent to projects overseas.

Hunger Plus, Inc. VP, John Germany, met with Dr. Richard Newborn, Trustee of a Canadian Foundation funded by Quakers. John presented Dr. Newborn with a partnership proposal concerning an orphanage in Haiti, which both men are involved with. It is hoped that the foundation will fund the construction of a new orphanage and clinic on the mountain above Port au Prince, Haiti. This orphanage would specialize in children with AIDS. Hunger Plus would provide the food and all medical equipment for the orphanage and clinic. The Trustees of the foundation are very interested in pursuing this project and John will do more research during his trip to Haiti in August.

Rotary District 5910 Sends Food to Haiti: 45,000 pounds of beans and rice was sent to Haiti on July 9, 2004. This shipment is due to the generosity of the Rotarians in District 5910 and was coordinated through Hunger Plus, Inc. This shipment is the result of contributions made last year. It is hoped that every club in the District will participate in a Hunger Plus, Inc. program this year by adding 50 cents to each meal for the hungry in Haiti. We are starting a new program this year by presenting to each club who is 100% club (all members participating) an attractive patch which can be placed on their club banner along with their presidential citation patch. These patches will be given at the District Conference in Texas City. If you have any questions, please contact PDG John Germany at 936-447-1802

In the new millennium in America, many of us live in a land of luxury, a land of frivolity and lavishness. Tens of millions of Americans lead lives, by historical standards, of fabulous luxury. Want has virtually disappeared from the popular imagination. In the middle of our land of milk and honey, however, hunger and food insecurity in reality afflict other tens of millions, who can only dream of not worrying about how to get enough food for themselves and their children, dream of being able to give their babies whole milk, undiluted by water, dream of not being forced to cope on a daily basis with a choice between food and medicine or heat. As material misery receded over the past 100 years for the majority of us, the poverty and deprivation that continue to afflict a large minority no longer were part of a broadly shared experience. They became a private affair, and often a matter of private shame. They need to be, however, very much a public matter, and to be seen as a shame to the public – political – process of a country with more than enough resources to solve these problems.

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