



**We all want the same thing.**

July – August 2008

## **EVENING ROTARY CONNECTION**

As we begin another Rotary year, I think of an earlier newsletter in which I shared the sentiment, "We serve because we are all equally precious." It's easy to be caught up in the mundane as we try to survive in an uncertain world. But I think we all agree that in serving, our club helps make the world more certain, and it's not so much about being precious but about being equal.

### **The Samaritan Way**

Twelve brave Rotarians endured extreme humidity to enhance the landscaping at the Samaritan Center in June. The already immaculately landscaped facility proved to be the setting for additional perennials, pruning and the spreading of the mulch. Rotarians were treated to cold drinks and bottled water as we dug our way through landscaping cloth and heavy turf to plant a beautiful pink Mandevilla to mark the reserved parking space of the director.

### **Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend – New Officer Installation**

A special thank you to Randy Bono and Premier Bank for hosting the Jefferson City Evening Rotarians on June 17 for new officer installation. So who got the diamonds? Outgoing president, DJ Nash was presented a diamond and gold bracelet with an enduring Rotary charm for her service to the club and the community.

Thanks also to Jim Chilcutt for the beautiful baskets of spring flowers direct from Jim's garden. The centerpieces were among other items that were included in a drawing.

Welcome new officers for 2008-2009:

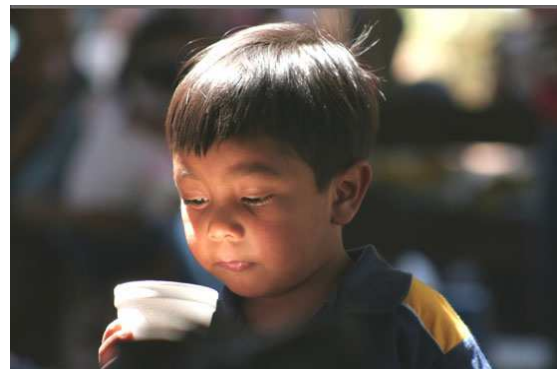
Ken Hussey, President  
Denise Kinard, President-Elect  
Cathy Libey, Secretary  
Karen Davis, Treasurer

### **2008 Photo Contest Winner**

**The Rotarian:** Richard S. Lawrence, Rotary Club of Manchester, Conn., USA

**The Place:** Cojomachaj, Guatemala

**The Service Above Self Moment:** A Guatemalan boy inspects a cup of water made possible by Rotarians in District 7890. Eleven clubs in the district raised more than \$24,000 to provide water filters.



### **WHO Supports Polio Effort**

Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) Dr. Margaret Chan announced polio eradication as the new top operational priority of the WHO. At a keynote address in Los Angeles on June 17, Dr. Chan said, "We have resolved the technical challenges to polio eradication, but we still need to overcome the remaining logistical and financial challenges to delivering the vaccine to every child."

According to Dr. Chan, "It's not just about eradicating polio. It's about our ability as a society to reach all children to attain the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals." The Millennium Development Goals seek to cut extreme poverty in half by 2015. Eight years ago, 189 world leaders sat down and agreed to end poverty and achieve eight goals. For additional information on the MDGs go to: <http://www.undp.org/mdg/goal1.shtml>