

ASETS 2006

District 6200 was again well represented at ASETS, the Ambassadorial Scholar-Elect Training Seminar to teach outbound scholars more about Rotary and how best to prepare for studying abroad.

Participating as scholars from our District were Erica Zimmer, who is traveling to Scotland with sponsorship by the Baton Rouge Sunrise Club; Meredith Barousse, this year's Capozzoli Scholar to Italy, sponsored by the Crowley Club; and Allison Adams ElKoubi, also sponsored by the Baton Rouge Sunrise Club, with plans for study in Belgium. Participating as presenters were PDG Noel Bajaj, serving as Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator-Elect; Donna Landry, D6200 Scholarship Chair; 2004-05 Scholar to France from Lafayette Katy Miller; and 2002-03 Scholar to England from Baton Rouge Jason El Koubi.

Their two-day, multi-district ASETS orientation drew 27 scholars destined for 18 countries. Scholars came from 18 Rotary Districts in addition to D6200, including 5420, 5440, 5510, 5520, 5730, 5750, 5770, 5790, 5810, 5830, 5840, 5870, 5890, 5910, 5930, 6190, 6220 and 6860.

Our district has participated in sending scholars to the program, and assisting in presentations and organization of it, for some 12 years.

Scholarship applications are now available for 2007-08 study and available from the District General Secretary or downloading at www.rotary.org. Completed applications are to be sent to Donna Landry at 106 Touraine Circle, Lafayette, LA, 70501, by the first weekend in March for interviews on Saturday, April 8.



Group Photo--L to R -- Erica Simmer, Meredith Barousse, Katy Miller, Allison ElKoubi and Jason ElKoubi, with Donna Landry to the back



Noel Bajat during a presentation to scholars on Polio Plus and in the audience among other Rotarians



Photo with 2002-03 Scholar Jason ElKoubi and his original sponsor counselor Fred Speno (formerly of the BR Club and now with a Rotary Club in Dallas)