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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2009

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Rotary International President John Kenny has told us that everything that is Rotary begins in the clubs; that there is no Rotary without the clubs.

When you break down that philosophy further, it can be said that for Rotary clubs, everything begins with it's members.

August is Rotary Membership Month. The district will be hosting it's annual Membership Seminar on August 8 and will hold it's second New Member Orientation.

All club presidents, club presidents-elect, club membership chairs and all Rotarians interested in the dynamics of Rotary membership are encouraged to attend.

My **Official Visits** to the clubs begins on August 3. Throughout August and September, I will visit each of the 46 clubs in the district. This is a time honored Rotary tradition, and I look forward to the interaction with the clubs and

their members during these visits.

Ten foreign Rotary Youth Exchange students arrive in Central Florida this month to begin their year with us. These exchange students are sponsored by local Rotary clubs and live with local host families while they attend high school for the academic year. We will feature these students during New Generations Month in September.

The District website has been updated and is a tremendous resource for all Rotarians. The Download Library has forms for just about every program in Rotary which concern the clubs.

The website is the portal to the district database and also has the entire Rotary year's calendar of events on it.

Collectively, the clubs have over **\$135,000 in District Designated Funds (DDF)** this Rotary year. This represents a 40% return on the Annual Giving by the clubs in 2006-07.



The DDF may be used by the clubs to fund Rotary Foundation programs of their choice. The **District Foundation Seminar** in September will provide valuable information to the clubs as to what their DDF options are.

The future of Rotary is so bright because The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands!

Randy

Randy Rawisz
District Governor

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- August 8
District Membership Seminar
West Orlando Clubhouse
- August 22
New Member Orientation
Canterbury Retreat, Oviedo
- September 12
District Rotary Foundation Seminar - Valencia Community College, West Campus
- September 26
Rotary Leadership Institute
Hagerty High School, Oviedo

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR — AUG. 8

On **AUGUST 8, at the West Orlando Rotary Clubhouse, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM**, the annual **District Membership Seminar** will be held.

This year, we're going to take a look back to see why Rotary was so successful in attracting and keeping its members dur-

ing the membership boom years, while finding ways for Rotary membership to adapt and thrive in today's social and economic climate.

We'll be breaking down the "Object of Rotary" so we can fully understand its relationship to recruiting and retaining members.

This will be a participatory seminar, encouraging discussion, with an exchange of ideas so everyone can learn why some clubs are experiencing exceptional growth while other clubs have challenges .

Club Membership Chairs, Presidents-elect and those who are (continued on page 2)

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August 8
West Orlando
Rotary Club-
house

”BACK TO THE FUTURE” OF ROTARY

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connected to the club in a leadership position, or anyone who is concerned about their club’s membership efforts, should consider attending.

The theme of the seminar is *“Let’s get Back to the Future of Rotary”*

Rotary International President John Kenny has once again made Membership a key component of the Presidential Citation, with a **net one**

new member increase per club being a mandatory achievement for the citation.

He maintains that Rotary’s future rests with the clubs, and the life-blood of the clubs is its members.

The District’s Membership Committee, with the support of Rotary International’s Membership Development Department, has put together a quality seminar, for the sole purpose of helping each club

with it’s own membership challenges.

There is no charge to attend and a continental breakfast will be provided. Doors will open at 9:00 AM.

Please RSVP with your club membership chair, or club president so we may know how many to plan for.

For more information, please contact Taren Schwarz, District Membership Chair at: Taren6980@aol.com

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION-SEMINOLE COUNTY

On Saturday, August 22 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, the second of four District sponsored New Member Orientations will be held.

This Orientation will support the clubs and new members in Seminole County. It will be held at: Canterbury Retreat
1601 Alafaya Trail
Oviedo, FL 32765

These orientations are designed to supplement the fireside chat

which many clubs conduct before a new member is inducted.

The Orientation agenda will focus primarily on Rotary basics and the core programs of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

All Rotarians in their first year of membership are invited and encouraged to participate and there is no fee to attend. Sponsors are encouraged to join the new members as well.

The Orientations are open to all new members in the district, however, they are regional by County, to make it easier for local members to attend in their area.

Future New Member Orientations are scheduled for October (Orange), and February (Lake). Contact your club president or club president for RSVP info.

For more information, please contact Taren6980@aol.com

AUGUST 22

CANTERBURY
RETREAT

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ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE — SEPT. 26



The Rotary Leadership
Institute
September 26, 2009
Hagerty High School

RLI returns to District 6980 for the 2009-10 Rotary Year

Registration is now available for the next RLI sessions to be held at Hagerty High School in Oviedo, on September 26th.

Parts 1,2 and 3 will be offered, as well as a graduate course open for those Rotarians who have already completed all of RLI parts.

The Graduate course will focus strictly on membership issues facing Rotary today, and offer an insight on

how to help clubs not only grow their membership, but to help retain their existing members.

This is a must class for all club membership chairs to attend if they are RLI graduates.

The next RLI sessions for this Rotary year will be held at The Villages on January 9, 2010, and April 24, 2010 at Hagerty High School in Oviedo.

All 3 RLI parts must be taken in sequence, and each part takes approximately 7 hours to complete on

a Saturday. Courses are open to all Rotarians all over Florida, Georgia and the Caribbean Islands.

Each part costs \$95 which includes all materials, breakfast, lunch, and a snack.

To register, go to: www.rltraining.org and follow the tab saying "Register For A Class" on the left. If you have questions, contact Marty Kramer, District RLI Director at 407-365-2354 or by email martin.kramer@earthlink.net

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotarians and Clubs of District 6980 set an all time record for total giving to The Rotary Foundation for Rotary year 2008-09...Over \$424,000!

Recognition is given to the top three highest contributing clubs in the District.

RC Orlando - \$34,310.00 Foundation Chair William B. Wilson

RC The Villages - \$14,388.00 Foundation Chair Wanda Cooksey PDG

RC Oviedo - \$13,800.00 -

Foundation Chair Jim Greene

Recognition is given to the top three highest per capita giving clubs in the District.

RC Orlando South – \$300.71- Foundation Chair Rick Baines

RC Oviedo – \$281.63 - Foundation Chair Jim Greene

RC Altamonte Springs – \$259.23 - Foundation Chair Charlie Rand DGE

It is with great pleasure that we recognize our new Major Donors for 2008-2009

John Rabley (The Villages) - Level 3

Fred Robey (The Villages Sunset) - Level 2

Carlos Giraldo PDG (Casselberry) - Level 1

Dan Jones (Orlando South)- Level 1

Chuck Pratt PDG (Oviedo)- Level 1

JoAnn Beck PDG (Winter Park) – Level 1

Congratulations to these outstanding clubs and Rotarians!



For information on how you can become a TRF Major Donor, Contact Rick Baines, DRFC Chair

NEW GENERATIONS: ROTARY'S YOUTH PROGRAMS

September is New Generations Month.....

Our ten incoming Rotary Youth Exchange students arrive in our District this month and after a statewide orientation here in Central Florida, they will move in with their host families and begin their high school year.

We will feature these Rotary Youth Exchange students during New Generations Month in September.

We say *Bon voyage* to our outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students who will spend the school year abroad.

Caitlin Neilson, sponsored by the Rotary Club of **Avalon Park** will be going to Denmark and **Kendall Bahr**, sponsored by the Rotary Club of **Leesburg** will be going to Spain.

RYLA Update.....All forms for RYLA in February are now available on the District web-

site's download library. Don't wait...start your RYLA sponsorship process now!!

Plans are underway for our first ever **Interact PETS** followed by a New Generations Dance to welcome our ten Youth Exchange students to Central Florida.

For a New Generations club program, contract: Interact: Sally Kamrada, RYLA: Barbara Coggins, RYE: John Siegel

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) FEBRUARY 25-28

BEGIN YOUR CLUB'S DELEGATE SPONSORSHIP PROCESS NOW!

ALL RYLA FORMS ARE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

August - Membership Month

8-District Membership Seminar

22-New Member Orientation (Seminole County)

September - New Generations Month

12-District Foundation Seminar

26-Rotary Leadership Institute (Oviedo)

October - Vocational Service Month

3-New Member Orientation (Orange County)

10-Presidents/AG Meeting

17-DG 2012-13 Selection

31-Service Projects/Public Relations Seminar

November - Rotary Foundation Month

7- District Rotary Foundation Dinner

14-New Generations Seminar

21-Presidents-elect Orientation

For a complete calendar listing of all District of events with location and time, please visit the District 6980 website at:

www.rotarydistrict6980.org



SAVE THE DATES!



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DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2010

Why should **YOU** go?

It is quite simple. The District Conference is an incredible opportunity for us to: share our knowledge, be inspired, and learn new things. It is there that we meet with old friends and make new ones. You will meet interesting people, young and old, from around the world, our country and our District. It is your opportunity to share your passion for Service to Others.

A highlight of attending our District conference is the opportunity to meet a Rotary leader from outside our area who is representing the President of Rotary International. They are very knowledgeable about Rotary and fun to get to know.

Unfortunately many in our district have not experienced this. They have NEVER attended our district conference.

Many Rotarians have said they were never TRULY enthusiastic

about Rotary until they attended a district conference. It may have been an inspirational presentation on Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange, or a speaker that participated in a National Immunization Day, built water wells, distributed dictionaries or backpacks.

So why haven't they attended? It may be cost, time commitment, location or because they weren't asked.

Our goal is simple: To have a conference that is appealing and accessible to **ALL**; the new Rotarian, the first time conference attendee, and the long time Rotarian. This year, we will have a more traditional, but slightly modified conference format.

Our conference theme is: **One by Land, Two by Sea.**

One by Land: On Thursday, April 29, 2010, there will be a full day of conference activities at the Sheraton Orlando Down-

town. It is centrally located and easily accessible from all parts of the district. There will be plenary sessions, a district business meeting, a themed luncheon, Governor's reception and dinner. There will be **NO** cost to attend the plenary sessions or business meeting. The luncheon and Governor's dinner will be by reservation with a cost to be announced.

Two by Sea: The conference will continue Friday, April 30, 2010, for a three night Bahamas cruise. We will depart Port Canaveral, at 4:30pm on Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's *Monarch of the Seas*. Ports of call are: Nassau, Bahamas, on Saturday May 1st, Noon to 11:30pm; Coco Cay on Sunday May 2nd, 8am to 5pm; Returning to Port Canaveral, Monday May 3rd, at 7:00am. There will be plenary sessions and a memorial service while we are at sea.



District Conference 2010

For more information about cruise registration, please contact Larry Rice, District Conference Committee

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