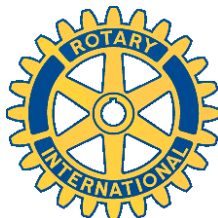


Rotary International District 6980 Monthly Newsletter

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District Governor 2010-11



District 6980 Calendar

Highlights for Aug–Sept.

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Mall of Millennia-Orlando

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RLI Training

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Dist. Foundation Seminar

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Membership Month

August 2010

Rotary International President, Ray Klinginsmith, has told us that clubs need to be "bigger" this coming year. This simply means we need to increase our membership ranks so our clubs can achieve even greater results throughout the Rotary world.

August is Rotary Membership Month. The annual District Membership Seminar will be held on August 7. All club presidents, club presidents-elect, club membership chairs and all Rotarians interested in the dynamics of Rotary membership are encouraged to attend. In addition, a New Member Orientation will be held on August 21.

My Official Visits to the clubs begin on August 17. Throughout August, September and October, I will visit each of the 47 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.

Seven foreign Rotary Youth Exchange students arrive in Central Florida this month to begin their stay 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 \$120,000 in District Designated Funds (DDF) this Rotary year. This represents a 40% return on the Annual Giving by the clubs in 2007-08. The DDF may be used by the clubs to fund the Rotary Foundation programs of their choice. The District Foundation Seminar in September will provide valuable information to the clubs on what their DDF options are.

Let's continue Rotary's important mission of Building Communities—Bridging Continents.

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District Membership Seminar

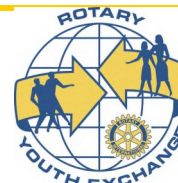


Saturday July 17- 8:45AM Registration and breakfast,
Program 9:30 AM
West Orlando Rotary Clubhouse

Club Membership chairs, Presidents, Presidents—Elect or anyone concerned about their club's membership efforts are encouraged to attend the District Membership Seminar on August 7, 2010 at the West Orlando Rotary Clubhouse. This will be an opportunity for you to get ready for your Membership year in your club. We will spend a morning with presentations; workshop planning in writing a Membership Plan; and a roundtable discussion on membership subjects, i.e.: diversifying and retaining membership, younger generations and steps to increase Rotary membership. Be sure to let your club's President or Membership Chair know you want to attend. There is no charge and a continental breakfast will be served, but we need to know how many are coming so be sure to RSVP with your club.

For more information, please contact District Membership Committee Chair Robin O'Donnell (rotaryrobin@hotmail.com).

New Generations Update



Rotary's Youth Programs

Youth Exchange update:

We welcome our eight incoming Rotary Youth Exchange students that 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 seven outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students who will spend the school year abroad.

Leland Henry, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lake Mary, will be going to France

Kaley DellaSala, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sanford, will be going to Italy

Tyler Osteen, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Winter Springs, will be going to France

Claude Galette, sponsored by the Rotary Club of College Park, will be going to Denmark

Emily Ward. Sponsored by the Rotary club of Longwood, will be going to Germany

Sarah Zeh, sponsored by the Rotary Club of College Park, will be going to Poland

Madaline Wolpow-Gindi, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Altamonte Springs, will be going to Spain

RYLA Update:

All forms for RYLA in February are now available on the District website's download library. Don't wait...start your RYLA sponsorship process now!!

Interact Update:

Plans are underway for our Interact PETS. It will be held on Saturday September 25th. Please give any new Interact information to Sally Kamrada, so she can update her listings.

For a New Generations club program, please contact: Interact: Sally Kamrada, RYLA: Barbara Coggins, Youth Exchange: John Siegel. You can contact John Siegel at rye6980@aol.com

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New Member Orientation #1

Saturday August 21-8:45AM Registration and breakfast, Program 9:30 AM
Mall of Millennia, Orlando



The District Membership Committee will conduct two New Member Orientations in Orange and Lake counties this Rotary year. There is no charge to attend. All new Rotarians within the last twelve months and anyone else wanting to learn more about Rotary are encouraged to attend the New Member orientation on August 21, 2010 at the Mall of Millennia, from 8:45-12 noon. This will be an opportunity for all new members to interact with our District Committee Chairs and other knowledgeable seasoned Rotarians. This orientation is supplemental to the club's fireside chat and will focus primarily on Rotary basics and the core programs of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation. Continental breakfast will be served and we will be giving savings brochures for shopping in the Mall to all attendees. Please come, have fun and learn what Rotary can do for you!

For more information, please contact District Membership Committee Chair Robin O'Donnell (rotaryrobin@hotmail.com).

Rotary Leadership Institute

August 28, 2010

The Villages High School, Lake County

The Rotary Leadership Institute returns to The Villages for the first of our two RLI events in District 6980 during Rotary year 2010-11 at The Villages High School on August 28. Parts 1, 2 and 3 will be offered as well as a graduate course open for those Rotarians who have already completed all three RLI parts. The Graduate course will focus strictly on membership issues facing Rotary today and offer an insight in 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 session for this Rotary year will be held on March 12, 2011 at Hagerty High School in Oviedo. To register go to: www.rlirotary.org and click the tab saying, "Register For a Class" on the left.

If you have any questions, please contact PDG Randy Rawiszer, RLI District Director 2010-11 at 407-474-1755 or by email rotarytailor@aol.com.



The Rotary Foundation

2009-2010 was another great year for the Rotary Foundation in our district.

The top three highest contributing clubs in the District for 2009-2010 were:

RC The Villages - \$21,303.00—Foundation Chair Wanda Cooksey PDG
RC Oviedo - \$19,950.00- Foundation Chair Jim Greene
RC Orlando \$18,294.00- \$34,310.00-Foundation Chair Betsy Jacobs

The top three highest per capita giving clubs in the District were:

RC Orlando South -\$490.00 per member -Foundation Chair Rick Baines
RC Oviedo -\$475.00 per member Foundation Chair Jim Greene
RC Wildwood -\$289.58 per member Foundation Chair Stuart Force

The top three highest contributing clubs to Polio Plus in the District were:

RC of The Villages \$13,548.38 -President Richard Campbell
RC of College Park \$11,533.00—President Pam Potenza
RC of Kissimmee \$11,300.00- President Jim Weston

It is with great pleasure that we recognize our new Major Donors for 2009-2010

Chuck & Harva Pratt PDG- Level 2-RC of Oviedo
Walter Nason - Level 1- RC of Orlando
Jo Weber & Dan Semanza-Level 1-RC of The Villages

Congratulations to these outstanding clubs and Rotarians for all they do for the Rotary Foundation!

D-6980 was the number one district in the Rotary world with 33 new bequests in 2009-10. PDG George Huffman and DRFC Chair/DGN Rick Baines deserve the kudos along with the 33 Rotarians who became Bequest Society members last year.

Have a question about the Rotary Foundation – don't know who to ask? Call Rotary at 1-847-866-3000 and ask for the Contact Center. Presidents: By sending an e-mail to data@rotary.org you can authorize your Foundation Chair and Treasurer to have access to all your Rotary Foundation reports.



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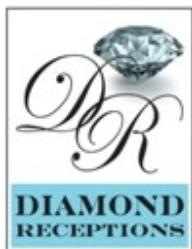


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DGE Homestay 2011

Reference: Call for Hosts for Homestay-6980 – January 8-15, 2011



Each year, every Rotary District Governor Elect (DGE) attends the International Assembly in San Diego, CA, for his/her training to become a District Governor. For the past 27 years, District 6980 has hosted approximately 15 DGEs and their spouses for approximately a week before they arrive at the International Assembly. The DGEs stay with families of volunteer Rotary members within our District, and experience many of the wonderful things we have in Central Florida. In many cases, it affords the DGEs an opportunity to learn of our culture and strengthen their English skills before attending the International Assembly. The participating hosts benefit in several ways as well. Most notably, the host-families meet Rotarians from other countries and share cultural differences and, in many cases, develop life-long friendships. Several hosts have been invited to visit their DGEs families following Homestay. Hosts will be expected to meet their guest DGE at the Orlando International Airport, provide them with "three hots and a cot" during their stay and ensure they get to the planned events. There is also free time during the week that the hosts may want to take their guests to historical sites, shopping, play a round of golf, or whatever fits their common interests. There is a cost of \$150 to participate as a host, which pays for planned activities. Whether the host or the club pays is strictly between you and your club. Additionally, if you wish to tour KSC or Disney, you must purchase your own ticket(s). The DGEs have already paid for theirs in advance.

The planned itinerary is:

Saturday: Pick up your guests at OIA

Sunday: Boat tour of the Winter Park Chain of Lakes and BBQ on Lake Maitland

Monday: Visit KSC

Tuesday: St. Johns River boat tour and BBQ at Blue Springs Park

Wednesday: Free day

Thursday: Rotary meeting at the Lake Buena Vista club and tour Disney

Friday: Free day, cocktail party in the evening

Saturday: Return your guests to OIA

If you would like to host or have additional questions, please contact Curley Bowman at 407-574-8910 or Curley.Bowman@gmail.co

Save the Date!



Save the date for next year's tremendous, exciting and fun District Conference a.k.a Celebration on April 29-May1 2011 to be held at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel.

More details to follow soon.

Quick Bites

1. The first District Leadership meeting of the year was held on July 10th with most of the Club Presidents and District leadership team in attendance. Most of the meeting was devoted to making the clubs in our District bigger, better and bolder this year!
2. Our first seminar of the year was held on July 17th and focused on Club Administration. Special thanks goes to Larry Rice our District Club Admin Chair and his supporting team for putting on a great educational program that was very well attended.
3. The College of Governors (COG) met on July 18th and PDG Carlos Giraldo was elected Chancellor. The COG meets quarterly. PDGs are available upon request to visit your clubs and make a presentation.
4. DGE Art Brown and DGN Rick Baines have selected Randy Rawiszer for District Foundation Chair in 2011-14.

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October 2010:

October 9- President/AG Meeting
West Orlando Rotary Clubhouse

October 16- District Governor 2013-14 Selection and Council on Legislation Delegate
Lake Mary Marriot

October 30- Service Projects & Public Relations Seminar
West Orlando Rotary Clubhouse

November 2010:

November 6– Rotary Family Picnic at Moss Park (Orange County)

November 20– Presidents-Elect orientation
TBD

Complete District Calendar with dates, times,
Location and event description is available on the
District 6980 website:

www.rotarydistrict6980.org.