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DECEMBER IS FAMILY MONTH

It is not difficult to understand why December is Family Month on the Rotary Calendar.

This is the time of year when most of us reflect on the calendar year that was and look forward to the year ahead.

The common denominator for most of us is family. It starts with our own families and then we extend that to our Rotary family. Beyond the Rotary family is our community family and that is what Rotary International wants us to focus on during Family Month.

Rotary International is asking Rotarians and clubs to:

1) Bring their power to bear through existing programs on the most formidable problems facing families today, including but not limited to domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, gang activities, child-care needs, and underemployment;

2) Instill the importance of universal human values in the homes, schools and communities of the world;

3) Continue current projects and undertake new ones that strengthen the family structure and make it a secure anchor for the larger community;

4) Demonstrate their commitment to family and community through projects, activities, and events in celebration of "Family Month" each year.

Finally, let us not forget the importance of the Family of Rotary, our extended family, especially this time of year. This has been a rough year for so many in our Rotary family and they may be in need of the unique connection that only a Rotary club can provide.

Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy holiday season and I look forward to a fantastic second half of this Rotary year.



District 6980 Website

The District 6980 Website is an incredible resource for all Rotarians in our District.

The homepage is updated many times during the month and also features real time news feeds directly from RI, updated daily.

The download library is stocked with almost everything you need to administrate Rotary business.

Thank you, Larry Rice, Web Czar

Randy Rawitzer
District Governor 2009-10
Rotary International District 6980

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 9, 2010
Rotary Leadership Institute
Buffalo Charter School
The Villages
- January 16, 2010
Presidents & Assistant Governors Meeting
West Orlando Rotary Clubhouse
- January 30, 2010
District Leadership Team Training for 2010-11
West Orlando Rotary Clubhouse

\$5,000,000 PLEDGED AT FOUNDATION DINNER

On November 7, at the District Foundation Dinner at Lake Receptions in Mt. Dora, Ravi Madala, President of the North American Telugu Society (NATS), pledged to raise Five Million Dollars for The Rotary Foundation's Polio eradication efforts in India between now and June 30, 2011.

Mr. Madala was our special guest speaker at this historic Foundation

Dinner, where over 1.1 Million Dollars was bequeathed by new Rotary Foundation Bequest Society Members since July 1, 2009.

Many clubs were recognized for meeting their Polio Plus commitments for 2008-09 as well as the top per capita giving clubs and total Foundation giving clubs.

Our newest Major Donors were also recognized.

The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service was awarded and the announcement of our district's first ever World Peace Scholar was made.

Details of all the recognition and announcements from the Foundation Dinner are inside this Newsletter.

It was truly a night to remember!

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**District 6980
has \$46,000 to
help fund your
Humanitarian
Grants!**

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FOUNDATION DINNER - SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the District 6980 Rotary Foundation Recognition Dinner on November 7, three significant official announcements were made.

1) Ravi Madala, President of NATS (North American Telugu Society) pledged on behalf of his organization to raise **\$5,000,000 (five million)** for The Rotary Foundation's polio eradication efforts.

In addition to the polio commitment, Mr. Madala also pledged additional funding for partnership with our Rotary clubs towards Foundation Humanitarian Grants in India.

District Rotary Foundation Commit-

tee Chair Rick Baines has been working closely with Mr. Madala, The Rotary Foundation and NATS since July, intimately involved with bringing this historic relationship to fruition.

2) The Rotary clubs of Casselberry, Oviedo and Windermere, along with three clubs in Georgia and several in the Bahamas has recently received confirmation that their competitive matching grant application for over \$100,000 in funding for a bloodmobile has been approved by The Rotary Foundation.

Casselberry President, Steve Robinson coordinated this grant and put the coalition together to make this

grant become a reality. The bloodmobile will make its way through Georgia and then to Central Florida before it goes on a ship to be delivered to Nassau in the Bahamas.

3) District 6980 is proud to announce that Justin DeLeon is our first ever Rotary Foundation World Peace Scholar. Justin, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sanford, will attend the three-month Peace & Conflict Resolution program in Bangkok, Thailand in early 2010.

Justin was a Group Study Exchange Team Member in 2007-08 when we exchanged with the Philippines.

Justin will present a program for us at the District Conference in April.

ROTARY FOUNDATION AWARDS

Clark Gwinn, of the Rotary Club of Seminole County South is the recipient of the Rotary Foundation's *Citation for Meritorious Service* for 2010.

Clark received this prestigious award at the Nov. 7 Foundation Dinner. Clark was recognized for his long history of advocacy of The Rotary Foundation and in particular, the Group Study Exchange program, which he was responsible for its reemergence as one of the clubs' favorite Foundation programs. Clark joins a very special and small group who have received this honor.

Past recipients of the *Citation for Meritorious Service* are: Gene Colley PDG (1990), Wanda Cooksey PDG (1997), Jim McGann PDG (1998), Charlie Rogers PDG (2004) Rick Baines (2007), and Jim Greene (2009).

Sixteen clubs were also recognized by The Rotary Foundation for meeting their Polio Plus commitment.

The following clubs were recognized for their outstanding giving to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund in 2008-09:

Per Capita Giving:

- 1) Orlando South \$300.71
- 2) Oviedo \$281.63
- 3) Altamonte Springs \$259.23

Total Foundation Giving (includes Annual Giving, Polio Plus, Grants, and Permanent Fund):

- 1) The Villages \$73,046
- 2) Orlando \$35,310
- 3) Winter Park \$18,052

Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved with their support of The Rotary Foundation.

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS (DSG) GUIDELINES



**Deadline to request
District DDF to help
fund Humanitarian
Grants is Dec. 31!**

District 6980 has arranged for up to \$35,000 of the clubs DDF to be eligible for the DSG program!

Clubs can use some or all of its DDF as financing for qualified local service projects using the DSG program.

Clubs can also partner with other clubs to create larger projects.

DSG Funds will be awarded on a first in, first out basis. When the \$35,000 has been allocated, the program will end for 2009-10.

Clubs must first submit a DSG Application to the District Grants Chair describing the project and the amount of funding requested.

Once the application is approved, the club will be notified that the application has been approved and they can proceed with the project.

Once the project has been completed, a DSG Final Report must be submitted along with the receipts.

After the final report has been received and approved by the District

Grants Chair, the club will be reimbursed the pre-approved funding.

Receipts dated prior to the approval of the DSG application will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Deadline for submission of DSG Applications is December 31, 2009.

The District Simplified Grant Application and Procedures, as well as all relevant Rotary Foundation forms is available in the Download Library on the District's Web Site.

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE UPDATE

RLI returns to The Villages on Jan 9, 2010, which will be held at the Buffalo Charter School. Parts 1, 2 and 3 will be offered.

Please register early to ensure that all parts will be held and not canceled due to poor registration. Registration will close on Dec. 31.

After this RLI, the final RLI opportunity in District 6980 for this Rotary year will be on April 24, 2010, back at Hagerty High School in Oviedo.

If these dates are not convenient for your schedule, you may attend any RLI in the Sunshine Division and receive full credit. The complete

RLI Sunshine Division schedule is on the RLI Website.

To become a RLI graduate, all three RLI parts must be taken in sequence, and each part takes approximately seven hours to complete on a Saturday.

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

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

The Rotary Leadership Institute covers many of the issues concerning Rotary clubs today. Some of the subjects discussed in RLI sessions are:

Membership Retention, Leadership-Effective Committees, Creating Service Projects, Goal Setting, Membership Development, Running Effective Meetings, Analyzing Your Rotary Club, Vocational Service, Creative Service, Public Relations and Publicity, The Rotary Foundation, and Leadership-Issues Facing Rotary Clubs Today.

RLI uses a Discussion Group format and every attendee is encouraged to participate and interact with others.



RLI
January 9, 2010
Registration now open!

NEW GENERATIONS UPDATE

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Although RYLA is in February, each club is expected to submit their sponsored student's paperwork this month. Now is the time to get it in!

RYLA is a dynamic youth program with a rich history in D-6980 where most, if not all of the clubs participate. We hope that each club will sponsor at least two students.

Contact Barbara Coggins for more information. You can access all the RYLA forms on the district website.

New Rotaract Club & New Rotaract Opportunities.

A new Rotaract club is organizing in Downtown Orlando with close to 50 members! This club will be made up of young working professionals between 21-30 years of age.

More details about their charter date, meeting time and location will be announced in January.

We are looking for volunteers in Lake/Sumter, Osceola and Seminole County areas to help start up a

community Rotaract club under this young professional club model.

If interested, please contact Sally Kamrada for more information.

Rotary Youth Exchange

If your club plans to sponsor an outbound RYE student for 2010-11, you must submit your forms to John Siegel ASAP. After this month, it will be too late! Also, now is the time to start looking for host families for the inbound RYE students for 2010-11, if your club plans to host a student next year.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) FEBRUARY 25-28

SUBMIT YOUR CLUB'S DELEGATE PAPERWORK NOW!

ALL RYLA FORMS ARE ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Congratulations to the new Rotary Club of Lake Nona (provisional)!

The Rotary Club of Lake Nona - (Provisional) has submitted their organizational paperwork and now begin the process towards receiving their club charter.

The club now holds its meetings on **Thursday** evenings at the **Eagle Creek Golf Club**. 5:30 PM for fellowship ,6:00 for dinner & meeting. Cost for dinner: \$15.00

Multiple Sponsor Recognition Program Continues

Rotarians who sponsor two or more new Rotarians in 2009-10 will be invited and recognized at a special recognition luncheon at the Citrus Club in Orlando on May 24, 2010.

The sponsorship must be shown on the District and Club Database (DaCdb).

Those who sponsor seven or more will receive a Paul Harris Fellow.

New Member Orientation Saturday, February 20, 2010

The final New Member Orientation for 2009-10 will be held on Feb. 20 in Lake County at the Tavares Civic Center.

This will be an opportunity for all new members who joined in Lake/Sumter County clubs this year to attend a quality Rotary information orientation which is designed to help new members become more familiar with the programs of Rotary.



Presidential Citation requirement: One Net New Member in 2009-10



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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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