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## JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

### What does Rotary Awareness mean to you?

2000-01 Rotary International President Frank Devlyn's theme for his year was *Create Awareness and Take Action*.

This was only my second year as a Rotarian but it was my first year with an awareness of Rotary; in my life, in my club, it's place in the community and in the world.

This was the year that I became aware of Rotary's unique programs that make it the *premier service organization in the world*.

Information was and still is the key to Rotary awareness, but without being receptive to information, awareness will not come.

There are Rotarians who love Rotary and their club who are unaware of the awesome scope of what Rotary means to so many people around the world.

There are Rotarians who have limited awareness of only a few of

Rotary's many dynamic programs which impacts every club and every sector of the community.

As Governor, I am mandated by Rotary International to do my very best to increase the awareness of Rotary and its programs among our membership.

These newsletters have been my attempt to help create awareness of Rotary's institutional programs within the clubs. We have held seminars throughout the first half of the year to help inform and train the club representatives, giving them the tools to take action and inspire others to follow.

Assistant Governors have worked closely with the club presidents on all levels of club administration and the District Committee members have gone to the clubs with programs to help create the awareness that produces action.

The results in the first half of this Rotary year have been remarkable. Action has been taken by so many, however we have new



members that joined Rotary in recent months who need this awareness or they may not be with us long enough for them to take action with us.

Use these newsletters, the *Rotarian* magazine, the District website and any other unique method your club has for creating the awareness needed among your fellow members to bring them to action, because the Future in Rotary is in all of our hands!

Randy Raviozer  
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

## DISTRICT WEBSITE: CREATES AWARENESS

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, but it is also a wealth of Rotary

information, categorized by the different programs of Rotary.

We have tried to post every form a club would need and otherwise spend time looking for on the Rotary International site.

The homepage has two, easy to use toolbars, that will take you to the different sections of the site. This allows you to explore the entire site with ease.

Videos, Power-Point presentations, Rotary manuals, and a multitude of related links are all there for the clubs perusal and use.

Also, the portal to the District Database and its own unique features is a click away on the Member Access tab on the toolbar.

A club program on the District website could enhance Rotary awareness in your club.

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**D-6980 is #3 in the World for the most Bequest Society Members!**

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION - UPDATE

### Group Study Exchange: Israel

Preparations for the Group Study Exchange between our District and District 2490 in Israel are underway.

Steve Graves (Kissimmee Bay) will lead a team of five young professionals to Israel in May. We will receive the Israeli team in April. Both teams will be here during our District Conference.

GSE Committee Chair Chris Stubbs and his committee will be coordinating all of the visits and activities for the inbound team as well as training the outbound team for their trip.

### Group Study Exchange Denmark 2010-11

Plans are now being made for our Group Study Exchange for 2010-11 with D-1440 in Denmark. Because the District in Denmark wants our team to attend their District Conference in September, we will need to select our Team Leader and Team Members in this Rotary year.

This will serve as a call for club nominations for GSE Team Leader to Denmark in September 2010.

Clubs may nominate a Rotarian in good standing who is a past president of a Rotary Club, having served a full term.

Nomination forms may be found on the District website and should be completed and submitted to GSE Chair Chris Stubbs by January 31.

### Grants Update

District 6980 has matched over \$20,000 in DDF for the clubs humanitarian grants that didn't receive matching funds from the Foundation.

### Bequest Society Update

Out of 530 Districts, District 6980 has the eighth most Bequest Society members in the world, a tribute to the commitment of our Rotarians and to the efforts of our Rotary Foundation Committee.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE "SEA" UPDATE

Just about everyone has heard about the upcoming Conference Cruise, April 30 to May 3 on Royal Caribbean's Monarch of the Seas.

Since 2003, when we made the cruise a staple of our annual conference, many Rotarians, family and friends of Rotary have joined us for this very special opportunity for friendship, fellowship and an important opportunity for the exchange of ideas between the clubs in a casual setting.

For the first time, we are sailing on **Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines**,

an upscale cruise at similar prices as previous cruises.

Cruises are still the best value for money in these challenging times.

We are now less than four months away. If you have been planning to join us and thought there was plenty of time to register, you need to act now!

Reservations/deposits for cabins are still being taken, but on Feb. 1, we will lose whatever remaining block of cabins we have, so don't delay any longer. Register today!!

### Cruise Program Features

Two ports of call: Nassau on the first full day at sea and Coco Cay (a private island) on the second day.

We will feature our ten foreign Rotary Youth Exchange students, our Group Study Exchange Team from Israel (and some from our outbound team), as well as our Rotary World Peace Scholar.

We will also bring back for the first time in a few years, the **Rotary Info Bowl**, which is a friendly club competition with very serious prizes.

**QUESTIONS?  
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## DISTRICT CONFERENCE "LAND" UPDATE

This year, our conference will feature a full day of Rotary programming on land at the **Sheraton Orlando-Downtown** on Thursday, April 29.

Since 2003 when our District went to a "cruise conference" format with some meal events on land, many Rotarians who do not cruise have not had the opportunity to experience a traditional Rotary District Conference.

All Districts in the world are required to hold an Annual Confer-

ence for the clubs of the District.

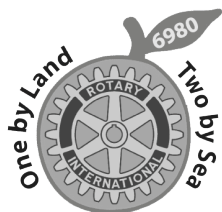
The purpose of the District Conference is similar to that of the International Convention, enabling Rotarians to interact with other Rotarians in other clubs and to become more aware of the outstanding programs of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

We will have our traditional *Roll Call of the Clubs*, including our Interact and Rotaract clubs.

We will have an informative and interactive morning session followed

by a District Luncheon. In the Afternoon, we will feature our clubs' service projects and in the evening, the Governor's Banquet, which will be a very special night to remember.

This year, we will use online registration for the conference events via the **District website/calendar**. The district will invoice the clubs for each member who registers. There is **no registration fee** to attend the Conference. Only the luncheon and banquet will have a cost to attend. Registration is now open!



**District Conference  
2010**

**REGISTER ONLINE FOR  
APRIL 29  
CONFERENCE SESSIONS,  
LUNCHEON AND  
GOVERNOR'S BANQUET**

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2010 Rotary International Convention will be held in Montreal, Canada on June 20-23, 2010.

You can register for all Convention activities online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

### Why Attend the RI Convention?

The RI Convention offers more than an opportunity to celebrate a successful Rotary year. From inspirational plenary sessions to informative workshops, Rotary's annual international meeting is designed to help you become more effective in your Rotary service.

Whether you're an incoming club president or a brand-new Rotarian,

you're sure to learn something new and come away with a renewed commitment to Service Above Self.

Above all, a Rotary convention offers unparalleled opportunities to:

- Learn about successful and innovative projects that your club can replicate
- Develop long-term partnerships to benefit your community and beyond
- Build lifelong friendships with people who share your vision of a better world.

The first registration deadline has passed and hotel rooms will soon

become more difficult to book. The final registration deadline is March 31, so now is the time to act if you want to attend.

In addition to the convention's main program, there are pre-convention events you can register for as well as special Host Organizing Committee events.

**Southland "Brunch" tickets** are now available for purchase from District Governor-elect Charlie Rand. If you want to reserve tickets, let DGE Charlie know ASAP as this year there are limited tickets available. Don't wait until the last minute as these tickets will sell out.



Contact DGE Charlie Rand for your Southland "Brunch" Tickets

## NEW GENERATIONS UPDATE

### Rotary Youth Exchange

Ten applications for the 2010-11 Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange program have been submitted by the clubs! An unprecedented number for our District!

This is only possible because our District was able to host as many inbound students as we did this Rotary year.

Soon, each club's 2010-11 board will need to determine if their club wants to be a sponsor for an inbound Rotary Youth Exchange student for

next year. Information will be given to the club presidents-elect at Pre-PETS and at PETS in February and March.

### Interact Update

All Interact clubs will be invited to attend the District Conference on Thursday, April 29. The Interact clubs may participate in our traditional "Roll Call of the Clubs" and attend our plenary sessions.

The Orange County Bar Association Foundation has arranged for two sitting judges and three attorneys to

hold a special ninety minute seminar on Civics and Ethics, tailored for high school students (our Interact clubs) at the conference.

This separate session will be held in the afternoon while we conduct the District Business Meeting.

All club Interact chairs should begin discussing this opportunity with their school's Interact advisors to work on making the necessary arrangements to help facilitate their attendance at the conference.

ORANGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION WILL CONDUCT A SEMINAR ON CIVICS FOR OUR INTERACTORS AT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

### Club Goal: Net One New Member by April 1, 2010

Most of the clubs in District 6980 are still in position to achieve this goal. Keep the members you have and bring in new qualified members to your club. A simple formula, right?

An organizational meeting for a new Rotary club in **Baldwin Park** will be held on January 27, at 6:00 PM at New Broad Street Realty. Contact iPDG Carlos Giraldo for more info.

### 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 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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Open World 2010

Recently, the Rotary Club of Seminole County South hosted a delegation of young professionals from the Ukraine sponsored by **Open World**.

**Open World** is a creation of the United States Congress. The program is designed to bring emerging leaders in Russia, and other post-soviet states, to the US in order to give them first-hand exposure to our system of government.

**Rotary participates** by seeking Clubs to home host and put together an educational/cultural/entertainment program for the six delegates. In this regard, it is similar to Group Study Exchange, except the delegation's visit is limited to 8 days.

**Rotary International reimburses clubs** for their expenses in

connection with their hosting, including the rental of a van for transportation to the different venues. A professional interpreter accompanies the delegation during the educational portion of the visit.

The Seminole County South Rotary Club will be hosting another delegation from Ukraine next October.

There are several opportunities available for clubs to participate in this program, including club hosting.

If you would like more information, or to request a club presentation, contact Clark Gwinn at [wclarkgwinn@cfl.rr.com](mailto:wclarkgwinn@cfl.rr.com)



### Rotary International Recognition Program for 2009-10

Rotary International and District 6980 will recognize Rotarians and Clubs at the District Conference for outstanding service in 2009-10.

**RI Four Avenues of Service Citation** will be awarded to each club's *Rotarian of the Year*

**RI Significant Achievement Award** will be awarded to the club with the best service project of the year

**RI Presidential Citation** will be awarded to each club that qualifies

**RI Membership Awards** will be awarded to clubs for different levels of achievement in membership

**RI Service Above Self Award** will be presented in District 6980 for the first time in 12 years!



A complete list of Rotary International and District 6980 Recognition and forms will be provided to the Club Presidents at the January 16 Presidents Meeting and will be posted on the District website