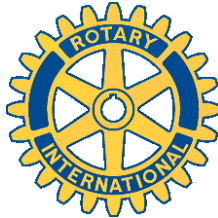


Rotary International District 6980 Monthly Newsletter

Charles M. Rand

District Governor 2010-11



District 6980 Calendar

Highlights for July-Aug.

July 10-

Club President & AG

Meeting

West Orlando Clubhouse

July 17-

Club Administration

Seminar

West Orlando Clubhouse

August 7-

District Membership

Seminar

West Orlando Clubhouse

August 21-

New Member

Orientation #1

Mall of Millennia

Orlando

August 28-

RLI Training

Hagerty High School

A Fun Rotary Year Begins

July 2010

Welcome to a new Rotary year!

It is an honor to serve each one of the more than 2,100 Rotarian members of the 47 Rotary Clubs throughout Central Florida as your District Governor for the Rotary year 2010-11.

This is the first of twelve monthly District Newsletters you will receive this Rotary year. The purpose of these newsletters will be to serve as a resource to all Rotarians; Information regarding all district-wide events and Rotary programs which affect all of us.

The District 6980 website will continue to be a valuable administrative resource for Rotarians and their clubs. We have made changes and updates to the District website which just rolled out July 1. Please visit it often and utilize it. We will do our best to keep the site current throughout the year with pertinent Rotary information, forms for download, key contact information, and the entire Rotary year's events and meetings on the District calendar. Details on the website and database will be presented at the Club Administration seminar later this month.

With every new year come new goals and objectives. My primary goal this year is for the clubs to achieve the RI Presidential Citation. By doing so, the clubs will have successfully met their goals in a broad range of categories and emphases including Water, Health & Hunger, Literacy, Youth Programs and enhancing Rotary's Public Image.

As a District, we have been asked to add at least two new clubs this year. The Club Extension Committee has identified two key geographic areas where we will explore chartering new clubs: in Osceola and Seminole counties. Details on our club extension efforts will be given at the District Membership Seminar in August.

I extend a special thank you to all of the new 47 Rotary Club Presidents who worked so hard over the past year, preparing to effectively lead their clubs this Rotary year and to an outstanding District Leadership Team for all it has done and will do to serve the clubs.

I look forward to the year ahead and supporting the clubs with their efforts to further the object of Rotary. Let's have fun while we continue Rotary's important mission of Building Communities-Bridging Continents.

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Group Study Exchange

District 6980 will be the Group Study Exchange (GSE) partner with District 1440 in Denmark. Our GSE team will be leaving for Denmark on September 4, 2010 and the Denmark GSE team will arrive here on April 10, 2011! For more information on the GSE program, please contact 2010-11 GSE Committee Chair, Chris Stubbs (cstubbs@linkstaffing.com).



Rotary Youth Exchange

Eight students are on their way to Central Florida

Rotary Youth Exchange needs your help!

All but three of our eight inbound students have club/host sponsors. We need three more clubs to participate.

Our inbound exchange students will arrive in our district in August and spend the 2010-11 academic year with us.

This is a great way to bring another culture into our club and home. They may even cook you a meal from their local cuisine!

For more information and details on club sponsorship responsibilities, please contact John Siegel at rye6980@aol.com or 407-645-3100.



Club Administration Seminar

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

The District's Club Administration Seminar is an excellent opportunity for key club members with administrative responsibilities (President, President-elect, Secretary or Treasurer) to review Rotary International's administrative requirements as well as to learn more about how to use the RI and District database to manage the club's business. Also featured at this seminar will be a review of Club Service, Club Bulletins, Club Programs and the Family of Rotary.

For more information please contact District Club Administration Committee Chair, Larry Rice (larry.rotary@gmail.com).



Membership Seminar

Saturday August 7-
8:45AM Registration and breakfast, program 9:30
West Orlando Rotary Clubhouse

August is Rotary Membership Month

The Annual District Membership Seminar/Workshop will be held on August 7, 2010 from 9:30 am until 12:00 pm, registration and breakfast from 8:45. It will be held at the West Orlando Clubhouse located at 475 Kirkman Road. Robin O'Donnell - The District Membership Chair 2010-2011 is currently sending all Club Membership Chairs the survey discussed at District Assembly to ensure the Seminar/Workshop is relevant to the needs of all Club Membership Chairs. All Club Membership Chairs are encouraged to participate in the survey and the Seminar/Workshop. All Rotarians interested in the dynamics of Rotary Membership are also encouraged to attend. In addition, all Membership Chairs are encouraged to promote The New Member Orientation/Expo that will be held on August 21, 2010 at the Mall of Millennia. This Orientation/Expo is for all new members in the district and their sponsors. This promises to be a fun and informative time for new members. All Rotarians are welcome to attend.



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New Member Orientation #1

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

The District Membership Committee will conduct two New Member Orientations in Orange and Lake counties. There is no charge to attend.

All new Rotarians within the last twelve months are encouraged to attend a local orientation. These orientations are 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.

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



RLI Training

August 28, 2010
The Villages High School

The Rotary Leadership Institute returns to The Villages for the first of our two RLI events in District 6980 during Rotary year 2010-11. Parts 1, 2 and 3 will be offered. As usual, registration must be done online in advance at least two weeks in advance. The other RLI session in our district will be held March 12, 2011 at Hagerty High School in Oviedo.

A Rotarian may attend any RLI event in any district throughout the RLI Sunshine Division or around the world. All course schedules in the Sunshine Division are listed on the RLI website. All new Rotarians should be encouraged to attend RLI as the retention rate for RLI attendees and graduates are well over 90%. Register at www.rlitraining.org

More than 350 new Rotarians have joined the clubs of District 6980 in the past Rotary year. 70 of them have attended the New Member Orientations. This is a great opportunity for clubs to make an investment in their new members and the club itself by promoting The Rotary Leadership Institute to them, even sponsoring the \$95 registration fee.

Registration closes firm on August 14 so please register ASAP. The District doesn't control registration so we don't have the ability to assist with late registration.

For more information regarding The Rotary Leadership Institute, please contact PDG Randy Rawiszer, RLI District Director 2010-11, Jo Weber (The Villages) Assistant Director, or AG Bill Litton (Sanford) Assistant Director.



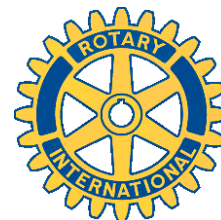
DGE Homestay 2011

January 8-15, 2011
Local Hosts needed

Sixteen District Governor-elect and spouses from around the world will be our guests in Central Florida the week of January 8-15 2011. The DGE's will be spending a week with us in District 6980 on their way to San Diego and the International Assembly the following week.

The DGE Homestay program has a long, rich tradition in our District. To continue this tradition, we are looking for host Rotarians for the incoming DGE's. Hosts will get a unique insight into another Rotarian's culture and how they conduct their Rotary business back home.

For more information, please contact Curly Bowman @ curly.bowman@gmail.com or 407-619-5108



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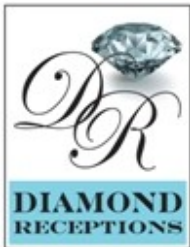


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Save the Date!

Save the date for next year's tremendous, exciting and fun District Conference a-k-a Celebration. April 29-May 1 to be held at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel.

More details to follow soon.



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West Orlando Clubhouse

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West Orlando Clubhouse

August 2010:

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West Orlando Clubhouse

August 21– New Member Orientation

Orange County- Mall of Millennia

August 28– RLI Training

September 2010:

September 11- District Foundation Seminar
Valencia Community College-West Campus

September 25- District Interact Training
West Orlando Rotary clubhouse

October 2010:

October 9- President/AG Meeting

October 16- District Governor 2013-14 Selection

October 30- Service Projects & Public Relations Seminar

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

www.rotarydistrict6980.org.