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A NEW ROTARY YEAR BEGINS.....

Welcome to a new Rotary year!

It is an honor to serve each one of the more than 2,100 Rotarian members of the 46 Rotary Clubs throughout Central Florida as your District Governor for the Rotary year 2009-10.

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 each 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 on 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 &

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 comes new goals and objectives. The 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 four key geographic areas where we will explore chartering new clubs: Baldwin Park, Southeast Orlando, Poinciana, and Lake Nona. Details on our club extension efforts will be given at the District Membership Seminar in August.

I extend a special thank you to



each and every one of the new 46 Rotary Club Presidents who worked so hard over the past year, preparing to effectively lead their clubs this Rotary year, as well as an outstanding District Leadership Team for all they have 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. The future is bright because The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands!

Randy Rawiozer
District Governor

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 11:
*Club Presidents/AG Meeting
West Orlando Clubhouse*
- July 18:
*Club Administration Seminar
West Orlando Clubhouse*
- July 25
*New Member Orientation
Council on Aging, Kissimmee*
- August 8
*District Membership Seminar
West Orlando Clubhouse*
- August 22
*New Member Orientation
Canterbury Retreat, Oviedo*

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GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM LEADER SELECTION

Plans are underway to facilitate our GSE exchange with District 2490 in Israel, which is tentatively scheduled to take place in April and May of 2010.

Team Leader candidates must be Rotarians in good standing in our district, a Past Club President, and they cannot be a current Assistant Governor or District Committee Chair at the time of the exchange.

A GSE Team Leader must be comfortable leading a group in presentations, should enjoy social gatherings, and be able to take a month off from their vocation. Team Leader candidates should make application to the District GSE Chair, Chris Stubbs, no later than August 30, 2009. Interviews with the GSE Selection Committee will be scheduled for September. The prevailing candidate will

then become part of the GSE Committee and participate in the GSE Team Member selection process as well as the Team Member training during months leading up to the departure for Israel.

For more information, contact Chris Stubbs, GSE Committee Chair: cstubbs@linkstaffing.com



Rotary International
& District Database
Club Service
Club Bulletins
Club Programs
Family of Rotary

CLUB ADMINISTRATION SEMINAR — JULY 18

On Saturday, July 18, The District will conduct a Club Administration Seminar at the West Orlando Rotary Clubhouse from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

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 In-

ternational's administrative requirements as well as learn more about how to use the RI and District database to manage the club's business more effectively.

Also featured at this seminar will be a review of and assistance with Club Service, Club Bulletins, Club Programs and the Family of Rotary.

Anyone who is involved

with the club's administrative matters needs to be at this important seminar.

For more information, please contact District Club Administration Committee Chair, Chuck Pratt PDG at:

cprattdg0607@yahoo.com

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION-OSCEOLA COUNTY

On Saturday, July 25 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, the first of four District sponsored New Member Orientations will be held at the Osceola Council on Aging
Barney E. Veal Center
700 Generation Point
Kissimmee, FL 34744

The Membership Committee will conduct four New Member Orientations throughout our District.

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.

The Orientations are open to all new members in the district, however, they will be regional (one each in Osceola, Seminole, Orange and Lake Counties) to make it easier for local members to attend in their area.

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

LOOK FOR
ROTARY ON
ORANGE T.V. THIS
SUMMER. A
THIRTY MINUTE
DOCUMENTARY ON
OUR LOCAL
SERVICE PROJECTS!
THANKS TO KEN
PEACH AND A R.I.
PUBLIC RELATIONS
GRANT



The Rotary Leadership
Institute
September 26, 2009
Hagerty High School

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE — SEPT. 26

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.

This class will focus strictly on membership issues facing Rotary today, and offer an insight on how to

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

This is a must class for all club Membership Chairs to attend.

The next sessions 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.rlitraining.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

DGE HOMESTAY 2010 - LOCAL HOSTS NEEDED

Sixteen District Governors-elect and spouses from around the world will be our guests in Central Florida the week of January 9-16, 2010. The DGE's will be spending a week with us on their way to San Diego and the International Assembly the following week.

This has been a long standing tradition in District 6980 and our local hospitality has become legendary throughout the Rotary world. In fact, all

the district's in Denmark will be represented here.

A week of activities and receptions have been arranged. The fellowship with these soon to be District Governors from other countries is very special and friendships are made which will last a long time.

A key component of the DGE Homestay program is host hospitality.

We need sixteen Rotarians to

open their homes to host a DGE and spouse for the week. This will give you a unique insight into another Rotarian's culture and how they conduct their Rotary business back home.

For more information on the DGE Homestay 2010 program, please contact Rob Lesperance at:
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DGE Homestay
 January 9-16
 2010

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE FLORIDA

Rotary Youth Exchange needs your help!

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

Our inbound exchange students will arrive in our district in August and spend the 2009-10 academic year with us.

The total cost to sponsor a youth exchange student is \$2000 which

includes participation in the Rotary Youth Exchange-Florida program activities such as a weekend at Disney and a trip to Key West, as well as joining us on the District Conference cruise next spring.

Clubs sharing the same school district (or close to) can share the Youth Exchange student's sponsorship, and costs. This is a good way for clubs to work together on a worthwhile project and meet one of the key 2009-10

Presidential Citation requirements.

Students are enrolled at a high school in your club's area for the school year, but only need to stay with a host family for 90 days at a time. The host family does not need to be a member of a Rotary club. This is a great way to bring another country and culture into your club and home. They may even cook you a meal from their local cuisine!

FOR MORE
 INFORMATION
 ON ROTARY
 YOUTH
 EXCHANGE,
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2009-10

July

- 11-Club Presidents/AG Meeting
- 18-Club Administration Seminar

25-New Member Orientation (Osceola)

August

8-District Membership Seminar

22-New Member Orientation (Seminole)

September

12-District Foundation Seminar

26-Rotary Leadership Institute (Oviedo)

October

3-New Member Orientation (Orange)

10-Presidents/AG Meeting

17-DG 2012-13 Selection

31-Service Projects/Public Relations Seminar

November

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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*Polio Plus
*Group Study Exchange
*Grants
*Ambassadorial Scholarships
*World Peace Fellowships
Service Projects Chair
*Vocational Service
*International Service
*Community Service
Club Administration Chair
*Club Service
*Club Bulletins
*Club Meeting Programs
*Family of Rotary
Membership Chair
*Retention
*Extension
*Development
Public Relations Chair
New Generations Chair
*RYLA
*Interact/Rotaract
*Rotary Youth Exchange
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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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Or
352-250-4724