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NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

November is Rotary Foundation Month. This month we focus on the programs of The Rotary Foundation, programs which make *our charity* unique from every other charity.

There is no doubt that Rotary clubs have special relationships with quality charitable organizations, but The Rotary Foundation is truly our Foundation.

What makes The Rotary Foundation so special is its programs. It can be said that there is a Rotary Foundation program for everyone to embrace and support.

At our District Foundation Seminar in September, updates and information was provided on each of the eight Rotary Foundation programs to over one-hundred Rotarian attendees.

This month, at the District Rotary Foundation Dinner on March 7 at Lake Receptions in Mount Dora, we will feature and honor all new Bequest Society members as well

as our newest Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

Yes, Rotarians are very supportive of The Rotary Foundation, but a club can be a donor as well, and some clubs are strong contributors, but not all.

When your club's board decides what charities to give its fundraising dollars to, it is my hope that The Rotary Foundation is one of those charities high on the list in the discussion..

The Rotary Club of Southwest Orlando has a new name and new digs!

The Rotary Club of Southwest Orlando has changed their name to The Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips - Noon and now meets at Timpano Chop House on Sand Lake Road in the Dr. Phillips area of Orlando, Tuesday's at noon.

The Rotary Club of Tavares has also moved its meeting venue. They now meet at Tavares Station located at 124 S. Joanna St.



District Conference Cruise Update: April 30-May 30

Now is the time to send in your registration form and deposit. We are only six months away so if you have been thinking about it, now is the time to act.

The ship is filling up fast and it will sell out, so don't put it off. Details are on page 4 of this newsletter and everything you need to register is on the District Website.

Randy Rawiszer
District Governor
Rotary International District 6980

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 7
District Rotary Foundation Recognition Dinner
Lake Receptions, Mount Dora
- November 14
New Generations Seminar
West Orlando Rotary Clubhouse
- November 21
Pre-PETS (Presidents-Elect Training Seminar)
West Orlando Rotary Clubhouse

NEW GENERATIONS SEMINAR - NOV. 14

On Saturday, November 14, the New Generations Seminar will be held at the West Orlando Clubhouse from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM, with a continental breakfast starting at 9:00 AM.

All Rotarians active within their club in the areas of Rotary Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract and RYLA are encouraged to attend and participate.

This will be an interactive and informative seminar and the exchange of ideas among the clubs are critical to the future success of these dynamic Youth programs.

If you and your club are not currently participating in these Youth programs but would like to learn more to see how your club can become more involved, you need to attend this seminar.

All eleven of our current foreign Rotary Youth Exchange students will be there to interact with all the Rotarians attending.

The number one reason why Rotarians and Rotary clubs do not participate in Rotary's Youth programs is because they do not have the knowledge. Come to the seminar and bring back the knowledge and opportunity to your club

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See your Club President for your *Change for Change* cup with TRF insert

DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION: CHANGE FOR CHANGE

The District Foundation Committee developed the “**Your Change Can Change Lives Of Needy Children Worldwide**” fundraiser. Each club received a 16 oz clear plastic glass with a dome lid plus an insert for each club member.

Clubs have said they plan on conducting monthly campaigns. One month the change collected will go to the Annual Giving Fund, the next month to Polio Plus and the next month to support a local club project.

Rotary should be fun. Use your

imagination to come up with ideas that not only promotes The Rotary Foundation but also creates some excitement for the club.

This can be an individual Rotarian’s project. One can collect his/her own change and give it to the Rotary Foundation without involving the club, or many club members can work together to raise a little extra money.

Think of the creative ways this program can be used by the club.

Work with schools, scout

troops, churches, even other charities the club already supports to raise funds and split the proceeds! This can be a benefit to the club’s charities and to The Rotary Foundation at the same time!

Here’s a chance to share Rotary and learn more about Rotary’s many international projects.

This is a fundraising idea for your club, not the district. Your club and its members decide what to do with the collected funds. It would be nice if The Rotary Foundation benefited just a little.

TRF HUMANITARIAN GRANTS UPDATE

The clubs in District 6980 have more DDF available for matching grants this year than ever before in our history.

Even though The Rotary Foundation has run out of matching funds this year, District 6980 will match club DDF, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$8,000 per Humanitarian grant!

With all the DDF available this Rotary year, this is a tremendous opportunity for clubs to put

together a well funded matching grant.

Completed grant applications can be submitted to TRF anytime before the March 31, 2010 deadline. However, to receive a District DDF Match (up to \$8,000) grant applications must be submitted to the District Grant Chair by **Dec 31, 2009**, along with the completed DDF Special Matching Grant Tracking Form, which can be found in the

Download Library on the District 6980 Website along with all other supplemental forms.

All Matching Grant Applications (Form 141 EN) must include the new TRF Matching Grant Financing Substitution Form.

Use it or lose it. If the club doesn’t allocate its DDF to a Humanitarian Grant, Simplified Grant, GSE or Polio Plus by June 30, 2010, the club will forfeit its 2009-10 DDF.

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DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS (DSG) GUIDELINES



**DSG Application
Deadline:
December 31, 2009
Use it or lose it!**

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.

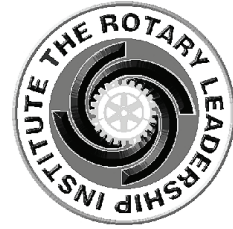
Each part costs \$95 which includes all materials, breakfast, lunch, and a snack.

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 by the end of November.

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 soon.

We are looking to start one Rotaract club in Osceola, Seminole and Lake/Sumter counties under this young professional club model.

Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Deadline: Nov. 25

Clubs wishing to sponsor an outbound Rotary Youth Exchange student for RY 2010-11 must submit their paperwork to the District by November 25. For more information, contact RYE chair, John Siegel.

Interact Training Assembly

Over 65 Interactors representing 18 Interact clubs were at a training assembly for club leaders on October 4. The event was an overwhelming success.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) FEBRUARY 25-28

BEGIN YOUR CLUB'S DELEGATE SPONSORSHIP PROCESS 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 will now hold 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 a great opportunity for all new members that joined Rotary in Lake/Sumter county clubs 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.

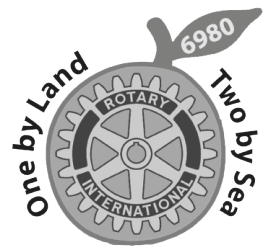
Our goal is simple: To have a conference that is appealing and accessible to **ALL**; the new Rotarian, the first time conference attendee, and the long time Rotarian. This year, we will have a more traditional, but slightly modified conference format.

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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