



THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2009

SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

Rotary International President John Kenny has asked us to make Rotary's Youth programs a club priority in this Rotary Year.

September is New Generations Month. This is the month when we make the special effort to make all of our fellow members more aware of the remarkable Youth Programs of Rotary International and how our clubs can use these programs to serve our local youth.

Most of the clubs in District 6980 have their own outstanding programs tailored for the youth of their communities and many also participate in Rotary's Youth Programs, but not all do.

I am challenging each club in District 6980 to make a commitment to support at least one (if not more) of Rotary's Youth Programs.

Interact: Currently, about only half of the clubs in our District sponsor Interact Clubs through

their local High Schools. The opportunity for your club to start an Interact Club is right here and right now.

Rotaract: In year's past, Rotaract has been associated with college students, but Rotaract clubs are ideal service club opportunities for young adults between the ages of 21-30, who can't make the full commitment to Rotary at this point in their lives.

This Rotary year, we will try to establish four Rotaract clubs in each area in our district: Orange, Seminole, Osceola and Lake/Sumter Counties.

RYLA (February 25-28) forms are available for download on the District Website. Please begin planning for RYLA now!!

Eleven foreign Rotary Youth Exchange students have arrived in Central Florida to begin their academic year with us. We will welcome these students during our first ever **Interact Leadership Training Assembly &**



New Generations Dance on Sunday, October 4, at the West Orlando Rotary Clubhouse and at the **District New Generations Seminar on Saturday, November 14** also at the West Orlando Rotary Clubhouse.

Your club's representation at this seminar will help your club understand all the dynamics of Rotary's Youth Programs and enable your club to involve more of its members in its work with our local youth. The Future of Rotary's Youth Programs is in Your Hands!

Randy Rawiszet
District Governor

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- September 12
District Rotary Foundation Seminar
- September 26
Rotary Leadership Institute
- October 3
New Member Orientation (Orange County)
- October 4
Interact Leadership Assembly and New Generations Dance
- October 10
Presidents/Assistant Governors Quarterly Meeting

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DISTRICT ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR - SEPT. 12

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Can you unscramble the above sentence ?

The Rotary Foundation has so many different and complex programs, it's like the

sentence above. It can be hard to unscramble and even harder to understand.

The Rotary Foundation can have more impact on a club than most other Rotary programs, yet it can be the least understood.

On Saturday September 12th

the District Rotary Foundation Seminar will be held at Valencia Community College, West Campus.

A continental breakfast will be served at 9:00 with the seminar starting at 9:30 and finishing at 12:00.

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**Unscrambled:
The Future of The
Rotary Founda-
tion is in Your
Hands**

WHY ATTEND THE FOUNDATION SEMINAR?

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The Rotary Foundation Seminar is a golden opportunity for the club members to be informed on all aspects of The Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation's rules and procedures are constantly changing to keep pace with changes in the Rotary world.

Many of our club leaders are not keeping up with important changes, submitting donations incorrectly, not keep-

ing up with member's donations or recognition, making decisions on grants and DDF when they don't fully understand the correct process.

- Learn how your club can receive a match of DDF from the District for your Humanitarian Matching Grant.
- Take advantage of a new Simplified Grants program sponsored by the District.
- The Bequest Society Challenge: The goal is to award 200 Bequest Society crystals at our District Rotary Foundation Recognition Dinner on November 7, 2009.
- Group Study Exchange with Israel: How your club can sponsor a Group Study Exchange Team members.
- Meet J. B. our Ambassadorial Scholar from Korea, who is studying at Stetson University - Celebration Campus.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE SEMINAR?

- Many club members could be Major Donors or potential Major Donors if their donations had been submitted correctly.
- Club Presidents/Secretaries can learn how to correct a club member's donation account.
- Club Secretaries can learn how to submit donations correctly in order for members to get proper credit and recognition.

Who would benefit from attending?

Club Presidents, Club Presidents-elect, Club Secretaries and Club Treasurers, as well as....
Club Foundation Committee Chairs and members, and those responsible for TRF Humanitarian Grant applications for their clubs as well as any Rotarian who wants to learn more about The

Rotary Foundation

If you plan on attending this informative seminar, it is very important that you let your club president and/or club Foundation Chair know that you plan to attend so we can know how many we need to have breakfast for.

We need to know how many from each club will be attending no later than September 8.

SEPTEMBER 12

VALENCIA
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
WEST CAMPUS

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE — SEPT. 26



September 26
Hagerty High
School

RLI returns to District 6980 for the 2009-10 Rotary Year

Registration will close on Sept. 14 for the next RLI which will 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 (for those who are RLI graduates - completing all three RLI parts).

The Graduate course will focus exclusively on membership issues facing Rotary today, and offer in-

sight on how to help clubs not only grow their membership, but to retain their existing members.

This is a class that all RLI graduates who are club membership chairs should attend.

After this RLI, the next RLI opportunity for this Rotary year will be at The Villages on January 9, 2010, and April 24, 2010, again at Hagerty High School in Oviedo.

To be a RLI graduate, all three RLI parts must be taken in sequence, and

each part takes approximately 7 hours to complete on a Saturday.

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

To register, go to:
www.rltraining.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

INTERACT LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY AND PARTY

District 6980 will host an Interact Training Assembly for all 2009-10 Interact Club Presidents and Leaders, to help with their preparations to be effective leaders of their Interact clubs. The Assembly will take place on Sunday, October 4 from 3:00 to 4:30.

At 5:00, following the Assembly, there will be a New Generations Dance Party (including dinner and DJ) for the new Interact club leaders and to welcome our eleven Rotary Youth

Exchange students to Central Florida.

There is no charge to attend for Interactors, Youth Exchange Students (or hosts), or RYLA junior advisors. Cost for Rotarians to attend is \$10.00, payable at the door, but we are asking that all Club New Generations Chairs let us know how many are coming from their club.

Rotary Club Interact advisors are encouraged to make contact with their sponsored Interact clubs ASAP and promote this Assem-

bly and Dance Party.

Efforts are also underway to start new Rotaract Clubs in our District. Details on this and all other current Rotary Youth Program activities will be presented at the District's New Generations Seminar on November 14.

For more information on the Interact Leadership Assembly and New Generations Dance, as well as the District New Generations Seminar, Contact the District New Generations Committee: John Siegel, Sally Kamrada or Barbara Coggins (see page 4).



**Sunday, October 4
West Orlando
Rotary Clubhouse
New Generations
Dance Party!**

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE & RYLA UPDATE

During the weekend of August 21-23, more than 80 Rotary Youth Exchange students from all over the world, participated in the annual **Rotary Youth Exchange - Florida** Inbound Orientation program at Lake Yale Conference Center in Leesburg.

Eleven of these Youth Exchange Students have moved in with their host families in District 6980, each sponsored by our local Rotary Clubs and have

begun their academic year of study in High Schools throughout Central Florida. These students will attend many District events throughout the year and will try to meet as many Rotarians as possible.

RYLA 2010 is fast approaching and the RYLA Committee is busy preparing for the best RYLA ever. All Clubs in District 6980 should participate in this great Rotary Youth program by sponsoring at least two stu-

dents (junior or sophomore), if not more, from their local High Schools, to attend a long weekend conference, designed to mentor and nurture these students who have demonstrated leadership skills in their schools.

Now is the time to begin choosing your club's delegates to RYLA. Don't delay. RYLA forms are available for download on the District Website. For more information, contact RYLA Chair, Barbara Coggins.

**ROTARY YOUTH
LEADERSHIP
AWARDS (RYLA)
FEBRUARY 25-28**

**BEGIN YOUR
CLUB'S DELEGATE
SPONSORSHIP
PROCESS NOW!**

**ALL RYLA FORMS
ARE ON THE
DISTRICT WEBSITE**

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION - ORANGE COUNTY

On Saturday, **October 3**, from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM, the third in our series of District sponsored New Member Orientations will be held at the West Orlando Rotary Clubhouse 475 S. Kirkman Road Orlando, FL 32811.

These orientations are designed to supplement the fireside chat which many clubs hold 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 are regional by

County, to make it easier for local members to attend in their area.

The final New Member Orientation will be held in Tavares in February 2010. Contact your club president or club membership chair for RSVP info.

For more information, please contact District Membership Chair Taren Schwarz at taren6980@aol.com



Rotary Information is the key to Rotary Retention



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DISTRICT CONFERENCE - APRIL 29-MAY 3, 2010

The mission for this year's District Conference is simple: To have a conference that is appealing and accessible to **ALL**; the new Rotarian, the first time conference attendee, and the Rotarian who has attended many conferences.

The reason for our Conference promotion and current push for cruise reservations is that the district is allotted a certain number of cabin types at an advance price based on projected attendance.

Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines will honor the block pricing as long as the district shows progress in reservations.

Also, the dates of our cruise is during a popular time of year and this cruise will sell out faster than others. It is likely that there won't be any cabins available by February or March, so the best time to reserve the cabin of your choice is now.

Every year, we've had many Rotarians disappointed that they were unable to join us on the cruise because they waited too late to act.

Early registration has been strong so far, so we are expecting a record for Rotarian participation on this cruise.

The Group Study Exchange team from Israel along with the eleven Rotary Youth Exchange students currently in our District will be on the ship with us.

Our conference theme this year 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 Downtown. There will be Opening, morning and afternoon plenary sessions, a themed luncheon, and a Governor's Reception and Banquet. There will be **NO** cost to attend any of the plenary

sessions. The Conference Luncheon and Governor's Banquet will require registration and there will be a cost to attend.

Two by Sea: The conference will continue Friday, April 30, 2010, for a three night Bahamas cruise, on Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's *Monarch of the Seas*. Ports of call are: Nassau, Bahamas and Coco Cay. There will be plenary sessions while at sea and no Rotary activities while in port. The reason why call it *Two by Sea* is because we are spending two full days at sea.

Your Assistant Governor will be making a conference presentation to your club in the coming weeks.

You can also download the cruise registration form by clicking on the link provided on the District Website's home page at: www.rotarydistrict6980.org

Make your plans to attend now!



District Conference 2010

For more information about cruise registration, please contact Larry Rice, District Conference Committee

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