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Message From The Governor

Let the World Know About Rotary in 2010

Happy New Year everyone! January is the beginning of 2010, but it also marks the halfway point of our Rotary year 2009-2010. According to RI President, John Kenny, "It is the time of year to take stock, to review the goals that we have set for ourselves, and to evaluate how well we have fulfilled those expectations."

Rotary International has designated January as *Rotary Awareness Month*. Rotary should not be a well kept secret and should be shared with all those that we know. This is a good time to reflect back on the year and also to review and plan the activities that still need to be done.

We should be looking for ways to include family, friends and the community in our activities and spread the word of Rotary.

During the past six months, our Rotary clubs and Rotarians have accomplished a great deal. I know that many of you have done some wonderful projects so far this Rotary year. However, we still have six months to go! Everyone has been working hard toward meeting their established goals and making our local and global communities a better place.

You should also continue to focus your attention on membership growth, Foundation giving and the receipt of the Rotary International Presidential Citation. The Presidential Citation program is a menu of challenging activities related to the first six priorities of the strategic plan. As a reminder, the criteria must be met by March 31, 2010 and I must receive the completed application by April 9, 2010.

The beginning of this new year of 2010 is a good opportunity to renew our inspirations for the rest of this Rotary year. Remember, the **Future of Rotary is in Your Hands**.

*Yours in Rotary Service,
 Lee Phares, DG*



HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

It has been wonderful that so many Rotarians and Rotary clubs are helping Haiti. There have already been specific events, collections and fund raisers for Haiti Earthquake Relief. Many Rotarians have personal connections with on-ground, first responder agencies in Haiti. However, as a Rotary District, we are not sponsoring any specific organization. We are directing all money donated to the Rotary International Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund #296. This way, the Rotarian account holders are working directly with local Rotary clubs, districts and emergency relief agencies. Complete information on the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund #296 is available at rotary.org/haiti or our District website at www.ri6990.org

On the top of the follow page, we have reprinted a January 18 letter from RI President John Kenny, the Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, Glenn Estess and General Secretary Ed Futa with links to various other sites of related organizations. This letter continues to support the Rotary International Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund and also gives Rotarians and Rotary Clubs directions and opportunities in other relief efforts.

RI Letter on Haiti Disaster

Dear Rotarians:

We are deeply saddened to hear of the recent earthquake in Haiti and we are touched by the commitment of Rotarians to assist the communities affected by this disaster. Rotary International is coordinating relief efforts, and we are writing to you today to provide information on how you may work through Rotary to make a significant contribution toward alleviating this major humanitarian crisis.

RI coordinates information and provides resources on club and district disaster relief efforts. When informed of local relief initiatives, RI shares updates about these efforts on the RI website. Rotarians wishing to contribute funds or donated goods to disaster victims can visit the website or contact the International Service Programs Section at relief@rotary.org to learn about current relief efforts. The RI Foundation has established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund, for the purpose of collecting contributions. Details about the fund have been posted on the RI website. All contributions must be in U.S. dollars and only U.S. tax receipts will be issued. District Designated Funds cannot be accepted.

We have been in contact with District Governor Errol C. Alberga to offer assistance in publicizing any relief efforts that clubs in Haiti are implementing on RI's online projects database, ProjectLINK. Any disaster recovery projects registered by District 7020 will be posted on ProjectLINK. Additionally, articles have been posted to the home page of the RI website with details on Rotary club involvement in relief efforts and how you can help. Rotarians may contact Governor Alberga directly at al.gram@cwjamaica.com or visit the District 7020 website.

We encourage Rotary clubs and districts to work with experienced emergency relief organizations such as UNICEF, the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Doctors Without Borders, ShelterBox, Aquabox and World Water Works to meet the immediate needs of victims. It is our hope that with your meaningful and rapid response to this appeal, you will be able to help rebuild the future for millions of innocent people affected by this crisis. Thank you for your commitment to helping disaster victims.

Sincerely,

John Kenny, *President* Glenn E. Estess Sr., *Trustee Chair* Ed Futa
Rotary International The Rotary Foundation of RI *Gen. Secretary*

Ted Eldredge Named District Governor 2012-13

Congratulations to W. Theodore (Ted) Eldredge as the new District Governor for the Rotary year 2012-2013. Ted was selected by the District 6990 Nominating Committee as the District Governor Nominee Designate.

Ted is a radio manager for WLRN Public Radio and Television in Miami, Florida. He is a long time Rotarian and has held several leadership positions in Rotary clubs in Philadelphia, Columbia, MO and was President of the Rotary Club of Miami in 2007-08. He is currently an Associate Assistant Governor for Area 6 in the Miami area, a member of the District Finance & Procedure Committee and an active member of the Rotary Club of Miami.



The Heat is On For Rotary 6990

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, fun and entertainment!

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 27, 2010
3:30 P.M.**

**REDUCED COST IS
\$20 PER TICKET.**

This Rotary event includes the Miami HEAT game ticket, the Early Entry Program to watch the NBA players warm up before the public enters and the scoreboard & public address welcome during halftime.



Contact:
Adam Ramos
786-777-4289
to purchase
tickets. Deadline is
Feb. 5, 2010

2010 RI CONVENTION

See You in Montreal!

Rotary International holds its annual 2010 convention in Montreal, Canada from June 20-23, 2010. Montreal is a sophisticated, yet friendly city offering an ideal setting for Rotarians to gather. More than 80 nationalities and ethnic groups reside in Montreal.

The once-a-year event is truly one of the greatest ways to live the Rotary experience. Thousands of Rotarians gather to share stories, learn about Rotary and its programs and make new friends and connections from around the world.

Everyone learns about strengthening clubs and identifying service and fellowship opportunities by attending an RI Convention and listening to speakers, participating in workshops, visiting the Club and District Projects Exhibition, and talking to fellow Rotarians and other members of the family of Rotary. Rotary's vitality and impact flourishes with enthusiasm that results from attendance at RI Conventions.

Registration for the Convention has already begun. Just go to www.Rotary.org. On the site you will be able to register for the convention and the ticketed events; reserve your hotel; and purchase host event tickets. Registration can also be completed by downloading the registration form. Make this 2010 Rotary International Convention a very special one. Don't delay. Make your reservations now.

RC of Perrine-Culter Ridge-Palmetto Bay Serves the Needy at Thanksgiving

Members of The Rotary Club of Perrine – Cutler Ridge / Palmetto Bay prepared boxes of food to provide 25 families in the community with Thanksgiving dinner. They were joined by officers from the Miami-Dade Police Department



Club President Richard King hands a box of food for Thanksgiving Dinner to Miami-Dade Police Sgt Garcia with Ed Ludovici, Past-President of the club assisting.

who assisted in packing and loading the boxes for the families. The boxes of food and snacks were purchased by the Rotarians at a discounted rate from local Publix stores. This tradition of service has been performed by the club for the last 10 years. The police officers delivered the food to families in the community.

“Helping others and working with others in the community is what Rotary is



all about,” stated Richard King, President of The Rotary Club of Perrine –Cutler Ridge / Palmetto Bay. Ellie Mills, President-Elect of the club, and coordinator of the program said, “The assistance of the Miami-Dade Police Department and the help from Publix make this a much easier and more beneficial effort.”



Members of The Rotary Club of Perrine-Culter Ridge/Palmetto Bay with Miami-Dade Police Officers filling the boxes with the food that will be delivered to needy families in the community for their Thanksgiving Dinner.

Pompano Beach-Lighthouse RC, Pompano Beach RC Sponsor Float in Holiday Parade

Rotary played a role in the Pompano Beach Yuletide Parade when Pompano Beach-Lighthouse RC and Pompano Beach RC joined forces to build and sponsor a float in the holiday event.

President-elect Steve Pearce drove the truck that pulled the striking float. A group of Interact members distributed candy as they walked next to the float, including Ngozi and Kathryn Williams, Sarah Haslee and Sanne Antonsen, a Rotary Exchange student from Denmark. All are students at Pompano High School. Pompano Beach RC coordinators were Joanne Nelson, Joe Balistreri, Paul Whorten and John Gillespie. A photo and story on the float also appeared in the Pompano Beach *Observer* newspaper.



Interact member Ngozi Williams walked next to float and handed out candy.

Reserve Now for the November 2010 District Cruise

Governor-Elect Doug Maymon reminds all district members that early booking is in process for the 6990 Conference Cruise. Reserve now to receive additional onboard amenities and ensure you get the cabin type of your choice.

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Call **1-800-465-3595** and identify yourself as a member of Rotary District 6990 Conference, and provide reference number **7818763**. You must register through Royal Caribbean with the above reference number to be part of the Conference. Contact Conference Chair Sheila Morris or DGE Doug Maymon if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Seeking Group Study Exchange Team Members

Group Study Exchange (GSE) Committee Chair Joe Roth is recruiting individuals who might be good candidates for our outbound Group Study Exchange team. All travel, housing and food expenses will be covered. Travel will be to Lima, Peru for the entire month of May 2010.

Interview date is February 6 and applications are due February 3. Applicants must be between the ages of 25-40 must **NOT** be a Rotarian or a lineal descendant of a Rotarian. Applicant must be employed in their profession for a minimum of two years within our district.

If you have an individual in mind, have them get in touch with Joe Roth at 954-646-6844 or email: prescent0405@aol.com

Miami-Dadeland-Pinecrest RC Gives School Book Bags

Ronnie Heller of the Miami-Dadeland-Pinecrest Rotary solicits contributions from fellow Rotarians to purchase book bags. With the help of fellow Rotarian David Cox, the book bags are filled with school items a student will need. The book bags are donated to the Homestead Homeless Assistance Center. The children and teens at the Homeless Assistance Center appreciate having these school essentials.

If you have a successful literacy related project and want to be included in next month's Literacy Corner, please write JenniferDewsnap@yahoo.com

Are you hoping to start a literacy project for your club? Check out the ideas on this site:

www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/literacy_project_award_guide_clubs_en.pdf.



MEMBER PROFILE

Donald Kolb

President, RC of Deerfield Beach

Born in Wheeling, West Virginia, Donald Louis Kolb graduated from the University of Charleston (formerly Morris Harvey College) in West Virginia with a BS in Management, Marketing and Accounting. He received an MBA from the College of Graduate Studies West Virginia



University and CFP (Certified Financial Planner) and LUTCF (Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow) training from Florida State University and Florida Gulf Coast University Certified Financial Planning programs.

A retired executive with AT&T and Lucent Technologies, Don is the owner and principal of Kolb Financial, a Financial Planning firm. Invited to join the RC of Deerfield Beach by Dr. Joseph Ortlieb, a past president of the club, Don joined the Deerfield Beach club in 2002 with the classification of Financial Planner. He has held all offices in the club, the northernmost club in the district, culminating in the presidency this year.

Active in the Deerfield Beach community, Don is the past president of the Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce, member of St. Jude Catholic Church in Boca Raton, past president and 4th Degree member of Knights of Columbus. He also writes a column entitled "Financial planning Roadmap" for the Deerfield Beach Observer, a weekly newspaper. His hobbies include golf, bridge and reading. Don has been married to his Rotary partner, Charolette, for 43 years. They are the proud parents of son Christopher, age 41, and daughter Melissa, age 38 with five grandchildren, four boys and one girl.

On-line Survey Can Benefit Your Club

Rotary Zones 33-34 Membership Coordinators Bevin Wall and Jim Henry have prepared a simple, nine-question survey that takes between five and ten minutes to complete. District 6990 Rotarians are encouraged to participate in the survey because it will help to serve your club's present and future needs, which will help your club better serve you. If you have any questions, please contact District Membership Chair Chris Morrison, morrisonclan@att.net. Please click on this link to take the survey:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/rotaryzones33_34_membership_survey

IN MEMORIAM PDG MARTY YOHALEM

It is with a heavy heart and deep sadness that the District announces that PDG Marty Yohalem has passed away on January 15 after emergency surgery. Marty was the District Governor for District 6990 in 1983-84 and long time member of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale North. He and his wife, Sylvia, have remained active supporters of Rotary in our District for all these years.

NEW MEMBERS REPORT

Metrozoo Club Leads the First Half of the 2009-10 Rotary Year

The new Rotary Club of Miami Metrozoo led the district in recruiting new members during the first half of the 2009-2010 Rotary Clubs Rotary Clubs of Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood & John Knox Village had a phenomenal end of the first six months, inducting four new members each.

Please welcome to Rotary the following new members:

- RC of FORT LAUDERDALE, Joseph Conboy – Attorney, Grant Henderson – Yacht Broker, John Myers – Consultant, and Michael Ryan - Financial Advisor
- HOLLYWOOD, Lauren Coulter - Insurance Business, Stonley Baptiste – Telecommunications, Steve Naron – Communications, and Gary Weitzner - Market Analyst
- JOHN KNOX VILLAGE, Evelyn Murphy - Import-Export Manager, Bill Rupp – Professional Volunteer, Jim Wolff – Physician, and Janet Wolff – Advertising Agency executive.
- RC of CORAL GABLES, Zoltan Pinter - Attorney-Personal Injury
- CORAL SPRINGS, Virginia Anza – Interior Decorator
- DEERFIELD BEACH, Brigitte Doria – Banker
- DORAL, Monica Puig – Publisher;
- FORT LAUDERDALE/CYPRESS CREEK, Ronald Kraft - Information Technology Consultant

- FORT LAUDERDALE NORTH, Heather Ellis – Banker, and Avi Greenberg – International Insurance Executive
- HALLANDALE BEACH-AVENTURA, Roy Esh - Financial Advisor; KEY BISCAYNE, Bill Houlzet - Cleaning Products Sales Executive, and Carolyne St. Clair – Educator
- KEY LARGO, Dawn DeBrule – Marine Contractor, and Cheryl Powers – Marketing Director
- KEY WEST, Ray Johnson – Engineer-solar, and Amber Ernst-Leonard – College Administrator
- LUCAYA, Galya McPhee - Hospital Administrator, and Andre Gibson - Database Administrator
- MIAMI, Al Ordonez – Attorney-International/Commercial, and Sally Ordonez - Business Consultant
- PERRINE CUTLER RIDGE/PALMETTO BAY, Sandy Robinson – Banker, and Alva “Al” Royston - Financial Advisor
- POMPANO BEACH-LIGHTHOUSE, Gerry Contrino – Realtor;
- SOUTH MIAMI, Jim Barker – Retired Telephone Company Executive
- SUNSET KEY WEST, Yogi Jagasia – Restaurateur, Jason Manchester – Dentist, and Tejas Soni – Hotel Manager
- UPPER KEYS, Patrick Fazio – Financial Advisor, and Don Stier – Clergy
- WESTON, Michael Ross Lo Biondo – Public Insurance Adjuster.

July–December 2009

New Member Totals

Miami Metrozoo	25	Coral Gables	5	Coral Springs	2
Key West	12	Key Biscayne	5	Ft Lauderdale/Cypress Creek	2
Fort Lauderdale	11	Ft Lauderdale North	4	Miami Dadeland-Pinecrest	2
John Knox Village	11	Weston	4	Miami-Granada	2
Hollywood	9	Coral Springs-Parkland	3	North Dade	2
Key West Sunrise	7	Doral	3	Allapattah	1
Upper Keys	7	Key Largo	3	Davie/Cooper City	1
Miami	6	Miami Beach	3	Hallandale Beach-Aventura	1
Deerfield Beach	6	Plantation	3	Marathon	1
Lucaya	6	Pompano Beach	3	Miami Airport	1
Perrine CR-Palmetto Bay	6	South Miami	3	Opa Locka/Miami Gardens	1
Sunset Key West	6	Coconut Grove	2	Pompano Beach-Lighthouse	1

ATTENDANCE REPORT - DECEMBER

Club	Members - 06/30/2009	Members - Current	YTD-Chg	Chg From Last Mo.	Meetings Held	Average Attend%	ATT % Rank
Pompano Beach-Lighthouse	18	17	-1	1	5	100.00	1
Coral Gables	141	130	-11	2	3	100.00	2
Perrine-Cutler Ridge/Palmetto Bay	36	38	2	1	3	94.00	3
Coconut Grove	22	23	1	0	3	85.00	4
Fort Lauderdale North	30	30	0	0	3	82.22	5
Hialeah-Miami Springs	36	37	1	0	3	81.08	6
Davie/Cooper City	40	40	0	0	5	80.20	7
Coral Springs-Parkland	25	27	2	0	4	80.00	8
Opa-locka & Miami Gardens	17	12	-5	0	4	77.08	9
Fort Lauderdale Beach	16	15	-1	0	4	74.50	10
Key West	125	125	0	-2	3	72.85	11
Miami-Granada	26	29	3	0	3	72.57	12
John Knox Village	41	51	10	-2	5	72.40	13
Hallandale Beach-Aventura	25	24	-1	-1	5	71.00	14
Coral Springs	23	26	3	1	3	69.74	15
Key West Sunrise/Conch Republic	67	72	5	-1	5	68.03	16
South Miami	39	40	1	0	3	67.50	17
Marathon	54	49	-5	0	3	66.67	18
Deerfield Beach	32	34	2	2	4	66.00	19
Pompano Beach	67	63	-4	0	3	64.02	20
Weston	103	95	-8	0	4	63.20	21
North Dade	24	25	1	0	3	62.67	22
Bal Harbour	16	16	0	0	2	62.50	23
Key Largo	39	40	1	0	5	62.43	24
Sunset Key West	27	31	4	0	4	61.54	25
Hollywood	81	88	7	4	5	60.35	26
Plantation	11	12	1	0	5	60.00	27
Miami Sundown	12	12	0	0	3	60.00	28
Lucaya,G.B.I.	36	39	3	2	4	59.61	29
Miramar-Pines	25	21	-4	-2	5	58.00	30
Big Pine & Lower Keys	36	36	0	0	3	56.43	31
Miami Shores	30	28	-2	0	4	56.25	32
Miami Beach	6	6	0	0	3	55.55	33
Miami Dadeland-Pinecrest	30	29	-1	0	3	55.00	34
Miami Lakes	18	18	0	0	5	53.30	35
Fort Lauderdale South	31	30	-1	4	3	53.30	36
Upper Keys	89	91	2	0	5	52.67	37
Doral	30	31	1	0	3	52.08	38
Miami Metrozoo	(missing)	23	23	-1	4	49.00	39
Key Biscayne	43	42	-1	3	2	48.50	40
Fort Lauderdale	173	168	-5	1	3	43.00	41
Homestead	78	75	-3	-3	4	36.33	42
Miami Airport	10	11	1	0	3	30.00	43
Fort Lauderdale/Cypress Creek	20	22	2	0	5	27.27	44
Oakland Park	6	8	2	n/a	0	0.00	45
Miami	136	133	-3	n/a	0	0.00	46
Grand Bahama Sunrise	24	19	-5	n/a	0	0.00	47
Freeport,G.B.I.	28	29	1	n/a	0	0.00	48
Allapattah (Miami)	16	7	-9	n/a	0	0.00	49
Totals, Net Gain, Avg Attendance:							
44 of 49 clubs reporting	2058	2067	9	9		64.18%	