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## NEWS

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## March is Literacy Month!

The month of March is recognized as Literacy Month in Rotary. This is the time for us to focus on the importance of literacy and education. It is an opportunity for Rotary clubs to develop their own literacy projects and raise the awareness of Rotarians' efforts throughout the world to eliminate illiteracy.

It has been estimated that a billion people – one-sixth of the world's population – are unable to read. Illiteracy among adults and children is a global concern in highly industrialized nations and developing countries. It is a major obstacle for economic, political, social and personal development and a barrier to international understanding, cooperation and peace in the world.

I know that many of the Rotary clubs in our District 6990 already have been doing wonderful, productive literacy projects that address the illiteracy need. Some of you have been volunteering your time and reading to children. Others have been purchasing reading materials, providing backpacks and educational supplies to students and distributing dictionaries to elementary schools. Also, several clubs have been sponsoring schools and educational programs in other countries as well as many more literacy projects.

However, there is still much more to be done. Our District Literacy Chair, **Jennifer Dewsnap-Shipley**, from the Rotary Club of Miami Dadeland-Pinecrest, has started a Literacy Corner in our District Newsletter. She is highlighting existing literacy projects within our District and also offering "Literacy Tips" on how to do literacy projects within your Rotary club. Please contact Jennifer if you have any questions about literacy projects.

According to Foundation Trustee Chair, **Glenn Estess**, "Literacy means being part of the larger society. It means inclusion and it means empowerment... We in Rotary can do so much. We can help others to read and learn to help themselves." Through all of your efforts, you can make a difference in the world by helping to eliminate illiteracy. ***The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands!***

Yours in Rotary Service,

**Lee Phares, DG**

# ROTARY WORLD WATER SUMMIT III



PDG Robert J. Shelley  
Chair



WASRAG, the Rotarian Water and Sanitation Action Group, and Rotary International's Water Resource Group are organizing Rotary's World Water Summit III, a full day summit conference devoted to water and sanitation issues and how Rotarians, clubs and districts can participate effectively to solve this world wide crisis. Everyone involved in water and sanitation issues should plan on attending.

The World Water Summit III is chaired by our own Robin Shelley, PDG, and North American Water Resource Coordinator for Rotary's Water Resource Group.

The Summit will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2010, one day before the opening of RI's International Convention in Montreal, Canada. The Summit, featuring world class keynote speakers such as Clarissa Brocklehurst, Chief of UNICEF's Water, Environment and Sanitation Division, Jon Lane, Executive Director of the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council, and Kamal Kar, the originator of Community-Led Total Sanitation.

In addition to the outstanding keynote speakers there will be eight interactive breakout sessions divided into level one for those attendees wishing to know how to be involved in water and sanitation issues, and level two for those attendees with more technical expertise. Each breakout will be hosted by a Rotary water leader and an outside world class expert on the topic being discussed. The sessions will be highly interactive and facilitated to address the concerns expressed by the attendees.

Because of Rotary's continuing emphasis on water and sanitation issues, both current RI President, John Kenny and RI President Elect, Ray Klingensmith have committed to make an appearance at the Summit.

The venue for the Summit is the Delta Center-Ville Hotel, conveniently located close to the RI Convention's two venues. The address is 777, Rue University, Montreal, QCH3C 2Z7, Canada.

Registration for WASRAG members will be \$100.00 until March 31, and \$110.00 after that date. For non members the registration fee is \$120.00 until March 31, and \$130.00 after that date. Rotaractors and students can register for \$50.00 now and \$60.00 after March 31. Lunch is included in the price of registration

Registration is easy. Go to [www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org) and click on the World Water Summit logo under the Event Calendar.



**The world's gravest - and most solvable - public health crisis: unsafe drinking water and inadequate sanitation.**



**Richard G. King, President  
RC of Perrine-Cutler Ridge/  
Palmetto Bay**



Born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, Richard King came to Miami in 1973. He has lived and worked in South Dade area for the last 35 years after receiving his BS in Risk Management and Insurance from Florida State University. Richard completed the Personal Financial Planning program at the University of Miami, has licenses in Insurance and Securities and is a member of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisers.

After graduating from Florida State University, Richard started working for State Farm Insurance Companies in Miami. During his career with State Farm, he has worked on the National Catastrophe team responding to many natural disasters in diverse areas of the United States. As a State Farm agent, he has received multiple memberships into State Farm's Chairman's Circle (top 4 % nationwide).

Richard has been a member of the RC of Perrine-Cutler Ridge/Palmetto Bay since 2003 with the classification of Insurance-Banking-Mutual Funds. He was Vocational Service Chair for 5 years before he became president-elect in 2008. A Paul Harris fellow and recipient of the Arch Duval Rotarian of The Year Award, he attended the 2009-2010 RI Convention in Birmingham, England.

Richard has been married to his Rotary partner, Angela, for 12 years. They have three children, Ashley, Richard Jr. and Christopher King. A Howard-Palmetto baseball coach, and YMCA soccer and flag football coach, he is a scout leader for his son's Cub Scout den. An active member of the Saint Louis Catholic Parish, Richard is a member of the Father's ministry and the annual toy drive for families in need. Past president of the Deering Estate Foundation, Richard enjoys outdoor activities, such as fishing, diving and boating in the Florida Keys. "I enjoy South Florida," Richard said, "and could not imagine living anywhere else."



**Club Meets Tuesday, 12:15PM  
Café Portofino  
13615 South Dixie Highway  
Palmetto Bay**



**Literacy  
Corner**



This year, the Rotary Club of Coral Gables will be the International Partner of two major Rotary Foundation grants for Ecuador, and the Dominican Republic. The Coral Gables Club and the Ecuador and Dominican Republic clubs will be working with Alfalit International to organize and sustain literacy, pre-school programs, and job training in outlying, hard to reach areas of these countries.

The Rotary Club of Coral Gables and the Clubs in Ecuador and the Dominican Republic chose to work with Alfalit International because of Alfalit's service, permanence, and established organization already in these countries. Alfalit has been working in Ecuador for over 45 years and for almost 50 years in the Dominican Republic. Founded in 1961, Alfalit currently works in 20 countries in Latin American, the Caribbean, Africa, Portugal, and the United States.

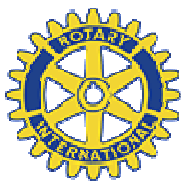
In Ecuador, the clubs will be working on this one year project in Manabi Province where 23 public schools have been closed due to lack of public resources. The Rotary grant will be used for teachers, furniture, books, computers, and supplies for these schools. In the Dominican Republic, the clubs' Rotary Foundation grant will be used to help Alfalit/Dominican Republic provide preschool training for 1,200 children ranging in age from four to six years of age. Rural children who have had no preschool training prior to starting school have a much higher drop-out rate in elementary school. This money is especially appreciated now with the influx of refugees from Haiti into the Dominican Republic.

The Rotary Club of Coral Gables is grateful to the anonymous donors, to District 6990, and to the Rotary Foundation for making these grants possible. For more information about Alfalit go to: <http://english.alfalit.org/>

**-By Jennifer Dewsnap-Shiple  
District Literacy Chair**

**March is Rotary Literacy Month**

We encourage clubs to visit the Literacy Resource Group web page ([www.rotary.org/literacy](http://www.rotary.org/literacy)) to download the award certification form and send completed forms to [Jenniferdewsnap@yahoo.com](mailto:Jenniferdewsnap@yahoo.com).



# Rotary Club Miami Granada

*“Service Above Self”*



The Club meets on Wednesdays, 7:45 -9:15 PM.  
At the Big Five Club.  
600 S.W. 92 Avenue, Miami

Every year, Miami-Granada finds a needy couple whose child is due to be born around the 28<sup>th</sup> of January. We make a list of the things they’ll need, and our Rotarians give generously. This tradition known as the “**Canastilla Martiana**” was adopted by our club from the **Rotary Club of Havana**.

Back in January, our lady Rotarians and their spouses donated a host of baby goods (blankets, clothing, car seat, crib, and lots of pampers) to help these new parents with their 1<sup>st</sup> baby; a boy due to arrive on **January 27th** – one day short of the birth date of the **Cuban Patriot, Jose Marti**. Unfortunately, both parents were unemployed and were truly unsure as to how they would be able to come up with the money to buy all of the items needed for their baby. **Our club came to the rescue.**

Thanks to traditions like this one, the **Future of Rotary** is being handed down from generation to generation.



# Rotary Club of Davie Cooper City



The Club meets on Wednesdays, -12:15 PM. AT  
the Ark Restaurant  
6255 Sterling Road, Davie

The program is a proven tool for our schools to excite the young first graders that are at risk to learn to read. We take horses to the schools, introduce them to all the first graders to have them touch and see the horses. At that time we distribute the book “Little Black Pony” and they are given the assignment to learn how to read the book in four weeks.

The next step for us is to bus the children to Bergeron Rodeo Arena. At that time we have twelve different horses that they can each take a turn to read their book to.

The Davie Cooper City Rotarians help to show the children different ways to care for and groom the horses. Then they eat lunch and are bussed back to the school.

We serve approximately 400 children from the Davie-Cooper City area.

The results of this are very well received by the teachers and principals of the school we serve.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION.



# Group Study Exchange Team Chosen

A wonderful group of four young professionals will travel to Lima, Peru in May of 2010 representing District 6990 as part of The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange program.

Led by Team Leader **Sandra Roberts** from the Rotary Club of Miami Shores, they are:

**Kristi Brown**, an accountant sponsored by the RC of Miramar-Pines

**Madeleine Johnson**, economic development sponsored by RC of Coral Gables

**Quincy Perkins**, a film maker/producer sponsored by the RC of Key West

**Pablo Gentile**, physical education director sponsored by the RC of Miami Shores



They will spend an entire month in Peru being ambassadors of Rotary, our district and our country and partake in cultural and professional programs of that region.

We wish them well in their travels and look forward to their presentations upon their return.



Quincy, Kristi, Team Leader Sandra, Madeleine and Pablo

## Calendar Of Events

**March 25, 2010**, A Concert to benefit Polio. 8PM, Maurice Guzman Concert Hall, University of Miami. \$45/pp.

**April 3, 2010**, Florida Panthers/New York Rangers, Bank Atlantic Center in Fort Lauderdale,

**April 17, 2010**, Club Leadership Forum aka District Assembly, Signature Gardens.

**May 15, 2010**, Rotary Leadership Institute,

**June 20-23, 2010**, Rotary International Convention, Montreal Canada

**November 11 thru 15, 2010**, 6990 District Conference, Royal Caribbean Navigator of the Seas.



## Did You Know?



**THAT...**Colonel Harland Sanders was a Rotarian since 1919, when he became a founding member of the Rotary Club of Jeffersonville, Indiana at age 29. After he joined the Rotary Club of Corbin and then the Rotary Club of Shelbyville, he was an active member until 1980 when the door closed on his life of many achievements

One of his last pictures



**EDITOR'S NOTE**– Thanks to all of you who helped with this issue.

In the future we would appreciate having your articles no later than the 10th of each Month. Also, we would like all Clubs to report attendance as soon as possible by going on line at <http://ri6990.org>. The Newsletter belongs to all of us. Please let us know what your clubs are doing.



## WELCOME TO NEW FEBRUARY ROTARIANS

District 6990 welcomes the following new members of the Rotary Clubs of **CORAL GABLES**, Aaron Glasser - Salesman-Retired; **DEERFIELD BEACH**, Chad Brocato - Fire/Rescue-Chief; **DORAL**, Rick Rubio - Waste Management, Frank Castillo - Electronic Engineer, and Ly Bibiana Salmon - Community Advocate; **HALLANDALE BEACH AVENTURA**, Lucille Blau -Retired Business Manager, and Claudia Valderrama –Veterinarian; **JOHN KNOX VILLAGE**, Robert Castendyck – Attorney, Jean Kelly – Telecommunications Executive, and Bill Zeiher – Attorney; **KEY BISCAZYNE**, Stephen Baker - Sales Professional, and Peter Verbeeck -Transportation Equipment; **MIAMI**, Fraser Allport - Consultant-Energy Conservation; **MIAMI DADELAND-PINECREST**, Erin Hantman – Attorney; **POMPANO BEACH**, Gregory Spatz – Contractor, and **POMPANO BEACH-LIGHTHOUSE**, Nello Biordi - Real Estate Developer.



## New Members July 2009–Feb 2010



Miami Metrozoo	26	Sunset Key West	6	Coral Springs	2
John Knox Village	15	Pompano Beach	5	Homestead	2
Key West	12	South Miami	5	Miami-Granada	2
Fort Lauderdale	11	Ft Lauderdale North	4	Alapattha	2
Weston	10	Coral Springs-Parkland	4	North Dade	2
Hollywood	9	Ft. Lauderdale/Cypress C	3	Pompano Beach-Lighthouse	2
Coral Gables	8	Hallandale Beach- Aventura	3	Davie/Cooper City	1
Key Biscayne	8	Key Largo	3	Marathon	1
Miami	8	Miami Beach	3	Miami Airport	1
Deerfield Beach	7	Miami Dadeland-Pinecrest	3	Opa- Locka/Miami Gardens	1
Key West Sunrise	7	Miramar/Pines	3		
Upper Keys	7	Plantation	3		
Doral	6	Coconut Grove	2		
Lucaya	6	Miami Dadeland-Pinecrest	3		
Perrine CR-Palmetto Bay	6				

**Thanks to Ron Lieberman  
for his untiring help with  
each issue!**



## ATTENDANCE REPORT – 17 MARCH 2010

Club	Members 6/30/2009	Members Current	YTD Change	Chg fm Last Mo	Meetings Held	Average Attend %	ATT Rank
Oakland Park	6	8	2	0	4	95.00%	1
Perrine-Cutler R/Palmtto	36	38	2	0	4	93.00%	2
Miami-Grenada	26	27	1	2	0	88.13%	3
Key Largo	39	40	1	0	4	88.13%	4
Coral Gables	141	133	-8	0	4	85.00%	5
Coconut Grove	22	23	1	0	4	85.00%	6
Hialeah-Miami Springs	36	35	-1	0	4	84.55%	7
Davie/Cooper City	40	37	-3	0	4	84.00%	8
Coral Springs/Parkland	25	26	1	1	4	82.00%	9
Ft Lauderdale Beach	16	15	-1	1	4	79.75%	10
Pompano Bch Lighthse	18	17	-1	1	4	78.18%	11
Opa Locka-Miami Grdns	17	12	-5	0	4	72.91%	12
Weston	103	97	-6	-5	4	72.20%	13
Miami Shores	30	28	-2	0	4	71.42%	14
Hallandale Bch-Aventura	25	24	-1	0	4	71.00%	15
Miami Dadeland-Pinecrst	30	29	-1	0	4	71.00%	16
South Miami	39	41	2	0	4	70.73%	17
Ft Lauderdale North	30	29	-1	0	4	70.69%	18
John Knox Village	41	54	13	3	4	70.00%	19
Hollywood	81	88	7	0	4	68.07%	20
Miami Lakes	18	17	-1	0	4	66.17%	21
North Dade	24	25	1	0	4	65.71%	22
Miami Beach	6	7	1	1	5	65.71%	23
Key West Sunset	27	31	4	0	4	65.00%	24
Deerfield Beach	32	35	3	1	4	64.10%	25
Key West	125	123	-2	-2	4	64.10%	26
Key West Sunrise	67	76	9	0	4	64.02%	27
Key Biscayne	43	41	-2	1	4	63.67%	28
Marathon	54	49	-5	0	4	63.27%	29
Miramar-Pines	25	23	-2	-1	4	63.00%	30
Big Pine & Lower Keys	16	16	0	0	0	62.50%	31
Bal Harbour	16	16	0	0	0	62.50%	32
Miami Sundown	36	34	-2	-2	4	61.00%	33
Upper Keys	89	90	1	0	0	60.00%	34
Plantation	11	11	0	0	4	59.09%	35
Ft Lauderdale South	31	26	-5	0	4	59.00%	36
Lucaya GBI	36	39	3	0	4	58.27%	37
Miami	136	118	-18	1	4	58.00%	38
Miami Airport	10	10	0	0	4	52.50%	39
Miami Metro Zoo	0	21	21	-3	4	51.19%	40
Ft Lauderdale	173	157	-16	-5	4	48.00%	41
Homestead	78	77	-1	0	4	46.75%	42
<b>Freeport GBI</b>	28	<b>29</b>	1	<b>n/a</b>	0	<b>0.00%</b>	43
<b>Allapattah</b>	16	<b>14</b>	-2	<b>n/a</b>	0	<b>0.00%</b>	44
<b>Coral Springs</b>	23	<b>24</b>	1	<b>n/a</b>	0	<b>0.00%</b>	45
<b>Pompano Beach</b>	67	<b>61</b>	-6	<b>n/a</b>	0	<b>0.00%</b>	46
<b>Grand Bahama Sunrise</b>	24	<b>16</b>	-8	<b>n/a</b>	0	<b>0.00%</b>	47
<b>Ft Laud-Cypress Creek</b>	20	<b>23</b>	3	<b>n/a</b>	0	<b>0.00%</b>	48
<b>Doral</b>	30	<b>31</b>	1	<b>n/a</b>	0	<b>0.00%</b>	49
Totals:	<b>2062</b>	<b>2041</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>3.12</b>	<b>59.27%</b>	

**Red** = no report 3/17/10