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Message From The Governor

November is Foundation Month

Although November is designated as Foundation Month, the Rotary Foundation should really be emphasized every month. As many people have stated, *The Rotary Foundation is the engine that drives what Rotary does.* The Rotary Foundation is the third element of an effective Rotary Club. It supports the Rotary Foundation through both program participation and financial contribution.

Your participation in The Rotary Foundation programs furthers the object and work of Rotary. There are many programs we participate and support in District 6990, including PolioPlus, the Ambassadorial Scholarship, World Peace Fellowships, Matching Grants, District Simplified Grants and Group Study Exchange (GSE).

The eradication of polio remains the number one goal of Rotary. As of today, there are only four countries left in the world that are still endemic with the wild polio virus: Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria. We are so close, but we are not there yet. Hopefully, with the help of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge, we will meet that goal. To help each Rotary Club fulfill their \$1000 per year for three years goal, the District is once again sponsoring the "Helicopter Golf Ball Drop" on November 12, 2009. Hopefully, every Rotarian is able to sell their tickets.

Last year, three students were selected as Ambassadorial Scholars from our District and will have the opportunity to study in another country. This year we will again be selecting another three students in May and I look forward to your Rotary club sponsoring candidates.

The money for the Rotary Foundation Matching Grants has already been utilized for this year, but a few Rotary clubs in our District were able to receive Matching Grants. In preparation of the limited funds for Matching Grants, we were able to double the amount of money for District Simplified Grants. Several clubs have already applied and have been approved for these grants. **There is still money available for you to provide assistance to our communities, either locally or globally.**

Each year, our District has participated in the Group Study Exchange Program (GSE). This program provides for Rotarians to meet business and professional people from other countries. It promotes world understanding in an enjoyable, practical and meaningful way. This month we are excited to have the GSE team from Peru visiting us and in May 2010, we will send a team to Peru.

All of these programs would not be possible without the Rotary Foundation. Your support through your financial contributions to Annual Giving and the "Every Rotarian Every Year" (EREY) initiative, make it all possible. I know that you will meet your Rotary Foundation goal this year and continue the good work of Rotary. *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.*

*Yours in Rotary Service,
 Lee Phares, DG*



Sandra Roberts Named GSE Team Leader

Congratulations to Sandra Roberts for her selection as the Group Study Exchange team leader to District 4450, Lima Peru. The team will travel in May of 2010. Sandra is



Sandra Roberts

the President-Elect from the Rotary Club of Miami Shores and has been in Rotary for four years. She is a professor at Barry University and has traveled extensively in South America.

We are now looking to establish the rest of the team. Candidates should be bright, young professionals between 25 and 40. They cannot be Rotarians, must work and reside in our district and be able to travel for 30 days. Team member interviews are set for February 6, 2010.

For further information or to propose a candidate, contact Joe Roth, GSE District chair at (954) 646-6844 or Sandra at (305)903-3023

RC of Miami Sundown

An Evening in Tuscany Helps to "End Polio Now"

On October 6th, the St. Louis Catholic Church Auditorium was transformed into a Tuscan setting as the Rotary Club of Miami Sundown hosted a benefit classical music concert to raise funds in support of Rotary International's ongoing effort to eradicate polio. Mezzo-soprano, Anika Kaschenz, and Pianist,

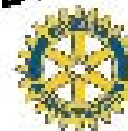
Francesco Attesti, delighted and awed the crowd with an unforgettable performance of classics from Chopin, Mozart, Verdi, Bizet and Rossini, as well as Gershwin and Jerome Kern.

At the start of the program, the Rotary Club of Miami Sundown honored the hard work and dedication of a few outstanding members of our community, who exemplify Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self," by presenting a Paul Harris Fellow (named after Rotary International's founder) to Mary Scott Russell, President, Chamber South, and a Rotary Foundation Certificate of Appreciation to the St. Louis Catholic Church parishioners and its Pastor, Father James Fetscher.

Ms. Scott Russell currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Fairchild Palms and Informed Families and has previously served on various Boards, such as The Children's Trust and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.



AROUND THE 6690 DISTRICT



What is Interact?

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 14 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and geographical areas, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Almost 200,000 young people are involved in Interact

Keys Interact Club Takes on Projects

The Interact Club of Coral Shores High School has started this year's weekly meeting and activities. The Club will choose at least two community projects under the guidance of teacher Carmen Kelly, and the Rotary Club of Key Largo's members. The Rotary Club of Key Largo sponsors this Interact Club.



Coral Shores High School Interact poses during a meeting

Pompano Beach Lighthouse Project Honors Vets

The Rotary Club of Pompano Beach Lighthouse recently completed an on-going project: A sign in front of the headquarters of the Paralyzed Veterans Association of Florida in Oakland Park. The project started in 2005 when club members Jack Rosen and Bill Zobus were delivering magazines to bed-ridden veterans. They learned plans had been made for a sign outside the building but the project was never completed.

The club took on the project and ground was broken in 2006. The 14 members worked on the project with the help of architect Dick Dodge and surveyor Fred Conrod who donated their services. Member John Diehl took over the project and recently completed the sign, a fitting tribute to the veterans and their selfless service to our country.



Pompano Beach Lighthouse RC Club member John Diehl and Mike Foster, Executive Director of the Paralyzed Veterans Association of Florida.



Rotary Club Miami-Granada Seeks Unused Medication

The Miami-Granada Rotary Club recently received a donation of over 16,000 expired analgesic tablets from a partner organization, MRoc. Members rolled-up their sleeves and repacked individually wrapped doses into large cases for easy shipment. The 85 lb. shipment is one of the club's largest this year, and they hope to ship more by year end. The need for medications and vitamins in the third world and developing countries continues to rise. Rotarians are encouraged to help children and elderly who are in need.

Since 2007, the members of Rotary Club Miami-Granada have been collecting unused or expired medications and vitamins. These typically have a 6-12 month shelf life even after expiration. The medications are sent with the help of the Rotary Cancer Survivors and Support Group established by Ed Mattson via the National Guard Bureau to U.S. Embassies in underdeveloped countries. The drugs are granted "diplomatic immunity" when they reach these nations, and in-country Rotarians, doctors and hospitals can then distribute the medicines for designated needs.

Rotarians are urged not to discard unused medications. They can be dropped off to Miami-Granada Rotary Club meetings or contact via email.

RI's Leadership Structure

The Club is the foundation of Rotary. There are more than 32,000 Rotary clubs world-wide. Each club belongs to RI, elects its own officers and enjoys considerable freedom within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws.

Districts are comprised of groups of individual clubs within geographic regions. There are approximately 530 RI districts, each with 50 or so clubs. Each district has a governor, assistant governors and various committees.

The RI Board meets quarterly and is made up of a 19-member Board of Directors, including the RI president and president-elect. Each director serves a two-year term.

The Secretariat is in Evanston, Illinois, with international offices in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, Japan, Korea and Switzerland. RI also has offices in Great Britain and Ireland. The General Secretary is the active managing officer and heads a 650-member staff working to serve Rotarians worldwide.

New Literacy Chair Named

The new Literacy Chair for District 6990 is Jennifer Dewsnap-Shiple. She is available to assist district clubs with their literacy

projects. Every month in our District Newsletter she will be highlighting an existing literacy project within the District. Also, she will be offering "Literacy Tips" on how to do a literacy project in your Rotary club. You are encouraged to look at the literacy goals set by Rotary International at the link below and start thinking about how our District can meet these goals. The link is: www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdg/literacy_award_certification_form_en.pdf. **Please contact Jennifer if you have any questions at JenniferDewsnap@yahoo.com**



Meet J. Wiley Hicks, *President of the Rotary Club of Coral Gables*

Coral Gables native Wiley Hicks was born in the local Doctor's Hospital and has lived about a one mile radius from his birthplace his entire life with the exception of college and law school. Wiley said that "My first name is James, but I don't spell it out to avoid confusion since I have always gone by Wiley.

A graduate of Auburn University where he earned a BS in Economics, Wiley earned a JD from the University of Florida Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review. He is a partner with fellow Gables Rotarian Robert Schreiber in Hicks & Schreiber, P.A.



Walter Alvarez invited Wiley to a Rotary Club of Coral Gables luncheon in November 2005 and he joined the club in January of 2006 with the classification of Attorney – Eminent Domain and quickly became a leader in the club and the district. A Paul Harris Fellow Major Donor and a PHF Sustaining Member, Wiley was selected Rotarian of the Year by the club in 2006-07, along with Frank Sexton. Last year, he served as Major Gifts

and Permanent Fund Committee Chair for the District. He served as co-chair of the Coral Gables's major fund raiser and chair of the community service committee before becoming club president.

Wiley is married to Amy Wickstrom Hicks. They have three boys, Perry (19) is a sophomore at Auburn, Eric (15) is a sophomore at Christopher Columbus High School and Sam (12) is in seventh grade at Epiphany Catholic School. The rest of Wiley's non-work and non-Rotary time "is spent shuttling my two youngest sons to swim practice and meets and attending piano recitals."

Gates Challenge

Golf Ball Drop Winners Announced

Congratulations to the winners of the 2009 Gates Challenge Helicopter Golf Ball Drop! And thanks to all 6990 Rotarians who made this event a success. With our efforts to meet the Gates Challenge, we are all winners as we move to end polio world-wide. A complete list of sales by club noting which clubs won the 40,000 Paul Harris recognition points will be available soon.

- Closest to the pin #1842: **Steve Gordon**, Ft. Lauderdale South
- 1st Runnerup #1494: purchased on behalf of the **Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale Beach**
- 2nd Runnerup #744: **Kevin McChesney**, Key West

Miami Dadeland Pinecrest Sponsors Art Exhibit

Thirteen art students at Miami Dade College/Kendall were recognized for their art achievements at the opening of the fifth *Quest for Peace* Exhibition Thursday evening, Oct. 22, in the school's gallery.

The event, which attracted more than 150 viewers at the opening, is co-sponsored by The Rotary Club of Miami Dadeland Pinecrest and the college and is held in memory of Rotarian Robert Horwitz.

Four students received \$350 each and a commemorative plaque for their winning entries. Nine students were given honorable mention and they received \$100 and a certificate.

This project is funded by the sale of ceramics hand crafted by Ceramist Ilajeon Horwitz. They can be viewed at www.ceramicsforcharity.org.



Winning art students for Miami Dade College show their certificates.

Ft. Lauderdale Beach Keeps the Paul Harris Wheel Turning

Bob Morris, Foundation Chair for The Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale Beach, a 100 percent Paul Harris Club, is pleased to announce that in recent weeks the Club has honored **seven new** Paul Harris Fellows and five Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, and very soon the Club will present three more new Paul Harris Fellowships.



Newly named Paul Harris Fellows from the Ft. Lauderdale Beach RC.

NEW MEMBERS REPORT - OCTOBER

Ft. Lauderdale & Key West Lead District in October

The Rotary Clubs of Fort Lauderdale and Key West had banner months recruiting new members in October. Each club recruited three new members. The newly chartered Rotary Club of Miami Metrozoo maintained its lead with 25 new members while the RC of Key West moved into second place with 10.

Welcomed to Rotary are the following new members:

Coconut Grove, Catherine Janis – Educator, and Margaret Nee – Public School Volunteer.

Deerfield Beach, Brian Handleman – Restaurateur

Hollywood, Patricia Gleason – Attorney, and Harry Finkelstein - Retired Restaurateur;

Fort Lauderdale, Marge Matinale – Real Estate Broker, Kevin Ryan – Banker, and George Marshall – Investor;

John Knox Village, Gloria Beck – Teacher

Key Largo, Annette Robertson - Advertising/ Public Relations

Key West, Denise Hull – Utility Manager, John Preuss – Communications, and Jeff Woessner – Jeweler;

Miami, Bryan Kipke - Business Coach

Miami Airport, Felipe Cabase – Moving & Storage;

Perrine-Cutler Ridge/Palmetto Bay, JohnPhillips – Attorney,

Sunset Key West, Joyce Benavides – Hospitality.

July-Oct 2009

New Member Totals

Miami Metrozoo	25	Coral Springs-Parkland	3	North Dade	2
Key West	10	Miami Beach	3	South Miami	2
Fort Lauderdale	7	Plantation	3	Allapattah	1
Key West Sunrise	7	Pompano Beach	3	Coral Springs	1
John Knox Village	7	Sunset Key West	3	Davie/Cooper City	1
Deerfield Beach	5	Weston	3	Ft Lauderdale/Cypress Creek	1
Hollywood	5	Coconut Grove	2	Key Biscayne	1
Upper Keys	5	Doral	2	Key Largo	1
Coral Gables	4	Ft Lauderdale North	2	Marathon	1
Lucaya	4	Miami Dadeland-Pinecrest	2	Miami Airport	1
Miami	4	Miami-Granada	2	Opa Locka/Miami Gardens	1
Perrine CR-Palmetto Bay	4				

Call for 2012-13 District Governor Nominee Candidates

It is time for the official call to District 6990 clubs to submit qualified candidates to be considered by the Nominating Committee to serve as Governor for 2012-13.

The deadline for submitting packets will be **December 31, 2009**. The Nominating Committee will meet January 16, 2010. Applicants should have completed all three levels of the Rotary Leadership Institute. Submission of names shall be by club resolution and must include:

- A statement and resume of the candidate's Rotary, civic, business or professional activities.
- A signed statement from the candidate that he or she is familiar with the Rotary International Manual

of Procedure and the District 6990 Manual of Procedure detailing the status, qualifications and duties of the office of governor and is prepared to meet the requirements. Applicants will be given additional information in advance of the appointed date.

Please send completed packets to:

marcy@miami.edu or Fax to: 305-284-6629

Mail to:

PDG Marcy Ullom, Nominating Committee Chair 2009-10
1283 SW 23 Street
Miami, Florida 33145

ATTENDANCE REPORT - OCTOBER

Club	Members - 06/30/2009	Members - Current	YTD-Chg	Chg From Last Mo.	Meetings Held	Average Attend%	ATT % Rank
Perrine-Cutler Ridge/Palmetto Bay	36	38	2	0	4	96.00	1
Coral Gables	141	128	-13	-2	5	93.00	2
Coconut Grove	22	23	1	1	5	90.00	3
Miami-Granada	26	30	4	2	4	85.65	4
John Knox Village	41	50	9	0	4	85.50	5
Davie/Cooper City	40	40	0	0	4	84.50	6
Hialeah-Miami Springs	36	37	1	0	4	83.78	7
Opa-Iocka & Miami Gardens	17	12	-5	-5	4	83.33	8
Pompano Beach-Lighthouse	18	16	-2	-2	4	82.46	9
Fort Lauderdale Beach	16	15	-1	0	4	79.70	10
Deerfield Beach	32	32	0	0	4	73.00	11
Lucaya,G.B.I.	36	37	1	0	4	72.97	12
Key Largo	39	40	1	1	4	70.62	13
Weston	103	97	-6	-2	5	70.30	14
Grand Bahama Sunrise	24	19	-5	-6	4	70.00	15
South Miami	39	39	0	-1	4	69.80	16
North Dade	24	25	1	0	5	69.60	17
Fort Lauderdale North	30	30	0	0	5	69.15	18
Plantation	11	12	1	0	4	66.66	19
Hollywood	81	82	1	0	4	64.71	20
Miami Shores	30	28	-2	0	4	64.28	21
Bal Harbour	16	16	0	1	4	62.50	22
Hallandale Beach-Aventura	25	24	-1	1	4	62.00	23
Doral	30	31	1	1	5	61.33	24
Coral Springs	23	25	2	0	4	61.00	25
Key West	125	126	1	126	5	60.75	26
Sunset Key West	27	29	2	-1	4	60.52	27
Miami Lakes	18	18	0	0	4	58.33	28
Upper Keys	89	90	1	-2	4	55.55	29
Marathon	54	49	-5	0	4	55.10	30
Miramar-Pines	25	22	-3	-1	5	55.00	31
Pompano Beach	67	64	-3	-2	5	54.60	32
Miami	136	133	-3	1	5	53.00	33
Fort Lauderdale South	31	30	-1	0	5	51.33	34
Miami Beach	6	6	0	-1	3	50.00	35
Miami Airport	10	11	1	0	4	50.00	36
Big Pine & Lower Keys	36	36	0	0	5	50.00	37
Fort Lauderdale/Cypress Creek	20	21	1	0	4	49.52	38
Miami Metrozoo	(missing)	26	26	26	4	49.03	39
Key Biscayne	43	39	-4	0	6	45.89	40
Fort Lauderdale	173	165	-8	1	4	45.00	41
Allapattah (Miami)	16	17	1	0	4	45.00	42
Homestead	78	78	0	0	4	37.82	43
Oakland Park	6	8	2	n/a	0	0.00	44
Miami Sundown	12	12	0	n/a	0	0.00	45
Miami Dadeland-Pinecrest	30	32	2	n/a	0	0.00	46
Key West Sunrise in the Conch Republic	67	76	9	n/a	0	0.00	47
Freeport,G.B.I.	28	29	1	n/a	0	0.00	48
Coral Springs-Parkland	25	27	2	n/a	0	0.00	49
Totals, Net Gain, Avg Attendance:							
43 of 49 clubs reporting	2058	2070	12	136		65.08%	