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From Governor Doug's Desk
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February is World Understanding Month. During the month we should be focusing on the international service aspect of Rotary International. The international service aspect involves service projects we are involved with in other parts of the world; or it could involve hosting our youth exchange students in our homes; or it could involve hosting the members of a visiting Group Study Exchange when they are in the district; or it could just be the realization that by helping others beyond the local level we are providing **Service Above Self** and we are making a difference in the world.

Many of the initiatives conducted under the umbrella of world understanding are funded in one form or another by The Rotary Foundation. My hope is that every Rotarian in the district supports the Rotary Foundation through **Every Rotarian, Every Year**. To help every Rotarian reach the goal of contributing \$100 per year to the Rotary Foundation, the District is once again selling raffle tickets at \$10 each.

The holder of the winning ticket, which will be drawn at the District Conference, wins a cruise for two in Tahiti. It includes round trip airfare from San Antonio, gratuities, and wine with

dinner. The individual that sold the winning ticket also receives a cruise for two in Tahiti **provided s/he sold \$100 worth of tickets.**

All money raised by the sale of the tickets goes directly to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Program Fund. The seller of the tickets, whether they sell one or a hundred tickets, will get Paul Harris Fellow credit. **The District does not keep any of the money raised from the selling of raffle tickets.**

Why do I think it is important to sell the raffle tickets? First, it is an easy way to support the Rotary Foundation. Second, every dollar raised goes directly to the Rotary Foundation. Third, half of all the money raised will come back to the District in three years and **we get to decide how to spend it.**

I encourage you to support the Rotary Foundation. Get out and sell the cruise raffle tickets. Each club received a generous supply of tickets. There are plenty more left. If you need more please contact your Assistant Governor.

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Dates to remember:

February 25th, 2006: District Birthday Ball to be held at Ye Kendall Inn in Boerne. Come and celebrate Rotary's 101st birthday. Guest speaker will be Brigadier General Walter Schellhase, U.S. Army (retired).

March 23-26, 2006: Lone Star P.E.T.S. at the DFW Hyatt Hotel in Dallas. All incoming club presidents need to attend.

May 19-21, 2006: District Conference in Kerrville at the Inn of the Hills. Come to have fun, learn about Rotary and "Kick Back in Kerrville."



2006 RI Convention in Malmö-Copenhagen

97th Rotary International Annual Convention

Malmö, Sweden and Copenhagen, Denmark

11-14 June 2006

The Øresund Region: easy to get to, easy to get around, and hard to forget.

Carsten Dencker Nielsen, 2006 Host Organization Committee, Chair

REGISTER BY 31 MARCH 2006 and SAVE!

WHY Attend an RI Convention?

To be inspired? informed? entertained?

Make new friends? Renew ties with old ones?

Find out what projects other clubs and districts are doing?

Meet Rotarians in the host region and learn about their culture?

Shop for Rotary products, attend the host Business Expo, exhibit your products or project or global networking group?

Learn about and share ideas about literacy, clean water, and Rotary's public image during workshops and interactive discussion groups?

Attend the Foundation Update and Incoming Club Presidents Workshop so that you can lead and motivate your club in the coming year?

Travel with family or friends before or after the convention?

All good reasons, but the most important is to experience that moment of clarity when you not only understand, but also feel the scope and strength of Rotary. During the flag ceremony or even before, you suddenly realize that you are one of 1.2 million persons in 168 regions of the world with the collective goal of fostering international peace and understanding. Why does this goal seem possible?

Because it happens on a small scale at every convention where men and women of all ages, races, ethnicities, religions, educational and economic levels, and political beliefs manage to meet in harmony for four days in the spirit of service to others.

Attend a Rotary Convention and become a more committed Rotarian as you see all the good that your fellow Rotarians and The Rotary Foundation are doing.

Keep the dream of international peace and understanding alive! Its never been so important.

Have you registered yet? Register for the convention online <<https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/>> or download forms to fax or mail: <<http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/events/index.html>>

Please note that only the Youth Exchange Banquet and Presidents Recognition Luncheon are available.

Do you have a place to stay? Registration for the RI hotel block is now closed. For alternative housing go to:

<http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/malmo-copenhagen/alternative_list.html>

Have you purchased tickets for HOC events and/or tours? Reserve online or download a form at www.riconvention2006.org <<http://www.riconvention2006.org>>

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Subject: HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

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- 1) You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. -- Alan, age 10
- 2) No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. -- Kirsten, age 10

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

- 1) Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. -- Camille, age 10
- 2) No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married. -- Freddie, age 6 (very wise for his age)

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

- 1) You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. -- Derrick, age 8

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

- 1) Both don't want any more kids. -- Lori, age 8

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

- 1) Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. -- Lynnette, age 8 (isn't she a treasure)
- 2) On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. -- Martin, age 10 (wise beyond his years)

WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON A FIRST DATE THAT WAS TURNING SOUR?

- 1) I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns. -- Craig, age 9

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

- 1) When they're rich. -- Pam, age 7
- 2) The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. -- Curt, age 7
- 3) The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do. -- Howard, age 8 (this one has very good morals)

IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

- 1) It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. -- Mike Schaffer, age 4 (bless you child)

HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

- 1) There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there? -- Kelvin, age 8

And the winner is.....

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

- 1) Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a truck. -- Ricky, age 10

The greatest glory of living is not in never falling, but in rising everytime you fall



We have a very exclusive group in District 5840. They have served their clubs and the District in many capacities. They give continuity to Rotary and the group grows each year. They are the PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS. They receive and deserve respect from all Rotarians. They seem tireless and spend many, many hours, no, days of their own time to promote the workings of Rotary.

Enough of the praise of these fine members. Let's make them work a little more for the privilege of this respect we all show them.

Each year the PDGs get together and pick the Best in District. They go through the many pages that clubs send in for this prestigious award/awards.

LET'S FLOOD THEM WITH PAPERWORK.

Every member of every club is, or should be, a part of a committee. Everyone should get with the Chairman of the committee and think and record every thing that committee has done in the past year.

Each committee should then get with the Lane or Avenue Chairmen, Club, Community, Vocational, and International, and document everything the lane has done.

Don't think only of the projects that have been budgeted, but everything that you have done in the name of Rotary and for the betterment of others. Record it all. Think, think, think, what else have you, as a club or individually, done that deserves

recognition. Whatever it is, get it recorded and submitted to the BEST IN DISTRICT.

The extra benefit of recording all your club has done, other than recognition, is that you may find that you have done much more than you thought you did and feel satisfaction and gratification.

Your club should be able to fill many more pages than the few that are sent out for use in the BEST IN DISTRICT contest.

Don't forget that there are awards for each lane of service other than the overall award.

Let's really make these esteemed Rotary Leaders work for the honor of being PDGs.

In the same vein, let's not forget the work that DG Doug will face to verify all clubs who qualify for the Presidential Citation.

Remember this is not an award for the president of your club, but an award of recognition to the club from the President of Rotary International Carl-Wilhelm. Try to qualify if you have a net increase of one Rotarian since July 1, 2005 until March 31, 2006.

Deadline April 1, 2006