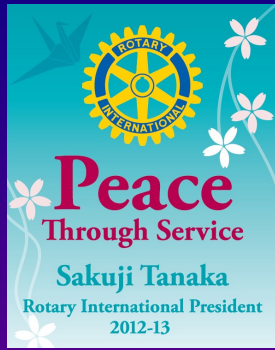


Rotary Newsletter

District 6980 Rick Baines, Governor

March 1 2013

Volume 1, Issue 9



District 6980 Calendar Reminders for Upcoming Events

March 7-9

Rotary Florida PETS 2013

Buena Vista Palace

Downtown Disney-Orlando

Click [HERE](#) for Details

April 3- 7

RYLA

Elks Youth Camp-Umatilla

Watch for Details

June 23-26 2013

Rotary International Convention

Lisbon, Portugal

Click [HERE](#) for Details



March is “Literacy Month”

Imagine that we could fit the entire population of the world into a village consisting of 100 people. We maintained the proportions of all the people living on Earth. What would the composition of that village look like?

- 80 people of the 100 would live in poverty
- 70 people of the 100 would be illiterate.
- 50 people of the 100 would suffer from hunger and malnutrition.
- 1 person of the 100 would have a university degree.

There is a very strong correlation between the level of literacy one has and the state of one's economic and health status. We take literacy for granted. However, if you can read this you are extremely lucky, because you **are not part** of the more than two billion people who can't read.



Governor Rick

Literacy is so important that in 1985, Rotary declared basic literacy to be a pre-condition to the development of peace. According to Rotary, more than half of the world's 34,000 Rotary Clubs are working on some project to improve literacy for primary, vocational, and adult students as well as teacher training.

The Rotary Foundation's mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, good will, improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. To accomplish this mission, The Rotary Foundation has six areas of focus, one of which is basic education and literacy.

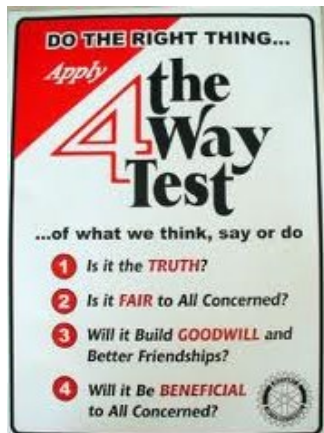
The money you give to our Rotary Foundation helps promote basic education and literacy by:

- insuring that children have access to quality basic education
- reducing gender disparity in education
- increasing adult literacy
- strengthening the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy
- supporting studies related to basic education and literacy

With such importance being placed on literacy, Rotary International has designated March as “Rotary Literacy Month”. Some Rotary clubs raise funds for schools or libraries, or for other literacy-promoting organizations. Many clubs take part in a reading program in which a Rotarian spends time in a classroom with a designated student and reads one-on-one with them. Other Rotary clubs participate in book donations, both locally and internationally.

What is your club doing to promote literacy, either locally or internationally? During the month of March, I'm asking each club to evaluate what it is doing to promote literacy. If your club is not already involved in some type of literacy project, I am encouraging you to explore the many options available to you to join Rotary's efforts to promote literacy. A more literate world will more likely be a more peaceful one. Give a child the gift of literacy and help give the world the gift of “Peace through Service”.

Rick Baines
District Governor 2012-2013
Rotary International District 6980



Test Your Rotary IQ!

How knowledgeable are you about Rotary. Below are 5 questions about Rotary that every Rotarian should know. The answers to the questions are scattered throughout this newsletter. The answers are highlighted in the blue box.



1. Name the birthplace of Paul Harris ?
2. What month is Rotary Literacy Month?
3. How often is there a Rotary Council of Legislation?
4. How many districts are there in Rotary?
5. What is the home country of next year's RI President?



Camp RYLA– Important Information



- We have a few slots still available for attendees at Camp RYLA on April 3-7th. At this time we are opening up these slots to anyone who wants to sponsor a student, i.e. Rotarians, family member, friend, business associate, private schools, etc. To find out how to register for Camp RYLA please [click here](#). This brochure will give you step by step instructions.
- Volunteer: One of the reasons for moving to Camp RYLA was to give Rotarians the opportunity to interact with the students. If you would like to be a volunteer for a day please contact Sarah Hamby at sarah.a.hamby@gmail.com. Sarah will provide you with the information you need.
- Sponsorships: Another reason for moving to Camp RYLA was to give clubs the opportunity to interact with the attendees. Several clubs can get together to sponsor a pizza night or an ice cream night and serve this to the campers. To find out how **you or your club** can be a Camp RYLA sponsor or for a list of Sponsorship opportunities please contact Scott Krogmann at scott@ryeflorida.org

Answer 1
Racine, WI



Answer 2
March

Thank You for “Doing Good in The World”



A Project of Rotary Clubs Throughout Florida
"Because We Care"

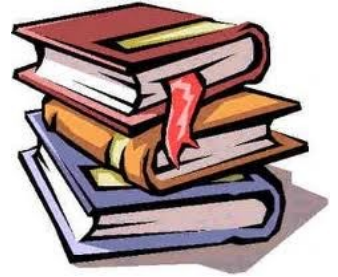
On Saturday February 9, 2013 over 50 Rotarians, families and Interactors converged on Rotary Camp Florida for a Rotary service project. They worked diligently to clean and beautify Rotary Camp Florida to make it more presentable to the special needs children who attend this camp.

As District Governor and on behalf of Rotary Camp Florida I would like to thank the members who participated from the Rotary Club of Kissimmee Bay, Lake Buena Vista, The Villages, The Villages Noon and Port Jervis, NY. A special thanks to the Interactors from Lake Minnetonka High School and The Villages Charter High School plus some special guest.

Want to establish a Literacy Program for your club?

Below are a couple of great resources that will help you get your club started on the right track to promote “literacy” in your community.

Did you know that Rotary International is involved with the Literacy Resource Group? The Literacy Resource Group provides information and support to Rotary clubs to encourage participation in programs and projects that promote universal literacy and educational opportunities for all. It encourages clubs to plan and undertake projects in each of Rotary’s Four Avenues of Service and plan projects supportive of the RI Strategic Plan. The Literacy Resource Group promotes the connection of literacy projects to those involving health, hunger and water through those particular resource groups.



[Click on this link](#) to find out more about the Literacy Resource Group.

Another great tool is "**Every School a Star**". This literacy tool kit was developed by Rotary International and the International Reading Association to help Rotary clubs select and implement projects that meet the literacy needs of schools in their communities and around the world.

[Click on this link](#) and you’ll find examples of successful literacy projects along with contact information, resources, and service opportunities. You’ll also find tools, such as questionnaires and a teachers’ wish list, to help you determine the right project for your community.



Click HERE for Details



Taste of Rotary Sponsors

Below are caterers who supported The Taste of Rotary International during our District Conference. What a great job they did! Click each LOGO for more information



Richard Baines

District Governor

[Email Rick](#)

Pete Edwards

District Governor-Elect

[Email Pete](#)

Josephine Weber

District Governor Nominee

[Email Jo](#)

Larry Rice

District Secretary

[Email Larry](#)

Thomas Meena

District Treasurer

[Email Tom](#)

Carla Hull

District Event Coordinator

[Email Carla](#)

Sarah Hamby

District Risk/Insurance Officer

[Email Sarah](#)

Randy Rawiszer

District Rotary Foundation Chair

[Email Randy](#)

George Huffman

District Permanent Fund Chair

[Email George](#)

James Greene

District Polio Plus Chair

[Email James](#)

Clark Gwinn

District Foundation Scholarships

[Email Clark](#)

Robert Shydo

DDF Administration

[Email Robert](#)

Ann Smith

District Co-Membership Chair

[Email Ann](#)

Paul Smith

District Co-Membership Chair

[Email Paul](#)

Ronald Janssen

District Service Project Chair

[Email Ronald](#)

Robin O'Donnell

District Public Relations Chair

[Email Robin](#)

Herman Weiss

District Club Administration Chair

[Email Herman](#)

John Siegel

District New Generations Chair

[Email John](#)

William Litton

District Conference Chair

[Email William](#)

Randy Rawiszer

District RLI Director

[Email Randy](#)

Need a Rotary Program Speaker for your weekly meeting? For assistance in setting up a program speaker please contact the appropriate District Officers above.

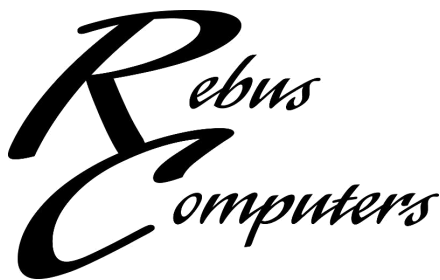
Our Sponsors



Visit Siegel's



Visit Denny's



Visit Rebus



Visit Del Friscos

Answer 4

534

Rotary Leadership Institute



www.rlitraining.org

The Rotary Leadership returns to District 6980 on March 30 at Hagerty High School in Oviedo. Registration is now open!! Register and pay online at www.rlitraining.org

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots, multi-district organization whose purpose is to assist the clubs within its member districts with the leadership development of its members. This is done primarily with a curriculum designed to enhance the overall Rotary experience of Rotarians and provide assistance helping the clubs run effectively. RLI is not a seminar. All courses are led by trained facilitators who lead discussion and the sharing of ideas and best practices from among the attendees.

RLI events are typically held on a Saturday, from 8:00am to 3:30pm. Breakfast, lunch and break snacks are provided. A course fee of \$95.00 is payable when you register and includes all course materials and meals. Most clubs in District 6980 have a reimbursement policy for RLI. Ask your club if they have this policy.

Congratulations!

The Rotary Club of Oviedo is officially a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. What an amazing accomplishment.

They are now one of four (4) clubs in our District that have achieved this recognition.

Thanks to their Foundation Chair Jim Greene and his committee for their hard work.

With our Night of 1,000 Paul Harris Fellows coming up there are several more clubs in our District that are within striking distance of this unique accomplishment.



“Night of a Thousand Paul Harris Fellows”



Saturday, May 4, 2013
Bahia Shrine Auditorium
Maitland, FL



Be a part of history as the Rotary club presidents of District 6980 recognize **one thousand** of their members with new and multiple Paul Harris Fellow Awards at our annual District Rotary Foundation Dinner

Rotary Foundation Major Donors & Bequest Society Members will also be recognized
Rotary International Director and Past Rotary Foundation Trustee Anne Matthews will attend.

This will be a once in a lifetime event. Be a part of history!

Save the Date!! May 4, 2013



Answer 3

Every three years

Meet Our Assistant Governors (AGs)

They say the most effective leader is the one who surrounds him/her self with the right people. As a District Governor it would be virtually impossible for me to carry out my duties without an effective team of Assistant Governor's (AGs)

To be an effective AG one must be a Past President, attend AG Training, attend PETS, the District Assembly, quarterly Presidents/AG meetings and a monthly AG meeting. Basically it takes a lot of hard work and a dedicated Rotarian to be an AG.

An AG is the liaison and the representative between the District Governor and the Club President.

I would like to present you with our AG's for 2012-2013 and to take this opportunity to recognize them and to thank them for the great service they have performed for our District. They truly personify "Service Above Self"



From the Rotary Club of Ocoee, Pam Bozkurt. Pam is a Real Estate Broker and owner of Gosselin Reality. She was club president 2008-2009 and Rotarian of the Year for her club three times. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and has had perfect attendance since 2006. Pam serves as the AG for the Rotary Clubs of the Villages, Villages Noon and Wildwood.



From the Rotary Club of Kissimmee Bay, Janice Casler. Janice is Director of Community Relations for the Osceola Council on Aging. Janice was club president 2009-2010. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and has had perfect attendance since 2005. Janice serves as the AG for the Rotary Clubs of Celebration, Kissimmee South/Poinciana and Kissimmee West.



From the Rotary Club of Apopka, Cindi Cioci. Cindi is an associate for Legal Plans/Identify Theft Shield. Cindi was club president 2010-2011 and her club's Rotarian of the Year in 2009. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and has had perfect attendance since 2007. Cindi serves as the AG for the Rotary Clubs of Lake County Golden Triangle and Leesburg Sunset.



From the Rotary Club of Oviedo, Dr. David Craig. David is a Chiropractor and the owner of The David Craig Spinal Care Center. He is a past club president and a Paul Harris Fellow. David serves as the AG for the Rotary Clubs of Avalon Park, Baldwin Park and Winter Springs.



From the Rotary Club of Altamonte Springs, Karen Frye. Karen is a Business Retention Supervisor with Sprint. She was club president 2009-2010 and her club's Rotarian of the year in 2005. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Bequest Society Member. She has had perfect attendance since 2003. Karen serves as the AG for the Rotary Clubs of College Park, Lake Mary, Longwood and Seminole County South.

Meet Our Assistant District Governors (AGs)



From the Rotary Club of Kissimmee Bay, Nancy Hubbard. Nancy is a Senior Program Director with Junior Achievement of Osceola County. She was club president 1999-2000 and her club's Rotarian of the Year in 1998. She is a Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor and Bequest Society Member. She has had perfect attendance since 1998. Nancy serves as the AG for the Rotary Clubs of Dr. Phillips, Dr. Phillips Noon, Four Corners and Orlando.



From the Rotary Club of College Park, Pam Potenza. Pam is a Real Estate Sales Professional with Coldwell Banker. She was club president 2009-2010. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Bequest Society Member. Pam serves as AG for the Rotary Clubs of Apopka, Orlando-Evening, Winter Park and Winter Park Breakfast.



From the Rotary Club of Oviedo, A. J. Range. A. J. will be our District Governor in 2015-2016. A. J. works for UCF as the Assistant Vice President for Off-Campus Student Services and Student Neighborhood Relations. He is a past club president and club Rotarian of the Year in 2004. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and Benefactor and has had perfect attendance since 1995. A. J. serves as AG for the Rotary Clubs of Altamonte Springs, Sanford and Sanford Breakfast.



From the Rotary Club of Kissimmee, Jim Salisbury. Jim works for Formosa Developers Inc. as Director of Construction. Jim is a Past President. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Paul Harris Society Member and a Bequest Society Member. He has had perfect attendance since 2004. Jim serves as the AG for the Rotary Clubs of International Drive, Orlando Breakfast, and Lake Buena Vista.



From the Rotary Club of the Villages, Dan Semenza. Dan is a retired Command Sergeant Major from the Army and a retired educator. Dan will be the District Rotary Foundation Chair 2013-2016. Dan is a past club president. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Paul Harris Society Member and a Bequest Society Member. Dan serves as the AG for the Rotary Clubs of Leesburg, Leesburg-Sunrise and the Villages Evening.



From the Rotary Club of Winter Springs, Brantley Tillis. Brantley is an Electrical Engineer with Progress Energy. He was a club president 1994-1995 and 2008-2009. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and has had perfect attendance for 19 years. Brantley serves as AG for the Rotary Clubs of Lake Nona, Orange County East and Orlando East.

Meet Our Assistant District Governors (AGs)



From the Rotary Club of Orlando Breakfast, Dennis Veccia. Dennis is a retired accountant. He is a past club president and Club Distinguished Service Award recipient. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Bequest Society Member. He has had perfect attendance since 1999. Dennis serves as the AG for the Rotary Clubs of Ocoee, South Lake County West Orlando and Winter Garden.



From the Rotary Club of Orange County East, Ben Whisenant. Ben is an Office Manager for H.D. Vest Investment Securities and a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the U.S. Air Force. He was club president 2009-2010. He is a Paul Harris fellow and has had perfect attendance since 1997. Ben serves as the AG for the Rotary Clubs of Casselberry, Maitland, Oviedo and Seminole County Sunset.



From the Rotary Club of Kissimmee West, Larry Newman. Larry is a retired State Farm Agent. He is a past club president and club Rotarian of the Year 2003-2004. He is a Paul Harris Fellow. Larry serves as AG for the Rotary Clubs of Kissimmee, Kissimmee Bay, and St. Cloud.

Enjoy a Rotary Day at the Horse Races!!!

Enjoy the excitement of 12 races and see thoroughbreds that will race in the Preakness, the Belmont Stakes and the Kentucky Derby.

Cost is \$2.00 per person. No fee for parking! Enjoy a complimentary BBQ lunch served under a gigantic Rotary tent. (Lunch is compliments of several Rotary clubs in the Tampa-St. Pete area).

Bring your coolers (adult beverages are okay) and your folding chairs and sit in the reserved area for Rotarians. Step up to the rail and watch the races.

You will have access to all the vendors and exhibitors, so join us and have a great day at the races.

Rotary's Camp Florida will receive an estimated donation of \$20,000.00 - \$25,000.00 which is equivalent to all of the sales tax paid at the race track that day.

For more information and if you are interested in attending please [CLICK HERE](#) to go to our District Calendar Please register in order for us have an estimated headcount for lunch.



Answer 5

United States