

Monday with Mikey: September 26, 2016

Are you registered for District 6950 University? I am so very excited that (at this writing – early Sunday morning) we have 136 Rotarians from our District signed up to attend this mega-training event! It's scheduled for this coming Saturday, October 1, at 8:00 am at Marchman Technical College in new Port Richey.

So, what IS District 6950 University? To answer this question, let me tell you what it's NOT:

- D6950U is NOT Rotary Leadership Institute, but it might whet your appetite to learn more about Rotary at RLI,
- D6950U is NOT District Training Assembly, which is primarily presented for incoming Club presidents and Officers, and
- D6950U is NOT legislative sessions scheduled for next June's District Conference.

So, what IS it, REALLY?

- D6950U is an all-out effort by your district leaders and Training Team to provide you with information that will help you get the basics about many Rotary topics – some of which are addressed much more thoroughly than in other training venues,
- D6950U fulfills the need for the District to hold training events (seminars) in Rotary Foundation Grants Writing, Membership & Extension in your club, and Public Relations. These events are normally scheduled on three separate weekends, so by combining the dates, we are returning to you some quality “family/football/fishing/shopping/gardening/football – and football” time. Think of it as a gift of time from your DG and District Leaders!
- D6950U is the very first time we're holding a Rotaract Summit. As you know, the leadership team has made a calculated decision to “beef up” our support of all youth programs. While we're having Interact, Rotary Youth Exchange, and Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (S4TL) information sessions, we're really concentrating on helping the younger adults – our most imminent potential future Rotarians – work with us to strengthen Rotaract's relationship with both Rotary Clubs and with the Colleges and Communities they serve.

Who are the “professors?” In addition to our District Leaders, Assistant Governors, Committee Chairs, and Avenues of Service Chairs, we have arranged – at no cost to our district – to have some (as I call them) “Pros from Dover” serve as guest professors and moderators. They include:

- **PDG Art Macqueen, Zone 34 Rotary Coordinator**
- **PDG George Robertson Burnett, Assistant Zone 34 Rotary Coordinator**
- **PDG Cynde Covington, Zone 34 Polio Plus Coordinator**
- **Roseanne Stocker, founder of the D6970 Alumni Association**
- **Our own PDG Jamie Mick, Zone 34 Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator**
- **Our own Linda Liebert-Hall, moderator for our Rotaract Summit**

How much does it cost? \$30 for food. That's it. The District and Zone 34 are covering all other costs associated with D6950U.

What else is happening? We are collecting school supplies for children in flood-ravaged Louisiana, and we're having a drawing for a **55-inch FLAT SCREEN TV!** Proceeds will go to Polio Plus in the name of each ticket purchaser.

SOOO – ARE YOU REGISTERED FOR DISTRICT 6950 UNIVERSITY? Go to DaCdb TODAY, and sign up!

Until next Monday, keep “**Doing Good, Having Fun!**”
Your Friend in Rotary Service,

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