

Monday with Mikey: October 31, 2016

I am VERY excited!

The Rotary Club of Wesley Chapel has a satellite in Land O'Lakes – and they are working to be a club on their own! This decision by the members – together with the leadership team of our District – is not one into which we enter lightly. Frankly, there have been several attempts at starting and keeping a club in Land O'Lakes over the last 25 years. The last one ended in closure/merger after a seven year run. This group knows they will have to do it “better and cleaner” than previous folks.

So, when their Chair, Terri Dusek, came to me with the idea of “ramping up” to be a club in full and good standing, I shared with her that I was more than a bit skeptical. I'm all about “due diligence” and “managing risk.” It's what I do in my profession, my avocation of sailing, and as a Rotary leader.

After many hours of work by the satellite group, with the help and advice of Wesley Chapel President Pablo Rivera, Assistant governor Kelly Mothershead, District Membership Chair Eric Johnson, and District Extension (“new clubs”) Chair PDG Roger Proffer, and of course Satellite Chair Terri, I believe Terri and her team WILL become a Rotary Club this Rotary Year.

In fact, it's their goal to be introduced as the “newest club in all of Rotary International” at the 2017 RI Convention in Atlanta this coming June! They still have a LOT of work to do, and I think they will accomplish their goal.

Here's what YOU can do to help:

- THINK of EVERYONE you know who would make a great Rotarian in the Land O'Lakes area.
- TELL them about the opportunity to belong to our great organization.
- INVITE them to join you for breakfast on a Friday morning.
- VISIT the satellite meeting at Copperstone Suites on Land O'Lakes Boulevard at 8 a.m. on a Friday – and bring your friend!
- The club will take it from there. They are an AWESOME group of folks!

Here's what your club can do to help:

- When the official announcement of their installation is made, ask your club's board to support them in the traditional ways with contributions of Banners, Bells, Badges, and other “Club Room Trappings” – as well as gifts of cash to boost their coffers. (There will be a sign up sheet.)
- Attend the District Conference luncheon on June 9th at the Tampa Airport Marriott Hotel and help celebrate them becoming our newest Rotary Club.
- Continue to support them with your presence and friendship in the future.

Let's all help our friends make Rotary a reality in Land O'Lakes!

Until next Monday, keep “**Doing Good, Having Fun!**”

Your Friend in Rotary Service,

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