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THE GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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I simply can't believe that it is the final month of the 12-13 Rotary Year. This has been a year that I will **NEVER** forget.

Starting with Assembly in May 2012 – the excitement was truly more than I could have ever anticipated.

As I made the rounds of Club Visits throughout the District – One thing became startling obvious to me.... **WE ARE THE LUCKIEST DISTRICT**.... We have outstanding Rotary Clubs – We have Outstanding Club Presidents – and we have Outstanding Rotarians. The warmth and hospitality that I was welcomed into each and every club was – at times overwhelming. It was an experience I will never fully be able to describe. – THANK YOU to each and every Club.

Then was the task of training everyone to be prepared for **"FUTURE VISIONS"**. This was made possible by the AWESOME Leadership of Immediate

Past District Governor Carl Treleven. IPDG Carl and his team went to work – and the results were over \$160,000.00 in Grant applications. More than any of the Pilot District that tested the program... once again setting the bar high.

Then the month of October/November was the unvailing of the Public Relations Grant. With Bill Boards going up in 3 counties – and Public Transportation Buses wrapped in End Polio NOW Graphics, which yielded new paper articles and Radio interviews – which did the job of making the public aware of ROTARY...

Then came the exciting visit by the Rotary International President Tanaka (thank you Rotary Club of Port Richey and President Patrick). This visit was historic – Over 500 Rotarians attended a Gala in his honor, raising over \$7,000.00 for Rotary Camp Florida and over \$10,000.00 for The Rotary Foundation. The Interact "Painting for Peace" yielded a beautiful gift for President Tanaka – that today is hung in his office at Rotary International in Evanston.

The First annual Purple Pinky Day took place on the Birthday of Rotary. During the Month of February, all 49 clubs and over 400 Rotarians participated in an awariness event. The goal of the event was to educate the public on our International Cause – the eradication of Polio in the world. In addition, several city, county and state proclamations that recognized the work that our clubs, district and Rotary International do throughout the communities we have touched.

Then became the preparation for the next wave of leadership... Pre-PETS, PETS and Assembly, all which starts the process again.. and again...

April was the Sandler Training Event.... Raising over \$20,000.00 for

Polio Plus. This event was attended by over 120 Rotarians and others. Great training, Great Fellowship and Great contribution to Polio Plus.

May – We went to the Mouse – Disney World... Arabian Nights, Total Action Coaching, Dale Carnegie, Rotary Leadership Institue, Group Study Exchange (inbound & outbound), Rotary Youth Exchange – and tons of Awards. Joining us President Rep. Scott Stone and Past Zone Director John Smarge and his wife Cindy. A memorable event – and so very much fun to recognize all those that have worked so very hard this year. Thank you to Becky Bennett, Perry Bean, Paul Friedlander and Brenda Wendt – it would not have been without their hard work!!!

Now we begin the process again... "the wheel turns".....

I have asked that each 12-13 President look to the membership of their club – select one hopeful Rotarian that is willing and able to move to the next level of leadership – and mentor them. It is important as we continue in our growth as leaders that we make sure there are qualified and willing folks to take our place.

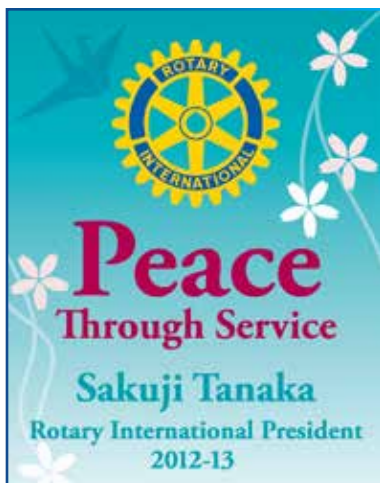
I can only hope that you have enjoyed this year as much as I have And that in some small way I helped you to make a difference.... If that is true, then I smile with satisfaction that a job well done has indeed happened.

May the Road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm on your face.

And may the rain fall soft upon your field

And until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Yours in Rotary Always.....



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District Calendar

**Sunday, June 16 - June 22nd
S4TL - Seminar for Tomorrow's
Leaders**

Florida Southern College Lake-
land Florida
Student drop off by Rotarians
at 2pm, with pick up at noon on
June 22, 2013

**Saturday, August 10 - 9am
Membership Seminar
North District**

Though this seminar is for Rotar-
ians in Citrus, Hernando and
Pasco counties, all Rotarians are
welcomed to attend.

Please save the date!

Registration 8:00am
Program will begin at 9:00am

**Saturday, August 24 - 9am
Membership Seminar
South District**

Though this event is set up
primarily for the convenience of
the Pinellas County membership,
all members of District 6950 are
welcomed to attend.

Save the Date!

Location to be announced soon.

Registration opens at 8:00am
Program begins at 9:00am

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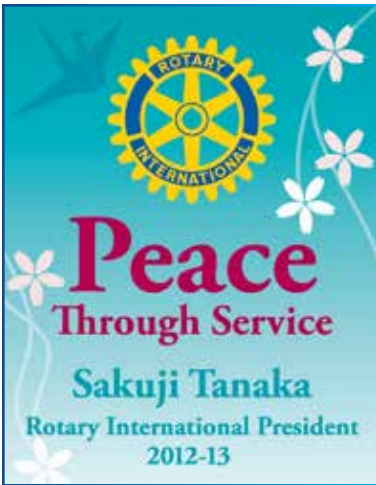
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The Rotary District 6950 West Pasco clubs held a fellowship with the Group Study Exchange Team from Argentina at Pit Boss Bar-B-Q. It was a great opportunity to meet the group in a relax setting with some delicious food as well as invite family, guests, potential Rotarians and educate the public about Rotary.



Awards Photos

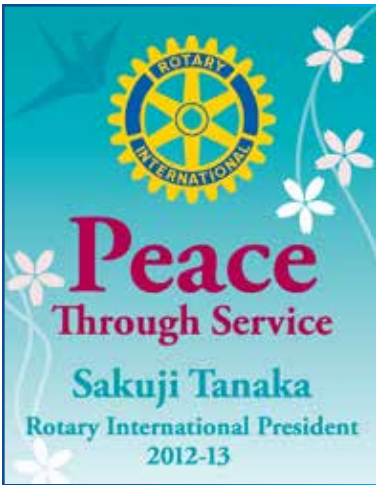
The Rotary Club of Trinity selected Pam Friedlander as the Community Champion of the Quarter because she is passionate about bettering the lives of children. Trinity Rotary President Julie Rogers surprised Pam with the recognition at a recent weekly club luncheon at Heritage Springs Country Club. Pam helped acquire ten hospital beds for Rotary Camp Florida. The Board of Directors felt Pam deserved this award for her efforts and coordination of these beds in addition to numerous volunteer hours and advocating for worthy causes.



The Rotary Club of Brooksville is the proud recipient of the Medium Club of the Year Award for 2012-2013. A total of 49 clubs are represented in District 6950 of which the Brooksville Club is a member. Thirty-eight clubs are classified as medium. Accepting the award is Rob Rogoski, President of the Brooksville Club.



Trinity Rotary President Julie receives Disney Basket from District Governor Jamie for having the greatest club member attendance at the District Conference in Orlando with eleven members in attendance.



Rotary Club of Port Richey Donates Caps and Gowns

The Rotary Club of Port Richey and several members joined together to cover the cost of caps, gowns, and graduation fees for forty Ridgewood High School students who could not otherwise afford to be part of the ceremony. The check was presented to the principal of the school on May 10th by Michelle Palisi and Alice Delgado, both Ridgewood Advisory Council members.



They are pictured here along with President Patrick Gallagher and donor Al Heiler. (Donor Dr. Joel Goldberg not pictured.) These forty students were able to walk in the graduation ceremony on May 31st.

Rotary Club of Seven Springs Hosts Honor's Night for Top Ten Graduating Seniors



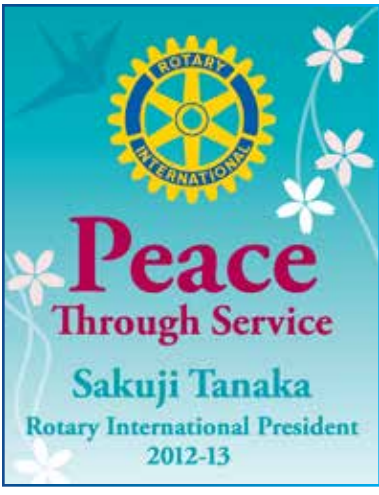
On May 1st at Seven Springs Country Club the Rotary Club of Seven Springs honored the top ten (twelve) graduating seniors from J.W. Mitchell High School. Also in attendance were parents of the students and guest speaker, Henry 'Chip' Wichmanowski, President of West Pasco Chamber of Commerce and past Executive Director of the Pasco Education Foundation. Rotarians also were honored to have from J.W. Mitchell, Principal James Michaels and wife Heidi, Jessica Schultz, Peggy Hinmon, and Katie Harrington.

Bottom L-R : Samantha Page, Emily White, Lyndsey Lane, Trevor Forster, Paige DePagter. Top L-R : Kelly Cave, Katherine Tomczyk, Sierra Easom, Alexander Maser, Miquel Alcantara, Jordan Dong, Luis Calle

Bowl-a-Thon Pairs with PPHS

The 2013 Bowl-a-Thon raised over \$29,000 and surpassed last year! We had 100% participation in some manner or form from every Rotarian in our Club! Special Kudos goes to our snowbird Rotarian, Pete Hervey and his fan club at Golden Gate Mobil Home Park who made up many of the teams! Other Rotarians, family & friends provided the sponsorships for those bowlers! An acknowledgment should also go to all of the Seminole Lanes League Bowlers who supported our event! In addition to all who were mentioned we need to give special thanks to the Pinellas Park H.S. team, Avid Strikers, who raised over \$300, the most pledge money of any participating High School over the past many years!! Thank you, Steve White, the PPHS Counselor, Ginger Brengle, the PPHS Librarian and past Interact Sponsor and finally, the students who will be involved with Interact next year and in leadership roles, Chris Devine, Courtney Lima, Tristan Holland and Jessica Martin!





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Celebrate Your Passion Boat Parade



The theme of this year's Chasco Fiesta Boat Parade was "Celebrate Your Passion." The Rotary Club of Trinity came in second place with a boat celebrating the group's passion for children with Dr. Seuss characters promoting the importance of reading. The boat was driven by member Wayne Selk and Patti Ammons coordinated the decorating.

Brooksville Awards Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Brooksville presented five scholarships totaling \$4000 to five Hernando High School Students at the Hernando High School Performing Arts Center on April 23rd.

McKenzie and Alexandra visited the Rotary Club of Brooksville on May 28th to thank the club for the awarded scholarship money. McKenzie will be going to USF and will be majoring in Anthropology. Alexandra is headed to the University of Tampa and will be majoring in Governmental International World Affairs and Communication. She will minor in Music.

A total of nine applicants had applied for a scholarship. All were interviewed over a three hour period.



Photo (L-R) are our \$500 recipients: Lyndsey Uhlich, Gretchen Pingley (Rotary Assistant District Governor) and Virginia Fouts.



Photo (L-R) are our \$1000 recipients: Trey Hostetter, Gretchen Pingley, Alexandra Rey, and Mackenzie Osmond.



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Welcome to our new, returning and transferring Rotarians!

Meeting locations have been updated.

Please refer to this list when checking on club meeting days and locations.

District 6950 Attendance for April 2013 & Club Meeting Location

Club	Members 6/30/12	Members Current	Average Attend %	Meeting Location
Belleair	34	33	87.22	Thu. Noon - Belleair Country Club (25 Belleview Rd.)
Brooksville	43	39	87	Tue. Noon - Brooksville Country Club (23446 Links Drive)
Central Citrus County	29	27	69	Wed. 7:30am - Black Diamond Country Club (St. Rd. 491, Lecanto)
Central Pinellas	12	15	100	Tue. 5:30pm - Liberty Lanes (Largo)
Clearwater	108	102	64.55	Wed. 12:15pm - Belleair Country Club
Clearwater at Feathersound	18	10	62.5	Wed. 5:30pm - Venue (2675 Ulmerton Rd., Clearwater)
Clearwater Beach	27	24	65.79	Thu. 12:15pm - The Wave (inside Shephards Beach Resort, on Gulfview Blvd.)
Clearwater East	39	36	73.77	Fri. Noon - Church of the Good Samaritan (2165 Coachman Rd. Clearwater)
Crystal River	46	49	76.6	Mon. 12:15pm - Plantation Inn and Golf Resort
Crystal River-Kings Bay	50	59	67.21	Wed. 12:15pm - Seminole Club (3rd St., Crystal River)
Dade City	45	40	65.24	Mon. 12:15pm - Dade City Business Center (John Hombuckle Meeting Rm, 3rd Fl.)
Dade City Sunrise	23	22	66.67	Thu. 7:00am - Kafe Kokopelli (Meridan and Live Oak)
Dunedin	52	52	71.43	Tue. 12:15pm - Church of Good Shepherd (629 Edgewater Dr.)
Dunedin North	48	51	74.5	Wed. 7:30am - Dunedin Country Club (1050 Palm Blvd.)
Dunedin Waterside	15	18	77.14	Wed. 6:30pm - Sea Sea Riders (221 Main Street Dunedin, FL 34698)
East Lake Sunrise	24	21	63.1	Thu. 7:30am - East Lake Woodlands CC (1055 East Lake Woodlands Pkwy.)
Gulf Beaches	25	28	73	Tue. 12:15pm - Treasure Island Yacht & Tennis Club (400 Treasure Island Causeway)
Holiday	57	50	74.5	Tue. Noon - IHOP (U.S. Hwy. 19, NPR)
Homosassa Springs	19	17	82.4	Thu. 7am - Luigi's (4538 Suncoast Blvd. - US19)
Hudson	21	16	84.38	Thu. Noon - CARES Enrichment Center (12417 Clock Tower Pkwy. Hudson, Bayonet Pt.)
Indian Rocks Beach	37	36	81.25	Wed. 7:15am Jimmy Guana's Restaurant, Holiday Inn Harborside (401 2nd St.)
Inverness	66	68	67.53	Tue. Noon - Lakeside Bar & Grill (4543 E. Windmill Dr., Inverness, 34453)
Land O'Lakes	12	11	60	Mon. 12:15pm - Hungry Harry's Lake House (3116 Land O Lakes Blvd.)
Largo	38	37	76.57	Mon. Noon - Alfano's Restaurant (1702 Clwtr/Largo Rd.)
New Port Richey	135	131	79.03	Wed. 12:15pm - Spartan Manor (6121 Massachusetts Avenue)
Oldsmar/East Lake	14	15	75	Thu. 12:15pm - Daddy's Grill (Tampa Rd.)
Palm Harbor	16	25	61.36	Wed. 12:15pm - Carabbas (33983 U.S. 19 N Palm Harbor 34684)
Pinellas Park	31	31	77.5	Thu. 12:15pm - Banquet Masters (8100 Park Blvd.)
Port Richey	31	27	61	Fri. Noon - Catches (by the bridge on US 19)
Rotary E-Club of SE USA	35	30	68	Anytime at www.rotaryclub34.org
Safety Harbor	10	9	77.78	Fri. 7:30am - Safety Harbor Spa (105 N Bayshore Dr.)
San Antonio	14	15	65.33	Tue. 6:30pm - Tampa Bay Golf & Country Club (St. Rd. 52)
Seminole	65	67	78	Wed. 12:15pm - Lake Seminole Golf & Country Club (6100 Augusta Blvd.)
Seminole Lake	30	30	60.14	Fri. 7:15am - Freedom Square Seminole, Roskamp Auditorium
Seven Springs	45	47	79.79	Thu. 7:30am - Seven Springs Country Club (3535 Trophy Blvd.)
Spring Hill	15	16	79.31	Thu. 7:45am - IHOP Restaurant (US19)
Spring Hill Central	18	18	59	Thu. 12:15pm at Silverthorn Country Club (Brooksville)
St. Petersburg	107	101	70.19	Fri. Noon - Orange Blossom Catering (220 4th St. N)
St. Petersburg Mid-Town	26	22	59.09	Wed. Noon - St Petersburg College (All State Center- Pinellas Room)
St. Petersburg Sunrise	33	31	85.37	Tue. 7:45 am - St. Petersburg Yacht Club (11 Central Ave)
St. Petersburg Sunset	21	22	65	Thu. 6:00 pm - The Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront (333 First St. south St. Petersburg)
St. Petersburg West	28	28	80.85	Wed. 7:45am - Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club (400 Island Causeway, Treasure Island)
Sugarmill Woods-Citrus County	21	24	100	Tue. 5:00pm - Sugarmill Woods Country Club (Homosassa)
Tarpon Springs	82	86	75.69	Thu. 12:15pm - Tarpon Springs Yacht Club (350 S. Spring Blvd.)
Trinity	65	65	81.68	Fri. 12:15pm - Heritage Springs Country Club
Wesley Chapel	48	58	67.54	Wed. 12:15pm - Pagelli's Italian Restaurant (Wiregrass Mall in Wesley Chapel)
Wesley Chapel Sunrise	14	19	81.82	Fri. 7:15am - Lexington Oaks Golf Club (26133 Lexington Oaks Blvd. off SR 54 near I-75)
Zephyrhills	44	49	63.16	Thu. 12:15pm - Zephyrhills Rotary Youth building (Shepard Park)
Zephyrhills Daybreak	29	33	92	Wed. 7:00am - First United Methodist Church (38635 Fifth Ave, Zephyrhills)

May 2013

Clearwater

Huston, Taylor
Hyde, Hayley
Messa, Zachary

Clearwater East

Rosynsky, Lory Ann

Crystal River-Kings Bay

McElvy, George

New Port Richey

Dillinger, Susan

Pinellas Park

Cook, Morgan C.

Rotary E-Club of SE USA & Caribbean

Hartley, Sandra Y

Seven Springs

Motyl, Mariusz G.

St. Petersburg

McDaniel, Corey

Trinity

Byrnes, Scott

Cox, Michael

Wesley Chapel Sunrise

Elmore, Chad A

Zephyrhills Daybreak

Fox, Geoffrey



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