Rota-Briefs

Attachment to August 4, 2010 Newsletter

Visit from the District Governor

Dan Stec, 2010-11 District Governor

On August 4, 2010 Dan Stec, District Governor, and Charlotte DiPaola, Assistant Governor were guests at our weekly meeting.

Dan began his remarks by explaining that he is a firm believer in the KISS principle - Keep It Short and Simple. He explained that during 2010-11, the focus of District 7190 is helping Rotary clubs in the district.

Building and Bridging:

This year is about building communities, and bridging continents. Building communities is done through membership, service projects, and particularly working with other organizations in this regard. If we partner with other organizations, we can be more effective and help to publicize Rotary at the same time. We can help bridge continents by participating in an international Rotary project through which we help other countries. The District has Simplified Grants and Matching Grants that clubs can apply for as an avenue to help fund these activities.

Polio is very close to worldwide eradication. As of July 17, 2010, only five wild (scattered) cases were reported in Nigeria in the first half of 2010. In India, only 24 wild cases were reported. None were no reports in Pakistan. The only challenge left is Afghanistan because the Taliban will not let Rotarians inoculate children.

The Rortary International Foundation is the only charitable arm that RI provides funding to.

All of these things embody the 2010-11 theme - Building Communities, Bridging Continents.

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Publicizing Rotary:

The District Governor explained that each and every one of us needs to publicize Rotary. We need broader and better marketing. For example, when we participate in service projects, Rotarians should wear Rotary T-Shirts, so that others will see the name Rotary out there.

2010 - 11 To Do's:

Dan is going to take to Polar Bear plunge in January 2011.

Dan is traveling around to clubs in the district and telling them he is here to help them. He is only a phone call away.

2010 Council on Legislations of Rotary International:

The RI Council on Legislation meets every other year. This year they met on April 25 - 30 in Chicago. Dan discussed the following:

- RI dues are going up $1.00 per year for the next four years.
- Each district may have up to two e-Clubs. An e-Club is a Web based Rotary Club.
- RI created a fifth Avenue of Service - New Generations Service. This involves working with youth in the community. A byproduct of this is that young people in your community will learn what Rotary is about, and that it is an organization worth belonging to.
- You may receive the Rotarian magazine in the traditional paper medium, or on line.

Other:

Dan also recommended attending the August 21, 2010 Regional Rotary Foundation Seminar, see Information and Events. It is free, and attendees will learn more about Simplified Grants and Matching Grants.

Operation Warm:

Dan Stec explained that he and Bill Nathan have formed a Rotary action group called Operation Warm. The objective of this group is to raise money to purchase winter coats for children. New coats can be purchased for $15.00 each. They are looking Rotary clubs to sign up, and several clubs already done so.

Conclusion:

Dan concluded his remarks by explaining that Rotary is a spirit that is inside each of us, and that Rotarians are the most important part of Rotary.

Dan Stec Speaking to the Club

Dan Stec presents the 2010-11 Banner to Keith Hornbrook