



6250 DISTRICT DISPATCH

District Governor

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District Governor's Message



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District Governor

Welcome to a new Rotary Year!

I couldn't be more eager to serve as your District Governor for 2010-2011. I have some mighty big shoes to fill having to follow PDG, Dean Dickinson and other past District Governors who have served our district. Dean has done an incredible job as our Governor and has built a strong foundation for me to build on. Thank you, Dean!

The year ahead will be full of opportunities for all of us to make a difference in this world. I've just returned from the International Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. I heard both the outgoing and incoming International Presidents share their Rotary messages. John Kenney, the outgoing RI President shared his closing remarks to 17,000 attendees from around our globe. President Kenney stressed, "Our communities need Rotary—now, more than ever. They need our work in water, health and hunger, and literacy. But they also need our presence, our influence and our example."

He spoke about the amazing dedication of Rotarians: their creativity, their perseverance and how they work to meet their community's needs in ways no outside organization can do. He claimed that no other organization, no matter how large, no matter how great their resources, could accomplish some of the feats of service we have seen in this past year. For no other organization has what we have: our local presence, our international networks and our commitment to Service Above Self.

I too am inspired by the amazing dedication of Rotarians around our district and the world. It's my favorite part of being a Rotarian. I get to meet some of the most amazing people on our planet. It is my wish as your District Governor to help you achieve your goals and dreams for Building Communities and Bridging Continents – the 2010-2011 theme. I recognize that each Rotarian and each Rotary club is unique. I fully embrace and respect the diversity in our District and look forward to helping us grow our membership. At the same time I am fully aware that it is the clubs that are the lifeblood of Rotary. The work is carried out at the club level and I am committed to helping you achieve that for which you are most passionate about.

I was also inspired to hear President Kenney talk about the need for Rotary to change. He stated, "The world is changing, and Rotary must change with it. We must respond to the needs we see today, not the needs that we are used to seeing."

Similarly, our incoming International President, Ray Klinginsmith also spoke of change. In fact, his first newsletter to the Rotary world was entitled "Winds of Change". President Klinginsmith has encouraged Rotarians to build "Bigger, Better and Bolder" clubs and has given us permission to try new and different approaches to achieve this. Both Kenney and Klinginsmith hold visions of a viable and vibrant Rotary in the next century and change will be inevitable.

However, we should also remember where we come from and who we are, and know that however much society changes, there will always be a place for those who do humanitarian work. We understand that none of what Rotary has achieved would have been possible were it not for the reputation we have earned over the last 105 years.

As I shared with those of you who attended the spring training events, our goals for the next year will be keeping polio eradication at the forefront until the job is done, helping our clubs to become bigger, better and bolder through focusing on membership, and growing foundation support and awareness.

I look forward to visiting your clubs and learning more about your courageous work that is impacting lives around the world. I am committed to helping all of us Build Communities and Bridge Continents.

Thank you.

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Club Vision Facilitation
Information



Save The Date

Did You Know?

You can view the full District 6250 Calendar on the district website! [Click here](#) to view the calendar.

[Check out the 2010-2011 district calendar with upcoming training dates.](#)