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District Governor's Message



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District Governor

The New Fifth Avenue

Earlier this summer I had the pleasure of participating in the "Changing of the Guard" ceremony for the Horicon Rotary Club. What a special evening it was! Tati Shirasaki was inducted as the club's new president and we honored Bill Niemuth with a Paul Harris Fellow. It was a delightful gathering of founding members, past district governors, club members, family and friends and some of the first presidents of the club. But what stood out to me that evening was a story that Tati shared with me as we sat at the head table that evening. Tati leaned over to me and asked if my two boys, Erik (20) and Jon (18) enjoyed going to Rotary events with me. She was deeply disappointed that her own children were unable to be present that evening. Her son had been stung by a bee that day and needed to stay home. My boys have definitely attended their share of Rotary events and our life has definitely been shaped by Rotary. It was the Youth Exchange program that changed our lives forever. Our window into the incredible opportunities within Rotary was

when we agreed to host youth exchange students from around our world.

Tati's life has definitely been shaped by the wonder of Rotary as well. As a young child growing up in Brazil, Tati defined her most special family moments as those shared at Rotary events. Her parents were both highly involved in Rotary and in the midst of the busy professional lives of Tati's parents.....it was during Rotary events that she was able to have "family time" and work together as a team to reach out to those less fortunate in the Brazilian community they lived in. It was a lesson in Service Above Self while at the same time a strengthening of a family bond – all in the sphere of Rotary.

What a magical way to grow up....in the wonderful world of Rotary. Tati's family made Rotary events their family time. I think this is brilliant! What a way to instill the lessons of serving others and reaching out to help those less fortunate.

September is New Generations month for Rotary. Did you know that in May the Board of Rotary International endorsed a fifth avenue of service? The new Fifth Avenue of Service is New Generations! So, this is the month to focus on our youth.

I am proud of the many youth programs that District 6250 is involved in. Many clubs host Youth Exchange students from abroad. We have Youth Rotars joining us at club meetings. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) programs are alive and well in our district, we have Rotaract and Interact clubs throughout the district and we sponsor an Ambassadorial Scholar on an annual basis. Kudos to all of you for your involvement with our youth.

As we reach for one of our district goals this year, growing membership, I hope you will keep in mind efforts that will entice potential younger members. Let's not forget that younger members also have young families and that we ought to incorporate families in our activities. Perhaps we can learn from Tati's example.....Rotary time as family time.

Encouraging you to Build Communities and Bridge Continents,

Kristin Duckart
District Governor 2010-2011

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