



6250 DISTRICT DISPATCH

District Governor

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Important Note: Deadline for district newsletter submissions is the 25th of each month. The newsletter will be distributed by the first full week of the month.

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Come Join Us – Be Inspired!

As Rotarians, most of us welcome invitations to serve. We are eager to learn about opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others. I invite you to "Come Join Us – Be Inspired," this year's [District Conference](#), where opportunities to learn, grow and be inspired will abound. Join fellow Rotarians from around our district and beyond as we gather in beautiful Madison, Wisconsin for two days of fun and fellowship. Please note: There is no registration fee again this year.

Our conference will be keynoted by Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith and RI Vice President Tom Thorfinnson, and will be the perfect opportunity to bring family and friends along to learn and be inspired about the future of Rotary.

Also in the speaker line-up is polio survivor and author **Janice Nichols**. A childhood victim of the 1953 DeWitt, NY, polio epidemic, her personal and professional life have been profoundly shaped by her experience. Janice lost her twin brother, Frankie, to polio and suffered temporary paralysis, leading her to choose a career as a rehabilitation counselor.

International Youth Exchange has been a strong program throughout our district for many years. This year's conference will offer a unique opportunity to learn from our youth. Students will host a "Culture Fair," allowing you to personally meet with them and learn about their home countries. I attended a similar event last fall and am excited to bring it to 6250. Interacting with the exchange kids is awesome!

I have just returned from a journey back to Africa, where I participated in RI President Ray's Rotary Reunions in Cape Town and heard some of the most renowned speakers of our time. Former State President of South Africa and Nobel Peace Laureate, FW de Klerk delivered a program entitled "What the World Needs Now – Seeking Peace." South African Diplomat, Francis Moloi spoke of the role of Rotary in his professional success. What a dynamic young professional...so inspiring. We also heard from Peter Kyle of the World Bank, Trevor Manuel, Minister in the Presidency in the Cabinet of South Africa and one of the most influential individuals in the South African and world economy.

From Cape Town I traveled north to the African bush. I spent a week in rural Zambia and Zimbabwe meeting with rural tribes and researching potential Rotary projects that could provide support to those regions. The people were amazing. I met many new friends who I look forward to visiting again. One of these special people will be speaking at our district conference. Bob Selinger, a devoted Rotarian and part-time Zambian resident will be in the U.S. and looks forward to sharing his program, "Out of Africa".

We, as Rotarians, are the luckiest people on the planet to have so many wonderful opportunities available to us. Rotary has opened up a whole new world for me and for each of us who continue to say, "Yes!" I am ever grateful for the chance to give of myself to an organization that has enriched my life in so many ways, throughout our district and throughout the world.

[Register now for the District Conference, May 6 & 7 in Madison!](#)

Come Join Us....Be Inspired,

Kristin Duckart
District Governor 2010-2011

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