



"The 'Can-Do' District"

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DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Just about 3 weeks away and I hope that all club Presidents are encouraging the members of their clubs to attend. This is a "once-a-year" opportunity for all members in the District to get together, renew friendships, gain new information about Rotary International, learn more about club and district activities and have fun. We need the cooperation of all members to make this event a successful and memorable one. Spouse events are planned and the Friday evening casino night promises to be a fun-filled evening.

As another reminder, we would like for all clubs to bring their large club banners so they can be displayed in the hotel atrium.

Also, we are looking for door prizes that can be given out during several times at the conference and one large contribution item that can be used for the last drawing after the Saturday night banquet. Please let me know if you will be donating an item so I can pass that information along to the Planning Committee.

Another also – If you have a project or fund raiser you would like to share with the other clubs, bring along some display posters that can be put up in an area of the hotel set aside for those.

NOTE REGARDING DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE

I incorrectly placed information in the weekly E-Flyer about the delegates to vote at the conference. Associate DG Tim Donovan pointed out that I had used the incorrect section of the RI Bylaws. I referred to the section concerning voting at the International Conference rather than to a District Conference. The correct section as to the number of delegates from a club and the use of proxies follows.

Section 15.050.1 reads: "Each club in a district shall select, certify, and send to its annual district conference at least one elector. Any club with a membership of more that 25 shall be entitled to one additional elector for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most

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The 4-Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"



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recent semiannual payment preceding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to any electors. Each elector shall be a member of the club. An elector must be present at the district conference to vote.” No proxies are therefore allowed.

15.050.2 States that every member in good standing at the conference is entitled to vote on all matters submitted to a vote at such conference with certain exceptions. One of those exceptions is the election of a member and alternate member of the nominating committee for director (of RI). At this point in time the election of these two members to that nominating committee is the only matter on which the electors will be voting at this conference.

Presidents – Please have one of your electors present the names of your electors at the conference registration desk so that they can get their delegate cards.

PRESIDENTS PLEASE READ

It would be beneficial to your club and to your incoming officers if you will encourage ALL of your committee chair members as well as all members to attend the conference. There will be plenary sessions and round table discussion groups conducted by knowledgeable Rotarians. There is much information that will be of help to your committees. In addition there is the added benefit of the interaction and shared information between club members. Perhaps your club will pay the registration fee and part of the other expenses as a way of encouraging participation. This will also help to prepare your members for club officer positions as well as for District positions. We need to continue to develop our leadership potential within our District.

I urge all Presidents to attend. I have been assured that for those clubs that qualified, the 26, the Presidential Citations will be here in time for the conference. I will want to recognize and award these certificates to you for the work that your club has done this year.

TO ALL CLUB OFFICERS, ADG'S, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND ASSISTANTS AND FOUNDATION SUB-CHAIRS – PLEASE READ.

On Saturday evening of the District Conference, I will be recognizing each of you individually and the Presidents as a group. I will also be making some awards to deserving Rotarians. Please register for the conference and attend the Friday evening banquet. I know that your presence during the conference will be appreciated and that other members will be able to hear what you have to say during the various plenary sessions and round table discussions. Your years of service are a true asset to our district.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Registration can still be made online for the Convention. I continue to get updated information on what attendees will be able to enjoy not only at the convention but in the area in and around Salt Lake City. I have heard often said that until a member attends an International Convention he/she cannot really appreciate what Rotary is all about. You will be able to better absorb the worldwide impact of what Rotary does and will be able to meet and interact with Rotarians from around the world, Salt Lake City is a short plane ride away and not really too far by auto if you choose to drive. We, Bonnie and I, are looking forward to meeting once again, Rotarians from around the US that we have met at these Conventions as well as at Zone Institutes and the International Assembly in San Diego. We are particularly looking forward to seeing a couple from Australia that we met in San Diego and kept in touch with. One of the great benefits of being a Rotarian is the benefit of meeting so many wonderful people that have similar interest in serving others.

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POLIOPLUS

There continues to be a need for funds for the eradication of Polio. Four countries still remain with polio that is endemic. Unfortunately polio follows individuals that move from these countries to neighboring countries continuing the need for contribution to the eradication effort. Though some have advocated that the eradication effort be changed into one of control of polio, a recent study done by Harvard University indicates that eradication efforts continue as the more viable way to rid the world of polio. Control means that polio will continue to exist unless eradicated.

I've just received an email from Wes Rush, our RI Zone Coordinator. Our Zone29 District have contributed \$43,000 in District Designated Funds and \$130,363 in cash contributions. That lists our Zone as #3 in North America, very little out of the #2 spot. The email states that that report will change dramatically very shortly. DG Ian Cosh of District 6170 (in Arkansas) advised Wes that his district has contributed an additional \$5000. One really remarkable story of support for the Polio-Plus program is that District Governor Jerry Fortino, District 6840 will contribute an additional \$10,000 at their upcoming District Conference. What's remarkable? Their District is in Louisiana and their areas suffered great damage during Katrina.

PDG ART ALLEN

Tim Donovan received word that PDG Art is in a nursing home in Kansas City and that his wife, Doris is there also. Art suffered a stroke and his recovery is slow but he is now able to speak some and does recognize most people he knows well. This was reported to Tim by Doug English, club President. We all wish for the best for both Art and Doris.

MEMBERSHIP

The latest membership figures from RI indicate that our District is 4th of the 13 Districts in the Zone in terms of numbers of net new members, but 6th in percentage increase. With almost three months still to go in this Rotary year we can improve our position if we continue to recruit new members. Let's continue our efforts in that direction. Last year we led the Zone and I know we can better our position this year with our continued efforts.

CONTINUE TO LEAD THE WAY, and continue to use your POWER OF 1 in your service to others.