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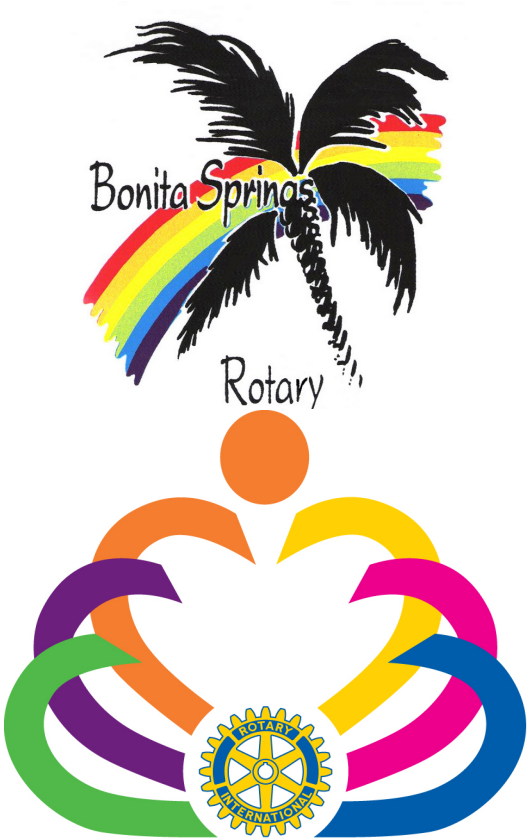
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January 4, 2012



Last Meeting



President-elect **Stephanie** presided. **Rex Sims** delivered the invocation. **Scott Gerrish (rr)** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jon McLeod** led the 4 Way Test. **Ron Anderson** led a rousing rendition of *Auld Lang Syne*.

Crusin' to Embrace Humanity

President-elect **Stephanie** urged us to consider joining her, Steven, and your fellow District 6960 Rotarians for a luxury cruise aboard the Celebrity Cruise line MS "Millennium" during the 2012 District 6960 Conference April 12-16. Complete details and a cruise reservation form can be found on the District website.

From RI International

2011...One More "Rotarian" Look



This Week's Program

Tiffany R. Kuehner

"Haiti's Road to Recovery"



Last week we heard from Tiffany R. Kuehner, President and CEO of Hope for Haiti pictured above with her husband Mike and December Speaker chair **Ray Faubion**. A graduate of Georgetown University, Tiffany has devoted her career to working on worldwide poverty and gender issues with a special focus on Haiti.

Hope for Haiti, the organization she leads, helps Haitians improve their quality of life through education, nutrition and healthcare. Tiffany's presentation and the moving video which accompanied it, emphasized the themes that in fact will support Haiti's road to recovery—access to education; improving health outcomes; initiating sustainable economic development activities and reducing pressure on the environment.

Hope for Haiti has achieved much over its history, not the least of which was responding to the January 12, 2010 earthquake with over \$40 million of aid. Thanks Tiffany for your presentation and leadership.

From RI International

2011...The Top Five Rotary Stories

From the tsunami in Japan to the launch of strategic partnerships that will help Rotary expand its reach, 2011 was an eventful year for Rotary International and Rotarians. As the year winds down, we share our list of the top five Rotary news events of 2011.



1. Tsunami strikes Japan

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide mobilized to bring aid to victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11 March. The 9.0-magnitude quake, the strongest in Japan's

history, and the resulting tsunami caused widespread destruction, paralyzing much of the northern coast.

In response, The Rotary Foundation established the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund, which has raised almost US\$6 million for long-term recovery projects.

2. RI theme

RI President Kalyan Banerjee unveiled the 2011-12 RI theme, *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*, during the International Assembly in January. He urged the Rotary leaders-in-training to harness their inner strength to achieve success in Rotary.

3. The fight against polio

India has been making great strides toward polio eradication in 2011, with only one case of the virus reported from January through early December. Rotarians helped administer bivalent oral polio vaccine to more than 35 million children in the country during a Subnational Immunization Day on 13 November.

On 20 November, a team of Rotarians from District 3700 (Korea) served in a health camp in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, where children were immunized against the disease. The camp was organized by Indian Rotarians in cooperation with local health officials and UNICEF.

4. 2011 RI Convention

More than 16,000 Rotarians from around the world converged on New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, in May for the 2011 RI Convention. Rotaractors, Rotarians, and Rotary Foundation alumni participated in service projects to help families still recovering from damage caused by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Among the highlights during four packed days of plenary and breakout sessions was a speech by Bill Gates, cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, in which he praised Rotary for its success in the campaign to eradicate polio and urged Rotarians to redouble their efforts to keep the disease from spreading.

5. Strategic partnerships

The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees approved four strategic partnerships in 2011 under the Future Vision Plan. These partnerships will help Rotary broaden its impact in the areas of focus by offering service opportunities for Rotarians through packaged global grants.

Member Spotlight

Last week's spotlight was on **Les James**, a true "traveling man" whose military family moved every three years during his early days. Born in Indianapolis, he also lived in Texas, Missouri, Germany, Italy, and many other places. After being a member of the wrestling team in high school, he decided to try his hand at the sport while attending Indiana University. Fraternity life was much more exciting, so Les concentrated on having fun and finding a major that tied in with his love of sports.



After receiving his degree in Sports Marketing and credentials as a Sports Marketing Agent, he worked for several years marketing sports events at the University of Connecticut before switching to real estate sales.

After pursuing several career paths, Les found his home in the medical field, and his move to south-west Florida brought him to Pro Scan, a medical imaging company. Married just 1-1/2 years, Les and his wife are enjoying living in this area and he looks forward to giving back to the community through Rotary. Thanks, Les, for a lighthearted and most enjoyable "Member Spotlight."

\$\$\$50/50\$\$\$
This Weeks Big Prize—\$621



A pleased **Mark Generales** drew the Two of Clubs to win \$5.00

As always...the real winner is our Foundation which gets one half of the prize purse.

Happy Birthday

None to Report

The Spoke

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The 4-Way Test
of things we think, say or do.

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
Will it build GOODWILL and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all CONCERNED?



Let's Sing, Rotarians!

Vive Le Rotary

Let all good Rotarians stand up and sing.
Vive le Rotary!
With service and love let this song loudly ring.
Vive le Rotary!
Chorus:
Vive le, Vive le Rotary! Vive le, Vive le Rotary!
Truth is our right, Love is our might, Vive le Rotary!
An honest day's work is a duty we claim.
Vive le Rotary!
And truth in our bus'ness will honor our name.
Vive le Rotary!
Chorus
A friend with a smile is the person we need,
Vive le Rotary!
Who truly believes in our Rotary creed.
Vive le Rotary!
Chorus
Be quick to give service, we must not be shy,
Vive le Rotary!
Let's join all our voices and give a great cry.
Vive le Rotary!
Chorus



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