



District Update

News for Rotary District 6740



December, 2010

“SEASON’S GREETINGS”



**Robert Ryan (Patty)
Governor**

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District Update
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In this time of thanksgiving and season of celebration, I want to pause and reflect on our outstanding World Equestrian Games accomplishment.

It was truly heartwarming to see the volunteerism exhibited by our Rotarians, family and friends in filling 2,829 volunteer shifts during the 16 days at the Games. During Foundation Month, it was very rewarding to determine that our collective volunteer effort generated \$142,000 in commissions, which will serve as an early holiday present to the countless thousands of children that will receive vaccination's and avoid a lifetime devastated by the crippling disease of polio.

Rotary International President, Ray Klinginsmith has called several times to express his sincere appreciation for our Games' efforts and welcoming the world to the Games. During his visit, President Ray was able to experience the ambiance of Holly Hill Inn, a visit with Kentucky Derby Winner, Smarty Jones at Three Chimneys Farm, mingle with Kentucky Rotarians during his Welcome Ray reception, receive his Kentucky Colonelcy, and experience the Opening Ceremonies of the Games, which he feels will be one of the highlights of his Presidency.

As evidenced by the recent WEG electronic article on the Rotary website (www.rotary.org), our District Rotarians should celebrate their proud and historic accomplishment in succeeding with one of the largest fund raising activities undertaken to date by Rotarians to raise funds to End Polio Now.

My District Governor Aide, Dean Hammond and I have greatly appreciated the outpouring of kind comments of Rotarians and would like to share some of those gifts in this newsletter. I do not have room to thank all of our Rotarians who made our WEG efforts a resounding success, however, I would like to publically thank Past District Governor Tom Ashford for spreading word of our efforts to many of our Clubs, staffing the End Polio

Now trade show booth and leading our commemorative WEG-Rotary pin sales, John Darnell and Chris Hillenmeyer who helped cart our volunteers around the Kentucky Horse Park, Jeff Thompson who manned the back gate through which all Rotary volunteers entered the Park and especially, Dean who orchestrated our online volunteer effort, authored his daily WEG updates, encouragement and call for volunteers, worked on-site most of the 16 days of the Games and is now working through the allocation of the Rotary Foundation recognition points.

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank each and every District Rotarian for filling our District stocking with endearing fellowship that will serve our District long after the Games concluded and for all those Rotarians who ensured that our dream became reality and answered President Ray's call to become "Bigger, Better & Bolder".

My wish for you and yours is for a safe and happy holiday season!

— Robert Ryan, DG

Talkin' 'Bout the Team

by Dean Hammond

I must first apologize to the person or persons I have forgotten to mention in this article. I wish I could interview each and every member of our team on a television program, broadcast to every Rotary member in the state. Please forgive me, if I haven't mentioned you or your special contribution.

Nothing like Rotary-WEG ever happens without the support of a strong team and the individual players on the team. I shall endeavor to name many of the team members, who made every effort to make the games the success it was.

Kathy Plomin and Tom Ashford chaired the primary committee developing the plan to recruit volunteers and to man the Rotary Booth.

Terry Johnson and Marty Chiles worked on most of the ad copy and news releases for the project. They created some fantastic brochures, handouts, and web page designs. Marty, through his company Meridian Chiles, and one of their subsidiaries, eLink Design provided our web page software, volunteer scheduling software, and extensive support to me, as we progressed through the recruiting effort.

PDG Tom Ashford was instrumental in obtaining RI advertising funding for our local advertising. He also coordinated the manning of the Rotary Booth during the games, and of course the selling of the Rotary-WEG pins. He and Polky, his wife, escorted our special guests, President Ray Klingensmith and Vice Chair John Germ and their wives, around the games and to special events.

Jeff Thompson and Larry Cowgill coordinated the transportation portion of the games. As it turns out, we had the best parking situation of all the volunteers on the grounds.

Jeff went on to coordinate the entire crew for the gate pass volunteer. This person had to stand out on the gravel (Dusty) road, in the dark, in the cold, and issue parking passes to our volunteers. Kind of chokes me up thinking about it. Jeff even brought his own tent and chairs.

We needed to provide some visiting Rotarians housing, and Karl Lang handled that area with friendly communication and "kid-gloves" sincerity.

Then there were some of the volunteers, who just kept on coming:

Isabel Yates recruited like a UK coach. She went everywhere and recruited everywhere she went. Then she served shifts herself. I saw her one morning and said "where are you going Isabel?" and she responded "Stadium West, where I was yesterday." I asked if she was sure she wanted to go there, since it was a tough duty location. She responded, as she always does. "It's not that hard, and I know what to do!" Wow! What an example! Thanks Isabel.

Also a BIG THANKS to Richard Vimont for his assistance in raising volunteers!

Drivers:

Mike Morrill: "When do you need me?" he would say. "I can drive all day, these days." And, did he ever!

Jake Graves: Jake was determined to drive the routes, even though he had forgotten his gloves. When I saw him next he had plastic bags on his hands. There wasn't much insulation provided by those "gloves" was there? Thanks Jake. I know it was cold.

John Cox, who provided official Rotary decals to Turbocharge our golf carts. They looked great and the Rotary-WEG volunteers could tell it was us.

And then there was Chris Hillenmeyer: He drove nearly every day of the last ten. Always chipper and welcoming, he put a lot of miles on those golf carts. I believe he was second in the "biggest tip" competition, as well. Thanks Chris. You were a big help moving us around!

John Darnell helped manage our volunteer efforts at check-in and drove many golf cart "missions" on several days. He also served with his wife, Janet, in the beer garden concession, and they had very high tips on those days. They set the first record for tips.

Polky Ashford, my all around gal. Polky manned the check-in and check-out operations on several days, helped man the Rotary booth, joined her husband PDG Tom Ashford to escort President Ray and his wife and Vice Chair John Germ and his wife around the games, as well as other events to which they were invited. But, that's not all. She also drove several golf cart "missions" on several days.

Wayne Bell manned the check-in and check-out operation on several days, both early and late.

George Wilson sold pins, checked people in and out, manned the Rotary Booth, and made sure everyone on the grounds knew about PolioPlus. Once when I had picked up George and a couple of other volunteers, we were heading back to the check-in area, and picked up a few more passengers who were walking. I reached into my stash and got my bag of WEG pins, turned to George and gave him the bag. By the time we arrived at the indoor arena, George had sold a pin to every passenger in the cart.

Lynn Cole from Florence was a recruiter extraordinaire, as well. She was a major force in recruiting in that area, and I'm sure she pressed some of those bank employees into service. Thanks Lynn.

The western district had its stars, as well. Stuart Alexander of Louisville was my point of contact for all things WEG. He forwarded everything I sent to the rest of the state. He also arranged for some "short shift" volunteers, who just came in to help over the meal surges. He is still helping sort out the final lists of confirmed volunteers. Thanks for all your help Stuart.

Woody Northup, DG District 6710, provided numerous volunteers through his efforts in the western district. Thanks for your help Woody.

So many more of you did special and difficult tasks during the games. Some had to stay late or run the French Fryer at Walnut Grove all day. Some stood in the outside air and sold pins at the booth or walked all the way to Walnut Grove or back.

All the volunteers on two days rode the golf carts in the rain, and even at only 12 miles per hour those raindrops are like pellets on your face. My hat's off to you. It was a real example of the Rotary "Team" in action. Everyone acknowledged the rain and cold and then just hunkered down and said "It is what it is." I was proud to be with you.

I'd like to thank my wife Mary for doing without me for several months, while we made this event happen. Thanks Mary.

Talkin' 'Bout the Governor

District Governor Robert Ryan has vision and "Energizer Bunny" unlimited energy.

I have had the pleasure of working with Governor Ryan for nearly a year, now. That's right. He didn't just jump into the truck on July 1, 2010 and start being Governor. He has been working on some aspects of his position for over two years. He has traveled to numerous places nationally and internationally to qualify himself for the task at hand. But, it doesn't stop there. All the while he has been forming relationships with every level of Rotary. Relationships, that paid high dividends during the build up to the World Equestrian Games Volunteer Project.

Many of us had ideas about the WEG and how Rotary could be part of it. Many conjectured about being greeters at the airport, and having a booth at the games, but Governor Ryan took it to an all-new level. He found the vendor, negotiated with that vendor, created a contract and developed a relationship with that vendor, such that Rotary, and I mean all of Rotary benefited from the experience and benefits of the games. Later in this newsletter, you will see many of the comments about the games. They all point to success. They all thank Governor Ryan for his monumental efforts on their behalf. They all take a special pride in being part of the event. Most of you know something about it, since you were there.

Governor Ryan also wanted a lapel pin developed that would signify Rotary-WEG and what would happen there. Through his efforts and the efforts of the design team, the pins were developed, manufactured and received. The pins were sold at the Rotary Booth and at the games and brought in thousands of dollars.

I'd like to give you a few statistics. Governor Ryan spent 15 out of the 16 days at the games, arriving many mornings before the first golf cart load of volunteers had to be transported to their 06:00 job assignments. And, many nights he was there to pick them up at 10:00 p.m. And, because of those relationships, remember those relationships, he had the President of Rotary International, Ray Klinginsmith, visit the games and attend the opening ceremonies. Mr. John Germ attended the games and he and his wife Judy worked volunteer shifts, just like the rest of us. Governor Ryan was asked for numerous interviews for newspaper and television pieces.

Through the same relationships, Governor Ryan contacted Calvin Borel, three-time Derby winner, and asked him to be the next celebrity to endorse the "ThisClose" campaign for PolioPlus, and of course, he did. Hundreds of signed photo prints of Calvin were distributed at the games and in clubs around Kentucky.

Can I stop here. No! While all of this was happening, Governor Ryan continued to capitalize on the opportunity. Governor Ryan acquired an official UK basketball. While President Ray and Vice Chair Germ were here, he had them sign it, with the plan to auction it after the games. When the volunteers worked, they were given a WEG hat. At the games, the Makers Mark staff dipped the bills of the hats in their signature sealing wax. Governor Ryan took the ball and the hat to Coach Calipari and asked him to sign them, and, of course, he did. The two items were auctioned on eBay and brought more than \$500 for the PolioPlus campaign.

I could go on for several more pages, but I better not. I know we are all proud of what Governor Ryan has done for the district, Kentucky Rotary, and Rotary International. It is truly my honor to serve as his Aide during his term.

Dean C. Hammond Jr.
Rotary-WEG Coordinator
Aide to DG Robert Ryan



QUOTES FROM THE WEG

Dear Robert: Congratulations for this Landmark Accomplishment. We are very proud of you.
Rakesh and Seema, PDG 2008-2009

Robert: You and Dean deserve a major toast for pushing all of us who participated. Your year as Governor of District 6740 will shine for those who follow you. Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Lexington for choosing you as their President and suggesting you for your current job.
Joe Caldwell, PDG 2006 -07

Robert: There are few venues to access with this kind of potential, and there are few guys that have the passion and heart to make it happen as you did. Congratulations to you and thanks for your dedication. Bill Nelson

Robert: I enjoyed meeting you at the WEG. Your idea was ingenious to offer Rotarians as concessionaires in exchange for PolioPlus fundraising. Our club did end up earning \$1400 toward our annual PolioPlus contribution. Thank you for your Service Above Self!
Paula Fowler

Robert: ... A good fund raiser and a superb public image event. Great job and congratulations to all.
John Germ, Rotary Foundation Trustee

Gentlemen: Congratulations on your efforts that lead to the unimaginable success of the WEG volunteer effort.

Clearly, this was far beyond the call of duty of a District Governor and any Rotarian! Thanks for the vision, the encouragement, and the management to deliver this overwhelming success. We will never know how many children will now have the opportunity to live their lives free of polio as a result of the efforts and the diligence which you both invested in this program. C Elifrits, PDG 1997-88

Robert: It was a fun time. I worked concessions.....WOW busy! The Park looked wonderful. I was so proud:) Thanks for asking us to work. Brenda Maynard

Hi Robert: Congratulations on WEG; it sounds like it was a wonderful success. I am also sorry I didn't get to see you the day we worked, (I did get to see Dean), but really enjoyed the experience. Great to see fellow Rotarians involved in such a worthy project. You and your staff are to be complimented on the entire event; I thought "Kentucky and Rotary" represented very well.
Dennis McEvoy, PDG 2009-2010

Robert: It was a pleasure. My thanks to you and Dean for your sacrifice of work and family time to make it happen. This will certainly go down in history as a significant accomplishment on the part of Kentucky Rotarians. Bill Alley

DG Robert: I managed to volunteer two shifts, my wife one, and recruited a non-Rotarian for another shift. All in all it was most interesting – all the Rotarians were a pleasure to work with and we met them from most corners of the state – the Cynthiana group was the most memorable – they supplied most of the staffing for one complete shift at the Alltech stadium when we volunteered at that location.

At the main service area next to the Rolex stadium I met a lady from Ocala, Florida who runs a carriage museum. They were visiting on that day just to watch the carriage event. She said that Rotary, along with the Salvation Army, were the only two organizations she supports, from personal knowledge of the great work done by each. She was very conversant about the efforts in Haiti with the shelter boxes after the earthquake earlier this year.

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Lexington for the great idea and all the effort involved to make the project a success. John Ruland, Nicholasville

Robert: It was a pleasure to serve under your and Dean's leadership plus the thought of no more polio! Jake Graves, Lexington

Robert: The enjoyable part was working side by side with Rotarians from other clubs. We need to have "work" projects to bring us together as in projects in Habitat or some other worthwhile project.

I will personally remember the American host running up to our area wanting 7 orders of French fries. He was hosting the King of Saudi Arabia and the king was hungry for "French Fries." Who knew?
Jack Lundy

Robert: We had a fine time as volunteers and visitors to the WEG event. It was all positive for each of us from the Whitesburg Club and our friends and family who joined "crowd control" on the last two days. The personal exchanges we had with people from around the globe gave us the opportunity to speak in the foreign languages we love and to share the memorable experiences of RYE and GSE from their home countries. For me it was truly a wonderful four days.

Thanks to you and Dean for putting this all together for us and for making it easy and pleasant for each of us. Josephine Richardson, Whitesburg

Robert: I had a wonderful time being a Volunteer!! The first job I had was at the East Stadium and that was the second day of the Games so no one knew what to do and it was wild!! That was Monday and it was cold as Greenland and rainy besides! Everybody wanted coffee and we just couldn't make it fast enough! However, everybody understood and our customers were very good-natured and we all survived! After that first day, all went very smoothly and we made friends with Angelo and Elmo who were our bosses. I had never worked in a fast food place before but now I can handle coffee, hot chocolate and the last two days, I moved up to the Cash Register!! I am really proud of myself.

Two afternoons we got off a little early and got to watch Vaulting and everything else! For me, it was a glorious experience and I am so very glad the Rotary gave me the opportunity to serve and also to meet and talk with people from all over the World! It can't get any better than that! Also, all of the friends that I recruited loved it and thanked me for getting them involved.

I could go on and on, but I think you get the point. Please email this to Dean, because I think he is a genius and without a doubt the best leader and organizer we could possibly have!!

Again, thank you, Robert, for having the courage to make the commitment to accomplish this enormous task and for giving us the leadership and the encouragement we needed to go through with it. You are our hero. Isabel Yates, Lexington

DG Robert: I would like to commend you and Dean for an outstanding job of leadership and organization! I am sure there were many skeptics that didn't think that a project of this magnitude could be done. But you pulled it off!

Rachelle and I had the opportunity to work the WEG on Saturday the 9th. We were impressed by all of the forethought and planning that went into everything from the parking to the distribution of work assignments. We really enjoyed working with other Rotarians at the concessions and the opportunity to walk the grounds and observe some of the events. It really made us proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization like Rotary and to participate in a world class event like the WEG.

Thank you again DG Robert for your wonderful leadership for this event and I look forward to the remainder of your term. James Glass

Robert: Thank you Robert for all you did to enable my wife, granddaughter, & I to attend WEG last week. I enjoyed my volunteer time and my wife and granddaughter sure enjoyed themselves at the games and the horse park. Thank you also for arranging for us to stay with PE Gordon & Joyce Patterson. They are lovely people and were gracious hosts. We could not have had a better experience. It was the magic of Rotary manifested. Best wishes for the remainder of Rotary Year 2010-11.
H. Brown Wright, President, Knoxville Rotary Club

Robert and Dean: The dust has settled, somewhat. I am truly amazed at what you two were able to pull off!! I am not blowing smoke here, your efforts were out of sight. Not only every day of the event but your incredible....out of this world efforts leading up to WEG. I am very proud to know you both, not only as Rotarians but, as men! You were great leaders who inspired all of us to give just a little more. Thank you seems shallow for the tremendous accomplishment that you guys achieved but, I say it anyway. I am very proud to call you my friends. John Salyers

Hi everyone: First, a sincere thank-you to everyone who made my visit to Lexington such a delight. Rotarians are noted for their hospitality, but you-all took it to a new level. I hope that at some point I can repay your generosity, perhaps when you come to One Rotary Center for a visit.

I have posted a series of downloadable Rotary volunteer photos on my Picasa website: www.picasa-web.google.com/pfasseo. It's the album called Rotary WEG 2010. They're high-resolution so they should work well for any newsletters. It's the second album in the upper left-hand-corner. I've posted an additional album (right next to it) called World Equestrian Games that are mostly horse photos. Please feel free to use any of those photos in your newsletter as well, and share the website with anyone who might be interested in seeing them online.

You should be so proud of what you're doing for Rotary! Enjoy your triumph...and a good long rest after it's through.

Peggy Asseo, Rotary International

PHOTO COLLAGE OF THE ROTARY-WEG TEAM

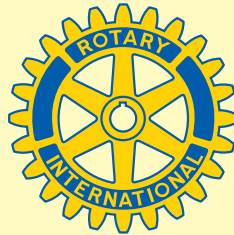




eBay Auction of Rotary-WEG Volunteer Hat And Autographed UK Basketball

As has been mentioned in other articles, we recently auctioned two items, a UK Basketball signed by UK Coach John Calipari, Rotary International President Ray Klingensmith, and Vice Chair of the Rotary Foundation John Germ, and a World Equestrian Games Volunteer hat signed by UK Coach John Calipari. In the 10-day auction, the bids rose to over \$500. The net of these funds will be donated to the PolioPlus campaign of the Rotary Foundation, and of course be matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, amounting to over \$1,000 for the campaign. And, the gifts just keep on coming. Thanks to everyone who bid on these items!

Dean C. Hammond Jr.



Happy Anniversary wishes to our four oldest Clubs for their Rotary Service:

1. **Lexington for 95 years.**
2. **Ashland for 94 years.**
3. **Covington and Campbell County for 90 years.**



DG Robert Ryan & wife Patty with
Past District Governor Ron Coffman and his wife
Doris, at the Richmond Denim & Diamonds event

THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RLI)

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a series of fast-paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary.

Courses are fun, topical, interactive and geared toward busy business and professional Rotarians who want to be more effective leaders in their vocations and their clubs. It is recommended that clubs nominate 2 Rotarians each year to begin RLI and support prior attendees' continuation of the Parts II and III.

Rotary clubs need a constant influx of new leadership as club officers, board and committee leaders change every year. It is difficult at the club level to learn enough about the exciting world of Rotary with its 1.2 million members in 166 countries. Furthermore, leadership skills in a voluntary organization are often different from business leadership skills. It is important that club leaders have every opportunity for education because the success or failure of our clubs depends in large part on the quality of their leaders. This is an outstanding opportunity for each club to improve the Rotary knowledge of its key people, who will also be exposed to new ideas of leadership. Just the interaction with other Rotarians makes the courses worthwhile.

WE NOW HAVE THE ABILITY FOR ATTENDEES TO REGISTER ONLINE:

<http://www.hoa-rli.org/main.sc>

P.S. We're encouraging you to recruit a future leader to represent your club at RLI and have them register by December 31, 2010!!!

PART I Topics

Topic	Content
Leadership / Characteristics	Leadership and group dynamics, motivating volunteers, developing your own leadership style
Rotary Beyond the Club	The purpose of Rotary International and the layers above the club level and how they can help your club
Membership Retention	Effective keeping and involving quality members of our clubs
The Rotary Foundation I	Goals, programs and financing of the Rotary Foundation and what the Rotary Foundation brings to clubs
Leadership / Team Building	Effective modes of action in Rotary Clubs and effective use of committees as a tool of leadership
Service Projects	Planning, execution and creativity required for an effective service project which meets community needs

PART II Topics

Topic	Content
Leadership / Goals	Setting goals that are adopted by all club members
Vocational Service	Understanding Vocational Service and its ethical underpinnings
Membership Recruitment	Effective recruiting models, creative approaches
The Rotary Foundation / SHARE	How the dollars contributed are apportioned and spent
Leadership / Communication Skills	A practical session on aspects of effective human communication, public speaking and oral communication skills in leadership roles
Analyzing a Rotary Club	A detailed checklist to help a club member assess their club and adopt best practices from other clubs

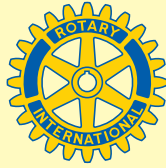
PART III Topics

Topic	Content
International Service	A case study driven examination of World Community Service
Effective Leadership Strategies	(Double-Session) A results-oriented session employing advanced leadership strategies for consensus building and promotion of action initiatives, applicable to civic or business settings.
Rotary Opportunities	Interactive discussion of RI recreational, vocational and service opportunities
Leadership / Public Relations	Getting media coverage of your Rotary club activities
Making a Difference	

The next RLI will take place on Saturday, February 5, 2011 in Lexington at the Four Points Sheraton on Stanton Way off Newtown Pike near Exit 115 of I75 / I64. For more information contact Jack McAllister at mrjackmac@insightbb.com.

2010-11 Presidential Citation for Interact and Rotaract Clubs

The 2010-11 Presidential Citation provides an opportunity for Interactors and Rotaractors to conduct projects related to the Avenues of Service. To receive the citation, Interact and Rotaract clubs must score at least 30 out of a possible 50 points, as listed on the certification forms. Sponsor Rotary club presidents must sign the Interact certification form or Rotaract certification form and return it to the district governor for endorsement by 31 March.



2011 MID-SOUTH PETS

March 18-20, 2011

Nashville, TN

The President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) is designed to provide essential and current information to incoming club presidents in order to prepare them to have an effective and successful year. Presidents-elect will have the opportunity to hear addresses by top Rotary leaders and motivational speakers, attend small group discussion sessions and roundtables on various topics lead by knowledgeable and experienced discussion leaders, and network and exchange ideas with presidents-elect from six Rotary districts.

Rotary Mid-South PETS, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that was formed in 2005 to enhance training for presidents-elect in four Rotary districts in Kentucky and Tennessee. Mid-South PETS, Inc. now includes six districts in Kentucky (6710, 6740), Tennessee (6760, 6780) and Alabama (6860, 6880).

WHO ATTENDS PETS?

Rotary club presidents-elect

Assistant governors

District governors, governors-elect and governors-nominee

Attendance at PETS is MANDATORY for every club president-elect per the Rotary International Standard Club Constitution, Article 9, Section 5 (c). In exceptional and unusual cases a governor-elect may work with a president-elect to make other arrangements.

Due to space limitations, Mid-South PETS cannot accommodate presidents-nominee or spouses of presidents-elect.

REGISTRATION

Registration for Rotary Mid-South PETS will open December 1, 2010. The registration deadline is March 1, 2011.

LOCATION/ HOTEL INFORMATION

All events are held at the Sheraton Music City Hotel, 777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214. All participants (even those living in the vicinity) should stay at this hotel since the program is intense and networking is a key benefit of the program. Each club is encouraged to reimburse participants for hotel and other expenses.

VERY IMPORTANT

We need to know all the President's Elect and all of the Secretaries Elect, and which PEs are scheduled for PETS. They have to attend PETS to hold the office of President and they need to commit immediately, so that all the volunteer trainers can make schedules and class plans.



Mark your Calendars for

**“Music City Encore”
Multi District Conference**

April 29-May 1, 2011

**Sheraton Music City
777 McGavock Pike
Nashville, TN**





Mark Your Calendars for the **Rotary International Convention** May 21-29, 2011

New Orleans is home to a variety of art styles and communities, boasting over one hundred galleries. A large number of these are clustered around the Contemporary Arts Center, in the warehouse district – and close to the Convention

Center, where the Rotary International Convention will be held May 21-29, 2011.

While immersed in a world of European, African, Asian and American art, New Orleans has developed an unusual art style of its own. Sometimes referred to as “swamp art”, you’ll spot it in galleries and French Quarter shops. And quirky (and award-winning) Louisiana art is epitomized in the “Blue Dog” series of George Rodrigue.

The Ogden Museum of Southern Art has five floors of old – and new art from the southern culture.

The National World War II Museum is close by, providing historical photos, films and first-hand stories of the war fronts and the families left at home.

The New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA) in City Park has visiting collections and a permanent collection that rivals any museum of its size.

Newcomb College Art has a special place in Americana, with outstanding art pottery from the early Women’s College.

Local areas, such as Faubourg Marigny, Central City and Magazine Street provide miles of art galleries, glassmaking studios and performing arts presentations.

And tops on the list of art areas is Royal St, right in the heart of the French Quarter – and just a short walk from any of the area hotels and the Convention Center.

You’ll find beautiful art on buildings, street corners, in city parks and in public gardens.



Jackson Square Art photo -- Courtesy of the New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau



Audubon Park photo -- Photographer Jack Edwards, New Orleans Convention and Visitors Bureau website.

DaCdb (DakDeeBee) District and Club Data Base

Let's take it to light speed! DaCdb is the software that has been adopted by the entire district, through which we can communicate, maintain member, club, and district data, and provide efficient and timely mandatory reporting from the clubs clear up to Rotary International. Additionally, we can send emails through the program to every member in the district or directly to the leadership groups. Attendance can be reported with very little typing and no paper. If clubs wish to purchase optional modules, they can enjoy weekly attendance monitoring, invoicing, and even a website through DaCdb. Of course, they don't have to buy anything to enjoy all the benefits of the standard package, since the district has purchased it for all the clubs to use.

It is ready and waiting for you to use right now. That's right. The data from RI has already been loaded. Each member will need to go in and get his or her data correct. Clubs need to get their data correct, and the district completes the tasks. Club Secretaries can enjoy the benefit of monthly attendance reporting immediately. All they have to do is go into the program and enter the numbers. Once they are entered, the District Secretary, Carol Wilcher will be able to consolidate the numbers and pass them on to RI.

I am already using the "PMail" (Personal Email) functions in DaCdb to communicate with the club Presidents and Secretaries for other activities.

What needs to be done? Get your data correct. I have sent several emails to club officers and Assistant Governors to get their data correct and encourage others in their clubs to do the same. Don't be the last member to get your information entered. Be the first. If nothing else, get your emails entered, so communication can be established immediately.

DaCdb will add a new dimension of efficiency to club operations. Please use it. Your club leadership will be providing guidance for your club to get the information up to date.

Dean Hammond
Aide to DG Robert Ryan
dean@aften.com

District Governor Visits

12-21-10	Whitesburg and Cumberland
12-23-10	Russell
01-10-11	Somerset