



Rotary District 6930

# Quest

May 2015



# Rotary Youth Leadership Awards



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# GOVERNOR

DR. JUAN F. ORTEGA • EDITORIAL

## Dear Fellow Rotarians,

One of my favorite parts of the District Conference is the fellowship that happens over the weekend of the conference, and this year will not be the exception. The Conference Committee has put together a great program for our conference on June 19-21 at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

In between general sessions and/or the 12 breakout sessions, you can relax and enjoy all the resort has to offer including a world class spa with more than 100 ways to indulge yourself, or, you can golf at the Fazio and Squire golf courses for \$70.00 per person, inclusive of the cart fee. PGA National has been the home to The Honda Classic since 2007.

If you are part of the leadership team for your club or if you are interested to see the action plan for the District in 2015-2016, you do not want to miss the District Leadership Assembly starting on the morning of the conference on Friday, June 19 at 9AM.

One of the new ideas we are implementing this year is a business expo that will be located in the atrium of the hotel and will start on Friday afternoon. The

business expo will include businesses owned by Rotarians in our District along with exhibitors such as BriteSide® which is the sponsor of one of the most successful vocational projects our District and the Rotary world has seen in years.

On Friday Night, we are bringing a great act that will entertain us throughout the reception with a grandiose act for all of us to enjoy at the end. If you still have energy after the reception is over, make sure to visit the hospitality suite sponsored by the West Palm Beach Rotary Club.

On Saturday morning during breakfast, the Presidential Citation, Vocational Service and Literacy awards will be presented. At lunch time, the Wellington Rotary Club will lead us on a model luncheon that includes an outstanding speaker. On Saturday night, dress up and have an amazing time during the Governor's Banquet. And again, if you have energy after the banquet, make sure to visit the hospitality suite sponsored by the West Palm Beach Rotary Club.

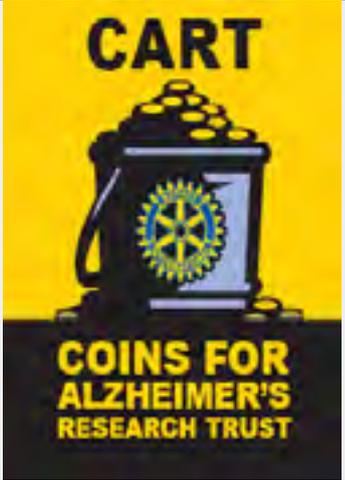
On Sunday morning at the closing of the conference, the District Governor for 2015-2016 will be inducted and the leadership of the



District will be officially transferred to the new team.

And best of all, you will have the opportunity to spend time with old friends and make many new ones! This year we are honored to have Ian Riseley and his wife Juliet as the representatives of RI President Gary and his wife Corinna. Ian is currently a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation and Past-Director and Past-Treasurer of Rotary International. Ian and Juliet live about 40 miles outside Melbourne, Australia on the Mornington Peninsula. Every time I return home from our District Conference, I feel inspired to do more and to give more in Rotary Service throughout the year. Register today at [www.rotary6930.org/conference/](http://www.rotary6930.org/conference/). I look forward to seeing you June 19-21 at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens!

# May - Service Above Self

Sat May 02, 15	07:00A	<a href="#">Edit Form</a> 	Melbourne Beach	Melbourne Beach Founders Day	Ryckman Park, 509 Ocean Avenue, Melbourne Beach, FL 32951
Sat May 02, 15	03:00P	<a href="#">Edit Form</a> 	Rockledge	Derby Day 2015	
Tue May 05, 15	11:00A	<b>Register NOW</b> <a href="#">Regrets</a> <a href="#">BackRoom</a> <a href="#">Quick View</a> <a href="#">Edit Form</a> 	<b>Rotary District 6900</b>	<b>Annual CART Fund meeting</b> <a href="#">(click to view a list of registrants)</a>	 <b>Agape Senior Care</b> 1624 Main Street Columbia, SC 29201
Sat May 16, 15	09:00A	<a href="#">Edit Form</a> 		Clean Up Beach - Rotarys Boca Raton	
Fri May 22, 15	06:00P	<b>Register NOW</b> <a href="#">Regrets</a> <a href="#">BackRoom</a> <a href="#">Quick View</a> <a href="#">Edit Form</a> 	Royal Palm Beach	<b>25th Installation Banquet</b> <a href="#">(click to view a list of registrants)</a>	<b>PBA Hall</b> <b>2100 North Florida Mango Road</b> <b>West Palm Beach, FL 33409</b> <a href="#">Full Map and Directions</a>
Thu May 28, 15	05:30P	<a href="#">Edit Form</a> 	Boca Raton Sunrise	29th Annual Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet	



As we approach the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the “NEW GRANTS MODEL” and look forward to the 2015-2016 Rotary year I want to thank every Rotarian in our District for their generosity and for their follow through on getting reports and applications in as required. We were well pleased by the attendance at both Foundation Seminars in the fall of 2014 and we are looking at some possibilities to make attendance even easier this coming fall. We do understand that learning the ins and outs of the Foundation is not a simple task and repeated exposure to the material is at times required.

In the 2013-2014 we had an excellent year in Annual Giving and our giving in the Endowment Fund was OUTSTANDING. This year continues to show the generosity of the Rotarians in District 6930. We have had some very generous folks who have stepped up at a significant level. At the end of April 2015 we have 72 Major Donors as follows:

- 53 Major Donors at Level 1 - \$10,000. – 24,999.
- 9 Major Donors at Level 2 - \$25,000 – 49,999
- 5 Major Donors at Level 3 - \$50,000 – 99,999
- 5 Major Donors at level 4 - \$100,000 – 249,999
- **We have 6 ARCH KLUMPF SOCIETY MEMBERS**

In the area of Bequests we have:

- 41 Bequest Society members at Level 1 - \$10,000. – 24,999
- 8 Bequest Society members at Level 2 - \$25,000 – 49,999
- 3 Bequest Society members at Level 3 - \$50,000 – 99,999
- 4 Bequest Society members at Level 4 - \$100,000 – 249,999 &
- 2 Bequest Society members at Level 6 - \$500,000 – 999,999

We are now up to 6 clubs at the 100% Paul Harris Fellow level which is a wonderful accomplishment. In the coming year we would like to double that and feel that this is an achievable goal.

Remember that The Rotary Foundation is OUR CHARITY and donating to The Rotary Foundation is a way to achieve the goal of The Rotary Foundation – that being – “DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD”

***Phil Lustig – District Rotary Foundation Chair***



DISTRICT 6930 - PORT SAINT LUCIE FL - APR 2015

A Report By Brontë Mayhew

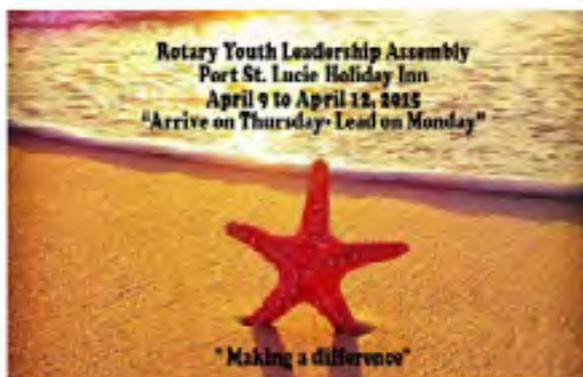
## ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

My name is Brontë Mayhew and I am 15 years old. My Dad, Nick Mayhew, is a member and Past President of the Titusville Rotary Club and I was really lucky, this year to have been awarded a place at RYLA. What an amazing experience... but more of that in a minute!



So what is RYLA? It is an award sponsored by Rotary Clubs across the Districts, made to high school students between the ages of 15 and 18 years of age who then attend an annual RYLA Academy or Assembly; a 3 day forum through which

leadership principles are developed and enhanced in our youth population so that they may influence, impact and make a difference around the world in the future. Wow...sounds challenging right



### "I did not know a single soul".....

When I arrived at the hotel in Port St Lucie I did not know a single soul. I was surrounded by another 99 RYLA delegates who, although I did not know it at the time, were soon to become my best friends.



I shared a room with 3 other girls and we got to know each other really quickly! Once we were unpacked and now wearing our yellow RYLA delegate T shirt it was time to "Rock 'N' Roll with Tom Seamon....I was already starting to feel like a member of the Rotary team...but also my team...Team 5!

### "This is truly life changing".....

Tom and Nancy Seamon are the Co-Chairs of Rotary District 6930's RYLA program. "Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an exciting, and challenging, leadership program for leaders and "potential" leaders between the ages of 15 and 18". Says Tom..... "You will attend three days of "life changing" events. We create an environment that identifies personal leadership skills, team building, individual potential and promotion of service with a focus on the 4-Way Test and on the principles of respect, understanding and caring. This is

truly life changing for all of us involved. Lifelong friendships will happen!!" Says Nancy.



The Junior Staff Leaders, who are all graduates of the RYLA program and invited back to help run the program, all wore blue shirts so we all knew who they were....they took charge of us in their own very gregarious and hilarious ways...putting us all at ease very quickly.



We listened to lots of very interesting speakers, including the 6930 District Governor Juan Ortega, Jay Forte, Jowharah Sanders, Michael Anthony Caruso; who talked about the 4 Hand Shakes, and our very own Tom Seamon who convinced me that "Happiness and Success DO go".



I learned a little about etiquette and lots of new words like "icebreakers", "skits", the "RYLA Bubble" and how to "live, love, laugh and lead".

### **"It made me realize how lucky I am"..**

I listened to some very sad personal stories and it made me realize how lucky I am. I learned about trust....trusting your team mates to support me and make you feel safe as they passed me through a small opening high above the ground! But most importantly



we had lots of fun and I made so many new friends.

At the end of the weekend I took with me 28 hand written notes from some of my new friends who all told me how special I am...I will keep these forever and when I am feeling sad I will take them out and read them.

### **"I learned about trust... feeling safe"..**



When my Dad came to pick me up on the Sunday, I did not want to leave my new friends. There were lots of tears as we all said our goodbyes....I will never forget RYLA...thanks Titusville Rotary Club for sponsoring me....what an amazing experience .....Brontë A Mayhew

For more information please visit [www.rotary6930.org/ryla-home](http://www.rotary6930.org/ryla-home)

# RYLA

Good afternoon,

I want to thank you and the rest of the **Indiatlantic Rotary Club** for allowing me the opportunity of attending this year's RYLA. It was an overall amazing experience and I'm honored to have been a part of it. I look forward to maybe move on to become a Jr. Staffer at RYLA next year if i get chosen, and will work my hardest to make interact club one to be part of for the upcoming year. To me, it is important that students get involved and motivated in the great process of volunteering and if we can get enough students involved and excited about RYLA for next year i think it will be a great first step for the many things this club can become.

The RYLA experience is like no other and i wouldn't have traded it for anything else. These past four days were of new experiences, at RYLA i got to meet around 120 people that impacted my life, each in a different way because they were altogether amazing. The closeness and safety that is experienced there could not be possible without Rotary members like you and the rest of people in the club. So once again I am so thankful for the opportunity. I hope you have a nice day and here are some pictures from the event!

**Bianca Pizarro**





## RYLA 2015

Below are comments from delegates and Junior staffers after they left RYLA on Sunday afternoon. These are exact comments from some of the delegates and junior staffers. I have also included a message from one of the mom's.

These are Tom and my thoughts on RYLA. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards ( RYLA ) is an exciting, and challenging, leadership program for leaders and " potential" leaders between the ages of 15 and 18. You will attend three days of "life changing" events. We create an environment that identifies personal leadership skills, team building, individual potential and promotion of service with a focus on the 4-Way test and on the principles of respect, understanding and caring. This is truly life changing for all of us involved. Life long friendships will happen!!

Dear Tom, Thank you so much for the copy! I received it and will add it to Blake's binder from last year! smile emoticon I wanted to take a moment to let you and Nancy know how very, very grateful and moved I am to know that you two are helping to shape and develop some of the most kind, tolerant, engaging, thought-provoking, spirited, forgiving, nurturing, helpful and loving leaders to help usher in all of our tomorrows! The "safe" environment you provide to each and every one of these young men and women during their 4-day Leadership Conference gives each of them the ability to find their true selves...their inner voices, and to encourage and guide them towards such beautiful prospects that ultimately will better our world! I can personally attest to the impacts that your kind, kind hearts have made on so many...myself included! Know that you are both appreciated, valued and loved beyond words! I have a blessed day!! Much love to you both!! heart emoticon~Annie Russell.

Today, I started conversations with 2 people today that I had never really talked to before and they were both alone. It really brought a smile to their faces that someone would take the time to talk to them. Before RYLA, I probably wouldn't have talked to random people before, but now I have the courage!

So doing this took me a lot longer than I thought. Thank you everyone at ryla thank you to all of those who were kind enough to be my friends I will never forget you ever!!!! Coming back to school was like coming into a new school completely I suddenly noticed so much about everything and everyone and it's because of the things I learned at RYLA thank you so much to Nancy and Tom to all the senior delegates and junior delegates especially Quentin, Maya, and Tatyania ..and to group ten WE GOT THE PENS THE ZENS AND ALL THE AMENS- anyone is ever gonna need!!! Love you all!

I know I made a difference today. I turned tears of sorrow in to tears of laughter. Thanks you RYLA. You guys are the real MVP.

So after RYLA I realize that I would give up anything to spend more time there, you guys made it the best experience of my life and I'm so distraught because it's over and I miss all of you beautiful and great people. I want to thank Tom Seaman and Nancy Phillips Seaman from the bottom of my heart for such an amazing experience! I miss you all so much!

Hey guys!!! I didn't speak today in front of everyone, so I am going to do it now. I am so lucky I was able to go to RYLA. On the car ride down, I was so excited, but when I got there, I was a little intimidated because of all the loudness and smiling. I messed up on my speech because I was so scared of everyone and I thought they would judge me, like they do at my school. But after the second day, I realized you all don't judge. At first I thought it was silly how all the staffers were saying we are all a family, but after this experience, I realized we are a family. I love you all and I am so anxious to know if I will be a Jr. Staffer. I want to come back so bad next year!!

Today I was walking to my locker and saw a guy with papers in his hand trying to unlock his locker (he looked new) I continued to my locker to get my stuff and when I was done he still hadn't opened it. So I stopped and asked if he needed help and he looked so relieved that I did! Without RYLA I wouldn't have done that!

I just wanted to thank everybody for making RYLA the best experience of my life and that I'm so very glad I had the privilege of meeting each and everyone of you. It was most definitely life changing as well as a blessing to be able to have attended such a extraordinary event. I could go on and on about RYLA but I won't because in the essence it has left me speechless when I am simply asked to describe it. From the bottom of Fernando's/Ellen's/Jôee's/Dori's and my heart, I lo...ve you all!!!!

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This morning I was texting Sophia and I found out she was sick and of course I just had to bring her Panera plus a get well soon balloon and a princess balloon!! I would do anything for one of my RYLA family members! I love you guys!!

I was skeptical about RYLA and whether it would change my life in the slightest until the third day with open discussion (and the pool party of course). But RYLA really was life-changing, and now no one believes me at my school that it could possibly be as amazing as it was. I think one of my descriptions was literally "not real life"... Thank you RYLA! Thank you everyone! I miss and love all of you!!!!!!

To my RYLA Family, I was not well during the last day at RYLA and I was not able to write as many notes as I wanted to. To each and everyone of u that I have met and gotten to know: I have treasured each moment and feel very lucky to have had the opportunity to meet u. All of u r beautiful and unique in ur own special way! I have enjoyed the laughs and cherish the memories. I hope the reunion becomes more than a thought and we can once again reunite and build on our memories! I love u all!!!!

Today was an exciting day because I got to share my RYLA experience with people in my school. It's funny because I didn't even need to tell people that I was at RYLA, they would come over to me and be like "what is RYLA??" and I was like "prepare yourself bc this might take a while" and everyone was just super pumped about it and I was pumped about it because I got to share space from my RYLA bubble with them and it was just super rewarding. Once I got home I got to emailing some people to get everything together and ready for interact club next year and motivate people to have a RYLA experience of their own. And I just wanna thank all of you for being awesome and if anyone ever needs anything or just wants to talk about nothing.

I miss you guys so much that i couldn't stop thinking about you during school today. I would actually laugh to myself from remembering memories and have people stare at me like im crazy. (they don't understand the Ryla bubble filled with love) Thank you to the jr and senior staff for making my first delegate year so special! GROUP 1 IS THE BEST!! i cant wait for a reunion and next years Ryla!

Going back to school today was really hard. I felt both happy and sad at the same time. Sometimes I wanted to cry. Sometimes I wanted to laugh. Most of all I just wanted to sleep. I'm missing all of you so much but I'm glad to be able to put what I've learned about others and myself to good use and save some starfish for myself. Feel free to message me or call me anytime.

Let us look back at these last several days and not be sad for missing each other (trust me, I do), but lets be happy to know that all though not physically, we are all there for each other. Let's be happy to have gone through such an amazing experience and to know that we can take what we learned from this and spread it beyond just our RYLA Bubble. If anyone would like to talk, feel free to message me through facebook chat!

I love all of you unconditionally. im really bad at writing sentimental things but i can honestly say that i never knew going in there that i would miss you all so much when i left. We all need to get together sometime, I'm counting on it! If anyone needs someone to talk to, im here so call me or text me. Also, I want to say I almost cried at school today just thinking about you all.

I know I posted yesterday but going back to school today was hard (besides the fact that someone had put peanut butter in my binder BUT ANYWAY). I woke up thinking i was still at RYLA until i opened my eyes & saw i was back home & i wanted to cry. I was showing my friends all the pictures & videos i took & it took a lot for me not to start crying then & there. I miss everyone so much!! I couldn't of asked for a better group to be apart of, better roomies, or for a better group of people to be at RYLA with in general! & i was serious when i said if you guys ever need me whether its 10am, 10pm, or 3am.

Today at school was probably the first time in my life I have been quiet. The only time I spoke was when someone asked me about my weekend. And to my surpise I'm still not out of tears because while explaining my amazing experience at RYLA and the friendships I have made I began to cry. I would give anything to be back in the hotel with all of you. You all mean the world to me! I love you guys!

RYLA was such an amazing,life changing experience! Although at first I felt very overwhelmed, after the second day I did not want to leave. I didn't speak much because it's really difficult for me to make friends. I really wish I would of came in the first day more talkative and energetic, so I would of had the chance to meet more of you guys in a less-awkward way. As you can all tell. I get very nervous speaking in large crowds: and when I get nervous, I forget everything I ...have in mind. I could probably never say this in person, but I'm glad I got the opportunity to meet some of you. If I didn't, I would like to now. If anyone ever needs something I'm here. I love listening more than talking. thank you so much for this incredible experience everyone. Also, I didn't get the chance to write everyone a letter, but you all are awesome & beautiful!

So I haven't been on Facebook in over a year... But yesterday and today I have checked Facebook every 30 minutes or so. All my friends asked me what Ryla was but I could not give an answer! It is just such a unique experience nothing like anything I have ever experienced. I already miss all of you!

Everyone keeps asking me about RYLA and can't get through telling them without tearing up. Even though we were only there for 4 days it feels so weird not waking up to my roommates and my jr leaders. RYLA has seriously changed me. I know everyone says that but it really has in many ways I never saw happening. I miss you all. I really miss the cookies. But most importantly I miss my RYLA family.

As I was explaining my experience at RYLA to my sponsor, I began to cry. Waking up felt so weird without my roommates and without seeing my RYLA family. I miss you all so much. I came home as a new person. These past 4 days have changed my life completely. Thank you Tom Seamon and Nancy Phillips Seamon for everything. If you all need someone, I'm always here for you.

Waking up isn't the same without coming down to breakfast to see all of your beautiful faces. Miss you all so much already. Love you guys.

I seriously love you guys so much. When you go back to normal, not-RYLA life, you'll probably wear the same clothes you did before, see the same friends and coworkers, but it's my hope that you'll feel and act just a bit differently. It's my hope you'll all be the leaders you were born to be. Stay awesome everyone! *grin emoticon*.

# ROTARY WINS PRESTIGIOUS SILVER TELLY FOR AIDS DOCUMENTARY



Marion Bunch (left), a Rotary member from Georgia, USA, whose son died of AIDS, sits with Me Maria, a South African grandmother who is raising her two grandsons after their parents died of AIDS.

A [documentary film](#) produced by Rotary's broadcast media department that features Rotary member Marion Bunch and her work to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in underprivileged African communities won two 2015 [Telly Awards](#).

The prestigious awards are given annually to the finest film and video productions. Rotary's documentary, "Rotary Family Health Days" received a Silver Telly, the highest honor, in the online video-documentary category, and a Bronze Telly in the online video-branded content and entertainment

category. The documentary was shown by the South African Broadcasting Corporation and throughout Africa.

"What we tried to accomplish with the film was to get the good news and the

good deeds out there so that the non-Rotary world can see it," says producer Andrew Chudzinski. "It was a great collaborative project."

The film documents the tremendous burden HIV/AIDS places on African families and communities. It covers the journeys of two women: South African grandmother Me Maria, who is raising her two grandsons whose parents died of AIDS, and Bunch, from Atlanta, Georgia, USA, who became a global advocate for AIDS prevention and the inspiration for [Rotary Family Health Days](#) after she lost her son to the disease.

"Because of that one single tragedy, my life's journey changed dramatically, from a very engaged businesswoman to a warrior on AIDS and advocate of human rights," Bunch told senior White House staff in October, when she was honored as one of 10 [Rotary Women of Action](#) for 2014. A member of the Rotary Club of Dunwoody, Bunch is the founder and CEO of Rotarians for Family Health and

AIDS Prevention, a group of members that collaborates with Rotary clubs and districts on health-related projects.

The Rotary Health Days project, now in its fifth year and supported by Rotary clubs in Africa, has grown to deliver free basic health care, including HIV/AIDS screening and other preventive services, to underserved communities in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, and Uganda. It began in 2010, when Ugandan Stephen Mwanje, then

governor of District 9211, asked Bunch if the Rotarian group would organize a multisite, comprehensive health event.

"The tremendous burden on the families of those infected by HIV/AIDS -- particularly for older people caring for their terminally ill children and raising their grandchildren, and for children orphaned by this disease -- is incalculable," says Bunch. "This is a story of people coming together to help fight this global killer and other preventable diseases."

The award-winning documentary was a joint project of the public relations and broadcast media staff at Rotary's world headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. In addition to Chudzinski, producer Vivian Fiore, writer/editor Todd Murphy, and executive producer Stephen Guenther worked on the film.

"We went through many different outlines, thoughts, and angles, and worked closely with Marion [Bunch] on it," says Fiore. "It evolved into a better piece than we all imagined."

In 2012, Rotary won a Silver Telly for its documentary "[Doing Good in the World: Growing Local Economies](#)."

By Adam Ross  
*Rotary News*  
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## HOW TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS AND STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB - A MEMBERSHIP MATTERS! WEBINAR ON 6 MAY 2015

It's here: the final webinar in the Membership Matters! webinar series. As someone who has expressed interest or attended a previous webinar, we are specially inviting you to join us on Wednesday, 6 May 2015 at 10:00am CDT/Chicago time (UTC-5).

This webinar will feature two Rotary leaders who will share some of the exciting ways clubs around the world are growing and strengthening their membership using creative strategies for attracting new members.

[Space is limited so please register now and plan to attend the webinar.](#)

About the panelists:

**Rotary International Director-elect Jennifer Jones** – Jennifer Jones is a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland in Canada and has been a Rotarian since she was 27 years old. A popular speaker and trainer at Rotary events, Jones has served as Club President, District Governor, a multiple-time District Conference Presidential Representative, and a leader for several Rotary Committees. She will continue her commitment to strengthening Rotary's membership during her term on the 2015-16 RI Board of Directors.

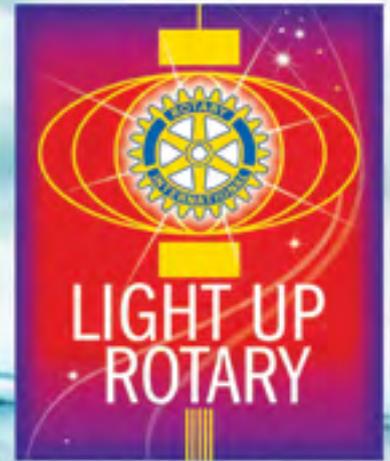
**Rotary Coordinator & RIBI Membership Chairman Robin Brown**– Robin Brown is a member of the Rotary Club of Crewkerne District in England and has been a Rotarian for almost 25 years. He has previously served Rotary as an Assistant Rotary Coordinator, Chairman of the RIBI Leadership, Development and Training Committee and as District Governor, where he successfully oversaw net membership growth during his term. Brown was selected by RI President Gary Huang as one of his District Conference Presidential Representatives.

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# Beach Clean Up

## Rotary United



**Saturday  
May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30am -10:30am**

**Meeting Point:**

**Spanish River Park 3100 N. Ocean Blvd, Boca Raton, FL**

**To sign up and order your t-shirt, please contact your  
Rotary United Committee**

Kari Oeltjen (Chair, Downtown), Diane Vasic (Co-Chair, Sunrise)

Beverly Brown (Sunset), Mathieu Daquin (Sunset), The Honorable Bernard Featherman (Sunset),  
Frank Feiler (Downtown), Dana Goldberg (Boca Raton), Dr. Chad Lalsingh ( Central), Lea B. Zinner (Boca West)

**Day of Contact Numbers: Chair, Kari Oeltjen (561-699-7198) and Co-Chair, Diane Vasic (561) 314-9636**



Participating Clubs:

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Boca Raton Sunrise | Boca Raton Sunset | Boca Raton Central

# Melbourne Beach Rotary Club

In 1985, members of the Melbourne Beach Rotary Club put together the first triathlon on the Space Coast of Florida. This event helped put Central Florida on the multisport events' map.

What began as an innovative and fun idea for charitable fundraising has become a community tradition in the oldest beach-side town in Brevard County, Florida.

Hundreds of endurance multisport athletes from all parts of the United States look forward to racing the scenic courses each year. This event has consistently sold out over the last several years at the event limit of 750 entrants.

THE SWIM is from the historic Melbourne Beach Pier in the Indian River Lagoon. The Pier was once the gateway for people of Melbourne to visit the Atlantic Ocean via a railroad that was built just for the purpose of transporting beachgoers being offloaded from the ferry landing at the end of the pier to the east end of what is now Ocean Avenue, race midway, transition area and finish line.

THE BIKE is one of the best race bicycle courses in Florida. A ride that includes 11 miles on US Highway A1A, beside nature preserves, ocean parks and the beaches where Europeans first set foot on the place they would call "Florida."

THE RUN is through peaceful beach-side residential neighborhoods with neighbors cheering and spray rinsing contestants as they pass.

For three decades, the Pineapple Man™ has allowed the Rotary Club of Melbourne Beach to make meaningful contributions to community and humanitarian projects at the local, national and international levels.

One of many international projects – Polio Plus – was started in 1985 with the goal of eradicating polio from the face of the Earth. The good news is the world is very close to being polio-free.

Race proceeds also allow the Melbourne Beach Rotary to contribute significantly to national initiatives and our local community by supporting various programs for the betterment of humanity; such as: Odyssey of the Mind teams, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, local municipal projects, Gemini Elementary School and Friends of Melbourne Beach Library.

Year after year, the Rotary Pineapple Man™ Triathlon makes a difference in our world.

## 2015 – The Thirtieth Annual Rotary Pineapple Man™ Triathlon

### Racing with History

On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Rotary Club of Melbourne Beach will host the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Melbourne Beach Rotary PINEAPPLE MAN™ TRIATHLON. You could play a significant role in making this historic race a continued success.

Thirty years ago members of the Melbourne Beach Rotary put together the first sprint triathlon on the Space Coast of Florida. This event helped put Central Florida on the triathlon map. What began as an innovative and fun idea for charitable fund raising has become a tradition in the oldest beachside town in Brevard County. Hundreds of endurance athletes from all parts of the United States look forward to racing the scenic courses each year. The event has consistently sold out over the last several years at the event limit of 750 entrants.

For three decades, the Rotary Pineapple Man™ has allowed the Rotary Club of Melbourne Beach to make meaningful contributions to community and humanitarian projects at the local, national and international levels.

One of many international projects – **Polio Plus** – was started in 1985 with the goal of eradicating polio from the face of the Earth. The good news is the world is very close to being polio-free.

Race proceeds also allow the Melbourne Beach Rotary to contribute significantly to national initiatives and our local community by supporting various programs for the betterment of humanity; such as: Odyssey of the Mind teams, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, local municipal projects, Gemini Elementary School and Friends of Melbourne Beach Library.

Year after year, the Rotary Pineapple Man™ Triathlon makes a difference in our world.

This event is a USA Triathlon Association (**USAT**) sanctioned event and the race results will be part of the national athlete ranking system.

Managing a race with three separate sports and over 750 entrants is a considerable undertaking. An untold number of volunteer hours go into making the Rotary Pineapple Man™ happen each year. But, volunteers alone will not make the race a success.

The requirements of a quality race are significantly higher than they were three decades ago when we started. All of which costs money – money that we would rather use for humanitarian and community projects. With 750 entrants, 150 volunteers, 1,000 spectators, database contacts over 2,500 and being broadcast live; this is a valued opportunity and your support will help defray the expenses. We hope you will be part of the story as a **sponsor** and/or provide **in kind support**. Additionally, donated prizes, giveaways, and/or coupons for athlete registration bags are a great way to gain exposure to the triathlon community and show your support.

*Service Above Self*

Rotary Motto

**30<sup>TH</sup> Annual Melbourne Beach Rotary  
Pineapple Man™ Triathlon**  
Sunday • June 7<sup>th</sup> • 2015  
3 Decades – *Humanity In Motion*



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**Rotary Motto**

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Should you wish to participate in the race or for related information, please use the following links:

Rotary Pineapple Man™ Triathlon web site

<http://www.Pineapple-Man-Tri.com/>

Registration

Contact Race Director Don for registration at:

[RDPineappleMan@cfl.rr.com/](mailto:RDPineappleMan@cfl.rr.com/)

Online Registration

<http://www.Multirace.com/>

Volunteer Registration

<http://www.TriVolunteer.com/>

This is an exciting event in a fast growing sport – please consider ***Being a Part of Our History.***

With best regards,

*Don*

Don F. Riordan, Jr.

2012 Race Director

321-258-7291

*Melbourne Beach Rotary*

*– Humanity In Motion–*



*Service Above Self*  
Rotary Motto

March 2015

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeannette Weiss, Co-Chair, Treasure Coast Classic  
772-380-2225

### **PSL Sunset Rotary Announces 5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament**

The Port St. Lucie Sunset Rotary Club announced the 5th Annual Treasure Coast Charities Classic Golf Tournament to be held Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Santa Lucia River Club at Ballantrae. The Tournament is limited to only 88 players this year so early registration is a must. Players will enjoy a round of golf on the beautifully maintained golf course, breakfast, on-course snacks, a fabulous lunch and awards ceremony and an exciting silent auction. The Tournament is a fundraiser for the Club which donates the proceeds to local charities. Arrigo Dodge has once again agreed to be a major sponsor of the event. Register on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/qbhrs65> or at [www.TreasureCoastCharities.com](http://www.TreasureCoastCharities.com).

**PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA – MARCH 2015** – The Port St. Lucie Sunset Rotary Club has announced that the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure Coast Charities Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the prestigious Santa Lucia River Club in Port St. Lucie. With space for only 88 players, organizers expect this tournament to sell out quickly. PSL Sunset Rotary Club President Patricia Christensen is optimistic that this will be the biggest tournament ever in terms of fundraising. “Our tournament has historically raised a lot of money for local charities, thanks to our sponsors, donors, volunteers and players,” she said. “But this year, we’re upping the ante a little bit by growing the silent auction, selling T-Sign sponsors, and taking on larger sponsors. Thanks to Arrigo Dodge we are able to offer exciting Hole-In-One prizes. And we have a \$2,500 prize for the winner of the putting contest. It’s an exciting Tournament and we see a lot of the same players every year.”

Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30. Players will enjoy a hot buffet breakfast, on-course snacks, a fabulous lunch and awards ceremony and an exciting silent auction. Every player also receives a great thank you gift and goodie bag for participating. Cost to play is \$125 per person or \$500 per foursome. To register on-line, go to <http://tinyurl.com/qbhrs65> or [www.TreasureCoastCharities.com](http://www.TreasureCoastCharities.com). Santa Lucia River Club Ballantrae is located at 3325 SE Prestwick Ln, Port St Lucie, FL 34952.

To sponsor the event, call Jeannette Weiss at 772-380-2225. To purchase a \$100 T-sign, call Victoria Loyd at 772-201-8740. To donate a silent auction item, contact Patricia Christensen at 772-370-8122.

The Tournament is a major fundraiser for the organization. Previous years’ tournaments have raised money for several local charities, including CASTLE, for the prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Indian River, St. Lucie and Okeechobee Counties, The Yubbie Foundation, an Anti-Bullying program designed for local middle students; First Tee of the Treasure Coast; IRSC Scholarship program’ Morningside Elementary Schools’ Back Program for Food-Insecure children; and Honor Flights and Wounded Warrior Projects.

**About the Port St. Lucie Sunset Rotary Club**

The Port St. Lucie Sunset Rotary is a local branch of Rotary International. They are involved in more than a dozen local, national and international causes, including Polio Eradication programs, clean water projects, and educational projects. The Port St. Lucie Sunset Rotary Club is the recipient of the 2010 Philanthropy Award for Outstanding Group Supporting Philanthropy in St. Lucie County. They meet at 5:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at Vista Grille in Port St. Lucie. Those interested in attending a meeting or joining the organization may call George Seliga at (772) 342-7425 or email him at [george.seliga@sci-us.com](mailto:george.seliga@sci-us.com).

**About Rotary International**

Rotary International is the world’s first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto Service Above Self. ###



# Give



Through the generosity of people like you, our work has made a difference in the lives of millions around the world. Your gift to The Rotary Foundation allows us to improve communities by promoting peace, preventing disease, bolstering economic development, and providing clean water and sanitation.

You can choose to make a one-time gift, or enroll in Rotary Direct, Rotary's recurring giving program, to support our efforts year round.

## **I want to support Rotary's current work**

### **Annual Fund and SHARE**

Your support to the Annual Fund is crucial to sustain the thousands of projects that are being conducted in your community and around the world. [Learn more.](#)

[Give now](#)

## **I want to support Rotary's future**

### **Endowment Fund**

Your gift to the Endowment Fund will keep The Rotary Foundation strong well into the future, providing a continuous stream of income that will fund programs in perpetuity. [Learn more.](#)

[Give now](#)

## **I want to support a polio-free world**

### **Polio Plus Fund**

Be a part of history and support Rotary's work to achieve a polio-free world. Your gift will support immunization campaigns in countries where children remain at risk. [Learn more.](#)

[Give now](#)

## **I WANT TO SUPPORT A SPECIFIC CAUSE**

You can designate your gift to support one or more of Rotary's top priorities. [Learn more.](#)



# Rotary Leadership Institute Cruise

## December 10-14, 2015

### Hosted by the RLI Sunshine Division



Royal Caribbean *Independence of the Seas*

[Click here for a brief video of the ship](#)

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**Imagine an RLI event at sea with Rotarians from across the U.S. and Caribbean? Join us for a very special Rotary experience! Reserve your cabin today with only a small deposit. Our Low fares are guaranteed until April 13!**

# 1<sup>ST</sup> ROTARIANS & BUSINESS EXPO



## DOING BUSINESS WITH FELLOW ROTARIANS

What if everyone you did business with followed the 4-way test?

During this year's district conference we will host the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Rotarians & Business Expo.

As Rotarians we are known for fostering fellowship, putting service above self, bringing values to our communities and the society in general, why not take these same values and strengthen our business relationships?

Host a table at the district's conference, attend the Rotarians & Business talks and network amongst fellow Rotarians doing business in our community.



Only \$175 for your expo table at the Conference – June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>



**REGISTER NOW:** <http://www.rotary6930.org/conference/>  
Questions? Feel free to contact Jasmine Velez

# ROTARY CLUB OF INDIALANTIC



## Bullying, Empathy and the Four-Way Test

Empathy is an important emotion in that it keeps our society in balance. We, as humans, as people, and as members of some culture or another, all feel a mutual, conscious and subconscious urge to help our fellow man. We see ourselves in others.

We see our own qualities; positive attributes and shortcomings alike. The bond we all feel is what makes us do good deeds for others, with no reward other than a feeling of accomplishment. When it comes to bullying, however, the virtue of empathy, and the principles of the Four-Way Test seem to be lost.

The first principle of the Four-Way Test is "Is it the truth?" When it comes to bullying, do we bother to find out if what is being said about the individual is the truth, or do we just go along with what the crowd says and begin picking on the unfortunate person? At one or more points in our lives, we've all been presented with scenarios in which we could accomplish more by looking after ourselves, regardless of the adverse effects, rather than acting in accordance with the truth. This is evident in the case of bullying when we feel that, compliance to and acceptance by the gang is more important than finding out the truth about the person being bullied.

The second principle of the Four-Way Test is "Is it fair to all concerned?" Therefore, we must ask ourselves, how fair is bullying? The short, obvious answer is not at all. But what about survival of the fittest is this not fair too? Some argue the point that bullying, in the sense of the strong overpowering the weaker, is fair in that there is always an uneven playing field from person to person, and the random circumstances we are all given at birth make it even. This may be true in the wild and in prehistory, but we no longer live like this. We now live in a society and the focus has shifted from individual preservation, to a more inclusive and communal encompassing of others. Therefore bullying has no place in today's world.

The third principle of the Four-Way Test is "Will it build good will and better friendships?" To the bully, it may seem like the best and fastest route to building "good will and better

friendships" with his other bully-buddies, but in truth and in fact, it accomplishes quite the opposite. Bullies view the clique that they yearn to be accepted by as the only important social relationship to be upheld, and in turn alienate the rest of their peers in order to achieve that goal. The unfortunate truth is that, the relationship formed by the mutual torment of others is a "friendship" that only lasts as long as the dominant party is kept amused. The moment that the bully is no longer of any value to the gang, the relationship will suffer, and at the end of the day, the very individual who wanted nothing more than to be accepted, ends up on the side of no one, shunned and alone.

Finally, the Four-Way Test states that; for an action or a decision to truly be good and just, it must be "Beneficial to all concerned." Being a student in high school, every day I see many people interacting with each other, in a much closer knit environment than in the open world. I am witness to positive, as well as very negative relationships between students. I have seen friendships built, tensions rise, friendships fall apart, and most sorrowing, I have seen the harrowing effects of bullying. There is nothing beneficial about the act of bullying. It is a plague on this country, as well as the rest of the world. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people harm themselves or take their own lives because of the pressures they suffer every day as a result of being bullied. To many, the prospect of bullying is alien. The thought of purposely harming another person who has caused no harm disgusts most yet it remains a pressing issue in today's society.

To keep ourselves in check, every aspect of our lives and almost every decision we make, can be cross referenced with The Four-Way Test, a test that forces us to examine our actions and determine that they are truthful, fair and done with the intent of building good will and better friendships. It is simple really, almost common sense.

When faced with an ethical dilemma, factor in the repercussions that not only affect us, but also those around us and those involved in the decision. By doing this simple test on ourselves, we can ensure that the actions taken are not harming anyone, but rather assisting our community. While some may think each of us, somewhere deep down, hold the capacity for evil, this might not be true. The key is to focus not on that, but on our own empathy and that care we all possess for each other. Yes, sometimes we lose sight of the right thing to do and the right path to take, but we do not always have to depend solely on our own judgment to guide ourselves; there are precautionary measures out there, like the Four Way Test to help us along and keep our consciences clear. We have Herbert J. Taylor, and Rotary International to thank for this.

***Jon-Quentin DeCabral – Winner for an essay contest based on Rotary's 4-Way Test – Interact Club at Bayside High School.***

# The Penny Vault™

## Character Education makes perfect cent\$!



**What:** The Penny Vault is an easy, brand new, hands-on activity that incorporates character development with life skills while offering the classroom teacher the opportunity to help foster financial awareness through real world activity.



**Why:** Every school year there are extra activities or items that children have the opportunity to participate in or buy, such as yearbooks, book fairs, school t-shirts, and field trips. Parents automatically give the money to the student, then the students bring the money to the teacher, and the exchange is completed. Students are missing out on an excellent chance to become aware of the value of money, work, goal setting, and character building life skills. The Penny Vault will help fill that void.



**When:** The Penny Vault can be used throughout the school year to work toward multiple goals. After the initial discussion and implementation, it takes only minutes a day. Students manage and take ownership of the penny collection process.



**Who:** The Penny Vault is a simple, fun activity for the students, which is embedded with critical thinking, problem solving, and character development. Beginning with easy to follow lesson plans, the classroom teacher introduces one life skill at a time, the first being “Responsibility.” In turn, students will discuss the problem of earning money for a goal, brainstorm ways to earn money for the goal, and design a plan to reach that goal. A critical component to The Penny Vault is the partnership with the parent(s). The Parent(s) appreciate the ease to which their children learn these life skills. The Penny Vault quickly gets the children, parent(s), and teacher working toward a tangible goal while reinforcing life and character building skills together.



**How:** The Penny Vault is a small, attractive storage cabinet that looks like a bank vault. Students will complete chores or activities at home to earn money towards the class goal. With each dollar earned at home, the student will bring in a penny to represent that dollar being saved for the goal. The student will place the penny in the vault, and the vault monitor will log their deposit. In doing so, the students will be able to visually see and know how much they are contributing with their personal efforts. Simple lesson plans that introduce other life skills are included, which help achieve the class goal and reinforce character development. The Penny Vault will provide the children with a sense of responsibility, charity, work ethic, citizenship, and many other positive character traits, as well as teach them the value of money...all while having fun. The Penny Vault is a win-win-win situation for the students, parents, and community. Character education makes perfect cent\$!.

For more information go to:

<http://thepennyvault.org/>

***Alan Ross Frisher***  
***Suntree Rotary Club - Melbourne, FL***



# *ROTARY CLUB OF PAHOKEE*



**Rotary Club of Pahokee, April 2015**



**Officers of Interact Club of Pahokee High School provide details and updates of 2015 service projects and activities during joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Pahokee**



**Flag exchange - Rotary Club of Pahokee visits Rotary Club of West Boca Raton, FL**

# ROTARY CLUB BOCA RATON WEST

## Josh the Baby Otter Project

### Josh the Baby Otter + Let's Speak Portuguese Foundation + Rotary Club.

#### Partners in Drowning Prevention!

Boca Raton, Florida -- On April 4th, 2015 the Rotary Club of Boca Raton West brought the Josh the Otter Water Safety and Literacy Project to the "Let's Speak Portuguese Foundation" - Fundação Vamos Falar Português. The energetic classroom program promotes water safety and drowning prevention through the "Josh the Baby Otter" book. The book was as written to teach children to "stay away from water unless with an adult and to always swim with a buddy."

The Rotary Club of Boca Raton West, represented by Flavia Proença Duddey, partners with the drowning prevention nonprofit that created the program, the Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation (JCMF). The Club in Boca Raton had the book translated to Portuguese and now the word will be spread also for children in Brazil. JCMF has recently been nationally recognized for their partnership work with organizations such as Rotary International.

From the coast of eastern Florida to the shores of Hawaii, the message of Josh the Otter is spreading quickly! Rotarians across the country and even the world are hearing the life-saving message and are excited at the positive changes that a partnership between Josh the Otter and Rotary International can bring to communities everywhere. Since 2010, Rotarians have distributed thousands of Josh the Baby Otter books and everyday more clubs are starting their own Josh the Otter literacy and water safety projects.

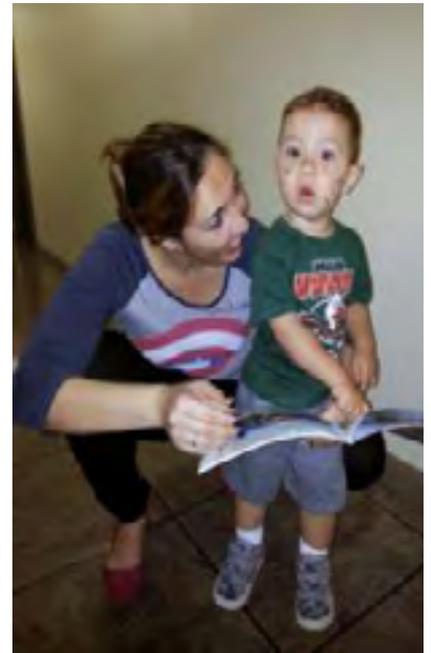
Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation, Lincoln, Nebraska Parents Blake and Kathy Collingsworth honor the memory of their two-year-old son Joshua, who died on June 4, 2008 after falling into the family pool three days earlier. After losing Joshua, they felt compelled to help reduce the dramatic numbers of deaths by drowning that occur in our country and around the world. The Joshua Collingsworth Memorial Foundation was created in July of 2008 to serve as a catalyst to strengthen water safety awareness and create an early childhood educational program. Their goal is to empower children to be safe in and around ALL bodies of water to prevent similar tragedies. 1.2 Million People around the world die by drowning every year, which are more than two persons per minute. (International Life Saving Federation, 2010) Drowning is preventable.

Let's not make a tragedy necessary to alert people to consider water safety and awareness!

[www.joshuamemorial.org](http://www.joshuamemorial.org)

#### Project Coordinator

Flavia Proença Duddey



# West Palm Beach **Rotary** Club



## West Palm Beach Rotary Club Gives Bicycles to 41 Dynamic Students

On April 28, 2015, we hosted a luncheon at the Kravis to recognize academic and personal achievements of 41 students along with their families, teachers and principals. Also, we gave a Tandem bicycle and helmet to an outstanding student at the Lighthouse for the Blind.

Principals from each of our 20 Business Partner Elementary Schools were asked to select two students who are deserving of a new bike based on how the students uses the 4 Way Test in what they say and do.

The students we met and stories we heard on Tuesday were definitely consistent with the Rotary philosophy of Rotary's Service Above Self and the 4 Way Test. Most of the students were described with words such as respectful, hard worker, positive attitude, helpful, honest and fair. They are leaders and role models in the classroom and activities outside of school.

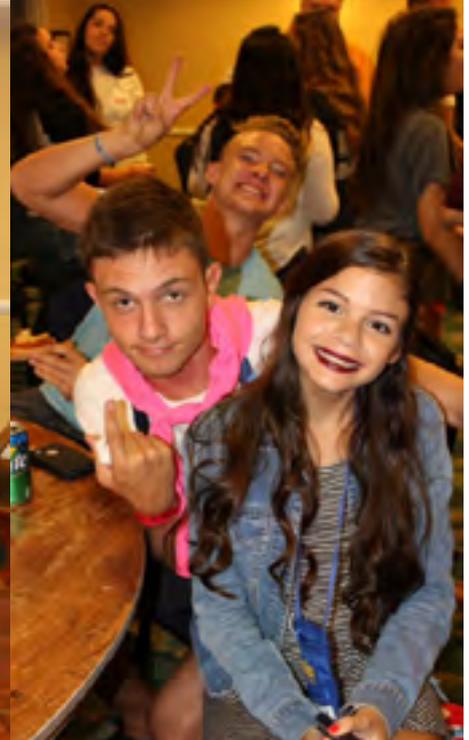
There were a few stories of students experiencing tragedy in their family and still making it to school every day with a smile on their face ready to learn. One of the students had a health problem and asked for her homework so she could still get it turned in on time. We met an incredible group of motivated, model students.



One of the principals expressed how the Bike Project made a special impact on the students. She said "Thank you for helping us create memories." The representatives from the schools were just as excited for these students to be honored by receiving a bike and helmet.

A big thank you to Rotarians Claudia Kirk Barto and Greg Kissel for leading this special, Service Project! Also, thank you to all of the Rotarians who sponsored the bikes and helmets. *Lastly, we are very grateful to Walmart for being an awesome partner in our exciting Bike Project endeavor!*

# Highlight RYLA April 2015



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## RYLA 2015



# Tell Your Story

My name is Angelica Blakely and I will be at your service as Public Image Chair in our District.

As part of Rotary's new strategy we are trying to strengthen our image so that everyone will understand what Rotary stands for, how we're different, and why it matters.

I encourage all Public Image Chairs for each club to download from Rotary Brand Center the Messaging Guidelines Brochure, subtitled The Voice, and Visual Rotary Guidelines, to share with club members. In this brochure you will find powerful tools to do "What we need to do", which is to tell our great story in a way that ensures our actions and supports our words. And if your club doesn't have Public Image Chairs please ask your president to appoint someone.

One of the best ways to bring our story to life is to simply tell about it. With this in mind we will have a space in the District newsletter called "Telling You Story". It will be a forum for individuals to tell about the day they became a true Rotarian. Submissions will need to be no more than 400 words and, if possible, should include the author's picture. Stories like these can inspire others and help to connect people to one another.

*Please, ask your P.I chair to send them to me at: [anblakely@hotmail.com](mailto:anblakely@hotmail.com)*

# Tell Your Story

Being from Belem, a little town in the outskirts of the Amazon jungle in Brazil, I was always aware of the existence of Rotary Clubs. One can find a Rotary logo in just about every little city in the Northern region of Brazil, and I recall going to a few Rotary fund raising functions while growing up. I can say that at that time I knew of the Rotary, but knew very little, about what the Rotary really was.

We moved to the United States in 1999 and have been living here ever since. I can honestly say that my awareness of the Rotary while here in the United States was non-existent. For 15 years I lived in California and Florida, and traveled around almost all of the country, yet was never invited to a meeting or exposed to another Rotary event.

It was not until about a year and a half ago when I noticed the Rotary logo in the email signature of a friend that Rotary came back into my awareness again. I curiously asked him: "Hey, I saw the Rotary logo in your email, do they have Rotary here in the US?". Looking back that is actually funny (and somewhat sad) that I thought Rotary was an organization that only existed in Brazil, and that maybe it was expanding here in South Florida. My friend invited me to the club's meeting and I quickly realized how wrong I was.

I can say I really enjoyed the first few meetings, not so much because of the activities they were discussing or the protocol they were following, but rather for the fellowship with the people. I found a group of people that were pretty engaged about working on Rotary projects and were having quite a bit of fun doing it. I kept coming back and eventually was invited to join. I felt honored to be part of that group.

The same friend who invited me gave me the advice the day I joined, he said: you now belong to the Rotary organization, but it will take a while before you can say you are Rotarian in your heart. I understood him to some extent but not quite fully grasped what he meant at the time.

That changed when I came to the district conference. During the conference I saw all the amazing projects the people in the district were working together to build. Projects including bring potable water to remote regions, Josh the Otter and the dictionary projects really warmed my heart. It was hard to control the emotions during the district conference and I was incredibly proud and honored to be part of such a great organization. I had taken my family to the hotel and I recall bringing my wife and the kids to show them all the active projects' exhibits. I wanted to explain to my wife why was I going to that "Rotary thing" every week, and the exhibits were the best way to do so. I recall my wife and kids telling me they were proud I was part of such a great group! That was a priceless moment and I know for sure that's where I can say I truly became a Rotarian in my heart, my mind and soul.

After the conference I volunteered to help with the PI/PR activities for my club. One of the ideas we implemented was the Rotarian Moment: at the beginning of every meeting we displayed a brief video about the Rotary International. These videos are all available on-line and we felt that was a great way to show our members and visitors what the Rotary was all about. We have shown videos on projects all over the planet and in each video there is a story about lives being changed for the best with the Rotary.

I joined the PI/PR club because I wanted to make a difference and bring the Rotary organization to the spotlight. I feel we have a lot of opportunities to promote the Rotary in and around our communities and I do wish we all take that as our own personal mission. I can say first hand that one can live in the United States his or her whole life and never come across the Rotary club. Simple things like wearing your pin and inviting your friends to club meetings can go a long way changing that reality. Just this week I had two people ask me about the Rotary because of my pin, we also brought a couple of friends to our club meeting and they were very excited to be there. So let's all do it!

Gustavo Couto is a financial consultant who lives in Boca Raton with his wife Marina and two kids Victor and Tiago Couto, he is a member of the **Rotary Club of Boca Raton West**. You can reach him by e-mail at [gus@fiveringsflorida.com](mailto:gus@fiveringsflorida.com)

**Gustavo Couto (Secretary Elect 2015-2016)**



**Dear Rotary President and Rotarians,**

▶ My name is Dini Heizer from Rotary Club

Boca Raton West, and I am the person in charge of the  
District Newsletter 2014-2015!

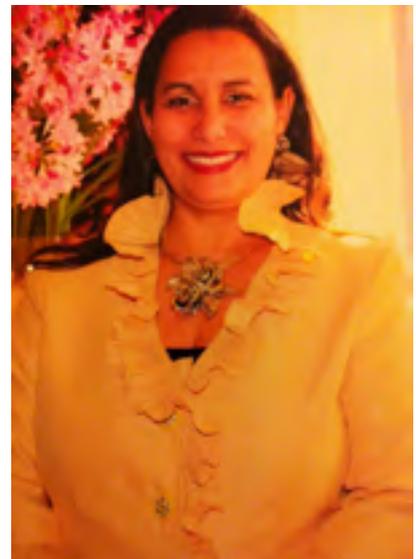
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photos, or talk about events, services, or  
anything you want as long as you can send it to us!

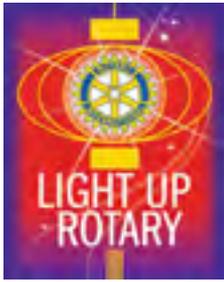
**Please, send to: *diniheizer@gmail.com***

I'll be waiting for you!

Thank you!

*Dini Heizer*





# District 6930 Conference Registration

## PGA National Resort and Spa

### June 19-21, 2015



**Register by completing this form and mailing it with your check, or credit card information payable to 'Rotary District 6930' to:**

**2015 Rotary District Conference  
C/O Peter H. Bozetarnik  
Two Harvard Circle Suite 400  
West Palm Beach, FL 33409**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Rotarian: Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Badge \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Member of the Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Restrictions:** Rotarian \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

I want to be contacted about being a Conference Sponsor \_\_\_ I want to volunteer to help during the Conference \_\_\_

I would like my company to have a display table for \$175.00 at our district's first ever Business Expo \_\_\_

#### Conference Fees - Mark an 'X' next to your choice

Room <sup>1</sup>	Single Occupancy		Double Occupancy	
	1 Night Stay Sat 06/20	2 Night Stay Fri 06/19 – Sat 06/20	1 Night Stay Sat 06/20	2 Night Stay Fri 06/19 – Sat 06/20
Run-of-Resort & Deluxe View	\$400.00__	\$550.00__	\$600.00__	\$750.00__
Run-of-Jr. Suites	\$450.00__	\$660.00__	\$700.00__	\$900.00__
2BR Cottage	\$550.00__	\$800.00__	\$800.00__	\$1,025.00__
Meal Plan Only <sup>2</sup>	\$275.00 Per Person – Number of Guest(s) _____			

<sup>1</sup> These rates include guest room rate, resort charge, tax, food and beverage during conference events, resort charge, complimentary self-parking (valet available at \$20 per vehicle per night), High-Speed Wireless Access unlimited, admission to the health and racquet club facilities (including bicycles and racquet ball), iBAR, aerobics classes (Pilates Mat Class, Yoga, and Spinning), Tennis court times, and Daily morning newspaper for each room. Fazio and Squire golf course: \$70.00 per person, inclusive of the cart fee.

<sup>2</sup> Meal Plan includes opening reception on Friday; Breakfast, Lunch and Banquet on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday.

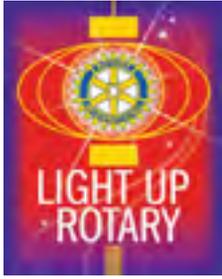
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## District 6930 Conference – Meal Tickets PGA National Resort and Spa June 19-21, 2015



**Complete this form and mail it with your check,  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Rotarian: Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Member of the Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Restrictions:** Rotarian \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

I want to be contacted about being a Conference Sponsor  I want to volunteer to help during the Conference

I would like my company to have a display table for \$175.00 at our district's first ever Business Expo

**Complimentary self-parking, business expo and breakout sessions are included**

Event	Description	Cost per Ticket	# of Tickets
<b>Opening Reception &amp; Dinner</b> <i>Includes Open Bar</i> Friday, June 19 at 7:00 PM	Ready for a magical evening? The opening reception brings the incredible MAGIC and ILLUSIONS of Gary Midnight and a great opportunity for fellowship with old and new friends.	\$100	_____
<b>Awards Ceremony Breakfast</b> Saturday, June 20 at 8:00 AM	Rotary International, Zone 34 and District 6930 awards in all categories will be presented to the Club winners at this breakfast.	\$35	_____
<b>Model Luncheon</b> Saturday, June 20 at Noon	Join the Wellington Rotary Club, Home of the District Governor, as they bring their dynamic weekly meeting to us!	\$50	_____
<b>Governor's Banquet</b> <i>Includes Dinner and Open Bar</i> Saturday, June 20 at 6:00 PM	Celebrate our accomplishments of the year with an evening filled with great entertainment. Club of the Year and Rotarian of the Year will be revealed. Plus, special presentation by RI Trustee Ian Riseley. <i>Black Tie Optional.</i>	\$150	_____
<b>Closing Breakfast</b> Sunday, June 21 at 9:00 AM	Induction of the upcoming District Governor, District Governor Elect and District Governor Nominee.	\$35	_____
<b>Meal and Entertainment Plan</b>	<b>Includes all the above AND the hospitality suite hosted by the West Palm Beach Rotary Club</b>	<b>\$275</b>	_____

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