

Date: August 1, 2008
To: All Club & District Leaders
From: DG Mike Fischnaller
Subject: Weekly District Update

*"If You Can Dream it . . .
You Can Do it!"*

Walt Disney



August District Governor's Newsletter: Our first District Governor's Newsletter of the year is now available for download from the District web site at the following URL: <http://district5110.org/main.php/Newsletter/Newsletter> The August issue is filled with information on membership, literacy, PolioPlus, WCS, the Leadership Academy, GSE, the Council on Legislation, news from the RI web site and monthly club statistics on Membership, Attendance, and TRF contributions. Use the newsletter to keep your members informed and as a tool to recruit new members to show them all that Rotary does internationally as well as in our communities. If a club or committee has an article for inclusion in the September issue, send it to in2dtp@empnet.com by August 25 so we can showcase your efforts.

This week's Membership Tip: Make becoming a member of your Rotary club a real "event" for the new member and for the club. Have an induction ceremony and include the new member's family and friends as part of the occasion. Give the new member a pin, a badge, a membership card, a 4-Way Test Card and other Rotary information ("Rotary Basics", "ABC's of Rotary", "Frank Talk", etc.) and then put them to work in your club. Remember . . . RI retention statistics confirm that the sooner you give new members a specific responsibility, (a "job"), the higher the retention rate. An involved Rotarian is an active Rotarian that becomes a member for life.

2008-2009 District TRF Raffle . . . This Year you have a CHOICE: For the past several years, District 5110 has held a raffle for The Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund. The raffle has four drawings during the year with various trips as prizes. Many district Rotarians are not aware of what the raffle is or what it costs the district. Annually, raffle tickets are provided to clubs to give to members who contribute to TRF. Each club handles their tickets in different ways. Some use the tickets and some don't. For those that do, a ticket is given to the donor for each \$10 contributed to TRF.

Every year, clubs pay DISTRICT DUES, a portion of which supports the expense of the District TRF raffle. Annually, this expense is made up of Prizes (\$7,500 in 2007-2008), printing costs (\$2,600 in 2007-2008) and State licensing & reporting fees (minimum \$2,500-but it can run as high as \$4,000.)

The district will have a TRF raffle again this year. To help reduce raffle costs, **each club is being asked to inform the district whether or not they want to participate in this this year's raffle.** After tickets are distributed to the clubs that want to receive them (target date is late September), the district will provide a survey to all clubs to determine how to change the raffle or possibly replace it with something completely new in the years to come. If you have questions or suggestions regarding the raffle, please contact the Raffle Coordinator, Sherilyn Schwartz at Sherilyn@pensionsolutions.info by **8/8/08**. If the district has not received your reply by **8/8/08**, **we will assume your club is participating in the raffle** and tickets will be ordered for your club. Help us reduce the cost of the raffle. Contact Sherilyn Schwartz **before the August 8. deadline.**

Leadership Academy Nominations Deadline Extended to August 15: The deadline for submitting nominations for the Leadership Academy class of 2009 has been extended to **August 15, 2009**. Nomination materials are available on the DLA web site at <http://www.district5110leadershipacademy.org>. Submit nominations to Academy Dean PDG Will Snyder at willsnyder007@msn.com. If as the "nominator" you are looking for a good explanation why an individual should participate in the District Leadership Academy, download and print the essay "*Everything I Thought I Knew about Rotary but Didn't Really Know, I Learned from the District Leadership Academy*", written by a 2008 DLA graduate. It's a great recruiting tool. Here's the URL: <http://www.district5110leadershipacademy.org/forms.htm>

THIRD POSTING-VERY IMPORTANT - GSE Team Member Application Deadline Extended: The GSE committee has extended its Team Member application deadline to **August 29, 2009**. Interviews will be held in Roseburg on September 6. Pertinent information on the interview and exchange dates is posted on the GSE page of the district web site. Look under "Materials for Download" for fillable applications. Contact information for GSE Chair, Chris Duncan, is as follows: Email: crduncan@comcast.net; Home Phone: 541-687-2654; Business / Cell Phone: 541-954-5697.

District Directory Corrections: Submit all printed District Directory changes to the District Secretary via email at in2dtp@empnet.com All corrections received by the 25th of the month will appear in the next month's newsletter.

District Web Site Updates: All additions and changes to the District Web Site should be submitted to Webmaster, Kevin Martin martins@sisqtel.net. If you see any errors on the site, please notify the webmaster.

DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

- Aug 15 **DEADLINE** for submitting Leadership Academy Nominations to PDG Will Snyder (see above)
- Aug 15 **DEADLINE** for submitting Monthly Membership and TRF Reports online to District 5110
- Aug 25 **DEADLINE** for submitting articles for September Newsletter to in2dtp@empnet.com
- Aug 29 **DEADLINE** for submitting GSE team member applications to Chair, Chris Duncan at crduncan@comcast.net
- Sept. 15 **DEADLINE** for submitting District Simplified Grant applications to DSG Chair, Chris Haynsworth.

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