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"And now, the end is near, and so I face the final curtain....."

As we ponder the opening words of Chairman of the Board Frank Sinatra's great hit song *My Way*, let us consider the fact that the only thing coming to an end is this fiscal Rotary year 2010-2011. For Rotary District 6990, its Rotary Clubs, and most of all its Rotarians, the best is yet to come.

As far as Rotary Districts go, D6990 is the best there is, the best there was, and the best there ever will be; do not let anyone try to tell you differently. And it will only get better next year. Incoming Governor Todd Dayton and his crack leadership team have a grand set of initiatives in place, commencing July 1st, that will make D6990 and our fifty Rotary Clubs even Bigger, Better, and Bolder than they already are.

If we starting thanking individuals for their contributions this year, not only would we need three times the allotted space, but inevitably someone would be left out. Suffice to say that it was a total team effort (you know who you are), and all of those involved have my unconditional gratitude and appreciation for your unswerving efforts and dedication to task.

Fond farewells do not mean goodbye, they merely signify that it is time to move on. And so it seems that old Governors never fade away, they just continue to give unsolicited advice to those around them.

Peace and Friendship,

DRM



The Rotary Club of Coral Gables Selected to Participate in RI Associate Member Pilot Program

The Rotary Club of Coral Gables has been selected to participate in the **Associate Member** pilot program beginning **1 July 2011**.

In support of the RI Strategic Plan goal to *"foster club innovation and flexibility,"* the Board authorized these pilot programs to evaluate and measure the impact alternative membership categories and club operations have on the following: member activities and engagement, membership growth and retention, improved member diversity, increased community and international service, increased support of The Rotary Foundation and overall club effectiveness.

RI received over 1,300 applications, with a maximum of 200 clubs being chosen to participate in each pilot program. As with all pilot programs, RI strives to gain equitable representation from all Rotary countries and geographical regions, and RI's 34 zones.

Congratulations to The Rotary Club of Coral Gables!



Rotary Foundation Day at FIU Hosted by FIU Ambassadorial Scholars









FIU Ambassadorial Scholars recently hosted a Foundation Day. Rotarians Owen Freed, Ted Eldredge, Andrew Burnstine, Bea Reynolds and J.W. Arnold had a fantastic meeting with current and past Ambassadorial Scholars and conducted an informational session for students interested in the program.

J.W. Arnold, former 1991 Rotary Scholar to New Zealand, was appointed by incoming Foundation Trustee Chair Bill Boyd to serve on The Rotary Foundation Alumni Advisory Committee.

We are very proud that J.W. will represent District 6990 on this international committee!



The Rotary Club of Key West



Fourth Grade Students Sigsbee Charter School



Candace Matthews with Club President Rudy Molinet

Since the beginning of this past school year, The Rotary Club of Key West has sponsored a community service program at a local elementary school, Sigsbee Charter School. The entire fourth grade class at Sigsbee has engaged in service projects revolving around the 4-way Test with guidance and assistance from several Rotary club members.

Following is the text of a speech given by Candace Matthews, winner of the essay contest relating to the service program:

Good afternoon, classmates, parents, and friends of the Rotary Club of Key West. My name is Candace Matthews and I am here today to talk to you about the Rotary 4-Way Test

The first part of the 4-Way Test is: Is it the truth? To me that means, are you telling the truth? For example, when the Rotary club collects money from the community, to help a charity, they have to be honest, and tell exactly how the money will be used. When Sigsbee students collected pledges for the read-a-thon, we had to be honest and return all the money collected to the school. Then it was given to the Rotary Club. Our efforts raised \$1,800.00 for the Hospital in Haiti!

Many decisions are made concerning the entire group. All opinions are welcome, and appreciated when making a decision. For example, when the 4th grade was deciding how we could get involved in the Turtle Trot, we decided as a group that students could enter as a participant for the races, or they could come to the Turtle Trot to show school spirit, and cheer their classmates, teachers, and parents!



The second part of the 4-Way test is: Is it fair to all concerned? A group needs to work together to be sure that it is fair to everyone.

The third part of the 4-Way Test is: will it build goodwill and better friendships? To me, this means will this project make people happy and will it make others want to help people? Will friendships be built because of it? When my classmates and I traveled to the Senior Plaza, the residents appreciated our poems and enjoyed our nonfiction books. How do I know it built goodwill? If you had seen the smiles that the men and women had, you would understand just how much we brightened their day!

The last part of the 4-Way test is: Will it be beneficial to all concerned? When I think of this question, I ask will everyone gain from this experience? In the end will everyone be satisfied? The reason why the 4th graders at Sigsbee chose to complete all of these acts of community service, was to benefit everyone in our school, community, and world.

From this rewarding opportunity, I learned that the Rotary Club is a very active group of unique people. I truly would like to thank them for giving us the chance to learn about their club and allowing us to become involved with their activities. I hope we will all continue to make a difference in our community and for the lives of others, just like the Rotary Club!

Editor's Note: As this is my last issue of the 2010-2011 District 6990 Newsletter, I wish to thank all those who have assisted me in turning out each month's issue. In particular, I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Pat Hornsby and Ron Lieberman. All my thanks also to DG Doug for his leadership and encouragement. DGE Todd Dayton has asked me to continue next year as Editor of this publication. I hope to be able to count on your help and support for next year. So: Keep those articles coming! Yours in Rotary Service, Yoli

SARA R. HAMILTON, PRESIDENT ROTARY CLUB OF KEY LARGO







Born in Columbus Ohio, Sara enrolled in Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, in the fall of 1995. She spent the second semester of her junior year on Long Key in Florida studying at the Keys Marine Lab. In May 1999 after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Wittenberg, she moved back to the Islamorada area. Sara obtained a joint Masters of Science in Coastal Zone Management and Marine Biology from Nova Southeastern University in 2008.

Currently employed as the Environmental Affairs Coordinator for the Florida Keys Electric Cooperative, Sara enjoys spending time with her "four kids" (two rescued cats, and two rescued pups). Sara said: "I love to take the pups swimming and kayaking in the bay." She also enjoys scuba diving, kayaking, camping and biking.

Wendy Gentes, the Director of Development for Mariners and Homestead Hospital, invited Sara to join Rotary in 2005. She held the positions of Sergeant at Arms, Secretary and President-elect before serving as President. Sara chaired the Original Ladies Dolphin Tournament for two years. She sits on the board of the Marine Mammal Conservancy, Keys GLEE (Green Living and Energy Education) and is currently President-elect of the Florida Marine Science Educators Association. Sara is active in both the Islamorada and Key Largo Chambers of Commerce and is a 2010 graduate of Leadership Monroe.

Rotary Night at the





Rotarians from District 6990 saying the Pledge of Allegiance at the Marlins game at **Rotary Night at the Marlins** on June 4, 2011.

Those in the picture are left to right: Michael Kesti, Maria Kesti, DGN Ted Eldredge, DGND Ellen Blasi, Lucia Eldredge, PDG Lee Phares and Elihu Phares.

MIAMI BRICKELL TAKES THE LEAD IN MAY



By Ron Lieberman Associate Editor

One of the newest clubs in the district, the Rotary Club of Miami Brickell, had a banner month in May, inducting six new Rotarians, while the Rotary clubs of Fort Lauderdale and Weston added three new members each. Please extend a big Rotary welcome to the new members of the Rotary clubs of **MIAMI BRICKELL**, Manju Alwani - Artistic Jeweler, Andreina M. Fuentes - Art Dealer, Evangeline Gouletas - Real Estate Developer, Jeff Pujals - Pharmaceutical Sales Consultant, Laura D. Reyes - IT Logistic Consultant, and Roberto Ruvalcaba - Business Consultant; **FORT LAUDERDAL**, Eb Gerald Adams - Attorney-Family Law, Carlos Rodriguez - Judge-Circuit Court, and Perry Monioudis - Attorney-Bankruptcy, and **WESTON**, Robert Garza - Construction Executive, Pablo Lucchesi - Linen Contractor, and Marie Ros - Realtor.

In addition, please extend a big Rotary welcome to the new members of the Rotary clubs of **CORAL GABLES**, Frank C. Quesada - Attorney; **FT LAUDERDALE/CYPRESS CREEK**, Arnold Goldman - Business Coach; **HOL-LYWOOD**, Marilyn Silvernale - Travel Agent; **KEY BISCAYNE**, Ivan Jones - Unclassified; and Nestor Perez -Unclassified; **KEY WEST**, Wayne Miller - Judge/Magistrate, and Donna Palmieri - Accountant; **LUCAYA**, Adrian Carey - Bank Supervisor, and Ferline Thomas - Lawyer; **MIAMI DADELAND-PINECREST**, Marcos Regalado -Workforce Management Consultant.

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New Members July2010 - May 2011

| Weston |
|---------------------------|
| Miami Brickell |
| Ft Lauderdale |
| John Knox Village |
| Key West |
| Hollywood |
| Key West Sunrise |
| Sunset Key West |
| Perrine CR-Palmetto Bay |
| Miami |
| Pompano Beach |
| Lucaya |
| Coral Springs |
| Coral Gables |
| Hallandale Beach-Aventura |
| Miami Dadeland-Pinecrest |
| Sunset Grand Bahama |
| Deerfield Beach |
| Grand Bahama Sunrise |
| Key Largo |
| Plantation |
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| 29 | Ft Lauderdale/Cypress Creek |
|----|-----------------------------|
| 18 | Marathon |
| 15 | Miami Metrozoo |
| 14 | Miami Shores |
| 14 | South Miami |
| 10 | Upper Keys |
| 10 | Bal Harbour |
| 10 | Coconut Grove |
| 9 | Doral |
| 9 | Ft Lauderdale South |
| 9 | Hialeah-Miami Springs |
| 6 | Key Biscayne |
| 5 | Miami Granada |
| 5 | North Dade |
| 5 | Coral Springs/Parkland |
| 5 | Davie/Cooper City |
| 5 | Ft Lauderdale Beach |
| 4 | Ft Lauderdale North |
| 4 | Homestead |
| 4 | Miramar/Pines |

4 Pompano Beach-Lighthouse



RI President 2010-2011 Ray Klinginsmith

At the 101st International Convention.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYS-TEM TO HOST BUSINESS RESOURCE OPEN HOUSE

- Noon to 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 21-Main Library

In an effort to assist the local small business community and business owners, the Miami-Dade Public Library System will be hosting a Business Resource Open House on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at the Main Library - 101 West Flagler Street in downtown from noon until 7 p.m. The purpose of the Open House is to highlight the Library's valuable tools and resources and to equip entrepreneurs for the competitive advantage leading to success. Workshop topics include: Reference USA - The Small Business Development Tool; Business, Investment and Florida Resources on the Go; Patents, and Trademarks; Copyright and Trade Secrets. A representative from Reference USA will be on hand to demonstrate these important business tools.

For more information, contact the Main Library's Business and Science Department at 305. 375.5231.

DISTRICT 6990 RECEPTION AT THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN NEW ORLEANS:

District 6990 Rotarians enjoying themselves at the Marriott Hotel on Canal Street in New Orleans on Monday, May 23.































DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2010-2011 DOUG MAYMON HOSTS A FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM

District 6990 leaders attended a Sunday Brunch at the Westin Hotel in Fort Lauderdale on June 12 to celebrate the end of a wonderful Rotary Year.



Our Fearless Leader with Chief of Staff and Rotary Partner Debbie



PDG'Marcy, Sect. Pat, PDG Lee and DGND Ellen in spring colors



Lucia & DGNTed Eldredge, Maria & Michael Kesti and PDG Lee



Chris & Debbie Morrison



Michael Mayer and Maris Kesti



Pat & Sam Hornsby, Janine Pratt, Drew Monaghan



Colleen Brooks and Wendy Dayton



DGD Ted & Lucia with Noelle Galperin



DG Doug with Ron & Bunny Lieberman



Maria Kesti, PDGs Bob & Carleen , PDGs Robin and Marcy



Tom Pratt and DGE Todd Dayton



Michael Kesti and Daniel Book

ATTENDANCE FOR MAY 2011

| CLUB | MEMBERS | CHANGE | MEETINGS | AVERAGE ATTEND% |
|--|----------|------------|----------|--------------------|
| Perrine-Cutler Ridge/Palmetto Bay | 31 | 0 | 5 | 98.50 |
| John Knox Village | 66 | 0 | 4 | 89.66 |
| Coral Gables | 121 | 1 | 4 | 87.00 |
| Miami Metrozoo | 14 | 0 | 4 | 82.14 |
| Key Largo | 41 | -1 | 4 | 80.49 |
| Miami-Granada | 23 | -1 | 3 | 78.23 |
| Hallandale Beach-Aventura | 26 | 0 | 4 | 76.90 |
| Pompano Beach-Lighthouse | 17 | 0 | 5 | 76.39 |
| Miami Beach | 8 | 1 | 5 | 75.00 |
| Davie/Cooper City | 35 | 0 | 4 | 72.70 |
| Hialeah-Miami Springs | 36 | 0 | 4 | 72.22 |
| Weston | 118 | 3 | 4 | 71.00 |
| North Dade | 25 | -1 | 4 | 70.87 |
| Coral Springs-Parkland | 25 | 0 | 5 | 70.40 |
| Miami Airport | 8 | -1 | 5 | 70.40 |
| Fort Lauderdale Beach | 16 | -1 | 5 | 69.80 |
| South Miami | 41 | 2 | 5 | 68.78 |
| | | | | |
| Miami Shores | 32 | 2 | 4 | 68.75 |
| Key West | 112 | -1 | 4 | 68.36 |
| Fort Lauderdale North | 25 | 0 | 4 | 67.00 |
| Sunset Grand Bahama | 35 | -2 | 4 | 67.00 |
| Lucaya | 41 | 6 | 5 | 66.31 |
| Plantation | 15 | 0 | 5 | 65.33 |
| Key West Sunrise in the Conch Republic | 68 | 0 | 4 | 64.25 |
| Miramar-Pines | 20 | 0 | 4 | 63.75 |
| Deerfield Beach | 36 | 0 | 5 | 63.00 |
| Coral Springs | 25 | -2 | 4 | 58.65 |
| Miami Lakes | 15 | 0 | 5 | 57.33 |
| Coconut Grove | 27 | -1 | 4 | 56.00 |
| Pompano Beach | 64 | 0 | 4 | 55.73 |
| Hollywood | 81 | 0 | 5 | 52.85 |
| Miami Dadeland-Pinecrest | 27 | 0 | 4 | 52.00 |
| Bal Harbour | 15 | 0 | 0 | 50.00 |
| Upper Keys | 89 | 0 | 5 | 49.44 |
| Marathon | 46 | -3 | 4 | 46.20 |
| Fort Lauderdale | 148 | 1 | 4 | 44.00 |
| Sunset Key West | 37 | 0 | 5 | 43.24 |
| Homestead | 53 | 0 | 4 | 42.00 |
| Allapattah (Miami) | 13 | 1 | 3 | 35.89 |
| Fort Lauderdale South | 22 | 0 | 4 | 31.00 |
| Freeport | 27 (Apr) | n/a | 0 | 0.00 |
| Key Biscayne | 43 (Apr) | n/a | 0 | 0.00 |
| Miami | 99 (Apr) | n/a n/a | 0 | 0.00 |
| Miami Sundown | 12 (Apr) | n/a n/a | 0 | 0.00 |
| Big Pine & Lower Keys | 31 (Apr) | n/a n/a | 0 | 0.00 |
| Grand Bahama Sunrise | 19 (Apr) | n/a | 0 | 0.00 |
| Fort Lauderdale/Cypress Creek | | n/a n/a | 0 | 0.00 |
| Doral | 19 (Apr) | | 0 | 0.00 |
| | 25 (Apr) | n/a | 0 | |
| Oakland Park | 0 (Feb) | n/a | | 0.00 |
| Miami Brickell | 31 (Apr) | n/a | 0 | 0.00 |
| Totals with 40 of 50 Clubs Reporting | 2003 | N/A | 4.2 | 64.45% |