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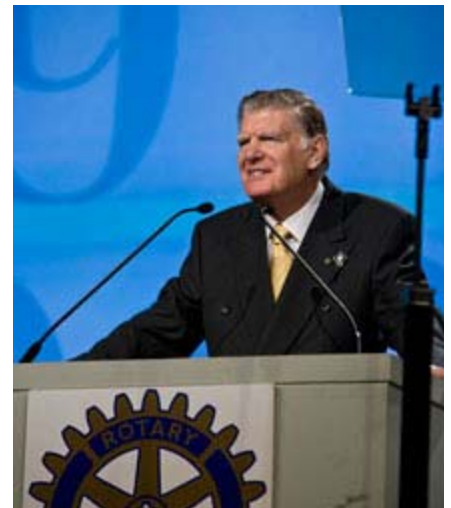
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RI President-elect John Kenny announces the 2009-10 RI theme, *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*, to incoming district governors at the 2009 International Assembly. Photo by Alyce Henson/Rotary Images



President-elect Steve Zutter, President elect-nominee Elden Johnson and Assistant Governor Bob Sharkey gave a report on their experiences at P.E.T.S (President Elect Training Seminar). For the coming year, Rotary will give special emphasis to Polio Eradication, support of the Rotary Foundation, and member retention.

Coming Events

Photo Time

Bill Fink will be taking new photos for the directory.

Try to come a few minutes early and look you best so that Bill can take your picture.

- April 2 Engineers Without Borders
- April 7 Board of Directors Meeting
- April 18 or 24 Adopt a Highway pickup dates – date to be determined
- April 23 International Night Dinner at Finlandia Heritage Center
- May 15-17 6220 District Conference, Green Bay, WI
- May 8-June 10 Morocco GSE Team
- June 18 Seafood Fest

Please provide Kathy Archambeau with program details for you assigned dates.



The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands

The 2009-10 RI theme acknowledges the important role individual Rotary clubs will play in shaping the future of Rotary.

RI President-elect John Kenny unveiled the theme, *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*, on Monday during the opening plenary session of the [International Assembly](#), an annual training event in San Diego, California, USA, for incoming district governors.

"The future of Rotary will not be shaped at RI headquarters -- it will be shaped in each and every Rotary club," Kenny said, "because it is for each of us -- as Rotarians -- to do what is necessary to keep Rotary strong."

Kenny acknowledged the foundation established by past Rotary leaders and laid the responsibility for building upon that success on every Rotarian.

"Each one of us is standing on the shoulders of generations of Rotarians past, and it is our responsibility to determine Rotary's future," Kenny said.

"The goals we set, whatever our action plan, it is in our hands to accomplish or not," said Kazeem Mustapha, governor-elect of District 9125 (Nigeria). "Everybody has to be involved."

Chuck Cicchella, governor-elect of District 6710 (Kentucky, USA), likes the theme's emphasis on the future. "I have always had a strong desire to nurture along young people. It's vital to us."

Kenny emphasized that every Rotary club is and must be autonomous.

"Everything begins and ends with our clubs," he said. "Our clubs can and do work together; they work through their own districts, in cooperation with other clubs and districts, and with the support of our Foundation.

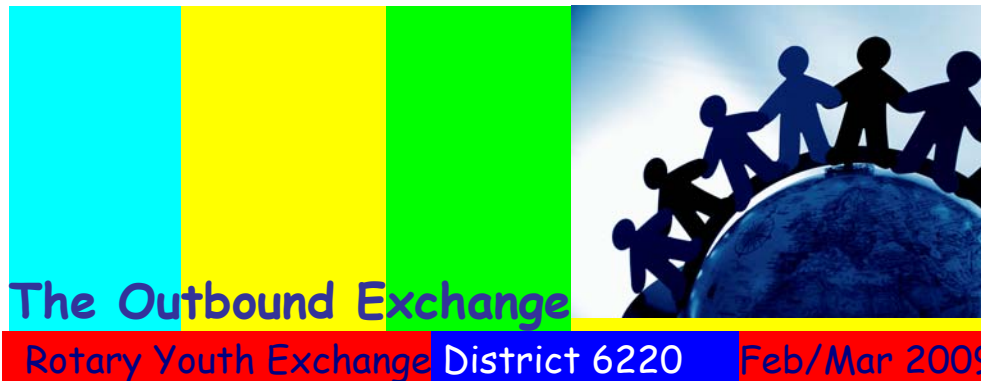
"But at the end of the day, everything that we accomplish is done through the strength of our clubs. And so each club must have autonomy to serve where and how it can serve best."

At the same time, Kenny highlighted the importance of the [RI Strategic Plan](#), adopted by the RI Board of Directors, as an essential tool in providing continuity.

"The plan is designed to strengthen and proclaim the core values of Rotary: service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership," Kenny said. The training sessions for incoming governors during the weeklong assembly are all tied to some component of the strategic plan, and a final group discussion on Saturday will seek to tie all the pieces together and show the future district leaders how to take the strategic plan to the club level.

Kenny concluded his remarks by sharing a favorite saying from his homeland, Scotland: "We must look beyond our own parish pump."

"It means that we must look beyond our own home and our own community," Kenny said. "We must look beyond our own needs, and we must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communities and countries in this world."



The Outbound Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange District 6220 Feb/Mar 2009

Kaeti Birondo ~ Ecuador

My life is going pretty good right now. My Christmas and New Years were so much fun! I went to the beach for Christmas and for new years, we just went to parties. I loved the fireworks. They were so amazing! This was definitely the best New Year's of my life. Also, my brother from the US was here for a week. He had to do work, but it was really convenient because he could also come visit me! He came on New Year's Eve, so he was also able to celebrate with us which was really cool! I had a really great time with him. Also, school is going well here. It was slightly hard to start again after the holidays, but I was really glad to see my friends again. My next rotary trip is coming up really fast, on January 31st. I am sooo excited. We're going to the Amazon, which is something I've been looking forward to for a loooooong time! I've heard that we're going canoeing and eating monkeys. jajaja. So it should be really fun! Another thing I'm looking forward to is celebrating Groundhog's Day with my new family! I'll let you know how that goes. So yeah, I'm doing really well!

Hannah Kass-Aten ~ Poland

It is so hard to believe it's already the end of January. I am about half way done with my exchange. Wow! Although I've been here for about 6 months now, it's still is amazing for me to be here. My Polish is getting so much better. I am making more friends, and getting closer to my host family, and just feeling at home now. Some days I have a routine, which includes, going to school on the tram, walking home, having an amazing dinner with amazing polish food, watching the polish version of "Ugly Betty" with my host mom, talking about Poland, the U.S., exchange, Communism, the Holocaust, the language.... Other days I may have rowing after school on the local river, or I can just be spontaneous, and do new things and see new places. Living in Europe has opened so many doors for me, that I would never have even thought of! I feel so appreciative of all the little things. I just love the way people say my name, or how they conjugate it, "Hania," "Hanusza," or "Haniu." I love the train system here. If we ever go to another city in Poland or in Europe, you can just buy a train ticket, hop on a train, and go! Everything is great, and I am still and I don't think I'll ever stop being thankful.

The last RYE conference we had was in December. It was in a city about 7 hours away by train, a beautiful city! We had traditional Polish Christmas dinner, which includes breaking holy bread and sharing it with everyone. We toured the city. At night we just had time to be with the exchange students, socialize, and confide in each other! All the exchange students in Poland are getting so close, and it's such a great feeling. We have contacts all around Poland, if we ever want to take a weekend to go visit anyone! It's great!

Next week we will hear from: **Carolyn Yarina ~ Turkey**



President's Corner

Houghton Rotary Club membership voted at the meeting on March 27 to be part of the **Rotary International Future Vision Pilot Program.**

The Rotary Foundation Future Vision Pilot is a three-year test of the new grant structure offered in the Foundation's [Future Vision Plan](#). To simplify the grant-making process, the plan offers only two types of grants: [Rotary Foundation District Grants](#) and [Rotary Foundation Global Grants](#). Together, these grants will allow clubs and districts to carry out a broad spectrum of humanitarian and educational efforts, both locally and abroad.

Selected districts will be notified by 1 June 2009 and given an opportunity to accept or decline the invitation to become a pilot district before the pilot districts are announced to the Rotary world. Districts selected for the pilot must appoint a district Rotary Foundation chair who will serve for the three years of the pilot (2010-13). The district governor for 2010-11 may choose to extend the current DRFC chair's term or appoint a different Rotarian.

For anyone who has worked on a matching grant, the red tape can be a deterrent to pursuing worthwhile projects. Hopefully this new program will enable Rotarians approach projects with more efficiency and less frustration.

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Need a Make-up

<u>Day:</u>	<u>Club:</u>	<u>Place:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
Monday	Marquette Hancock	Holiday Inn Ramada Inn	Noon Noon
Tuesday	Iron Mountain Munising	Chippewa Club Sydney's Restaurant	Noon Noon
Wednesday	Calument-Laurium Marquette West Ontonagon	Irish Times Landmark Inn The Candlelight	Noon Noon Noon
Thursday	Marquette Breakfast	Landmark Inn	7:15 a.m.

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