

# Rota-Monica

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January 15, 2010

Everyone on the Charter Bus to take us to the Bonaventure Hotel downtown for RI President John Kerry's "Scottish" meeting.



The "I Love Scottie" party for RI President John Kenny was a smashing success last week. Kenny is RI's first president from Scotland. The crowd of more than 500 people enjoyed a Scottish-themed lunch with bagpipers, drummers, the induction of 29 new Rotary members, a formal introduction of the five candidates for District Governor, a hilarious Ode to Haggis procession through the audience and a rousing speech by President Kenny.

Kenny gave information about Rotary's rapid deployment to the earthquake crisis in Haiti.

He also spoke passionately about the need to bring quality members into Rotary. "We don't need quantity, we need quality in our new members if Rotary is to make a difference in its second century."

The Redondo Beach Club's EndPolioNow whisky tastings raised \$365. Donated whisky fetched \$325 from Wilmington President John Ek, who was encouraged and cheered by 18 members from his club. An autographed theme tie and scarf brought \$500 from former Long Beach Club President (and D-5320 Governor Nominee 2011-12) Greg Owen. Three autographed posters generated \$750 (purchased by Rio Hondo President Jatinder Singh, Beverly Hills Past President Robbie Anderson and a guest from Nevada). Former RI Director Paul Netzel did a great job as auctioneer.

Those who attended had a wonderful day as they supported Governor Susanne at the largest district event of the year. The energy was appreciated by Susanne and Kenny, furthermore the large turnout



helped guarantee the next RI President will visit 5280 next year. Hats off to the clubs that went dark and attended the event. -Marc Leeka, Rotary Club of Los Angeles President



Dear Rotarians:

We are deeply saddened to hear of the recent earthquake in Haiti, and we are touched by the commitment of Rotarians to assist the communities affected by this disaster. Rotary International is coordinating relief efforts, and we are writing to you today to provide you with information on how you may work through Rotary to make a significant contribution toward alleviating this major humanitarian crisis. Rotary International coordinates information and provides resources on club and district disaster relief efforts. When informed of local relief initiatives, RI shares updates about these efforts on the RI Website. Rotarians wishing to contribute funds or donated goods to disaster victims can visit the website or contact the International Service Programs section at [relief@rotary.org](mailto:relief@rotary.org) to learn about current relief and recovery efforts. Also, The Rotary Foundation has established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund, for the purpose of collecting contributions for earthquake victims. Details about the fund have been posted on the RI website. Please note that all contributions must be in US dollars, and only US tax receipts will be issued. Additionally, District Designated Funds cannot be accepted. We have been in contact with District Governor Errol C. Alberga to offer assistance in publicizing any relief efforts that clubs in Haiti are implementing on RI's online projects database, ProjectLINK. Any disaster recovery projects registered by District 7020 will be posted on ProjectLINK on a priority basis. Additionally, articles have been posted to the home page of the RI website with details on Rotary club involvement in relief efforts and how you can help. Rotarians may contact Governor Alberga directly at [al.gram@cwjamaica.com](mailto:al.gram@cwjamaica.com) or visit the District 7020 website. As always, when organizing a response to a local or international disaster, we encourage Rotary clubs and districts to work with experienced emergency relief organizations such as UNICEF, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Doctors Without Borders, Shelterbox, Aquabox, and World Water Works to meet the immediate needs of victims affected by the disaster. It is our hope that with your meaningful and rapid response to this appeal, you will be able to help rebuild the future for millions of innocent people affected by this crisis. Thank you for your commitment to helping disaster victims. Sincerely,

John Kenny, President - Rotary International



Our 2010 District Conference returns to the desert to the La Quinta Resort & Club, the quintessential desert resort in Palm Springs. Recently renovated, this legendary hideaway of Hollywood legends is renowned for its charm and serenity. La Quinta has been the escape from the Hollywood Papparazzi for legends like Frank Capra, Errol Flynn, and Katherine Hepburn. It was Greta Garbo's retreat when "she wanted to be alone." So mark your calendar for May 13-16, 2010 at the La Quinta in Palm Springs.

This year, Rotaractor and District Office administrator Tori Hettinger represented District 5280 on the Rose Float. Read about her Rose Float experience.



Bridge players wanted.

We are putting a group together for an occasional evening of cards, conversation, and cocktails. If you are interested, please contact Harris (nothing up my sleeve) Levey at (310) 822.9067.

Please email Danae Thomas (Nyselady@aol.com) with any stories or news you would like to have included in the Rotamonica.

### Calendar of Events

This week, January 22, 2010

At Riviera, speaker is Dr. Terrance Roberts, one of the Little Rock Nine. (We were supposed to have Nancy Aossey, Executive Director at Int'l Medical Corps, but she's on the ground in Haiti.)

January 29, 2010

We're at Shutters on the Beach!! -- Speaker is Laura Zucker from the LA Arts Commision

February 5, 2010

We're at Doubletree Hotel!! -- Speaker is John Dean, from the Nixon WH Council

February 12, 2010

WE ARE DARK for President's Day



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### LOCAL MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY:	Beverly Hills	12:15 p.m.	Beverly Hills Hotel	9641 West Sunset Blvd.
TUESDAY:	Playa Sunrise	7:15 a.m.	Courtyard by Marriott Hotel	13480 Maxella Ave., MDR
WEDNESDAY:	Century City	12:00 p.m.	La Cchette	10506 Santa Monica Blvd.
	Malibu	7:30 a.m.	Pepperdine University	24255 Pacific Coast Hwy
	Culver City	12:15 p.m.	Radison Hotel	6161 W. Centinela Avenue
THURSDAY:	Pacific Palisades	7:15 a.m.	Gladstone's Restaurant	PCH & Sunset
	Venice	7:30 a.m.	The Firehouse Restaurant	231 Rose Ave., Venice
	Brentwood (Los Angeles)	12:15 p.m.	Chez Mimi	246 26th Street
	Westwood Village	12:00 p.m.	UCLA Faculty Center	480 Charles Young Dr. (UCLA Campus)

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