

# DISTRICT 7230 NEWSLETTER

Charles Gruetzner  
District Governor

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LEAD THE WAY

## A Message From Our District Governor Charles Gruetzner

March 20, 2007

Dear Club Presidents and  
Fellow Rotarians:

I hope your Rotary year has been moving forward and all that you hoped to accomplish is falling in place for you and your club. It has been a busy year so far and as a district we have accomplished quite a bit. Since November we have been moving the leadership meetings around the District to have an opportunity to spend some time with the club presidents and, in many cases, the president-elects as well. This afforded us the ability to have an open dialogue between the district leadership and the club leadership as we try to bring unity and even more enthusiasm to the district.



The District project of purchasing the All-terrain vehicles and sending them to Afghanistan and Pakistan is coming to fruition. As you remember, this project is to help bring young single women out of the mountains of Afghanistan into Pakistan and provide vocational training so they can start new lives. The persecution of these women has gotten so horrific that a number of them have resorted to immolation of themselves and, in some cases, their children.

The Pakistan side of this program is directed to those young children that have lost limbs in last year's earthquake. Because of the lack of medical supplies any small cut resulted in infection and unfortunately, which eventually led to amputation. We will be transporting these kids out of the mountains into the urban areas and providing prosthesis to these poor children and then getting them back to their families.

I would like to insure any doubting minds that all funding is going through Rotary International and the vehicles themselves are being operated and controlled by Rotarians in each of these countries. I have done everything in my power to insure that they will not be used for anything but their intended humanitarian purpose. I would also like to thank those clubs that have responded and donated the \$500.00 I have asked for during my official visit and I am asking the rest of the clubs to consider donating the funds so we can move forward and help these unfortunate people.

Thanks again for all your cooperation throughout the year so far and I feel honored to be this year's District Governor.

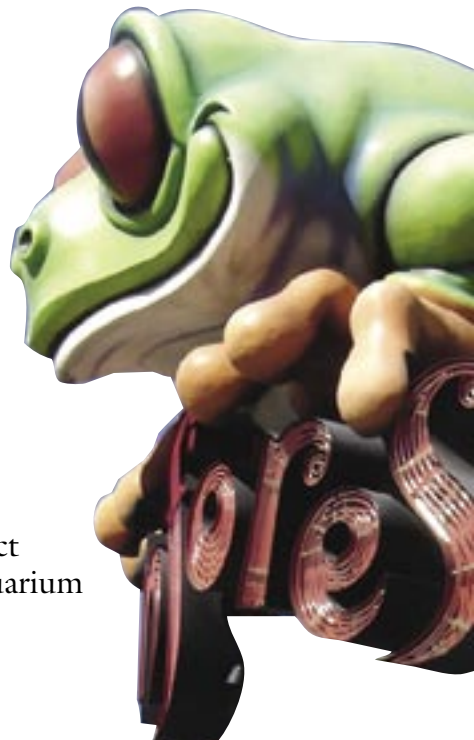
Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles P. Gruetzner". The signature is written in a cursive style.

D.G. Charlie Gruetzner

# District Conference Schedule

To register for the District Conference visit: [www.rotary7230.org](http://www.rotary7230.org)



## Friday April 20, 2007

- 10:00-1:00 ..... Registration
- 11:00-1:00 ..... Club Activities- Table Clinics
- 12:00-1:00 ..... Open Cash Bar
- 1:00-2:30 ..... PAUL HARRIS LUNCHEON

### Sessions

- 2:30-3:30..... History of the Mystic Connecticut Area
- 2:30-3:30..... Meet the District Governor and Governor Elect
- 3:30-5:00..... ENJOY THE AREA, Mystic Seaport, and Aquarium
- 5:00 ..... Bus service to Foxwood's Casino  
Includes food voucher, game voucher
  
- 10:30 ..... Bus back to hotel
- 10:30-..... Hotel DJ for music and dancing



*The Mystic Seaport Entranceway.*

## Saturday April 21, 2007

- 7:00-10:00 ..... Breakfast
- 9:00-11:00..... BUSINESS MEETING

### Sessions

- 11:00-12:00..... How to start an Interact club
- 11:00-12:00..... How to start a 501(C)(3)
- 12:00-1:30..... AWARDS LUNCHEON
- 1:30 ..... ENJOY THE AREA
  
- 6:00-7:00..... Cocktail Hour
- 7:00 ..... District Governor's Ball



*Foxwood*

## Sunday April 22, 2007

- 7:00-9:00 ..... Breakfast
- 9:00-10:30 ..... BREAKFAST MEETING  
Membership Development  
Remembering those Rotarians we have lost this year  
How to start an Interact Club

*The Mystic Aquarium.*

\*\*The options for Bus Service to the Mystic Hilton will be Friday morning returning Sunday afternoon and Friday morning returning late Friday night. These are dependent upon the number of riders. The cost will be based on the cost of the Bus the number of riders.



*The Rainforest Cafe at Mystic Aquarium.*



*Beluga whale watchers at the Mystic Aquarium.*



*oods Casino.*

## A Call for Paul Harris Photos

Rotary Clubs in District 7230 need to submit names and photos of their 2007 Paul Harris Fellow nominees ASAP. This information is crucial for a video for the District Conference. Please submit the names and digital photos to: Pat Ploss, email: [patploss@yahoo.com](mailto:patploss@yahoo.com), telephone: 914-669-9021. Time is needed to prepare the video, so give these hard workers a break and please respond no later than Thursday, April 12th.

## An Amazing Opportunity

Rotary Clubs in District 7230 are being given an opportunity to send local high school students to the United Nations Film Festival.

Once a month, an international film is shown at the Dag Hammerjold Theater at the UN. Students attending are treated to a private tour of the United Nations, a screening of the film and a discussion with the ambassador or high ranking representatives from the film's home country.

This is an amazing experience for the youngsters, akin to a day of intensive world travel. The program is going into its fourth year and has received nothing but rave reviews from students and teachers who have participated.

Rotary District 7230 not only has the United Nations within our geography, but is equally fortunate to have Dr. Roberta Seret, founder and director of the UN Film Festival reaching out to partner with us.

How can a D7230 Rotary Club arrange to send students to the UN for a film screening? This is all done on a school-by-school basis (and is somewhat flexible as a result) and can be done for your school too.

Contact D7230 Corporate Liason, Helen Bowers at [HelenBowers@GMail.com](mailto:HelenBowers@GMail.com) and she will answer questions and, if you would like, begin the process with you to arrange a UN Film Festival visit for your local students.

What a great way to do vocational service!



## Catching the Green Bug

Sometimes global problems seem so, well, global, especially when it comes to the environment. It can get downright overwhelming when you're constantly bombarded with headlines that scream, "EU Warns of Global Climate Chaos" (The Guardian) and, "Pollution in China out of Control" (Edmonton Journal). And then there are all the alarming statistics: The World Bank projected that, on average, 1.8 million people would die each year between 2001 and 2020 because of air pollution.

In the contiguous United States, the past nine years have been among the 25 warmest on record, an unprecedented streak, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. But Rotarians are not ones to sit idly by, no matter how daunting the task seems. Maybe that's because they know a secret: Just as tossing a tiny pebble can cause a ripple across an entire



pond, the smallest project can have profound global effects. Good ideas, after all, are contagious, especially if you're part of a worldwide network.

Take the Rotary International Preserve Planet Earth focus. It was launched by Past RI President Paulo V.C. Costa in 1990. That year, about 2,000 club projects aimed at protecting the environment began. Today, Rotary clubs around the world are doing everything from promoting alternative energy practices to planting trees.

To get inspired, see what some other Rotary Clubs around the world have been doing by logging on to: [http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/features/0704\\_tr\\_if\\_green.html](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/features/0704_tr_if_green.html).

# Upcoming Events

**Mar 30-31** .....PETS at Scranton P A

At the Hilton Hotel, Scranton, Pa. Mandatory attendance for Presidents-elect. And it will be fun. District 7230 will join 5 other districts to have a spectacular training experience for the presidents-elect and assistant governors. Please contact the District Trainer Bill Currie or your AG for more info. Convenor:DG-Elect Bob Cucinell

**Apr TBA** .....Rotary Leadership Institute

**Apr. 11** .....District Assembly

At the Davenport Club, New Rochelle. All 7230 Rotarians invited. Incoming club officers receive specific training at 5:00 PM (punctually). \$30 includes dinner. Registration info at <http://rotary7230.org>.

**Apr 20-22** .....District Conference at Mystic Hilton, Mystic CT

**May 5** .....District Wide Waterfront Clean-up Fellowship later at Harbor Island Park, Mamaroneck

**May TBA** .....Peace Scholar Interviews (recommendations made to RI)

**June 17-20** .....Rotary international Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah

**June 28** .....Installation of 2007-2008 District Governor and Team

**June 30**.....Term ends for 2006-2007 team



Head to the mountains of Salt Lake City for the 98th annual RI Convention, slated for 17-20 June 2007. There, you'll join family, friends, and fellow Rotarians from around the world at Rotary's largest annual get-together. This year's convention is fun, informative, and affordable, with new features such as the World Peace Symposium.

## PROGRAM

### Wednesday, 13 June

RYLA Registration  
International RYLA

### Thursday, 14 June

International RYLA Meeting  
International Institute Registration  
Rotaract Meeting Registration  
World Peace Symposium Registration  
Youth Exchange Officers Meeting Registration  
International Institute/World Peace Symposium Welcome Reception  
World Peace Symposium Dinner  
Youth Exchange Officers Meeting  
Welcome Reception

### Friday, 15 June

International Institute Registration  
Rotaract Meeting Registration  
World Peace Symposium  
Youth Exchange Officers Registration  
Registration/Ticket Sales/Credentialing  
International RYLA  
International Institute  
Rotaract Meeting  
Youth Exchange Officers Meeting  
International Institute/World Peace Symposium Luncheons  
International Institute Dinner  
Youth Exchange Officers Banquet

### Saturday, 16 June

International RYLA  
International Institute  
International Institute Registration  
Rotaract Meeting and Registration  
World Peace Symposium  
Youth Exchange Officers Meeting and Registration  
Registration/Ticket Sales/Credentialing  
Orientation for First-Time Convention Attendees  
House of Friendship and Youth Area  
Genealogy Research Room  
Orientation for First-Time Convention Attendees

Rotary Foundation Alumni Reunion Seminar  
Rotary Foundation Alumni Reunion Reception  
7 p.m.-9 p.m. Rendezvous Evening of Sensational Entertainment

### Sunday, 17 June

Registration/Ticket Sales/Credentialing  
Rendezvous with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir  
Genealogy Research Room  
House of Friendship and Youth Area  
Interfaith Service  
Paul Harris Fellows Recognition Luncheon  
Rendezvous in the Park

Opening Plenary Session - First Seating  
Rendezvous in the Park  
Opening Plenary Session - Second Seating

### Monday, 18 June

Registration/Ticket Sales/Credentialing  
House of Friendship and Youth Area  
Genealogy Research Room  
Preplenary Entertainment  
Second Plenary Session  
President's Recognition Luncheon  
Discussion Workshops  
Discussion Workshops  
Host Hospitality Night  
Memorable Evening of Musical Theater and Opera  
Mountain West Entertainment

### Tuesday, 19 June

Registration/Ticket Sales/Credentialing  
House of Friendship and Youth Area  
Genealogy Research Room  
Preplenary Entertainment  
Third Plenary Session  
President-elect's Leadership Luncheon  
Discussion Workshops  
Discussion Workshops  
Rocky Mountain Rodeo

### Wednesday, 20 June

RI Convention Fun Run-Walk  
Registration/Ticket Sales/Credentialing  
House of Friendship and Youth Area  
Genealogy Research Room  
Preplenary Entertainment  
Fourth Plenary Session  
Rendezvous in the Rockies Luncheon  
Discussion Workshops  
Closing Plenary Session —  
Lead the Way

*For mor detailed information visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).*