



Monthly News

February Message from DG Steve

Things are slowing down. For me. But that only means my first several months as DG were at times frantically busy. Squeezing all the club visits into a few months. I have a couple more to do, but theyâ€™re all gonna get done. Soon. One this week.

Chevon Baccus from the Ridge takes over as DG this July 1st, and by all means, give her your unbridled support. She is a Rotarian to the core, and those succeeding her are equally positioned to serve you well. Linda Devine of the Tampa club, with a storied and accomplished career at UT, and Linda Johnson of Auburndale, whose devotion to Rotary is evident to all who meet her.

PETS 1 went off without a hitch in January, and PETS 2, (Florida PETS) is in early March. The International Conference in Singapore is late May, the 6890 District Conference is June 8 at Rotaryâ€™s Camp Florida, and Chevonâ€™s installation soon follows. You can register for some of these events right now on Dacdb.

Did Rotary invent term limits? Itâ€™s both good and bad. PDG Gary Gunter told me years ago, â€œBy about the time you finish your year as DG, you are ready for the job.â€ His wise comment may also apply to other roles in Rotary, such as club President. All the more reason to work for continuity in your club leadership. Linda, (and the other Linda), Chevon and I are in frequent contact and are working hand in hand to bring you the most hands-on attention and best possible service we can, because we left our egos at the door, and we are very much enjoying the process. And it should be rewarding and fun to lead.

Pursue continuity in leadership in your club. Work to make sure your PE is chosen and already learning from the current president, and the same with your VP and anyone else in line. If we donâ€™t work together, youâ€™ll sometimes see a disorganized, shoot-from-the-hip patchwork of leadership every time July 1st rolls around. Itâ€™s not supposed to be that way. Put your own ambitions aside, and work toward what is best for the club. Bring in new ideas, but keep whatâ€™s working. How do you measure whatâ€™s working? If it engages your club members and gives them the fulfillment and satisfaction that only comes from giving and serving, youâ€™re on to something.

Weâ€™ll talk again soon.

DG Steve

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District High School Speech Contest Trains Young Speakers



Each spring, Rotary District 6890 engages high school students from all over our 4 county community with a speech contest. The topic "Create Hope in the World," is an opportunity for young public speakers to learn more about the Rotary mission worldwide and how our annual theme impacts these students personally.

The contest begins in February at the club level, where high school students recruited from their neighboring Rotary clubs compete for a cash prize and a chance to advance. Next is the Zone level competition for neighboring club winners to once again compete, honing their presentation as they vie for the finals. The District 6890 finals are held in April, when the district winner and runners up are awarded. Each level includes cash prizes.

If you are interested in participating, [click here for contest rules and all documentation](#). For more information, connect with district speech contest chair, [Clarice Roth](#).

District Foundation News for February

By Mark Scolnick



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