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Zones 33 & 34 Institute

October 20-23, 2011

Reston, VA

Global Service to Humanity Award

Nominations Due

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October 1: Zone 33

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## Imagine the Possibilities...Together We Can: 2011 Zones 33 & 34 Institute Early Registration Closes September 10

BY JIM PROBSDORFER

While we cannot promise another Virginia earthquake, it will be the most exciting Rotary Zones 33 and 34 event of this Rotary Year! The 2011 events scheduled for October 20-23, 2011, in Reston, Virginia, promise to be one of the best Institutes ever.

If you have not already done so, turn your computer on and visit the [2011 Zone Institute webpage](#) to register, or use the registration form on [page 2](#) to register by mail or email, or register on DaCdb. Save money and register before the early registration deadline of September 10. Visit the [2011 Zone Institute webpage](#) and see what you may be missing out on if you don't join the large group of Rotary leaders already planning to attend. Remember to reserve your room now at the [Reston Hyatt Regency Hotel](#) by using the [hotel's online reservation system](#).

The Institute's Executive Committee has been busy planning an interesting, educational and inspirational program for you in keeping with this year's them, *Imagine the Possibilities...Together We Can*.



The Institute will start off on focusing how we have served others through a review of the many things we are doing. Discussion groups will allow for amplification of the needs and possibilities we have to help others. Plenary sessions deal with

how we can strengthen our clubs to meet the challenges before us. The concluding session will focus on Telling Our Story and letting others know about the humanitarian efforts of Rotary.

Director John Smarge is bringing in several top speakers who will inform us of what is happening in Rotary International. The schedule of speakers includes:

- Sakuji Tanaka, RI President-Elect
- Thomas M. Thorfinnson, RIVP/RID 2009-11
- Ashok M. Mahajan, The Rotary Foundation Trustee 2009-13
- John Hewko, RI General Secretary and Chief Executive Officer
- Barry Rassin, PRID 2006-08, *HAITI – One Year Later*
- Dr. Jim Withers, Pittsburgh Street Medicine/ Operation Safety Net
- Ken Frantz, Founder, Bridges to Prosperity
- Eduardo da Costa, Brazil, Rotary Peace Scholar
- Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, Recipient, Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award

Rotarian leaders who have attended Institute before know there are other activities planned during the weekend. Some include special training sessions for DGNs, DGEs and DGs; a House of Friendship; class reunions; fellowship dinners and entertainment; Director's Reception as well as spouse programs. In your free time or travel to or from Institute, plan to take advantage of the [educational, entertaining, cultural, and historical activities](#) en route or in Virginia and around the DC area.

This indeed promises to be one of the biggest and best Institutes in our two Zones. In order to participate, you will need to register if you have not done so already. We look forward to sharing Virginia hospitality with you near our nation's capital.

Please register and pay on-line if at all possible

[www.rizones33-34.org/Institute2011.html](http://www.rizones33-34.org/Institute2011.html)



If you register and pay on-line, you do NOT need to fill out this form.

Early registration deadline is September 10, 2011

Hyatt Regency Reston, VA  
Rotary Institute of Zones 33-34  
October 18-23, 2011

**RI Future, Present, or Past Officer Information - Please Print in ALL CAPS**

Last Name		First Name	Badge Name
Address			
City	State/Postal Code		Country
Home Phone	Rotarian Email Address		
Year as Governor	Rotary Club of	District	
Spouse/Guest Information			
Last Name	First Name	Badge Name	Spouse/Guest Email Address

Describe any restrictions or special needs that you or your spouse/guest may have:

**Institute Registration Fees and dinner choice:**

Please place the fee in appropriate column and dinner choice in the appropriate row	DGN/Spouse \$525 each	DGE/Spouse \$685 each	DG/Spouse \$525 each	PDG/Spouse \$345 each	Thursday Dinner Roast Pork Loin	Thursday Dinner Wild Salmon Filet
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**Please Note:** After September 10, add \$25 per person for late registration fee. All cancellations assessed a \$20 per person fee

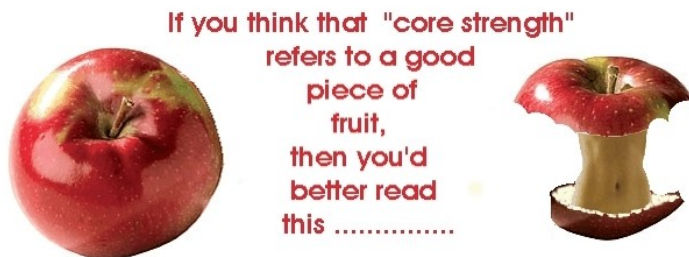
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## Rotary's "Core Strength" Workout

By Bevin Wall, Zone 33 Rotary Coordinator

Anyone who has been to a gym, consulted with a doctor about an aching back, or watched infomercials on TV has heard the term "core strength". Several pain studies in the mid-1990s concluded that increasing core strength helped back pain symptoms, and from that body of research emerged the "core strength" exercise phenomenon of today, including offshoots such as pilates, stomach crunches, and torso rotation with medicine balls.



According to Elizabeth Quinn, an exercise physiologist and fitness consultant, when the core muscles contract, "they stabilize the spine, pelvis and shoulder girdle and create a solid base of support. The ability to move our extremities with power, stand upright, and walk result. A strong core distributes the stresses of weight-bearing and protects the back."

So, most Rotarians need to "work-out" more? Well, that may be. But the interesting questions are: What is Rotary's core? What benefits does increasing core strength produce? And, how exactly is that accomplished?

**In Rotary, the club is the "core".** The club consists of the club members and their interactions with one another. Select business, professional and community leaders, organized, networking and motivated to accomplish the Object of Rotary. Simply, to seek work, club and personal opportunities to serve others, to ascribe to a code of ethical conduct, and by our association, to promote international peace and goodwill. Without a strong "core", what clubs do—the service they perform—will be imperiled. As anyone who has had back pain can attest, it is difficult to do most anything with a hurting back.

**Can Rotary improve its core (club) strength?** Absolutely. We see this often in successful, thriving clubs. We also know from our own club experience that any club can improve. We know these clubs when we see them. Interestingly, the ways in which we can identify these successful, thriving clubs can be analogized to the benefits resulting to the body from a physically strong core.

**Reduces Back Pain** – Reduces Internal Club Dissention and Lack of Focus, creating a stronger, balanced program, and a clear path to success!

**Improves Athletic Performance** – Improves Service Performance, taking a club's outreach in all five Avenues of Service to new levels!

**Realigns Postural Imbalances** – Realigns Structural Dynamics in the Club and makes it functionally "fit", essential for accomplishing its tasks!

**How can we actually attain these benefits?** Rotary Trainers, as opposed to "fitness trainers", know that Rotary has an excellent, well-rounded, effective work-out plan for activities at all levels, but especially at the most crucial level- that of the club. The Plan is call "RISP" or the Rotary International Strategic Plan.

In a nutshell, to a "strong core", *i.e.*, to build "bigger, better,



bolder" Rotary clubs, three simple universal RISP principals apply: (1) Clubs that work to strengthen themselves are better clubs; (2) Clubs that focus on and increase their service to others are better clubs; and (3) Clubs that enhance their public image and awareness are better clubs.

These three RISP principals are like three circuits in a training program, all having internal synergy and synergy with each other. The RISP takes these principals and provides us with some "core exercises" for our club. To read more about these core exercises, and the "club workout", go to the Zone 33-34 Rotary Coordinator's Website, Rotary Resources ([RotaryResources.blogspot.com](http://RotaryResources.blogspot.com)) and use the keyword "Workout" in the search box. New workout articles will appear on a regular basis throughout August and September when most clubs focus on membership development activities.



## Zone 33 and 34 The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Teams Excel in 2010-2011: Looking Back and Looking Ahead

By PDG Joe Mulkerrin, RRFC Zone 33 and  
PDG Brent Williams, RRFC Zone 34

**What teams?** The Rotary Foundation Zones 33 and 34 teams consist of well over 71,000 extraordinary folks in 29 Districts and elsewhere, including:

- 71,450 Club Members and 1,689 Club Foundation Chairs
- 29 District Governors, District Foundation Chairs and Committees
- RRFCs, ARRFCs, Alumni and Polio Challenge Coordinators
- Annual Giving Officer Joanne Bertsche
- Major Gifts Officers Jackie McGuire (Zone 33) and Debra Lowe (Zone 34)
- Senior Planned Giving Officer Karena Bierman
- Coordinator-Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge Kiki Melonides
- Chairman of Board of Trustees Chairman Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar and the Board

**Excel in what?** We excelled in simply *Doing Good In The World* by implementing Foundation Programs and by being superlative contributors. Zone 33 had no zero-giving clubs for the fourth year in a row and was one of two Zones out of 34 worldwide that placed in the top five for Total Contributions, the Annual Programs Fund (APF), the Permanent Fund and PolioPlus.

TOTAL - \$7,627,796	NUMBER 5
APF - \$4,687,510	NUMBER 4
PERMANENT FUND - \$888,665	NUMBER 4
POLIOPLUS - \$1,540,915	NUMBER 4

Zone 34 ranked fifth in the world in support of the \$200 Million Challenge Campaign, contributing \$1,504,915.

Several districts ranked among the top in the world for fund development. Districts 6900 (GA) and 6970 (FL) were ranked 4th and 8th, respectively, among districts worldwide in PolioPlus contributions. District 7610 (VA) ranked 12th worldwide and second in the United States in APF per capita giving, becoming the first district in Zones 33 and 34 history to have back-to-back years of per capita giving of more than \$200. Other Districts also ranked in the top fifty in per capita giving, including 7770 (SC) (15th at \$192.52), 6960 (FL) (31st, \$176.65), 7600 (VA) (39th, \$166.93), and 6950 (FL) (44th, \$160.53). District 7000 (Puerto Rico) was the "most improved" with a **210% increase** in Annual Program Fund support.

Rotarians in Zones 33 and 34 have good reasons to look back on the 2010-2011 Rotary Year with pride for contributing significantly to *Doing Good in the World* through The Rotary Foundation.

**What now?** Everyone recognizes now is not the time to rest on ones' laurels. It is important to look ahead to challenges and

opportunities of this year. Goal submissions for 2011-2012 are positive indicators of another exceptional year. Districts throughout Zones 33 and 34 are presenting Rotary Foundation Seminars during this first quarter of the Rotary Year. There is more GOOD to be done. It will be done!

The winner of the 2010-2011 Global Service to Humanity Award was Sandy D'Alemberte from District 6940 (FL). This award honors TRF alumni who have provided extraordinary service to humanity and exemplified the Rotary Ideal of *Service Above Self* through their professional achievements and volunteer activities. This is the most prestigious award presented by TRF, and recipients for three of the past four years have been from Zones 33 and 34. This is an amazing achievement, since there is only one recipient of this award worldwide each year. George Huffman [gruffman@earthlink.net](mailto:gruffman@earthlink.net) and Tom Payne [tompayne@gotricounty.com](mailto:tompayne@gotricounty.com) are heading up the respective committees to select a deserving nominee from Zones 33 and 34 for 2011-2012. Tom Payne requests Zone 33 nominations are received by him by October 1, and George Huffman requests Zone 34 nominations by September 15, to allow a decision to be made before the October 15 nomination deadline for submissions to Evanston.

Please contact members of your [Zone 33 TRF Team](#) or Zone 34 TRF Team (listed below) at any time for assistance and information. Let us know how we can help you.

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Thank you for all that you do to make the world a better place through your support of, and involvement with, The Rotary Foundation.



## How Good is Your “R&I” Relationship?

BY DIANA WHITE, ASSISTANT ROTARY COORDINATOR

As one of the new Assistant Rotary Coordinators for Zone 34, I am delighted to be working as part of a team led by Rotary Coordinator Marcy Ullom. Marcy’s enthusiasm has rubbed off on all of us and I, for one, am excited at the prospect of working with our districts this year. Although responsible largely as a resource for my own District (7020), I will be specializing in the area of New Generations, along with PDG Randy Rawiszer, and my particular interest is Rotaract and Interact.

As the new year starts to take shape and we plan to “Reach Within” for new ideas and concepts, let us make sure we include all members of the family as we “Embrace Humanity”. Our family members, particularly Rotaract and Interact, are a true inspiration for us with their youthful exuberance and enthusiasm. Developed thoughtfully, a relationship with these young groups can be mutually beneficial.

Here are ten ideas to enhance the relationship with your Rotaract and Interact clubs:

1. “One on One” mentorship is a priceless gift. Consider adopting such a program with your sponsored New Generations clubs.
2. Ensure your Rotaract and Interact clubs are aware of, and work towards receiving the RI Presidents Changemaker Award for 2011-2012
3. Encourage Rotarians to attend Rotaract and/or Interact meetings on a regular basis if they do not already do so.
4. Consider a joint fundraiser with your junior clubs. While we may have more financial ability at our disposal, they have the energy and some great ideas, creating a perfect partnership to raise funds for both entities.
5. Assistant Governors are the perfect catalyst for bring junior clubs together. Consider regular meetings of the club Presidents to encourage inter-club activities.
6. Governors, consider designing a Governor’s Award for your Rotaract and Interact clubs.
7. Encourage your Rotaractors to hold a District conference along with their PETS training, or perhaps invite them to hold their conference alongside your own district conference.
8. Develop a web page on your district website or a separate website or social network for the clubs in the district. Many Interact clubs are unaware of others in the district.
9. Invite a Rotaractor or Interactor to be a speaker/presenter at your conference.
10. Include Rotaractors in your training seminars or RLI seminars.

Building relationships is the cornerstone of the Rotary movement but sadly we sometimes neglect those whom we do not see at our meetings on a weekly basis. If we do not nurture these

relationships with our Rotaract and Interact clubs, where else will they have the opportunity to learn about the inner workings of Rotary? What better way to make the transfer from Rotaract to Rotary than through a gradual and natural progression?

## Japanese Culture Tips

BY PDG BETSY OWEN

In honor of RI President-Elect Sakuji Tanaka:

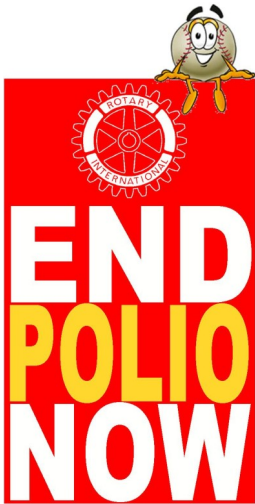
- The bow is their traditional greeting. If someone bows to greet you, observe carefully. If you are greeting an equal, bow to the same depth as you have been bowed to, because the depth of the bow indicates the status of the relationship between you. As you bow, quickly lower your eyes. Keep your palm flat against your thighs.
- The Japanese are very aware of Western habits and will often greet you with a handshake. Their handshakes may be gentle, which gives no indication of their assertiveness of character. The handshake may last longer than customary.
- Business cards are extremely important for establishing credentials. Membership in professional organizations should be included. Cards are presented after the bow or handshake. Read the card that is presented to you, memorizing all the information. Ask for help in pronunciation and in comprehension of the title; if you understand without help, make a relevant comment. Handle cards very carefully. Do not put them in your pocket or in your wallet if you plan to put it in your back pocket. It is improper to write on a person’s business card (especially not in his presence).
- At work the Japanese are very serious and do not try to “lighten things up” with humor.
- In a business or meeting situation be punctual at all times. Tardiness is considered rude. For social occasions, it is appropriate to be fashionably late.

Common words and phrases you might use:

English	Japanese	Phonetic Pronunciation
<a href="#">Hello</a>	こんにちは。	Konnichiwa. (kon-nee-chee-WAH)
<a href="#">How are you?</a>	お元気ですか。	O-genki desu ka? (oh-GEN-kee dess-KAH?)
<a href="#">Fine, thank</a>	元気です。	Genki desu. (GEN-kee dess)
<a href="#">What is your name?</a>	お名前は何ですか。	O-namae wa nan desu ka? Oh-NAH-mah-eh wah NAHN dess-KAH?)
<a href="#">My name is _____</a>	私の名前は _____ です。	Watashi no namae wa _____ desu. (wah-TAH-shhee no nah-mah-eh wa _____ dess)
<a href="#">Nice to meet you</a>	はじめまして。	Hajimemashite. (hah-jee-meh-MOSH-teh)

## Rotarians Hit a Home Run Against Polio

By ROCKY JACOBS, ZONE 33 PCC



As most of you know, on July 30th Districts 7610 and 7600 sponsored the second annual "End Polio Now" baseball game at Nationals Ball Park in DC between the Nationals and the Mets. Busloads of Rotarians and their families came from the tidewater and central Virginia areas of the State and were joined by the Zone 33 RLI annual meeting attendees and local Rotarians and their families from D7610. Attendance was good and the Nationals contributed \$5.00 of every ticket sold to the \$200 Million Challenge. I have been a Rotarian for a long time, but I still feel a lot of pride

when I see the names of Rotary clubs from MD, DE WV, VA, NC and SC flashed up on the big screen at the ball park showing us in attendance. Congratulations to Vance Zavala (District 7610 Polio Chair) and PDG Bill Pollard (District 7610 DRGC), who organized the event, for a job very well done! Vance and Bebo, it was a great Saturday evening.

Congratulations also to the Rotary Club of Hampton Roads, Norfolk, VA (D-7600) for completing Campaign PAINless for the 2011-2012 Rotary year. Campaign PAINless is that club's method of raising a minimum of \$2,000 for the \$200 Million

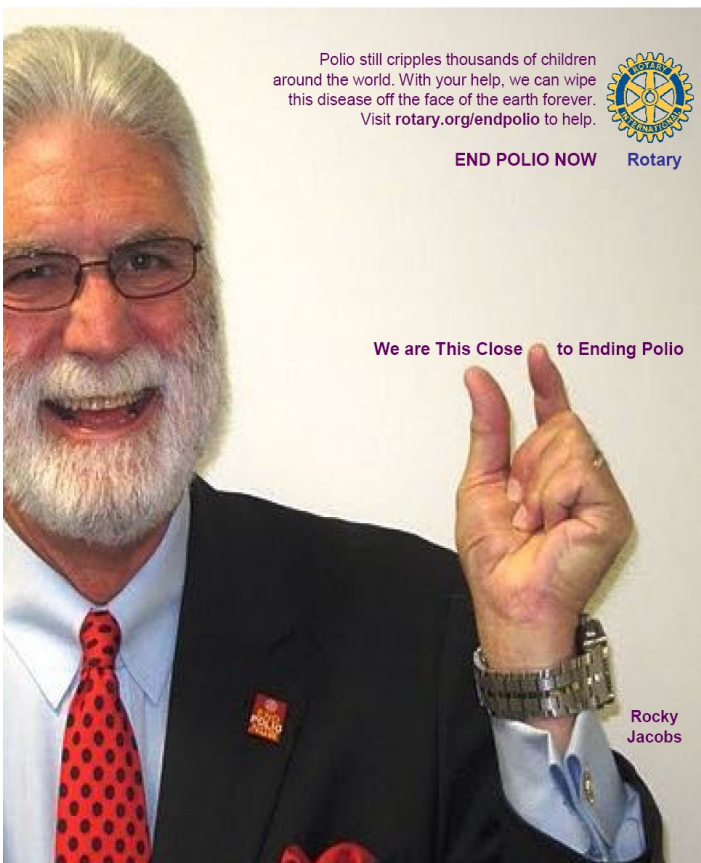


Vance Zavala, District 7610 Polio Chair, starts the game with "Play ball!"

Challenge Campaign. I think you can all figure out what the letters stand for: P, A, I, N the first letter of the name of each of the four remaining polio endemic countries. At their weekly meeting the club collects spare change and donations from each of their members until they reach their \$2,000 commitment. This year they finished their "campaign" by the end of the first week of August and exceeded their goal by \$346 for a total of \$2,346 for the \$200 Million Challenge Campaign.

District 7630 is to be commended for a great new idea for spreading the word about our efforts. District PolioPlus Chair Tom Talley and his eight area advocates have secured \$200 Million Polio Challenge posters for placement in vacant storefronts throughout the district. What a great way to make their communities aware of Rotary and our worldwide effort to rid the world of polio. The next time they have a community awareness fundraiser, community members will know WHY.

And, last but certainly not least. Thank you all so much for your dedicated efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. The battle is not yet won, and we are facing the most difficult time in the "Campaign," but your efforts, allowed Zone 33 to rank fourth in the Rotary world in Polio giving this past Rotary year and for Rotary and its partners to make excellent progress toward our goal. We all owe you a huge debt of gratitude!



### Did you know....

- India has no new reported cases of polio since January 13, 2011—more than seven months?
- The incidence of Wild Polio Virus 3 in endemic countries has dropped to only 8 cases in 2011
- The year-to-date total of reported new cases of polio is less than half of last year's year-to-date totals.

## Club Quick Tip: Presidential Citation Focuses on Membership and EREY Clubs

This year, RI President Kalyan Banerjee has incorporated criteria within the [RI Presidential Citation](#) that stress the importance of both membership and continued support of The Rotary Foundation. The foundation criteria focus on fund development for Annual Programs Fund, while the membership criteria emphasize growth in membership among women in Rotary, young professionals, Foundation Alumni, and a club's diversity of all members.

Clubs need to be cognizant that ***the requirements related to The Rotary Foundation have two components that must be met between 1 July 2011 and 31 March 2012:***

- 100% Annual Program Fund participation (every Active Member of the club personally contributes some amount to APF between 1 July 2011 and 31 March 2012), and
- The club's contributions to Annual Programs Fund must be at least \$100 per capita (based on membership start figures as of 1 July 2011, available after 31 October 2011).

The mandatory foundation components of the RI Presidential Citation criteria might at first appear to be the same as TRF's 100% Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) Club recognition program; however, the RI Presidential Citation has two critical distinctions: (1) The Foundation components of the RI Presidential Citation criteria must be met by 31 March 2012, and (2) TRF's 100% EREY Club program \$100 per capita calculation is based on the club's membership as of 30 June 2012 (whereas the RI President's Citation is based on the club's membership as of 1 July 2011).

Early donations from all members, submitted well before the March 31 deadline, will be the key to a club's successfully completing The Rotary Foundation components of the RI Presidential Citation program this year. Clubs should focus on the key elements of the recognition criteria: (1) every member donates something to Annual Programs Fund, and (2) the club's per capita giving must be at least \$100. Contributions should be submitted before March 1 to ensure they appear on the club's EREY Eligibility Report before March 31, allowing the club to make the required certification to the District Governor by 6 April 2012.

Clubs have a "contingency plan" in place to address new members who join the club before 31 March. Clubs should consider including The Rotary Foundation and giving to the Annual Programs Fund as part of their new member orientation. Ensure that you discuss the club's goals with new members when they join. Ask the new member to help the club meet its goal of receiving the RI Presidential Citation by donating \$100 to Annual Programs Fund before 31 March.

One way a club might reach the goal is by including a voluntary donation of at least \$25 per quarter or \$10 per month on the club's regular dues invoicing as a suggested contribution.

Clubs must certify their compliance with the RI Presidential Citation criteria to the District Governor no later than 6 April 2012. Clubs that meet all requirements of the RI Presidential Citation program and are certified by the District Governor will receive a certificate of recognition signed by RI President Kalyan Banerjee.

***"We need to commit ourselves absolutely and fully and say, 'What I must do shall indeed be done.'"***

***Kalyan Banerjee, RI President 2011-12***



## What's New for the 2013 Council on Legislation?

### Term Limit for Representatives

An enactment was adopted by the 2010 Council providing that no Rotarian shall attend more than three Councils on Legislation as a representative.

### Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement

When submitting legislation to RI, the proposer must provide a statement of purpose and effect not to exceed 300 words in order for the proposal to be considered duly proposed. This statement should identify the issue or problem that the proposed legislation seeks to address and explain how the proposal addresses or resolves the problem or issue.



### Opposition to Adopted Legislation

The RI Bylaws were amended to provide that an action of a Council on Legislation would be suspended if clubs representing at least 5% of the votes entitled to be cast by clubs file forms opposing a Council action. Previously, a Council action could only be suspended if clubs representing 10% of the votes entitled to be cast file forms opposing the action.

### Council Deadlines and Dates

2010-11	Representatives and alternates selected and reported to RI
31 December 2011	Deadline to submit legislation
30 September 2012	Proposed legislation published
April, May or June 2013	Council on Legislation (date to be determined)

For more information about the 2013 Council on Legislation, please visit the Council portion of [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) or contact Council Services at 847-866-3302 or [councilservices@rotary.org](mailto:councilservices@rotary.org).

## Caribbean Partnership Celebration

*JV VLASS, CARIBBEAN PARTNERSHIP CHAIRMAN*

Over the last weekend in July, 160 like-minded Rotarians gathered in Reston, Virginia, near Washington D.C., for our Annual Caribbean Partnership Celebration. Our host, Rotary D-7610 did a fantastic job! We had a Caribbean theme throughout the event and many thanks to all the volunteers from the District. Most importantly, this was the first time our Celebration took place in Zone 33.

Over the three days, we discussed the Rotary work that our Partnered Clubs have been doing, evaluated what we have accomplished, celebrated our achievements and determined what needs to be done next. Through this fellowship with all of us gathered under one roof, the relationships that were already established soared upward to everlasting friendships.

We have grown significantly to include all 29 districts of Zones

33 and 34 plus associate members outside of our Zones. The main body of our membership is our Partnered Clubs; we currently have over four hundred Clubs of the USA, and the Island Districts of the Caribbean and North Atlantic, D-7000, D-7020, and D-7030, partnered and doing Rotary's work together.

Attendees were treated to inspirational speeches from Knox Singleton, President and CEO of INOVA Health System, RID John Smarge, PRID Barry Rassin, PRID Ken Morgan, RF Trustee and RIDE, Anne Matthews, Past RIBI President Norman Proctor, William Conn, Coordinator for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) for the Caribbean region, and PDG Leigh Readdy, Disaster Coordinator, for D-5030.

After a brief history of the Partnership, attendees were brought up to date on the successes of the partnership in bringing about better working relationships between USA Rotary Districts and Clubs and their Caribbean counterparts. Rotarians received instructions on how to create more partnerships between clubs along with updates on many current and ongoing Partnership projects benefiting individuals and communities both on the mainland and in many Caribbean countries. Informational updates were given on many successful projects:

- The Jaipur Limb Project,
- Stop Hunger Now
- A new Rotary Action Group which will function as an informational resource for disaster relief and assistance
- Various literacy-related projects
- Video of the many projects and current conditions in Haiti.

This event fulfilled the specific purpose for which our Corporation was organized by providing opportunities for Rotarians of the U.S. and throughout the Caribbean and North Atlantic that were in attendance, to become better educated as to our respective cultural similarities and differences. We developed relationships, shared knowledge, ideas and interests that did indeed result in more Partnered Clubs

All attendees came away with many new friendships and fresh new relationships to further their efforts to increase interactions between Rotarians throughout both Zones.

Our 2011 Celebration showcased what our Caribbean Partnership Inc., is all about and what makes Zones 33-34 truly unique, in other words, Rotary at its best.

### PRID Barry Rassin's Haiti Journal

Read about the incredible trip in July to Haiti to review the progress of reconstruction, aided by the Haiti Earthquake Relief Donor Advised Fund. Past RI Director Barry Rassin provides a daily account of his travel with RID John Smarge, PRIVP Eric Adamson and PRID Robert Stuart in *Director's Journey*, now available online at: <http://rotaryzones3334.clubwizard.com/CaribbeanPartnership.cfm>