



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November-Rotary Foundation Month

- Week of 11/5 is Interact Week
- 4 GSE Team Leader Application Deadline
- 18 GSE Team Member Application Deadline
- 19 GSE Team Leader Interviews

December-Family Month

- Elect 2006-07 club officers
- 3 GSE Team Member Interviews

PROGRAM IDEAS

In observance of November as Foundation Month, plan a Foundation program for a club meeting this month.

In observance of Interact Week this month, invite Interact members to make a presentation on their club plans for the year and accomplishments so far.

Reminders for District Club Achievement Award

- ☐ Host GSE Team from France-contact Bobby McDaniel to sign up as host
- ☐ Have a program presented by a former GSE Team member. Contact Elvie Guthrie-Lewis
- ☐ Have a club member summarize *The Rotarian*
- ☐ Conduct at least 2 new member orientations in 2005-06
- ☐ Review District Newsletter with club or distribute copies to club members
- ☐ Celebrate club anniversary

☐ Submit dates of three club projects to Editor of *The District Dispatch*

See PETS materials or contact DG Neil at neil@alfordlegal.com for a more comprehensive list of award criteria. **Criteria for District Assembly changed to require attendance by only one club member.**

Reminders for RI Presidential Citation Award

- ☐ Receive significant media coverage of Rotary club events on at least two occasions
- ☐ Increase contributions to The Rotary Foundation, with the goal of meeting or exceeding \$100 per capita

Complete list of criteria of the RI Presidential Citation was reproduced in the September edition of *The District Dispatch* and is also available on the RI website.

ROTARY MINUTE

RIBI—WHAT’S THAT?

The structure of RI in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) forms an interesting chapter in our history. In 1914, after Rotary expanded across the Atlantic to Great Britain and Ireland, a British Association of Rotary Clubs was established as part of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. During World War I there was little contact between the international clubs, and the British association held the small number of Rotary clubs together in Great Britain, Ireland and a few other European communities.

Following the war, a new Rotary International Constitution was adopted in 1922 that established the principle that whenever a country had 25 Rotary clubs it could become a “territorial unit” and thus have a representative on the RI board and receive other specific powers. The clubs in Great Britain and Ireland immediately petitioned for and received the status of “territorial unit.” No other group in the world made such a request or received that status.

In 1927 RI terminated the territorial unit concept and organized Rotary Clubs by “areas” of the world. However, all of the “rights, privileges and powers of existing territorial units” were forever protected and perpetuated. Thus, since RIBI was the only territorial unit, it has continued to function as an independent unit of Rotary International, subject to certain approvals by the RI Constitution.

The RIBI form of administration is uniquely appropriate to Great Britain and Ireland because of geography, language, tradition and custom. Because of this historic relationship, RIBI maintains a slightly different administrative structure from all other Rotary clubs and districts of the world, even though it is a full member of RI. *ABCs of Rotary*

Reminder: presenting 12 Rotary minutes to your club is one of the optional requirements for the District Club Achievement Award.