



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July-Literacy Month

- 1 Remit RI & District Dues
RI Semiannual Report Due
- 6 DG Begins Club Visits
- 27 RSVP for seminar in Slidell

August-Membership Month

- DG Club Visits continue
- 6 Foundation & Membership Seminar in Slidell
- 17 RSVP for seminar in Hattiesburg
- 27 Foundation & Membership Seminar in Hattiesburg at Southern Oaks

Reminders for District Club Achievement Award

- ☐ Attendance at Foundation & Membership Seminar. See PETS materials and July District Newsletter for more details on exact attendance requirements.
- ☐ Read Rotary Minute to Club
- ☐ Remit RI and District Dues on time
- ☐ Hold a club assembly at beginning of new Rotary year to review 2005-06 club goals

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

ROTARY MINUTE

JULY IS LITERACY MONTH

July is RI Literacy Month. It is estimated that one billion people-1/6 of the world's population and 2/3 of which are women-are unable to read or write in any language. The problem exists in industrialized and developing countries. The number of adult illiterates in the world is increasing by 25 million each year! In the US, one quarter of the entire population is considered functionally illiterate.

The tragedy of illiteracy is that those who cannot read are denied personal independence and become victims of unscrupulous manipulation, poverty and the loss of human dignity that give meaning to life. Illiteracy is demeaning. It is a major obstacle for economic, political, social and personal development. Fundamentally, illiteracy is a barrier to international understanding, cooperation and peace in the world.

ABCs of Rotary

Help promote literacy by having a speaker this month on the topic.

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



PROGRAM IDEAS

If you sponsored a young adult at RYLA, ask him/her to give a report. You'll enjoy it. The enthusiasm is contagious.

This will also satisfy one of the optional criteria for the District Club Achievement Award. See below for additional information concerning the District Club Achievement Award.