



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

Elect 2006-07 club officers

January

Report election 2006-07 pres and secy to RI, District Secy and DGE Jerry Fortino

2 Rose Parade

21 Midyear Checkup in Slidell

PROGRAM IDEAS

Conduct a club assembly to discuss duties of officers and directors in preparation of upcoming election of 2006-07 officers and directors.

Trained professional to discuss emotional recovery from Katrina and signs of emotional distress.

Reminders for District Club Achievement Award

- ☐ Host GSE Team from France-contact Bobby McDaniel to sign up as host
- ☐ Create and/or update club website
- ☐ 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, visit www.rotary6840.org 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

- ☐ Submit nominations to Dist. Gov. for consideration for the RI Public Relations Award
- ☐ Develop and initiate a new project in support of Club Service. (Rotary Minute could satisfy this criteria)

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 and District 6840 websites.

ROTARY MINUTE

ROTARY'S FLOAT IN THE ROSE PARADE

The RI float in the annual Tournament of Roses Parade is undoubtedly the largest public relations project of the Rotary clubs of the US and Canada. Since 1924 a Rotary float has been entered 21 times including every year since 1981. The famous Pasadena, CA parade is seen by an estimated 200 million people via worldwide television. Funds for the construction of the Rotary parade entry are voluntarily given by Rotarians and clubs in the US and Canada. The cost of designing, constructing and flower-covering a Rose Parade float begins at about \$135,000. Hundreds of Rotarians voluntarily travel to Pasadena each year to help put flowers on the Rotary float. A multi-district Rotary committee in southern California coordinates planning of the Rotary float and provides hundreds of volunteer hours of service. The Rotary float must portray the annual parade theme, usually depicting one of the worldwide service programs of RI. Each New Year's Day, Rotarians take pride in seeing their attractive float and realize they have shared in its construction by contributing a dollar or two to this beautiful public relations project. See www.rotaryfloat.org for more information.

ABCs of Rotary

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



2006 Rotary Float