



Calendar of Events

February-World Understanding Month

23 101st Anniversary of Rotary

March-International Convention Month

18 Pres. Elect Training Seminar at Gretna
United Methodist Church

April-Rotary Awareness Month

1 Deadline to submit Presidential Citation
Award Application to DG
19 Paul Harris' Birthday

Program Ideas

Celebrate RI's 101st anniversary with balloons and a cake or coffee cake at a club meeting.

Give a history of RI either as full club program or Rotary Minute.

See rotary.org for prepared presentations on RI history.

Upcoming District Meetings

March 18: Presidents-Elect Training Seminar and District Assembly

This is a mandatory meeting for next year's presidents. At the time of the publication of this bulletin, not all of the 2006-07 presidents have been reported. So, it is requested that all recipients of this bulletin distribute a copy of this bulletin to your club's 2006-07 president. Details are available on the Events Calendar page of the District website: www.rotary6840.org. Contact DGE Jerry Fortino at jfortino@cox.net for more information.

Reminders for RI Presidential Citation Award

- ▶ Recognize a Rotarian in your club who actively participates in the full range of club projects and programs with the Four Avenues of Citation for Individual Rotarians.
- ▶ Convene a meeting of the club leadership, including incoming officers, to discuss strategic goals for the next three to five years.

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 (www.rotary.org).

ROTARY MINUTE

The month of February is special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated World Understanding Month. The month also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day.

World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service-Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.

The [Rotary Award for World Understanding](#) is presented annually to a non-Rotarian whose life or work demonstrates in an outstanding manner the Rotary ideal of service, especially in the promotion of international understanding, goodwill and peace. Recipients have included Czech President and playwright Vaclav Havel, Jimmy Carter, Pope John Paul II, Dr. Salbin, the inventor of the oral polio vaccine, Nelson Mandela and former UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar. The recipients now receive, with the crystal flame, \$100,000 for humanitarian projects of their choice that are in harmony with The Rotary Foundation's mission.

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