

**DISTRICT 7790** MONTH OF THE  
YOUNG JEUNES GÉNÉRATIONS



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**The emblem of Rotary** is a wheel of spiral of 24 teeth, symbole of the transmission of energy. Those 24 teeth also symbolize the fact that the spirit of service is exercised at any hour of the day.

**Governor's message**

My meetings with the C.A. and the clubs members are very stimulating. It is incredible to discover the wide range of local projects that are achieved. Several of these projects can be exported to other clubs. I take lots of notes to animate the District Conference 2011.

In the message that I address to Rotarians, I invite them to think about the words pronounced by Mr. Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary :<<We are in a changing world, we must prepare to change>>. Those words are still valid since the society is in perpetual evolution. And to face the change, we must accept to do things differently and to amend our ways. Rotary offers us the opportunity to be agents of change, passionate people who want to improve their communities. We must ask ourselves what we want the Rotary to be in 10 years.

It is in this context that I gave myself as main task to help improve the vitality and the viability of clubs since this is the clubs which meet the needs of communities and countries of the third-world.

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## **District Project**

At the time when you read this newsletter, Claude will be to Cojimiens in Ecuador in the framework of the realization of the District project 2010-2012. The objective of this project is to bring of drinking water in a sector not served in the city. A good way of bridging continents. We will have a record and photos in our next newsletter.

## **President's citation Governor's citation**

To this question « What is the Rotary? », The President of the Rotary International Ray Klinginsmith replied that what the Rotary is doing the best in his mission to serve is to :« BUILDING COMMUNITIES» AND « BRIDGING CONTINENTS. » He made it the theme of his presidency year. When he has established the criteria for the achievement of the Presidential Citation for the year 2010-2011, he allowed himself to be inspired by this theme.

The Governor Claude Martel invites us to aim high for the obtaining of the presidential and governor quotations. He is aware that all clubs cannot reach all targets referred, but we can be inspired by it in the choice of our objectives.

You will find these criteria for each quotations on the site of the District 7790 (**Rotary District 7790 = [www.rotary-7790.org](http://www.rotary-7790.org)** ).

## **September month of the young generations**

The future of Rotary is in the hands of young generations and their talents. The young generations living in modernity of the present time. They have the keys in the current decoding of the world, often difficult to interpret by their elders. And they are also the first to suffer the difficulties. .

The Rotary International proposes numerous possibilities in the direction of the young generations and the Rotary club is the pivot.

Clubs are deeply encouraged to develop local actions or to participate in the various initiatives for the benefit of the young generations:

- Youth exchanges
- Scholarships
- RYLA
- Study group exchanges
- Rotaract

Many resources are available for Clubs:

The Rotarian youth center (<http://www.crjfr.org/>) who supplies very numerous indications, documentations and helps(assistants).

Take advantage of the period of start of the school year to make sensitive the club in these actions, and plan the participations in the programs for the young generations.

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### **Did you know that...**

Rotary was born in Chicago, on February 23rd, 1905. It is in this date when our founder, Paul-H Harris, lawyer, held the first meeting, together with three friends, Silvester Schiele negotiating in coal, Gustavus a hour. Loehr, mining engineer and Hiram E. Shorey, tailor. They were of German, Swedish, Irish, American origin and represented the Protestant, catholic and Jewish confessions. Two of four founders were freemason, p. Harris and Gustavus E. Loehr, which moreover will remain member only little time before returning to the freemasonry. Hiram E. Shorey will leave also very fast Rotary, for, it seems, professional reasons.

Originally, Paul Harris's idea was to promote the solidarity between businessmen, but, very fast, the notion of a humanitarian aid came to be transplanted on this objective.

The meetings were alternately held in the workplace by each of the members, where from the name of Rotary. The first months were difficult, of numerous very lively discussions about the desirable evolution setting the members of the first club. It is only at the end of 1906 when the development of Rotary was able to be serenely envisaged.