



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

REGIONAL COORDINATION (Zone 10)

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Dear Friends:

Still following the reflections and considerations made before, we have to accept that there are several things that condition the good understanding between persons, the peoples and the nations. It is here that Rotary acts also as an important instrument serving the community and, in a certain way, a regulator of contacts are establishing by themselves in the world. And it is also for that we put the question of the Membership Development and its cohesion.

Have in mind since now that *Development* do not mean *Increase*. Really, the *Increase* only Works for numbers and statistics, while the *Development* infers the meaning not only of the increase in number but also in quality. The *Development* infers the meaning, that way, all an evolution that implicate (without breaking the basic rules and the characteristics of the Rotary International Development) the attention to the changes verified in the meantime within this century of life of the Rotarian Movement, changes of all kind and in all fields, namely the sociologic, professional, politic, that eventually may implicate the service in new forms.

Have in many of us are facing the Membership Development with some reserves, which however must be removed. In fact, Rotary want the Membership Development, to more and more give a service to the community and to achieve its objectives of understanding and harmony among the persons and, therefore, in the world community, more and more in need of that action and service.

We will continue.

Till the next time.

1. EXPANSION -

New countries in Rotary

With the admission in R.I. of the Rotary Club of Kirimati in the Republic of Kirimati, the number of Countries in Rotary increased for 170 (not counting the regions). We hope that this become the seed for the Rotary Development and its Membership in this region of the World.

2. STATISTICS

Clubs under formation – In the Rotarian District 1960 there are under formation the Clubs of Campo Maior, Madeira Oeste and Nazaré. We wish vehemently their fast admission in Rotary.

By 31/10/08, there were in the Zone 10, 47.719 Rotarians distributed by 1891 Clubs. The forecast for the number of Rotarians by the year end of 2008/09 it is of 52.275 Rotarians.

At world level, the numbers are, respectively, the following: 1.219.314 members distributed by 33.242 Clubs, being the forecast for the Rotarian year end of 1.354.631 Rotarians. Being so, we will leave definitively the 2nd hundred of thousand that for decades has been verified to pass, of course, for the 3rd hundred thousand over the million.

3. REORGANIZATION OF THE ROTARIAN ZONES

Due to the enforcement of the new system of reorganization of the Rotarian Zones by 01/07/09, Portugal and Spain will be part of the Section B of the Zone 13, which in its Section A will integrate Sweden, Netherland and Liechtenstein.

4. ATHENS INSTITUTE

Having as theme ENHANCE ROTARY IN ZONE 10 AS YOU MAKE DREAMS REAL, took place at Athens, last month of November, between the 28th and 30th, and convened by PRID Orselick Balkan and supported by an excellent team which leader was PDG Safak Alpay, this important Rotarian event, integrating the two sections of the Zone 10.

Preceded by the GETS, which took place during the days 26 and 27, and the Rotary Foundation Seminar, they were very much participated, very much enthusiastic, with excellent handling of the more up to date matters, among which was integrated the Membership Development and that constituted an excellent Rotarian journey.

5. M.D. DISTRICTAL SEMINARS AT THE R.D.2202

They took place, the last days of 15 and 22 of November, respectively at Vic and Pamplona, two District Seminars, which largely contributed, within that matter, for the sensitization of the Rotarians of that District. With excellent programs, they were very well participated. We congratulate lively its responsible, Gov. Xavier Mattel and Benito Fev. Sainz de Cotera, P.C.D.E. y C.S. and Gov. 2009/10.

6. INFORMATIONS

We keep asking to the Area Districts, as well as to the District Committees of Membership Development and Expansion and to their leaders, to send us the information concerning the last monthly movements of the Membership as well as the changes verified in the number of Clubs and also the Clubs under formation.

7. PRESIDENTIAL CONFERENCES

These conferences keep on going and they are contributing very much for the objectives of Rotary. The next ones will be in Vienna and Cairo, taking place the last one in the next February.

8. AVAILABLE RESOURCES

We recommend to all Clubs the use of the available resources, which will help them in this objective, namely by the constitution, within the C.L.P., of a Club committee, as well as the support on-line to the District and International Committees, publications, regional coordinators, etc.

9. DEVELOPEMENT ACTIONS

In all the Rotarian world and namely within our area, a big activity and enthusiasm in membership development actions has been verified, being implemented innovative strategies for that purpose.

We appeal to the commitment of all in this important R.I. objective and so **MAKE OUR DREAMS REAL.**

To all, Rotarian greetings and best wishes of a very happy New Year from

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