

October 23, 2006

**This Week's Program**  
*District Governor's Visit*  
**Next Week's Program**  
*Classification Talk*

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**Important Dates to Remember**

***District Conference*** – Cragun's Resort, Brainerd – April 19  
– 22, 2007

***Rotary International Convention*** – June 17-20, 2007 – Salt  
Lake City, Utah

**Rose Sale Thanks**

Thanks go to everyone who assisted in this year's Rose Sales in any way. From the Chairman to the sellers and those who handed out roses, everyone's contribution to this important fundraiser is appreciated. A special thanks goes to John Reff who chaired the event this year. Information on sales results will be forthcoming.

**Rotary in a Nutshell**

Have you ever been asked what Rotary is all about? Here's a brief explanation that might come in handy:

Rotary is a volunteer organization with over 32,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. The organization initiates humanitarian programs that address today's challenging issues, such as hunger, poverty, and illiteracy.

Rotary club members represent a cross-section of business and professional leaders worldwide. These 1.2 million men and women donate their expertise, time and funds to support local and international projects that help people in need and promote understanding among cultures.

Rotary's flagship program is its effort to protect children against polio, with the goal of ending the disease throughout the world.

**Rotary Vision Statement**

Look into the future and imagine what Rotary will look like in the years to come. That's exactly what a committee of Rotary International officials did to

guide Rotary as it prepared to enter its second century of service. After careful consideration of data collected at the leadership, staff and grassroots level of the organization as to the important issues and challenges that Rotary faces in the coming decade, they developed the following Vision Statement:

- ❑ Rotary will be recognized for its leadership and success in the eradication of polio.
- ❑ Rotary will have a strong and visible presence worldwide.
- ❑ Rotary will achieve enhanced capacity for friendship and service through a strong organization with increased and diverse membership.
- ❑ Rotary will advance its ideals of high ethical standards, international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a membership united in service.

**Rotary Around the World**

**Movers and Shakers**

Located on several major fault lines, Turkey has been rocked over the last century of 23 earthquakes with magnitudes of at least 7.0. Most Turks still remember the quake in August 1999 that, with a magnitude of 7.4, killed more than 17,000 people. Despite this shaky history, few families have been taught how to stay safe during earthquakes.

After noticing this lack of education, the Rotary Club of Istanbul-Atasehir, Turkey, asked The Rotary Foundation for Health, Hunger and Humanitarian Grant to build a simulator that would teach children how to react during an earthquake. The Foundation approved a US\$205,500 grant, and Deprempark (which means "Quakepark" in English) opened in Istanbul in early 2003.