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- Early Bird Incentives!
- Roast the Guv...start planning now :o)
- Enjoy the richness of the Indian culture!
- Saturday: free time or fun filled olde fashioned picnic!
- Celebrate the Rotary year with fun & fellowship!
- Plan now...the conference committee will welcome and celebrate you with open arms!

ROTARY WEEKEND CELEBRATION TO BE HELD IN RHODE ISLAND! May 17-20, 2012

On July 1, 2011, a new Rotary year will begin with almost all of the leadership position in Rotarys changing hands. We stand on the shoulders of those who precede us and look to the future with anticipation. And every year we celebrate the accomplishments of all the Rotarians who dedicate their time, efforts and donations to Saving and Changing Lives. What a wonderful way of acknowledging the good works of Rotarians and having fun at the same time! This is what we will be doing May 2012! We are going to celebrate YOU! We want to take time to thank you by creating a Celebration where you can have fun with fellow Rotarians, friends and family! You will hear about Rotarians from all corners of our District, and the quiet (or not so quiet) ways they make a difference in their community and around the world. And they will be able to hear about you and your club's activities as well. The most important benefit of attending this Celebration is the sharing that takes place: projects, ideas, resources, and so much more. Learning ways of being more effective is beneficial to the club and those we serve. To make sure the Celebration Week-end is successful, you will find fellowship, trusting relationships and a great deal of fun. Humor heals and brings people together. And it is with much humor, care, and creativity that we are planning an amazing Rotary Week-end Celebration for you next May. Li'l Frog guarantees a great time!

CELEBRATION WEEKEND DRAWING = 3 LUCKY WINNERS!

HERE'S THE LATEST!

86 People signed up for our Rotary Celebration Weekend at this year's Conference in Sturbridge.

1. **RON CLARK, Madison WON** 3 days/2 nights - conference package…Fri-Sun, single. ($510 value!)
2. **BONNIE HONG, Norwich WON** dinner at the Museum, and hotel, single ($225 value)

And last but not least!!!!!!

3. **REBECCA ZANDVLIET , Naugatuck, WON** $100 credit to TRF PLUS 2 minutes to "Roast the Guv" on TH night! (More details inside)

We hope you REGISTER now and say "Me Too!". And the best way to celebrate is with your friends...old and new. See if you can put a group together from your club.

We guarantee you'll have a great time, make new friends, learn a little more about how Rotarians around the district Save and Change lives; andperhaps make a difference in someone else's life. Just imagine everyone saying "Me, too!"

Dinner At The Culinary Arts Museum

You are cordially invited to attend dinner at the museum on Thursday, May 17th, 2012 at The Culinary Arts Museum at Johnson & Wales!

What a great way to start our Celebration Weekend! This museum provides a unique and intriguing setting for cocktails, dinner and superb dining!

In addition, you will be privileged to tour the museum which offers a variety of historical displays: The Commercial Kitchen; Cookbooks; The Home Kitchen;

Stoddard's Stagecoach Tavern; Kitchen Stoves (from

open hearth to the Microwave); Culinary Beginnings; Country Fair to Culinary Olympics; and many, many more! We hope you will join us for this memorable, unusual, plated dinner. Come and

Roast The Guv! - First Time Ever!

YES! You heard correctly! This will be the first time that our District has formally Roasted the Governor! For a $100 donation to the Rotary Foundation (for which you will receive credit!) you will be allotted 2 minutes to share those special and humorous, perhaps even unusual moments with everyone! In case you were wondering, this was DGE Rupi's idea! He believes that laughter is the best medicine! It's healthy for the body and the soul!

So, may we suggest that you start saving those "goodies" now. Next May will come sooner than we think. More details will follow throughout the year. We believe this will be one of the most exciting events ever held at a district event!

And this will all be part of the Indian Experience

The Indian Experience... Just For You!

DGE Rupi and Pat want to share the love of his heritage with you...through food, decoration, dancing, art, clothing and feeling. They want you to experience the joy and richness of their lives. You will have the opportunity to taste, see, hear and enjoy the full range of The Indian Experience. We will also be providing non ethnic food for those who prefer the more traditional food.

Among the many memories we gather in Rotary are the International friendships and the knowledge that about the world outside of our familiar four walls. Our lives become a tapestry of everything we experience! We hope that this evening will add to the variety and quality of your personal and unique piece of art.

RUPI'S GREAT ESCAPE! TIME FOR SOME OLD FASHIONED FUN!

SCAVANGER HUNT! WIFFLE BALL! FROG RACES! CONTESTS YOU CAN WIN!

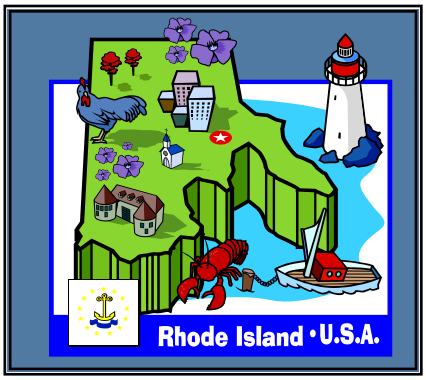
Remember when you were a child and would get together with friends in the neighborhood just to play, eat snacks and share a few jokes? Those were the "good 'ol days" We want to create some great memories for you at our Celebration Week-End...a few new "good 'ol days"! Time to sit and chat, play a few fun games, enjoy some great picnic food. Perhaps a game of Wiffle Ball. Perhaps a few Frog races! (you just never know) Or maybe you would like to learn how to tie a Sari. How about Henna tattoos, Ladies? The conference committee will provide many activities for you to enjoy. And if you have an idea...please let us know. Just contact Phoebe at **Phoebe@Leask.com**

REMEMBER: PROVIDENCE & NEWPORT ARE AROUND THE CORNER

COME EARLY...STAY LATE AND ENJOY THE AREA!

Not only are you in Rhode Island, but you are literally just around the corner from two of the greatest tourist destinations. How wonderful to be so close to Newport and Providence where there is so much to see and do. Restaurants, shopping, magnificent mansions, museums, art galleries. You can take leisurely strolls or walking tours, or bus tours.

Your choice of activities is endless and depends only on your preferences at the moment! You may even want to visit both of these areas! Come to the Celebration Week-end. Plan a mini-vacation before and/or after. Create wonderful memories on your own or with your fellow Rotarians. Enjoy your time in R.I. with R.I.!



AND MOST OF ALL...WE WILL BE CELEBRATING YOU!

QUESTION: MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE WALL, WHICH ROTARIAN STANDS SO TALL.
ANSWER: IT'S YOU!! IT'S THE ROTARIAN WHO LIVES BY THE 4 WAY TEST AND HELPS TO MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE...SMALL OR LARGE! EVERY SINGLE EFFORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE TO SOMEONE IN THE WORLD!
Is it about the money clubs raise? NO
Is it about how big the projects are? No
Is it about how many members are in your club? NO
Is it about how much money people donate? NO
Is it about how many awards your club receives? NO
Is it about how many pins you receive from the Rotary Foundation? NO
Well then....what's it all about? It's about the good works that you and your club do! It's about the children you help to heal! It 's about the children who gain their sight! It's about the children who don't have to get their food at the dump! It's about what supplies, medicine, books, that money can buy! It's about the future and providing HOPE! Allow us to create a Celebration Week-end just for you. You deserve it! Let us thank you! And let's have some fun! Sign up now :o)

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District 7980
District Governor Kanayo "Rupi" and Pat Rupwani
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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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May 2012

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For Details, promotions, and registration, go to www.Rotary7980.org; click on Rotary Week-End Celebration!

Note from Pat and Rupi:

Pat and I would like to invite you to our District's Rotary Week-end Celebration May 17-20, 2012. We are excited about the coming year and look forward to making new friends and helping you in any we can. We also want to thank you for all that you do for others through Rotary. You give them hope in the future!

Let's celebrate those accomplishments at our Celebration! Remember the story about Li'l Frog...believe in your dream! And you will win the race!

If you would like to be a member of our planning team, please contact Phoebe at phoebe@leask.com.

We welcome your input and participation!

DG Rupi and Pat

The Crowne Plaza Hotel - EXQUISITE! Warwick, Rhode Island

Sometimes it's very difficult to describe a place because it is only by being there that you can appreciate the quality and luxury that welcome you! The Crowne Plaza in Warwick is indeed one of these destinations...from the spacious marble entry to the rich, cozy tavern that makes you feel as if you are in someone's personal library! Truly exquisite. We discovered as we toured the Hotel that we were sauntering, not walking, because it was just so enjoyable. We believe you will feel that way as well. Beautiful surroundings! Great price! Easy, free parking! All this and Rotary too!!

We think you will truly enjoy the Crown Plaza and have a great week end. We look forward to Welcoming you to our Celebration! Sign up now and watch other Rotarians join you by saying "Me, too!"

QUESTIONS? Contact Conference Chair Phoebe Leask: **phoebe@leask.com**
Conference Information & Registration will be on **RotaryDistrict7980.org** July1st.

Paul Harris says: "...practice friendship and cooperation"