

# ROTARY ANCHOR



2010/2011 Rotary Theme

New London Rotary Club  
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Installation Dinner

July 8, 2010 5:30pm Tony D's



Welcome District 7980 Dignitaries!

*District Governor*  
**Julie Reppenhagen 2010-2011**  
*Rotary Club of Danbury Sunrise*



*District Governor-Elect*  
**Kanayo (Rupi) Rupwani 2011-12**  
*Rotary Club of Naugatuck*



*Past District Governor*  
**Colin Gershon 2009-2010**  
*Rotary Club of New Haven*



*Past District Governor*  
**Rick Benson 2008-2009**  
*Rotary Club of Westport*



*Past District Governor*  
**Pam Akins 2004-2005**  
*Rotary Club of New London*



## "Cowboy Logic"

**RI President Ray Klingensmith** outlined his plans for his term, which began July 1st, 2010.

The fundamental principles of "cowboy logic" are taking pride in your work, talking less and saying more, doing what has to be done, and remembering that some things just aren't for sale, he explained.

"I believe the way for Rotary to remain viable and vibrant in the next century is to help our clubs to be bigger, better, and bolder," Klingensmith said. "The clubs are the life and breath of Rotary. Therefore, it is clear to me that my job is to help the district governors to help the clubs. We can do it, and we will do it, if all of us follow the simple solution of cowboy logic."



**Kalyan Banerjee**, of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India was elected **president of Rotary International in 2011-12** at the 2010 RI Convention "I have seen the impact that our simplest projects can have. I have seen firsthand our work..."



## Montréal Convention Report

More than 18,000 Rotarians from 154 countries and geographical areas left the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, on 23 June after being challenged to finish the job of eradicating polio and reminded that their efforts are making a difference, even when the results aren't immediately apparent.

"Your commitment to Rotary service projects is critical, but you may seldom have the opportunity to hear the details of the impact," said **Jo Luck, president of Heifer International** and a member of the Rotary Club of Little Rock, Arkansas, USA. "But always know you have made a difference."

During four packed days of plenary and breakout sessions, Rotarians attending the convention were privy to an impressive lineup of speakers, including Luck; best-selling author Greg Mortenson, cofounder of the Central Asia Institute, which builds schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan; **Bob Mazzuca, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America**; and country music singer and philanthropist **Dolly Parton**.

Parton entered the stage singing her hit song "9 to 5," and thanked Rotary for partnering with her foundation's Imagination Library to promote children's literacy. She engaged in a comedic question-and-answer session with Rotary Foundation Trustee Vice Chair John F. Germ before finishing with a song she wrote for the Imagination Library called "Try."

Mazzuca noted the long relationship between the Boy Scouts and Rotary, and stressed the importance of giving children viable and healthy alternatives amid the array of choices -- many unhealthy and downright dangerous -- facing young people and families today. He noted the many similarities between The Four-Way Test and the Scout Law..

**Queen Noor of Jordan** praised Rotarians for their work in promoting world peace and building global coalitions, and said Rotarians have pioneered the type of collaborations necessary to make a difference in the world. She said that the environment and nuclear weapons pose the biggest threats to world peace, and shared the work of her foundations in promoting international understanding and goodwill.

**Bruce Aylward, director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative at the World Health Organization**, encouraged Rotarians to share the "terrific news" that polio is on the run, and that Rotary's vision of a polio-free world is within sight. "You have fundamentally changed the polio eradication game, and you have changed it in your favor."

**Greg Mortenson**, best-selling author of *Three Cups of Tea* encouraged Rotarians to keep working to make the world a better place and thanked Rotary for its efforts to eradicate polio in Afghanistan and Pakistan. He stressed the similarities between how his organization works and how Rotarians operate -- the importance of building relationships and involving local leaders.

"All of us here, as Rotarians or honorary Rotarians, we are compelled to help people," he said. "The real key, and Rotarians do this, is that it's not about helping, but it's about empowering people. And when you empower people, then you can make a change in the world."