

Fellowship of Rotarian PDGs (and Friends)

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This newsletter contains information about our fellowship's activities at the RI convention, so please read it thoroughly if you plan to be in Lisbon. Particularly the paragraph about volunteering to work in our booth!

The PDGs Fellowship booth will be Booth 1504, which is ideally located on the center isle in Pavilion 2 of the convention center. It needs to be staffed with two people on duty for a total of 42 hours while the House of Friendship is open, and we are asking our members to work two hour shifts. Therefore, we need 42 volunteers to staff the booth, and we hope you will lend your help. Please go to http://tinyurl.com/bjej75k to enter your name and indicate the times you will be available to serve in the booth. If you have any questions, or you need to make a change after you enter your choice of times, please contact Bruce Baumberger at gov.bruce@rotary6440.org. We really need your help! Please sign up today!

The first annual general meeting (AGM) for our new fellowship will be held from 1:30 to 4:30 (13:30 to 16:30) on Friday afternoon, 21 June, in Room 3005 of Pavilion 3 at the convention center. Members are encouraged to register their expected attendance for the AGM on our website at www.pdgsfellowship.org. There is no fee to register for the AGM, but the room has a limited capacity of 100 people, so our online registration will be limited to members only. Please register in advance in order for us to prepare properly for the meeting.

At the end of the AGM, there will be a fellowship reception with wine and beer for members and their guests in the hall outside the AGM meeting room. The reception will last from 4:30 to 6:00 (16:30 to 18:00), and it will be an excellent opportunity to see old friends and to make new friends at the start of the convention. The cost for the reception will be \$30 US per person, which will include two drink tickets. **Registration for the fellowship reception also is available online at www.pdgsfellowship.org, and advance registrations are very important for us to provide proper counts to the caterer. Otherwise, there may not be enough wine and beer for the thirsty Rotarians and their guests who show up for the event!**

We are now past 260 members for our new fellowship, and our first AGM in Lisbon will give our members a chance to voice their ideas about the best ways for the fellowship to enhance the interaction of PDGs around the world and to maintain their enthusiasm for Rotary. We are members of a very elite fraternity of men and women who have earned the title of PDGs, and now we have the opportunity to make the fraternity even better for all of our fellow PDGs. Let's make the most of it for the benefit of all concerned!

Now is a good time for you to alert your PDG friends about the new fellowship. Despite our early success, most PDGs are still unaware of it, and a brief note from you will provide a new opportunity for your PDG friends. Just ask them to look at our website at www.pdgsfellowship.org, and they can enroll online. Together, we can make a difference!

For questions about the fellowship, please contact the chair, Ray Klinginsmith, at rayklaw@sbcglobal.net or the secretary, Ann Lee Hussey, at annlee001@yahoo.com.