

**General Outline for District Awards
2009-2010
District Governor, Tom Novotny**

Celebrate Your Accomplishments

The main goal of the awards process is to recognize all Rotary clubs who have participated in projects, campaigns, fundraisers and drives, which have, directly and indirectly benefitted individual club members and their families, local community groups and individuals, and international recipients

Stand Up and Be Counted

Each of the 61 clubs in our district will have multiple opportunities to showcase their accomplishments and get recognized for them, but only if the necessary documentations and guidelines are fulfilled and completed. Please observe the May 8, 2010 deadline for submitting your awards criteria.

Fair and Balanced

Some awards will be judged according to size so that the playing field is as level as possible and that all clubs have an opportunity to be appropriately recognized

- **Small Clubs** **10-25 members** **(22 clubs)**
- **Medium Clubs** **26-59 members** **(29 clubs)**
- **Large Clubs** **60+** **(10 clubs)**

Judging Categories

- 1. Membership**
 - a. Growth
 - b. Attendance
 - c. Development
 - d. Retention
- 2. Public Relations**
- 3. Club Administration**
 - a. Bulletin/newsletter
 - b. Website
- 4. Rotary Foundation/Polio Plus**
- 5. Youth and Education** (includes: Mentoring, Vocational, and Literacy)
- 6. Community Service** (includes: Environmental and Beautification)
- 7. International**
- 8. Special Governor's Award: Family of Rotary/Unsung Heroes**

Outstanding and Exemplary Clubs Awards

- There will be an **OUTSTANDING** category for almost every award. Those clubs who wish to qualify for those awards must demonstrate how their projects and campaigns are a cut above the rest. Remember, **SIZE DOESN'T MATTER!**
- For those clubs that do not make the **OUTSTANDING** list, DG Tom will recognize **EXEMPLARY** clubs for their accomplishments, as long as they complete the items on the *Checklist and Activities & Project Reports* and submit them by the designated deadlines. All clubs should be able to receive at least one award...you can do it!!
- The criteria for each category's checklists and project reports are very straightforward, and getting an award should be pretty easy. All clubs should be eligible to qualify for either **OUTSTANDING** or at the least, **EXEMPLARY**. As you are thinking about your projects, also think about the following:
 - How have the principles and *ideals of Rotary* and the *Four Way Test* been integrated in your projects?
 - What have you done to involve as many of their club members as possible?
 - Creativity and uniqueness will be given special consideration, especially if projects and activities incorporate membership recruitment, development, and retention.