



2008 Rotary Institute – Portland “Bridging the Generations”

SPECIAL INVITED GUESTS

An Extraordinary Leadership Experience

WHAT: The purpose of the Institute’s **Special Invited Guest (SIG)** program for R.I. Zones 23/24 is to expose potential District Governor candidates to the leadership opportunities of and the pleasures of Rotary-service as a District Governor and beyond.

WHO: A **SIG** should be a Rotarian who has demonstrated leadership capabilities, and is considered an excellent potential candidate to serve as a District Governor sometime in the not too distant future.

GUIDELINES: The following guidelines apply to the selection of all Rotarians to be offered this **SIG** opportunity:

1. **Each District in Zones 23/24 may have a maximum of two (2) SIG’s (plus their spouse/partner)** attend the 2008 Rotary “Bridging the Generations” Institute in Portland (25-28 Sept. 2008). Any exception to this limit is subject to approval of the RI Director.
2. **The Rotarian should be a proven leader**, having served in District leadership positions, such as Assistant Governor, an Avenue of Service Committee Chair, Membership Committee Chair, TRF Chair or chair of a District major event committee.
3. **A SIG may generally attend a Zone Institute only one (1) time as a SIG.** However, a second opportunity will be considered if the time for the Rotarian to offer candidacy for District Governor is now near. Such a second invitation is subject to the prior-approval of the RI Director.
4. **The SIG selection process shall be a function of each District** in Zones 23/24. It is suggested that the District Governor *during the Rotary year of the Portland Institute*, lead the effort while he/she is a DGE, and that he/she seek advice and counsel from the DG, the DGN, PDGs and other District leaders who have current knowledge of the best candidates in the District. **Each 2008-09 DG is urged to select his/her SIG(s) and have them register for the 2008 Rotary Institute in Portland and reserve a hotel room no later than 30 April 2008. (The earlier the better!)**
5. **The costs of a SIG’s Institute attendance** (Institute registration, hotel and/or meal package, and travel) are left to the discretion of individual Districts. It shall be a District’s responsibility to see that SIGs (and their spouses/partners) are fully registered (including arrangements for lodging) in a timely manner. **A SIG’s (and partner’s) Institute registration fee for 2008 will be @ \$150** (regardless of when they register); the meal package will be at the level established for all Institute attendees. **Access the 2008 Institute’s On-Line Registration Page at: <http://www.rotaryzone2324.org/institute08/index.html>**
6. **The traditional Class Reunion gatherings** on the Friday evening of the Institute are considered by many to be among the most compelling reasons to attend a Rotary Institute. At the 2008 Institute, a separate Friday evening activity and breakout session will be arranged specifically for SIGs by a PDG designated to chair the SIG program, under the auspices of the Rotary Institute Programs Committee Chair.