

Featured Speakers



Kalyan Banerjee

Rotary International President-Elect 2010-2011

RIPE Kalyan is a member of the Rotary Club of Yapi, Gujarat, India. A chemical engineer, he is a director of United Phosphorus Limited, the largest agrochemical manufacturer in India and chair of United Phosphorus Limited Bangladesh. He has served as RI director, Rotary Foundation trustee, member of the International Polio Plus committee and chaired The Southeast Asia Regional Polio Plus Committee.



David Dotson

President of The Dollywood Foundation of USA, Canada and UK

David will share his passion for Dolly's Imagination Library, which promotes early childhood reading by working with organizations and communities to provide a book each month to children from birth until age five. Rotary is a partner with over 140 Rotary clubs participating. His responsibilities include overseeing international replication of the Library and planning, administration, public relations, and general support to Dolly Parton Productions.



Dr. Kent M. Keith

Chief Executive Officer of the Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership

A dynamic and inspiring speaker and writer who since his college days at Harvard has been helping people find personal meaning in the face of adversity, Dr. Keith has been featured in major publications and has appeared on dozens of TV shows and more than a hundred radio programs in the United States, United Kingdom and Australia. He has authored a number of books including a 2008 publication, *The Case for Servant Leadership*. His current presentations and seminars are focused on servant leadership and finding personal meaning at home and at work.



Dr. William R. 'Bill' Ferris

Senior associate director of the Center for the Study of the American South and Joel R. Williamson Eminent Professor of History at the University of North Carolina

Dr. Ferris is a scholar, teacher, prolific author, filmmaker, international speaker, public servant and humanitarian. A native of Vicksburg, Mississippi, he served as Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities from 1997-2001 and is a widely recognized leader in Southern studies, African-American music and folklore. Dr. Ferris co-edited the "Encyclopedia of Southern Culture" (1989), which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. His films include "Mississippi Blues" (1983), which was featured at the Cannes Film Festival. A Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by District 6820 to Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland in 1965-66, he is our 2010 Zone 31 Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award recipient and featured speaker on Sunday.



Ray M. Burman

RIBI President-Nominee 2011-12

Ray is a charismatic and entertaining speaker, who will bring us greetings and share his wealth of 'ideas that work' for building and rejuvenating clubs and districts. He is a former commander in the Metropolitan Police and has served as Regional RI Membership Coordinator for Zones 18-19, and as Zone 18 Family of Rotary coordinator. A Rotary Foundation alumnus who holds an MBA, Ray also has a passion for fundraising.

The Grand Ole Opry - Optional Friday Night Event

The Story Behind The Show That Made Country Music Famous

The optional Friday night event is a trip to the legendary Grand Ole Opry. Buses will transport you to Opry Mills Mall (next to the Grand Ole Opry) beginning about 4:00 p.m. Friday. There you can take advantage of one of world's largest outdoor malls and the many fine restaurants it offers if you wish. Then you can wander over to The Grand Ole Opry at your leisure. Or you can take a later bus direct to the Opry shortly before showtime. Your ticket, including transportation, is just \$25.00 per person. Dinner is on your own. This event is sponsored by Rotary District 6760 - our host district.

What began as a simple radio broadcast in 1925 is today a live-entertainment phenomenon. Dedicated to honoring country music's rich history and dynamic present, the Grand Ole Opry showcases a mix of country legends and the contemporary chart-toppers who have followed in their footsteps.

The Opry, an American icon and Nashville, Tennessee's number-one attraction, is world-famous for creating one-of-a-kind entertainment experiences for audiences of all ages. It's been called the "home of American music" and "country's most famous stage." The Opry's member roster reads like a who's-who of country music and includes Bill Anderson, Dierks Bentley, Garth Brooks, Little Jimmy Dickens, Vince Gill, Alan Jackson, Patty Loveless, Loretta Lynn, Martina McBride, Lorrie Morgan, Brad Paisley, Dolly Parton, Jean Shepard, Ricky Skaggs, Connie Smith, Marty Stuart, Trisha Yearwood, and many more.

Come join us Center Stage in Nashville at the Grand Ole Opry.



About Rotary Zones 30 and 31

Rotary International Zones 30 and 31 are the HEART OF AMERICA. They are comprised of 26 districts in 13 states. Zones 30 and 31 are represented on the Rotary International Board of Directors by Director Fred Hahn (2009-2011) from the Rotary Club of Independence, MO in District 6040. RID Fred is the convener of our 2010 Institute.