

## NORTHEAST LINK

Orientation for Rotary Foundation Scholarship & Grant Recipients in Zone 31  
June 6 - Draft Program for September 26-27, 2008

### Friday, 9/26/08

- 2:00 **Welcome to NORTHEAST LINK!**  
**Orientation Registration** and room assignments  
**Getting acquainted activities:** "Passport Challenge"  
**"House of Friendship" opens**  
Alumni Photo Contest, "Blogging and Journals," "Face Book" & "Rotaract Cause"  
(connecting Scholars, Alums & Rotarians), humanitarian project displays
- 3:30 **Opening Session & Introductions**  
**Overview**  
**Rotary's Vision for Peace through Educational Programs" – VIP**
- 3:45 **Scholar Self-Introductions & "Connections"**
- 5:00 **(A) Cross-cultural Challenges & Opportunities for Inbound Ambassadorial Scholars**  
Discussion session for Inbound Ambassadorial Scholars & Alumni  
**(B) Cross-cultural Challenges & Opportunities for Outbound Ambassadorial Scholars**  
Discussion session for Outbound Ambassadorial Scholars & Alumni  
**(C) Cross-cultural Challenges & Opportunities of Hosting or Sponsoring an Ambassadorial Scholar**  
Discussion session for Counselors, Rotarians & Alumni  
**(D) District Leaders—Their Duties & Responsibilities**  
Discussion session for District Leaders: current & future Governors, Foundation Chairs, Scholarship Chairs, Alumni Chairs
- 5:55 **Spreading Peace Through Diplomacy – World Peace Fellow & Scholar**
- 6:15 **Free Time—Cash Bar**
- 7:15 **"Family of Rotary" Dinner** (business attire)
- 8:15 **"Alumni Share How Rotary Makes a Difference"**  
Alumni self introductions & presentations
- 9:30 Informal getting acquainted

### Saturday, 9/27/08

- 7:30 Breakfast and informal networking
- 8:30 **Important Perspectives from The Rotary Foundation Headquarters**
- 9:00 **Why Are We Here? Understanding Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation, Realities - Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation - PDG Panel**
- 9:45 Group & individual district photos, break & hotel check-out
- 10:30 **Effective & Entertaining Presentations – Panel**
- 11:00 **What We Learned & What We Wish We Had Known** - crucial tips, survival skills and facts:  
(1) In-bounds, including "Presentation Skills Workshop" & practice speeches  
(2) Out-bounds, including "Presentation Skills Workshop" & practice speeches  
(3) Rotarians & District Leaders – including Ambassadorial Scholar video; Blogging, Journals, Face Book, "Rotaract Cause"—connecting Scholars, Alums & Rotarians

- 12:30 Buffet lunch
- 1:30 **Politics and Building Peace** - VIP Presenter
- 1:45 Conclusion of “**Passport Challenge**” fellowship activity  
**The Importance of Involvement** - Skits & “**Rotary Game**” featuring RI & TRF Information;  
“Involvement” tips (Rotaract, Alumni aspects, sample reports, sending reports to DG,  
Scholarship Chair, Host/Sponsor Counselor, etc.)
- 2:45 **Partnering Opportunities and Making a Difference – VIP**
- 3:00 “**Tools**” to Take Away! “What I got out of the weekend” “How I will make a difference”
- 3:45 Preparation of: “**I Commit To:**” postcards  
Remarks to close “formal” program
- 4:00 **Free Time - Informal Reception—Alumni Reunion—** “Lounge” at the Crowne Plaza  
**Scholars and Rotarians Welcome!**
- 6:00 **Alumni Dinner** (all are welcome!) at Maxwell Silverman’s  
**Reservations Required!!**  
**Cash bar                      Dinner—Alumni \$20                      Rotarians and guests \$35**