

**4TH ANNUAL ROTARY EMERGENCY DISASTER INITIATIVE (REDI) CONFERENCE**  
**FEBRUARY 5-6, 2010**  
**AGENDA**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2010**

**8:00 AM - 2:00 PM    Bus Trip to Bolivar Peninsula and Galveston Island**

Busses will leave the Hyatt Regency at 8:00 AM. There will be video presentations showing the areas affected by Hurricane Ike and Rotarians from District 5910 will serve as our hosts on the buses. We will tour High Island and the Bolivar Peninsula, and ride the Bolivar Ferry to Galveston Island, where we will have lunch, before returning to Houston.

**12:00 – 2:30 PM        Check-in, Registration**  
***Regency Room Foyer***

**2:30 – 2:45 PM        Welcome, Opening Remarks, Administrative issues**  
**Conference Overview**  
***Regency Room***

Ed Charlesworth, District 5890 Governor  
Charlie Thorp, Past District 5890 Governor  
Bill Haglund, Conference Chair

**2:45 – 3:30 PM        Synopsis of the Emergency Management System**  
***Regency Room***

A. J. Briding, Certified Emergency Manager

A. J. Briding will give an overview of the Emergency Management System in the United States, its key elements, how it works (and does not work) and the possible roles for Rotary Clubs/districts/zones. A. J. will cover: how disaster operations scale up and scale down; basic definitions; and, the important issues that clubs must address to be effective participants in a disaster.

**3:30 – 5:00 PM        All Disasters are Local: Getting Organized**  
***Regency Room***

A. J. Briding

A. J. Briding will emphasize that all disasters start and end locally and give an overview of how volunteers/groups involved in disaster assistance interrelate with one another and with the overarching ambient emergency management system. A. J. will introduce the concept, purpose, nature and importance of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), what a plan must contain and how it is organized; how to develop and maintain your plan. A. J will tie his talk to what will be done in the Saturday plan writing session; including any preparations the attendee need to do and will hand out the blank, Performa disaster plan that will be used as the starting framework for the Saturday session.

**5:00 – 6:00 PM**      **Opening of the Exposition**  
**Arboretum 2, 3, 4**  
Cash Bar  
Free Soft Drinks, Coffee & Tea

**6:00 PM**              **Welcome Dinner**  
**Regency Room**  
**“Dealing With Disasters”**  
Joe Allbaugh, President and CEO, Allbaugh International Group  
Director of FEMA, 2001-2003

**“Experiencing the Earthquake in Haiti”**  
**District 5890 Rotarians**  
Michelle Bohreer, Vicki Brentin, Surpris Cherazard, Genelle  
Edwards, Suzanne Edwards, Vern Swisher

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009**

**7:00 - 8:00 AM**      **Breakfast**  
**Window Box**

**8:00 - 11:45 AM**      **Rotary EOP Workshop**  
**Regency Room**  
A. J. Briding

This workshop will start with the concepts and ideas presented at the Friday session “All Disasters are Local: Getting Organized” and the skeleton draft plan distributed at that time. The participants will be walked through the actual organizing and writing of an emergency operations plan for a Rotary club, and how that should tie into the District. The end product of the session will be a rudimentary, starting draft of a club EOP that participants can take back to their clubs and complete, as well as considerations for a District plan. We will then discuss the dynamics of implementing an EOP in an actual emergency, to include covering how one uses the EOP to organize the Disaster response capability, keeping your plan current, communication as the key to success and selection of your disaster operations staff

**11:45 - 1:00 PM**      **Lunch**  
**Window Box**

**1:00 - 2:30 PM**      **Breakout Session 1: Senior Rotary Officials Workshop**  
**Arboretum 5**  
Bob Stuart, Past RI Director  
Don Mebus, Past RI Director  
Paul Broughton, Past District 5400 Governor

This workshop will examine what is the role of district governors and zone directors in an emergency operation. Some of the topics that the workshop will examine are: the key policy issues related to emergency preparedness of a district and how this function dovetails with this same

subject handled at the club level; district governor's action plan; how to organize at the district governor level; the role of leadership; maintaining an effective disaster operation system of club within the district.

## **Breakout Session 2: Implementing your EOP**

### ***Regency Room***

A. J. Briding

This session will quickly review the work done to build EOPs, and extend that to the concept of building resilient communities that are at the heart of mitigating the effects of disasters. This will include a look at resources available for use at the Club level, as well as areas Clubs can work in to help build community resilience to better prepare for disasters.

**2:30 - 4:45**

## **The Anatomy of An International Disaster**

### ***Regency Room***

Phil Silvers, RI Director

Barry Rassin, Caribbean Partnership, Past RI Director

John McDivitt, Red Cross of Houston

Tom Henderson, Founder and CEO, ShelterBox

**4:45 – 5:00 PM**

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