

21 April 2008

To: Rotary District Governors

Re: Club and District Administration Software (RI-CAS and RI-DAS)

Dear Governor,

I'm writing to announce that we are discontinuing a club and district RI resource. As of 1 July 2008, we will no longer provide club and district administrative software.

When RI purchased the software in August 2003 and re-branded it as RI-CAS and RI-DAS, the intention was to provide clubs and districts with an effective tool to assist with the weekly administrative burdens faced by clubs and districts that would also eventually integrate with Rotary's own on-line business application, the Member Access Portal (MAP).

As your general secretary, I continually work to ensure that your membership dues are used in the most effective manner. After five years, we have found that RI-CAS and RI-DAS is only being used by a very small percentage of clubs and districts worldwide. Lately, it has become evident that supporting and developing RI-CAS/DAS is diverting key resources away from other critical organization projects. It is just not in our organization's best interests to continue to provide access to, distribute, or support this software.

Clubs and districts may still use the software after 1 July 2008. However, at the start of the new Rotary year, support and new versions will not be available. An even smaller number of clubs and districts use an online version of the software. On 1 July 2008, we will no longer support the online version of RI-CAS and RI-DAS and access to the online service will not be available after 1 September 2008.

Thank you for your understanding of this necessary change to your resources.

Sincerely,

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General Secretary