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Subject: Request for Opinion

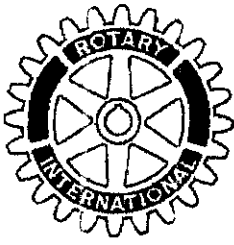
Esther,

Pursuant to our conversation, I am providing with a written response to the question Commissioner Martinez posed regarding a letter he wishes to send to a radio station asking the station to promote the Miami-Kendall Rotary Rumble Motorcycle Giveaway for charity and allow him to appear on the radio station's morning talk show. The draft letter indicates in two places that he is a county commissioner -- at the beginning of the letter, as the honorary chairman for the event and secondly, at the end of the letter. As a general rule, the County Code prohibits elected officials from soliciting contributions, donations or gifts unless the gifts are solicited for official county business.

In this case, I find nothing wrong with the Commissioner appearing on the talk show and providing the listeners (the general public) with more information about the giveaway and the purpose of the event. Even a general appeal by Commissioner Martinez to the public about why the public should attend would not amount to a violation of the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Robert Meyers



# Rotary Club of Miami-Kendall

## "Sow the Seeds of Love"

Joe A. Martinez, County Commissioner  
Honorary Chairman  
Miami-Kendall Rotary Rumble Motorcycle Giveaway  
111 N.W. First Street, Suite #320  
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May 13, 2003

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Mr. Brewer:

I am requesting an opportunity for representatives from the Kendall Rotary Club, Peterson's Harley-Davidson of South Dade and me to appear on your morning talk show the week of June 9, 2003 to discuss the Miami-Kendall Rotary Rumble Motorcycle Giveaway for charity, which will take place on Father's Day, June 15, 2003 at the Worldwide Motorcycle Show of Miami, to be held at the Coconut Grove Convention Center. The Rotary Club would greatly appreciate your help in notifying the public about this fun event for a good cause.

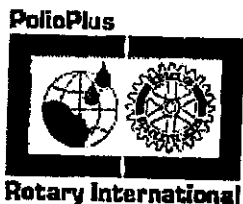
The Motorcycle Giveaway is the Kendall Rotary Club's contribution to Rotary International's worldwide polio prevention program PolioPlus, which seeks to eradicate Polio from the world by the year 2005. Currently, the world is 99 percent Polio-free. The Giveaway will be a raffle of a \$19,000, 100-anniversary Harley-Davidson Fatboy motorcycle, provided by Peterson's Harley-Davidson, on the main stage of the Motorcycle Show between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 15. Five hundred raffle tickets will be available for \$100 each, and the winner will not be picked until the last ticket is bought.

For more information or to respond to this request, please contact Greg Chin, Media Liaison, at 305-375-2859 or via email at [gchin@miamidade.gov](mailto:gchin@miamidade.gov). Thank you in advance for your attention.

Sincerely,

Joe A. Martinez  
Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 11

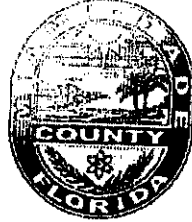
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