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November Message from “De Guv”

November is the month in which the Rotary Theme reminds us of all that Rotarians do in the world to promote world peace and understanding. This is Foundation Month. Even though you give throughout the year to the Foundation, consider paying to stay home on Thanksgiving Day instead of going out to a Foundation dinner!!! Ask your President or Foundation Chair, or Steve Garrett, about this non-event!!!

We have so much to be thankful for this month. Let us count our blessings and appreciate our country as never before.

As I go around the District, I see how you are making a difference in your communities with such fantastic hands-on projects, and so many of you make a difference in the lives of our young people by providing them with opportunities that open the door to the future. Please start recording how you do what you do on the one page Rotary Quality Report. Send the reports in via e-mail or attachments, if possible, so that we can get them on the web. Let's not have to re-invent the wheel on all these great projects.

One of Rotary's new programs is the Rotary World Peace Scholars. The first 70 have been selected and start their two-year programs at one of the seven sites around the world. Three of the sites are in the United States! District 5300 is sponsoring one applicant for next year, the program's second year. Come meet her in person at Upland Rotary on November 14 at noon. Her application has been forwarded to RI and is now subject to a worldwide competition for the 70 available places. Let's wish Chantal Paydar all the luck in the world!

New members give us new insights into the needs of our communities and new links to a needy world. Caliente has a new member, William Dupreez, with contact in Africa. The Club is working on FIVE water well projects located at village schools!!! Go looking for "eagles" and invite them to your club to experience Rotary and expand their horizons.

Talking of new members, I think that Virgin Valley Sunrise leads the District in attracting new members. Call Ardelle and ask her how they do it!!!! I presented eagle pins to four of five sponsors while I was there. That's FIFTEEN NEW members!! WOW!!!!!!

Wishing you peace, love and understanding in this month of Thanksgiving in a world gone mad. Let US make a difference!

What's Happening This Month?

The Interact Symposium November 9-11

Rotarians Make a Difference Day, Saturday, November 17

Foundation Un-Event, Thursday, November 22

Check the District Calendar at www.district5300.org for more

October Message From "De Guv"

Dear Family of Rotarians,

We are all heartsick over the results of the terrorist atrocities that occurred September 11, 2001. Yet we can take comfort, in some measure, in the core beliefs of Rotary as we strive for, support, actively work for, and encourage world peace and understanding through our activities and monetary support.

You, the Rotarian, and your Rotary Club want to help the victims and the children and families of the deceased from the World Trade Center and the Pentagon attacks and the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania rather than allow it to be used as a weapon of destruction. There are many ways to help

and the District is not here to tell you how to decide, but only to let you know of some of the options that are available to you.

Any donations made to the Rotary Foundations of New York and/or Washington, D.C. (I have not yet heard of plans to aid the families of those on the plane in PA, many of whom were Californians) will be used 100% for the purpose – no administrative costs. You may choose to donate to the organizations involved in the rescue and recovery effort such as the Red Cross. You may decide to adopt a family that has lost their breadwinner and heart. You may want to send letters to selected people at times of increased stress, such as holiday times. You may choose to support the Rotary Peace Scholarships with a long-term purpose of training people in crisis management and fostering of peace. You may want to make a donation to the Rotary Foundation World Fund.

Just to let you know, you may want to become a part of the District 5300 Relief Response Team and make a donation to the Relief Response Fund that is being temporarily held in the District 5300 Foundation, or you may choose to hold money in your own club foundation. Clubs who do this will be asked to have a representative serve on the oversight committee so that appropriate decisions can be made. Here, I am looking to the long term and after taking into consideration the outpouring of money to the various organizations that has occurred to this point. We feel we need to sit back and wait to see where the greatest need is and plan for the future.

However you decide, let us all work to continue to foster world peace and understanding.

Yours in Rotary,

Margaret

On Membership From “De Guv,” Margaret Cooker

The Global Quest Continues!!! I am so very grateful to all Rotarians who have already responded to the challenge to continue to increase membership. I presented the first “Eagle Pin” at West Covina Sunrise to Javier Diaz. He has brought in THREE NEW MEMBERS since July 1, 2001.

Presidents and membership Chairs, please keep track and let me know as others achieve this stellar performance. If at all possible, I will arrange to come to your club meeting to recognize such outstanding work to build Rotary.

We need Rotarians for all the great projects you do such as Teacher Mini Grants, Scholarships, the Dan Stover Music Competition, the Four Way Test Speech Contest, the George Hensel Ethics Essay Competition, the Professional Rotary Leaders Seminars, Reading by Nine, Young Entrepreneurs, and the multitude of other programs you have for your local community and to help in the world.

Thank you and keep up the good work.

Meet Chantal Paydar, Rotary World Peace Scholar Applicant

"Throughout college, I held many leadership positions with various groups on campus. My duties always ranged from attending meetings to organizing actions and events on specific concerns or issues. After college, I engaged in more training and volunteer commitments as I began to develop my organizing and community outreach skills. Over the year, I have participated in a number of trainings such as the AFL-CIO's Organizing Institute, peace accompaniment training, various Amnesty International trainings like the Rights of the Child, Environmental Activism and Preservat Death penalty activism and civil disobedience trainings. I have also been trained as an English language tutor and instructor, as well as a community facilitator. As an organizer, I have also sat in on mediation and community leadership trainings. I also have conducted several human rights and peace trainings since working as the Ralph J. Bunche Fellow for AIUSA."

Hosts Needed

Homestay hosts are needed for immediately before or immediately after January 28 – February 4, 2002. February 2002 will see 530 District Governors for 2002-2003 and their Rotary Partners gathering in Anaheim for the International Assembly, the intensive training of the incoming class of governors. As you can imagine, many of them would like to extend and expand this visit to the United States by staying with Rotary hosts either before or after the training. WILL YOU BE A HOST?

DGE Lee Harlan, Claremont Rotary, is the District Chair, and he has both the brochures that tell you more and the application forms. Check the district web site, too. I'm trying to get them loaded as a link. This is a fun opportunity to extend a hand of friendship and fellowship in the true spirit of Rotary, and give you the opportunity to show off your

neighborhood! DGEs will go anywhere. I bet they would love the beauty of Caliente, Mesquite or Moapa Valley and the hospitality of their residents.

Eradicate Poverty Native Teens to Start Learning Business

C. Ray Carlson

Our Eradicate Poverty objective of creating jobs on Indian reservations, where unemployment often exceeds 70%, recently took a major step forward. Arcadia Rotary President Jeff Swensson, Arcadia International Service Chair Pat Dolphin, and I met with faculty members of Sherman Indian High School (Riverside) and Junior Achievement staff to explore how to launch a program of teaching business and entrepreneurship to Native American students. The Rotary Clubs of Montebello, Pasadena Sunrise, Arcadia and Altadena are financial sponsors. The Rotary Foundation approved our joint Community Assistance Program grant request for this project and we're eager to begin.

Sherman High School, which is under the administration of the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, has 509 students from more than 100 Indian reservations in the western United States. The school was founded in 1892 but new campus buildings were constructed just 25 years ago.

After meeting with faculty at Sherman and learning of their enthusiasm, it was determined that the JA Program will begin December 1 with Rotarians being recruited to mentor students.

“A Spin Around the Wheel”

By Anne Donofrio-Holter (Montebello)

This feature provides a brief summary of club activities from around our district compiled from club bulletins. If you'd like your club's events included in “A Spin Around the Wheel,” please send your weekly bulletins to:

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The Altadena Club awarded nine mini-grants worth \$300 each to teachers from three local elementary schools. Teachers used the grants to purchase items for their students and classrooms including language arts and reading

materials, biography books on prominent African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and female individuals, instructional aids for time-telling and money management, a trip to the Long Beach Aquarium, multimedia software which integrates video, graphics, and audio, new basketball hoops and balls, and new calculators. All the teachers and principals were very grateful for the funds and many Rotarians were amazed how the teachers were able to use a relatively small amount of money to provide a quality educational experience for their students.

Alhambra Rotarians participated in Mervyn's annual ChildSpree for needy children. Each Mervyn's store provides a clothing allowance of \$100 per child for new shoes and school clothes. Additional funds came from local organizations, including the Alhambra Club. Each Rotarian was paired off with a child and given a list from parents identifying the child's needs. Following two hours of shopping, everyone was treated to breakfast and entertainment.

Las Vegas Club members purchased more than 150 tickets for the club's Wheelchair Foundation Benefit. Unprecedented support came from a non-Rotarian who wishes to remain anonymous. He donated \$1,000 to purchase show seats in the names of the first 20 wheelchair recipients and/or their family.

The Duarte Rotary Club's Port Antonio AIDS project has been approved for funding. With help from the **Upland, Alhambra, Glendora, Claremont, West Covina, Las Vegas University, Rancho Cucamonga, and Sierra Madre Clubs**, Duarte can now move forward to make this project a reality for the **Jamaica Club**.

The Chino Club presented a check for \$600 to the Youth Boxing Foundation to support the Y.E.S. Youth Employment Program. The program is designed to help high school aged youth gain skills in sports-related fields that will help them secure jobs in the future. Participants learn skills such as coaching, refereeing, umpiring and scorekeeping in baseball, basketball and football. The \$600 will allow six youth to complete the training program that requires them to work three times a week for a minimum of two months.

Chino Club members also donated \$90 to help pay for hearing aid repair for a China High School student.

The Las Vegas West Club has approved a new scholarship program aimed at fostering the ideal of “Service Above Self” and keeping quality teachers in at-risk schools. Beginning this year, the club will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a student at Mojave High School who best exemplifies the ideals of Rotary. The funds will be used for post-secondary education or vocational training.

In addition, \$1,500 will be awarded to a teacher to be selected by both the Interact students and the club’s board of directors. These funds will be used for continuing education or instructional resources. In accepting the award, the teacher must agree to spend another two years at the school.

Members of the ***Covina Club*** showed off their marksmanship at the 3rd Annual Invitational Sporting Clay Shoot. Proceeds benefit Operation Santa Clothes.

The Arcadia Club donated \$500 to the Arcadia Unified School District which was used for the students’ White Mountain Apache visit.

Pahrump Valley members donated time and money to help vaccinate children at the Nevada State Health Department’s Shots for Tots Program.

From the Editor

Rose Ann R. Miele

Please allow me to apologize for the delay in getting the newsletter out to all of you. The activities that have kept me from the newsletter are finally completed and the December newsletter will be right on track. You can submit items for posting by November 23 for the December newsletter.

Items of interest to all . . .

From Don Karlin Diamond Bar Rotary, Community Service

The Diamond Bar High Interact contacted the Red Cross who encouraged them to do a blanket, canned food and various living supplies drive. The club is brand new this year but on it's way!

Saturday, Nov. 17th Rotary Community Service Day

Our sister district in Hawaii is encouraging all Rotary Clubs throughout the world to hold a community service project annually on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The Rotary Club of Barstow is holding a Free immunization clinic at Barstow Community Hospital. What's your project?

From Carolyn Villars District Chair Preserve Planet Earth

Questions and Ideas for Rotary Club Presidents

- ✓ What am I doing to preserve planet earth?
- ✓ Who is my committee chair?
- ✓ What is their project?
- ✓ Do we have any photographs of same?

I would like this information for sharing with other clubs, and, of course, for the purposes of your recognition and awards at District Conference.

Ideas from various clubs:

- ✓ Memorial Tree Planting Projects (perhaps in the name of special Rotarians in your club)
- ✓ City Beautification Projects
- ✓ Telephone Book Recycling Projects (name a site and advertise it)
- ✓ Nature Trail Maintenance (Victorville)

Contact Carolyn at
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Teen Leadership Conference

Charles M. Barr

The second Teen Leader Conference for Rotary District 5300 was held October 5-7. Under the leadership of Roger Schulte, it was a tremendous success. A total of 110 eighth graders attended, along with eight RYLA Counselors and the TLC committee. While not every club in the district sent students, 36 clubs did so.

Keynote speaker Scott Greenberg's theme was "Ignite your ability to lead and succeed." Scott, a cancer survivor, talks about the experience and how, with a positive outlook, you can be so much happier and successful. The impact Scott made on the students and committee members was unbelievable.

We were very lucky to have our District Governor with us for the weekend. Margaret has been very active with youth activities. We wish to thank her for taking time from her busy schedule to be a part of TLC.

If your club did not take part in the TLC this year and would like to know more about it, please contact me at P.O. Box 33, Upland, CA 91785-0033.

Chino Rotary Club Book Presentation

Craig Watkins, President
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The Chino Rotary Club recently presented a total of \$2,000 worth of library books to the Anna Borba Elementary School and the Doris Dickson Elementary School. The presentations were part of the Reading by 9 Program, initiated by the *Los Angeles Times* in 1998.

This program began when it was discovered that four out of five third graders in Southern California could not read at grade level. Since then, Rotary Clubs throughout the region have partnered with the *Los Angeles Times* to provide library books for local elementary schools. The program is a multi-year campaign aimed at helping kindergarten through third grade students read at grade level by the age of nine.

Chino's presentation was made at a noon luncheon meeting at the Chino Community Building at 10th and B Streets. Kathy Hemlock, principal of Anna Borba Elementary School and Joanie Webster, principal of Doris Dickson Elementary School accepted the awards on behalf of their schools. The award was made in conjunction with a program on Reading by 9, presented by Jack Gabig, Literacy Chair for District 5300.

An Invitation From the Las Vegas South Sunset Club

Janie Lynn, President

You are all invited as our guests for hor d'ourves and no host bar on Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. This is our way of thanking you for your support this past year. The thank you party will be held at McCormick and Schmeck. We can accommodate a maximum of 80 guests, so please RSVP to me at your earliest convenience.

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From the North Las Vegas Rotary Club

Charlotte Leas

Each year, the North Las Vegas Rotary Club sponsors "Roses Just Because," the club's major fundraiser. This year, 480 dozen roses were sold to Rotarians and their friends. Club members visit Las Vegas Valley Rotary Clubs, raffle a dozen roses to the highest bidder and take orders for roses to be delivered throughout the area. There were many happy people whose day was made a little brighter because of the dozen roses they received "Just Because."

Many thanks to John Milliken and Betty Mirich, co-chairs of the project, as well as bouquets of thanks to all the North Las Vegas Club members who stripped, dipped, packaged and tied with ribbons those hundreds of dozens of roses and then spent an entire day delivering them.

Have you visited the website

www.giveaminute.org

Your visit will provide one minute of care at the

Tarahumara Children's Hospital

In Creel, Mexico

Don't forget to checkout the latest news at:

<http://www.roti.org/news/>

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