

**ROTARY DISTRICT 5300
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Highlighting the World of Rotary, District Activities,
Club Events and the People that make it Happen!

ROTARY 2001-2002: MANKIND IS OUR BUSINESS

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FROM "De Guv"

Margaret Cooker

March Madness

March is a mad time of year - my year is going faster and faster and everyone is trying to complete projects - get in matching grant requests before the March 31st deadline - etc. Meantime next years governor, Lee Harlan is pulling his team together and having training meetings, while governor 2003-2004, Barbara Risher-Welch, is busy putting in place some of this chairs for events that need to be recorded in Lee's directory. If you want to make a difference, contact Lee or Barbara and let them know your area of interest - somewhere where you feel you can help improve, smooth, grow.

This same March madness is reflected in your dubs - the HEART of Rotary. Always remember that the district is here as a resource to you, the club, you are the member of Rotary International. The district can offer opportunities to you that you could not pull off as one club - but together the 63 (soon to be 65) clubs of 5300 can present some awesome opportunities for our young people and really make a difference in the world - our communities locally and globally.

One of those opportunities is RYLA - the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. 288 juniors from high school, including our inbound youth exchange students, spent the first week end of March secluded with 36 Rotarians Facilitators at the mountain retreat in Idyllwild. Take the opportunity AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to have the young people that YOUR club sponsored come and be the program at YOUR club meeting. Better yet let them RUN the meeting! If you didn't sponsor any students - and a couple of clubs did opt out of this opportunity - ask your neighboring club to bring some RYLA-ites to come and share what they have learned - you may change your mind and decide to sponsor students in Lee's year.

Also in March is a fantastic learning and growth experience that the seven southern districts of California and Nevada provide to the incoming presidents - PETS: President Elect Training Seminar. An opportunity to learn and grow in Rotary. To meet your fellow class of presidents and to make connections that may well help you grow your club (and maybe your business).

Opportunities for fun and fellowship abound in Rotary. Seize them and make them your own.

Enjoy Rotary and Enjoy Life.

De Guv - Margaret :-)
PS Don't forget to check the on-line calendar at our web site at www.district5300.org to make sure that you are meeting all the deadlines that are coming up.



"A Spin Around the Wheel" *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 Anne Donofrio-Holter, 1012 W. Beverly Blvd., PMB 145, Montebello, CA, 90640, or WriterAnne@earthlink.net.

The **Las Vegas** Club received a plaque in recognition for their donation of \$5,000 to support the renovation of a teen youth drop-in center. The center will provide food, shelter, medical services, and GED/computer training services for the homeless youth of South Nevada. Most importantly, the center will provide a safe place for homeless youth to turn to in times of need.

Club members also received a thank-you from the Salvation Army for participating in their 2001 Christmas Angel program, this year supporting some 8,914 children.

Arcadia Rotarians helped with maintenance at a local school for handicapped children. Duties included repairing stairs, installing lighting fixtures, and keeping the kids entertained while the work went on.

Arcadia Rotarians also honored two English teachers from Arcadia High School as the club's teachers of the month.

The **Las Vegas University** Club received a thank-you note from Desert Pines High School for a donation which allowed the school to purchase 20 white boards and dry erase markers for a science classroom and purchase a skull for the school's science club.


As part of the Reading by Nine program, the **Chino** Club presented two local schools with \$1,000 worth of books each. Each year, the club presents books to two different elementary schools.

For the first time, this year's annual Altadena Old Fashioned Days Parade was under the sole sponsorship of the **Altadena** Rotary Club. The club was involved in most of the activities, including planning, organization, administration, parade monitors, awards/certificates, publicity, and the special flags that were distributed during the day. This year's parade had over 40 entrants. According to club members, the parade is now Rotary's event and next year's will be bigger and better.

For the third year, **Claremont** Rotarians participated in the annual Taste of Claremont fundraiser working as greeters, cashiers, food servers, and helping with set up and clean up. With its 30 sponsors, the event raised \$36,083.

The **Monrovia** Club is preparing for the Taste of Monrovia fundraiser to help raise money for a new public library in the city. The Monrovia Club is the sponsor of the event along with the Downtown Merchant's Association.

The **Montebello** Club is gearing up for its annual golf tournament scheduled for Friday, May 10 at the Montebello Country Club. All profits go toward charitable work of the club and are used to assist over 2,500 elementary school children in the community with vision screening, dental screening, immunization programs, and library books. Anyone interested in participating as a player or sponsor is encouraged to contact Edgar Morales at (562) 692-6935.



Fourth Street Elementary School Kideract Club

Dave Beltran



As usual, the Kideract Club of East Los Angeles has been extremely busy this year doing more projects than most adult Rotary Clubs. The kids are in grades one through five which means they range six to ten years of age. The club is strong and is currently being led by President Viridiana and Vice President Andrea. The entire school knows about the club as their projects are quite high profile.

Here are some Kideract highlights. A brand new recycling project, which was designed and put together by the kids, is now self-operating in the school. This project is still in phase 1 which means we have limited it to only paper waste. Every day students are seen carrying the end of day classroom trash in baskets (decorated with recycling themes on the outside) to a central collection bin. The janitors, who were very proud of the kids for doing this, move these larger bins to a pickup location in the parking lot where a recycling truck comes by for regular pickups.

On Valentine's Day, the kids took Valentine's Day gifts to the seniors at the nearby Alta Med Senior Center. They made the cards and gifts on the previous Thursday and walked their hand-made gifts to the Center at noon. There are now exchanges of thoughtful simple gifts between the Kideractors and the seniors. This last visit spontaneously found kids and seniors dancing to music played by a DJ. This time it was to the Mexican Hat dance!

This month the kids have also been making posters and fliers to advertise their Third Annual Blood Drive, March 14th in the school auditorium. The first blood drive collected around 20 units of blood. Last year the kids collected 43 units of blood. The students want to beat that number but it will be difficult. Please call me (323-722-4870) or the school (323-266-0184) if you will consider being another one of their heroes.

Chino Rotary has New Member Inducted by RI President Rick King

Congratulations to new Rotarian, Charles Steele who was inducted into Rotary by the International President Rick King. In a swearing in ceremony, Charles pledged to attend regularly, to pay his dues on time and to sponsor a new member within ninety days. Others who attended and witnessed Charles' pledge were: President Craig Watkins, Membership Chair Debbie Mitsch, Treasurer Leo Romo and Past President Kevin Sullivan and his wife Phyllis. Charles had an opportunity meet President Rick personally and was part of a picture of newly inducted Rotarians that will appear in an upcoming issue of "The Rotarian."



Triple Rotarian Celebration

Debbie Mitsch
Chino Branch Manager
debbie.mitsch@pffb.com

The Chino Rotary Club found a creative way to celebrate Rotary Founder's Day, Community Service, and present a new Vocational Service award all in one meeting! On Wednesday, January 30, 2001, Chino Rotary celebrated its history of service to the local community in honor of Rotary International Founder's Day. The Club invited the Rancho del Chino Rotary Club to join in the celebration by attending Chino's luncheon meeting. A program presented by Chino Rotary member Al McCombs chronicled the club's service projects in Chino. In addition, the club awarded for the first time its Excellence in Rotary Service Award. The award was designed to recognize an outstanding Rotarian who embodies the rotary motto, Service Above Self, in his or her vocation. This year's recipient was Police Chief Gene Hernandez.

The Chino Mayor and a representative from the County Supervisor's office also offered proclamations to Chief Hernandez. Gene first became interested in Rotary when he was invited to talk about police work at the Orange Rotary Club. He was impressed at how the club includes professionals and public leaders dedicated to ethics and community service. After being invited to join, he served as President of the Orange club before coming to work in the City of Chino. He currently serves as Community Service Director for the Chino Club, and next year will serve as President-elect.

Monrovia Moments

Mary Ann Lutz, President

As a joint project with the Kiwanis Club and Quota Club, the Monrovia Rotary Club placed a banner across Mytrie Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. The banner reads, "God Bless America." The groups placed the banner shortly after September 11 where it remains today.

The City of Monrovia is beginning its *Blue Star Mothers Program*. During World War I and II, blue stars were placed in your window, signifying a member of the family was in the service. Monrovia Mayor Pro Tem, Rob Hammond, Rotary past president, has brought back this program. The star poster reads: "Monrovia Protecting our Freedom." The Monrovia Rotary Club has donated funds toward this project.

Advisors Sought

Marcelo Frangiosa

R.C. Carapachay, Argentina D 4820

The Foundation is currently accepting qualified applicants for the Humanitarian Grants Cadre of Technical Advisors, formerly the 3-H Cadre. Advisors may be asked to perform evaluative site visits, on behalf of the Trustees, for 3-H or competitive Matching Grants projects. Most needed are people with skills in the following areas: health; education and literacy; agriculture and food production; water, sanitation and the environment; low-cost shelters; small business and revolving loans; or financial audit. For more information contact the following Rotarians: Marcelo Frangiosa at mfrangiosa@yahoo.com, Lionel Emond at Leproman@aol.com, Joan Mayoral at jmayoral@ctv.es



Two Clubs and Two Countries Transcend International and Imaginary Borders

In August of 2000, when the City of Sierra Madre purchased a new fire truck for its all-volunteer fire department, Mayor Rob Stockly, a Sierra Madre Rotarian, conceived of an idea for an international service project. Could the Sierra Madre Rotary Club raise the funds to purchase the City's used 1971 Mack pumper, he asked International Service Chair, Dr. Deborah Smith? The two formed a committee with Tom Hale, Foundation Chair, to determine the feasibility of District and International matching grants and to arrange for purchase of the truck from the City's auction.

While a search for the international beneficiary began, Sierra Madre Rotarian Steve Garrett (Past District 5300 Governor and recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service, 2000-01) and a committee worked together to pursue the funding, consider transportation logistics, explore legal and regulatory issues and, most importantly, to ensure that the project embody "service above self."

As the project progressed, the City of Guamuchil, Mexico (Sonora, District 4100) was selected from several deserving candidates, and donations were collected from the neighboring Rotary Clubs of Pasadena, Monrovia and Duarte, in addition to private donations.

Throughout the 15 months, a close email friendship developed between Sierra Madre President, Susan Nunnery, and Sandra Zavala de Rojo of Guamuchil Rotary, which enabled the project to proceed and become the Sierra Madre Club's most successful project since the young club chartered in 1997.

While details were being worked out, the club successfully bid on the truck at auction. Two final tasks remained: delivering the truck to the Mexican border and the formal handing-over ceremony in Guamuchil.

More than a year after the project began, Sierra Madre Rotarians Mike Avila, Ron Hutson and Mayor Stockly joined Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters Eric Peterson and Mike Tyler for the arduous 250-mile trip to deliver the truck to the Mexican border. Once over the border, the 30-year old truck was driven home by Rotarians and firefighters from Guamuchil.

Operacion Rescue was nearly complete. In order to share American fire-fighting knowledge with the Club's new friends in Guamuchil, four Sierra Madre volunteer fire fighters were selected to join the Sierra Madre Rotarians for the weekend trip. A third team member from Sierra Madre, new Rotarian David Ruprecht, provided translation and video/ photographic services.

Guamuchil Rotarians greeted the Sierra Madre team with unprecedented grace, kindness and festivities. And, although the ceremonies and celebrating began and ended one weekend in November of 2001, the memories will live on. *Operacion Rescue* was not about a 100 year-old service organization, nor fire-fighting equipment. It was not about grants, avenues of service or plaques. It was about friendships and service, and how both transcend international and imaginary borders.

Rotary Fellowships

Glenn Pierce

Secretary, Rotary Club of Victorville

Looking for recreational and/or vocational fellowships to get involved in? There are plenty to choose from!

Recreational Fellowships	Recreational Fellowships	Vocational Fellowships	Vocational Fellowships
Amateur radio	License plate collecting	Accountants/CPA Chartered	Medicine – Plastic Surgery
Ballroom dancing	Magic	Arts & Communication	Paper industry
Bird watching	Magna Graecia	Conflict resolution	Pharmacology
Bridge playing	Motorcycling	Dentistry	Police/law enforcement
Canoeing	Mountain climbing and hiking	Disaster managers/responders	Poultry
Caravanning	Music	Education – secondary	Psychiatry/psychology
Chess	Pin Collecting	Energy technology	Retired/active duty military
Coin Collecting	Railroading	Engineering and Applied Sciences	Stockbrokers/Securities Industry
Computer users	Recreational Vehicles	Environment	Tire Industry
Cricket	Rotarians on the internet	Eye Care Professionals	Total Quality Management
Cycling	Rotary heritage and history	Finance/Banking	Travel Agents
Egyptology	Rotary-on-stamps	Fine Arts and Antiques	Venture Capitalist
Esperanto	Scouting	International Trade	Veterinary Science
Fishing	Skiing	Law	
Fitness	Sport Diving	Medicine – Health	
Floral designers	Travel and hosting		
Flying	Wine appreciation		
Genealogy and heraldry	Yachting		
Golf	Yoga		
Gourmet			
Handicrafts			
Home Exchange			
Horseback			

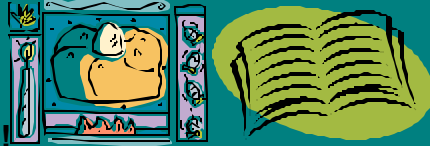
PDG Der Yeghian Represents King in Bahrain

Dr. Garbis Der Yeghian of La Verne, California has been selected by RI President Richard King to serve as his special representative to the District 2450 conference to be held in Bahrain, April 5-10. District 2450 has 102 clubs and encompasses six countries – Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Jordan Lebanon and Sudan.

RI President King said, “Dr. Der Yeghian is an outstanding Rotary leader and would make an excellent representative. He is eminently qualified to communicate our themes, goals and programs of Rotary. I believe he would inspire and motivate Rotarians and their guests. His vast knowledge of Rotary, unique speaking ability and enthusiasm are vital to the success of this most important Rotary Conference.”

Garbis joined the Rotary Club of La Verne in 1981, served as president in 1984-85 and as District 5300 Governor in 1999-2000. Last year he was appointed by RI President Rick King to serve as RI Membership Coordinator for 2001-2003. Through his and La Verne Rotarians’ efforts, the first Rotary Club in the former Soviet Union, the Rotary Club of Yerevan, Armenia was established in 1990.

Books and Bread!



The Las Vegas South Sunset Rotary Club has started two great Community Service Projects. Over 60,000 juvenile library books arrived in Henderson last month and are rapidly finding their way into the hands of children throughout the Las Vegas Valley. Literacy Specialists from several schools are distributing the books for in-class libraries. The Boys and Girls Club, St. Rose Dominican Hospital, Kids to Kids, and Clark County Reads, as well as numerous elementary schools have put in their requests. Our Interact Club from Coronado High will be assisting in sorting the books.

Our original intent was to send these books to another country, but we were astounded to discover how much they were needed right here in our own community. Since these books become available on a regular basis, this will become an ongoing project for our club!

Now about the BREAD! Our own Cliff Cobb from 5 Star Pastries has made available day old bread and pastries. Working with Jean Herzog and Nilda Stone, cooperating organizations will distribute this to needy families throughout the Las Vegas Valley. The Salvation Army and Henderson Police Department are first in line. Hundreds of loaves of bread, as well as pastry that were being thrown away will now offer a nutritional supplement to hundreds of families. All of this with a little effort and no cost to the club!

Janie Lynn, President

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Housing Needed in Cuddapah

Greetings from Dr.K.G. Kulkarni DG 3160

The
the month of
disaster.
everything.



the affected families. Cost of each house will be 1000 US\$. As the District 3160 Governor, I humbly appeal to you to come forward to assist in this noble endeavor.

Cuddapah District of R.I Dist 3160 was hit by torrential rains in October 2001. Dams and canals washed away causing a great Thousands of families lost their homes. Another thousand lost R.I Dist 3160 has planned to construct minimum of 100 houses to

The District Governors can allot their DDF for this purpose. Houses constructed with 1000 \$ from the district will be named after the district. Rotary International has issued the Disaster notification, dated 28th January 2002 and no.DR0231601. If an individual contributes the house will be named after him/her.

INDIAN GOVERNOR-ELECT AND WIFE HOSTED BY ALTADENA ROTARY

Theodore C. Clarke

Rotary District Governors-elect from around the world gathered in Anaheim recently for an intense training period to prepare for their upcoming governorships. Our own incoming D5300 Governor Lee Harlan told me that the schedule was exhausting.

You may recall that during the recent Christmas party at Scripps, Harlan announced that Rotary International was looking for Rotarians to host the Governors-elect after the convention. I volunteered. I would be the home stay host for Professor Narayana Ichlangod and his wife Jayanthi Meepguri. Dr. Ichlangod, a retired professor of physics, will be governor of District 3180, with 110 clubs, in the southwest of India, beginning July 1, 2002.

I was concerned about abandoning my guests during the home stay period, as I have a very busy teaching schedule, but the Altadena Rotarians stepped forward smartly to offer wonderful hosting assistance.

I picked up Professor Narayana and Jayanthi February 4th and brought them to my home. Later, while I was teaching physics at Pasadena City College, Ray and Joy Carlson hosted our guests, taking them to a Chinese restaurant in Pasadena and showing them around Old Town.

Tuesday Santosh Srivastava played host to our guests as well as to his wife Farida and me for a tour of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Afterwards we all enjoyed lunch at the elegant east cafeteria at JPL. After the JPL tour I drove Narayana and Jayanthi to an Indian grocery store in Duarte where ingredients for an Indian dinner were purchased. That night Jayanthi made an exquisite Indian Chicken Curry.

Wednesday morning, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, while I was teaching at the Granada Hills Church of Religious Science, new member Ahmad Elhan and Rey Isidro hosted and entertained our guests by driving them to sites in Pasadena and enjoying lunch at a Persian restaurant. When I picked them up at 1:15 pm, I took them to the Norton Simon Museum.

Thursday morning I made apple fritters for my guests, Jayanthi rested at home, and I took Narayana to the Park Marino Convalescent Hospital, where I serve as chaplain. , and he enjoyed the violin music hour I provided for hospital residents and guests, as I have done every Thursday for the last year and a half. Following this relaxing musical interlude I brought the professor to the Altadena Rotary luncheon meeting at the Altadena Town and Country Club. Professor Narayana expressed hope that our Rotary relationship can be sustained and buoyed through cooperation on various international projects we can jointly sponsor. We now have a strong connection in India for introducing Junior Achievement. Santosh will be busy serving as interface to this wonderful new connection. Thursday evening, while I was again off teaching physics at PCC, Ed and Mona Jasnow hosted the professor and his wife for dinner at Caltech's Athenaeum.

Friday morning we headed for the airport. As we said our goodbyes, Professor Narayana again expressed to me his extreme pleasure at the wonderful hospitality provided him and his wife during their four-day stay in Altadena. I want to personally thank all the members of our Club for their tremendous support in hosting our beautiful Indian guests Professor Narayana Ichlangod and his wife Jayanthi Meepguri. Our hospitality was a timely example of the theme for Rotary International in the year 2002-2003, "Sow the Seeds of Love." Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Request for Nominations

Representatives to 2004 Council must be elected before 1 July. Legislation adopted at the 2001 Council on Legislation requires that the election of Council representatives must be conducted in the Rotary year two years preceding the Council. Therefore, each district must elect a representative and an alternate representative to the 2004 Council during the 2001-02 Rotary year - in other words before 1 July 2002 - rather than in the year immediately preceding the Council, as was the prior requirement. Council representatives will be elected at the district conference. Please submit your nomination to DG Margaret - nominee must be a PDG.

Polio Plus Partners

During the first half of the 20th century poliomyelitis paralyzed half a million people a year. Today the disease is near eradication. By 2005, thanks to Rotary and the 1.2 million Rotary volunteers world wide, the disease will be a memory. The final years will be the toughest yet. Rotary is up for the task and committed to seeing it through the end.

Since Rotary began the Polio Plus Program, the number of polio-endemic countries has declined from 125 countries in 1985 to 20 countries at the beginning of 2001. In 1999 over 450 million children received oral polio vaccine. This represents nearly 75% of all the world's children under the age of 5.

By 2005, Rotary's contributions to the global polio eradication effort will be about a half billion US dollars. The World Health Organization estimates over one billion us dollars is needed from donors through 2005 to eradicate polio. Approximately \$600 million has already been pledged. The current estimated funding shortfall is \$400 million. Donations to Polio Plus Partners are down by 67% this Rotary year as compared to last year. We need the support of each and every Rotarian to ensure Rotary's investment in polio eradication becomes fruitful.

To achieve this goal please remind every Rotarian to donate \$100 annually for Polio Plus Partners program. Not only will this save the world \$1.5 billion in US dollars, it will also save countless victims from being effected by this disease. What better gift can we give the children of the next century than a world without polio?

Niru Vangala. 760-946-6000 or 760-245-6664



Taste of Monrovia

Monrovia is looking to build a new home for the Public Library. The current home is busting at the seams and Monrovia Rotary wants to be a part of the solution.

Monrotarians are hosting a 'Taste of Monrovia' to establish a project fund for the new library. The event will be on St. Patrick's day, Sunday, March 17th at the Monrovia Holiday Inn from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Twelve restaurants will be providing wine and food samples. The cost is only \$35 a person. Come join us. Mitch Cochran MCochran@ci.monrovia.ca.us

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*You can put these articles in to your club
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Our RLP Application Submission LEADERS

D5170	171 applications
D5300	70
D5330	62
D5340	48
D5130	35
D5320	34

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COMMERCIAL?

Since my **COMMERCIAL**
plates have seven letters, can I
get a Rotary Commercial
License Plate? The answer is
YES. The DMV has
commercial plates for us to be
used on our commercial
vehicles with SIX letters and
the Rotary wheel. Submit
those applications!

Who Can Buy?

Can **ONLY ROTARIANS**
buy RLP's? No, these
plates are for anyone that
supports the work that
Rotary does, but for some
reason, can not be a
Rotarian. Think of your
spouse, your children, your
friends, your Rotary event
supporters, your
Interactors, and your
church members.
ROTARIANS and Rotary
supporters CAN BUY these
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license plate, can I
convert it to a RLP?
Since only one graphic is
allowed per license plate,
if one chooses to receive
the handicapped benefits
while displaying the RLP
emblem, one must hang a
placard on their rear view
mirror inside of their car.

Volunteer Groups Honor Sierra Madre Veterans of Foreign Wars

Susan P. Nunnery

We all know that VFW stands for Veterans of Foreign Wars. But recently it stood for *Volunteers Form Workforce*. At 7:30 a.m., dozens of volunteers from Sierra Madre Rotary, Sierra Madre Interact, Sierra Madre Kiwanis and friends began a full day of painting and refurbishing the downstairs Town Hall of the 50-year old Post # 3208 on Montecito Avenue.

Project Coordinator, Dan Alle (President Elect of the 5-year old Sierra Madre Rotary Club), said, "scaffolding equipment and supplies were generously donated by Ash Buchan, Jr., of Apex Plastering Company." He added, "It's important to note that none of this hard work would have started without the organization, expertise and labor of Kris Poulsen (Rotary) and George Maurer (Rotary & Kiwanis)."

By the time the painting was finished and the masking tape was removed from the 2,000-foot Town Hall, volunteers from the community service organizations were still flowing in and reporting for duty on the sunny January afternoon. Some cleaned and replaced the light switches while others reinforced loose boards. A few on ladders changed air filters as others painted ceiling grids and replaced tiles. Measurements have been taken for new blinds to cover the hand-painted patriotic wall mural.

"It was a wonderful way to honor our Vets. Several of them spoke at our club last Veterans Day and we were all very moved by their stories of compassion and dedication", noted Jennie Jacobsen-Huse, President of Sierra Madre Rotary. "In our very own Sierra Madre way, we wanted to say thank-you to our Veterans for all the years they fought for freedom."

Gordon Caldwell, Project Coordinator for Sierra Madre Kiwanis, was responsible for the initial coordination of the daylong work project. "Walking on air," was how Jennie Jacobsen-Huse described Gordon. "He is so pleased with the outcome of this joint effort; the more so because our Vets are absolutely thrilled with it." VFW Commander Bill Newberry and Past Sierra Madre Fire Marshall Dick Probart also provided additional project supervision for the work crews. Erin Wiley, President of the Interact Club, stated, "It was a good opportunity for us to give something back to our Veterans who have done so much for us."

At the end of the day, Sierra Madre Rotary President Jacobsen-Huse summed it up best: "It was a joy to watch everyone working together; several generations and several clubs. Most memorable for me was watching the teens from Interact excitedly talking with the Vets about history. Young and old just came alive."

50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION June 1, 2002



Rotary Club of Duarte is putting together a Power Point presentation covering as much of the last 50 years as they can gather. If you have any mementos or pictures of Duarte, please get them to Harry Heflin or Sylvia Whitlock. David Bobo is putting this together. Also put the date on your calendar and plan to attend.



North Las Vegas Rotary/District 5300 Mexico Project Update

Charlotte Leas

North Las Vegas Rotary Club International Chairperson

As you may recall, in the year 2000, the Rotary Clubs of this District were invited by then Governor Sal Brugglio to participate in a "Feed the Children Project" in Choguita, Mexico. The North Las Vegas Club spearheaded a Souper Supper in September of 2000 and raised over \$7,000 for this project. The District matched this amount with a Humanitarian Grant. (Check out the District 5300 Website www.district5300.org/mexico)

With half of this money, we purchased 100,000 servings of dehydrated food and two tons of beans to be distributed in the Village school in the area of Choguita, and Creel in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Copper Canyon.

The remainder of the money is being spent on a water storage tank, which is being built between the clinic and the house of the Catholic Sisters who teach in the School in Choguita. We recently sent \$4,000 to cover the estimated cost of this storage tank. We will have photos of this water storage unit on the website just as soon as it is completed. On February 8, 2002, the North Las Vegas Rotary Club sent a Rotary sign which will be attached to the storage tank back to Mexico with the 13 visiting Rotarians from Amigo Chihuahua City Rotary Club.

The Amigo Club Rotarians came to the North Las Vegas club at the invitation of Charlotte Leas and Annette Hardy who had visited their club in January and July of 2001. The Amigo Club members wanted to invite the North Las Vegas Rotary Club/ District 5300 to "sister" with them on a Matching or Humanitarian Grant to continue the work with the Tarahumara Indians in the Sierra Madres.

The Amigo Club has completed 12 grants since 1988 to provide for the Tarahumaras in the Copper Canyon area. The projects have ranged from X Ray equipment for the Children's Hospital in Chihuahua, equipment for the Down Syndrome Institute, equipment for the Deaf children, funding for the study and cure of epilepsy, as well as Fire trucks and dehydrated food for the Tarahumaras in the Region. They have also provided some water pipes to transport water from pumps to one of the Tarahumara villages. **These 12 grants have totaled more than \$209,000.** These grants were obtained with the assistance of sisters clubs from 8 areas, both in New Mexico and Texas. They are inviting this District or some of the clubs in this district to "sister" with them on a grant. The North Las Vegas Rotary club will meet and discuss this invitation at the next Board Meeting, but if there is interest on the District level, we are willing to coordinate such an effort.

Let us know if your club is interested in participating and what sort of project that you are leaning towards. After seeing the needs on the two trips that we took to the area, it seems that water, electricity, food and medical are still the greatest needs. The drought that they had for the past seven or eight years seems to be over, but there is a lot of growing to catch up to the demand for food in this area.

The Paradise Club and the North Las Vegas Rotary Club will partner on presenting a Cinco de Mayo on May 4th. Check the calendar for time and location.

Members of the Amigo club who attended are:

Raul Heiras, President 2001-2002	Leopoldo Rivera, Past President 1992-1993
Salvador Baca, Pas President 1991-1992	Arturo Trevino
Jose Acosta, Past President 2000-2001	Raul Zapata, Past President, 1989-1990
Flavio Garcia	Mauricio Baca
Jesus Valdez	Humberto Garza, Past President, 1993-1994
Enrique Gonzalez, Past President 1997-1998	Rodolfo Lozoya, Past President 1998-1999 International Service President Committee
Xavier Lozova, Past President 1989-1990	

Editor's Column

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If any Clubs are having an auction or are in need of a prize, contact me and I will forward a certificate for a one-night stay, complete with amenities, at the Boulder Dam Hotel, right in the middle of downtown Boulder City. This hotel was host to celebrities such as Clark Gable and Carol Lombard, Boris Karloff, Howard Hughes, A.P. Giannini, founder of the Bank of America and many more. This 22-room bed and breakfast has recently been renovated, and we in Boulder City want you to see what we have to offer. Your Club receives a great gift for free and the hotel gets some much needed publicity. Feel free to call me at the office, 702.293.9358 or at home 702.293.2518.

Our Boulder City Kideractors, Jr. Interactors and Interactors are making us "more mature" Rotarians look like we are standing still lately! Like Dave Beltran's kids in LA, there were several Valentine parties with seniors out here, fundraisers, a dance is upcoming and on March 9, the newest club, the Jr. Interact, will pour a new sidewalk at the Boulder City Care Center. The present one is not wide enough for folks in wheelchairs.

In this issue of the newsletter, I've reduced the point size on the type face used so that there are not as many pages. Hope this helps.



DG Elect Lee Harlan paid us a visit recently in Boulder City. That's President Damon Ohlerking in the background. DGE Lee has already got us talking about a gathering of a number of Clubs during the summer. And speaking of parties, plans are underway to celebrate the 65th birthday of the Rotary Club of Boulder City during the month of November. I have been known to throw a pretty good bash, so I hope some of you can come to Boulder City to celebrate with us.

Don't forget about sending me pictures and captions for the power point presentation I'm putting together for the District Conference. You've probably got lots of great pictures languishing on your hard drives. Let's see what all the Clubs have been doing this year. Send your CDs to me at 701 Capri Drive, Unit 9 B, Boulder City, NV 89005