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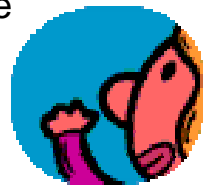
Governor Margaret Cooker

June , 2002

FROM "De Guv"

Margaret Cooker

Well here we are at the end of this Rotary year. This will be the last message I will be "penning" for the District 5300 Newsletter. In my travels and through the e-mails, I have seen so many fantastic achievements by each and every one of both the Rotary and Interact clubs in District 5300. Through the fresh eyes of your newest members, and the re-vitalized eyes of your "old" members, you have re-examined your communities and identified new issues to address. You have then gone forth and affected so many lives. How many? Well you know we have never done any counts like that - but it would be VERY interesting to know just how many lives are affected by each Rotary club – how many volunteer hours are expended - and how many dollars we put back into our communities.



Now comes the time to celebrate all of the achievements of the year, to share the goals met and recognize the efforts of so many people in District 5300. Come to Primm for at least one day of the Conference. Come up Thursday and join the wine tasting social at sunset at Red Rock Canyon. Then get up early for the golf tournament.



Friday opens with a bang - meet General Ritchie, America's last war ace, then the sharing of international and club service projects; followed by the infamous hospitality suites and then the "Western Stars" a barbecue by the pool with our own Cowboy poet, Ivan Wollenzein; songs led by Dennis Ortwein with accompaniment by Ernie Jensen; and music from the Riders of the Purple Sage.

On Saturday you won't want to miss PDG John Capps - brush up on your "Southern" first; nor the enthusiasm of our TLC (Teen Leadership Camp) focus presenter, Scott Greenberg. This session will be followed by presentations from our GSE teams in the Foundation session and then lunch with the Dan Stover Music Contest finals. The Four Way Speech Contest Finals follow lunch in the vocational service session - but then don't nod off in the business session - we need to vote on our representative and alternative to the 2004 Council on Legislation, and approve the financial report from Sal's year.

Saturday evening will see the reception for DGN Barbara Risher-Welch of the Montebello club, hosted by DGE Lee Harlan and the Claremont clubs followed by the "Hollywood Stars" black tie event - costume optional - with a special surprise occurrence. In fact surprises are in store throughout the 3 days.

Sunday wraps up the conference with "Membership Morning" – you are the stars! Induction of new members by President Rick King's special representative Dr. Howard Mark, recognition of sponsors of new Rotarians, and presentation of President Rick's "eagle" pins. And finally the passing of the baton to DG Lee - this is going to be a great time. If you haven't been to a conference before and think that it is dry as dust - Boy - are you wrong!! Join the Party! Meet new people! Make new friends! Re-establish old connections and friendships! Make this the year to be at District conference! Once you have sampled the FUN you won't want to miss another one!!

Again, many thanks for allowing me to be District Governor this year and for all that you do for Rotary and your community.





"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.

Three **San Marino** Club members donated fifteen percent of store sales on May 8 to help fight breast cancer. Designated as a "day of hope," Nancy Billings, Jo Schmal, and Margie Lowe, are doing their part in the fight against breast cancer. Fifteen percent of everything sold May 8 at the three shops the women are associated with was sent to the USC Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center's women's cancers research program.

The **Duarte** Club has made a donation to the Duarte High School Renaissance program. Renaissance encourages academic excellence and community participation by students. It strives to meet the needs of high school students in an acceptable way and to counter the temptations of gangs and other anti-social pressures.

The **Victorville** Club, in conjunction with the Reading by Nine Program, donated 300 books to the Park View School. Principal Sharon Rib thanked the club and told them how excited the students were to receive the books.



Arcadia Rotarians received a thank you note from the superintendent of schools for their donation of \$1,000 to the Arcadia High School Associated Student Body. The funds will be used for the students' robotics competition.

Club members also hosted 300 Arcadia seniors at the club's "Salute to Seniors" program.

The **Pomona** Club presented 12 grants of \$400 and two grants of \$200 to 14 first year teachers in the Pomona Unified School District. Teachers submitted grant proposals to fund special classroom projects.

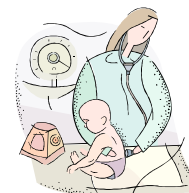
In addition, club members contributed \$1,000 to the Shoes that Fit organization which provides shoes and coats for needy children in the school district.



The **Las Vegas Club** donated twelve wheelchairs to disabled children via The Foundation for Positively Kids. This now brings the total number of wheelchairs donated by the club to 72.

Twenty-five **Las Vegas Club** members participated in the Habitat for Humanity project by installing windows, working on the roof, and painting.

Pahrump Rotarians sponsored the Shots for Tots immunization program with assistance from the Nevada State Health Department and the local Interact Club. Over 110 immunizations were given to 46 children.



Earlier this month, the **Altadena** Club recognized outstanding students from the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) of three local high schools. The awards are made possible by funds held by Altadena Rotary Charities that were transferred to ARC by the Altadena American Legion post 470.

In addition, the club was presented with a check for \$613 from one of its members. The check represented proceeds from a program developed by the member that returns 20 percent of the advertising price to a community organization in exchange for their members and supporters purchasing ads in the Altadena Chamber directory.

Things to pack for District Conference in June



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If golf is your game, you won't want to miss your shot at a foursome at Shadow Creek, Steve Wynn's VIP-only course, a night stay at an MGM property and door-to-tee limousine service. The Rotary Club of Las Vegas West presents its 7th Annual Golfmania fundraiser for at-risk elementary schools in our valley. Tickets are \$5 each or 25 for \$100 and the drawing will be held during District Conference. First prize is detailed above.

Second prize is a foursome of golf at Bears Best Las Vegas AND a foursome at Canyon Gate Country Club. A foursome at TPC Summerlin AND a foursome at TPC Canyons goes to third place, and fourth receives a foursome at Spanish Trail Country Club AND a foursome at Anthem Country Club.



You can't lose. You get a chance to win some terrific rounds of golf AND the opportunity to help Las Vegas West continue its outstanding service to area at-risk youth.

Booths will be set up during District Conference, or you can contact any member of Las Vegas West for tickets.

Districts 9450 and 5300 Celebrate 35 Years of Group Study Exchange

Herb Hezlep, Monrovia
Chairman of the 1967 GSE Team

Bryan Cahill, Rotarian Leader PDG Bill Holywell, Lance Thomas, D5300 Chairman Herb Hezlep, Warren Milner, Tim Martella, Jim Ross Not shown -- team member Newton Langford. This was our district's first Group Study

Exchange. The youngest team member is now 60.



In 1967 District 5300 hosted a GSE team from District 9450 in Perth Western Australia. The team celebrated its 35th reunion on April 22 with a party at the home of team member, Warren Milner and his wife Rosemary, in Dalkeith, a suburb of Perth. To mark the occasion the 1967 host district chairman, Herb Hezlep, member of the Rotary Club of Monrovia, California, flew to Perth for seven days of Western Australian hospitality.

The team consisted of six young men plus Rotarian leader, PDG Bill Holywell. Only one team member did not attend the event, but he made the evening complete by phoning from Melbourne and speaking to everyone present. Two members returned to California to further their education; Jim Ross attained his PhD in geology at UC Berkeley and Newton Langford got an MBA at Stanford. The team members are now approaching retirement age and the youngest member has recently turned 60.

In the intervening years since the exchange numerous visits between the districts have taken place. In 1971 following the International Convention in Sydney 25 District 5300

Rotarians and their wives flew to Perth for home stays with Perth Rotarians. Subsequent D9450 GSE teams have been hosted in California while en route to New Jersey, Colorado and Ireland. Frequent visits have taken place between Rotarians in both districts.

Rotary Corner

Joe Miller, Arcadia

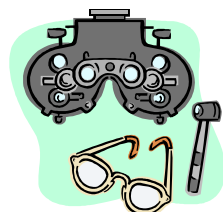
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The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation recently announced that the Rotary Foundation has been selected as the recipient of the 2002 Gates Award for Global Health. The \$1 million award recognizes Rotary's leadership in the field of public health, most notably the organization's top priority of eradicating polio by 2005.

"The Rotary Foundation is truly deserving of recognition for its exemplary achievements in the field of global health," said Bill Gates, Sr. "I've seen Rotary volunteers in action and they do tremendous work. We should never take for granted the generosity and hard work of people in communities everywhere who volunteer their time and resources to make a difference in the lives of children and families in both developing and developed nations." Bill Gates presented the award in Washington, D.C. on May 30.



President-Elect Bob Novell of the Arcadia Rotary Club announced that he plans to purchase certificates from Operation Eyesight Universal to use as a gift for every Club speaker. The certificate will show the names of the patient for whom sight has been restored as well as the name of the ophthalmologist who performed the surgery.

Thirty-four students who graduated from Pasadena City College on May 24, 2002, were honored by the Altadena Rotary Club. Each student received a plaque and a check for \$100. The Altadena Rotary Club has presented these awards to deserving students for more than 20 years.

Sylvia Whitlock, President of the Duarte Rotary Club, recently donated more than 600 books to the Duarte School District. This generous contribution is part of a world wide Rotary International literacy effort.

On Saturday, May 4, 2002, the Monrovia Rotary Club delivered beds, sheets and other gifts for 40 girls ages 4-14 at the Casa Hogar Orphanage Santa Teresita in Tijuana, Mexico.



Past District Governor and Arcadia Rotarian Ernie Jensen and his wife Gail recently returned from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where they represented International Rotary President Rick King at the District 5350 Conference.

Ernie spoke on Rotary's theme "Mankind is our Business" and reminded the 450 attendees that Rotary is a group of business and professional people working together to serve the needs of humanity around the world.

Chino Rotary Presents Award to Boys Republic Students

Craig Watkins, President

On May 29, 2002, Chino Rotary Club presented the 73rd Crombie Allen Award to Boys Republic students Michael Reyes and Josh Mendez for their excellence in citizenship and leadership. The award was given during a lunch meeting at the Boys Republic Campus. Each winner received a watch, a plaque and a monetary award. Club President Craig Watkins and Dick Meyer, principal of Boys Republic High School and a member of Chino Rotary, presented the awards.

Crombie Allen was Publisher and Editor of the *Ontario Daily Bulletin* Newspaper from 1912 to 1930. Allen established this award in 1929 to promote "higher ideals of citizenship and attainment" among the students of Boys Republic. Allen, who was an ardent Rotarian and a member of the Ontario Rotary Club, gave \$530.00 to Chino Rotary to establish and fund the annual award. In 1985, the California Press Association elected Crombie Allen to the California Newspaper Hall of Fame. For many years Crombie was recognized as Rotary International's Ambassador of Goodwill.

The first recipient in 1929 was Vincent Rudan. Rudan was a student at BR for more than years and served as Councilman, District Attorney, Judge and Mayor during his stay. As part of the program, the six young men who were nominated for the prestigious award made oral presentations of their achievements while living at Boys Republic. In addition to the two winners, the finalists included Azell Burrell, Juan Rodarte, Sam Segovia and Matt Schulte. Each of these six has emulated Mr. Rudan's achievements.

The presentation of this 73rd annual award represents the best ideals and traditions of Chino Rotary. It is certainly in keeping with our goals of promoting leadership among young people. But it also demonstrates the strength of Chino Rotary to maintain rich traditions while addressing current needs in our society. But more than all of this it is testimony to the enduring vision and insight of this early Rotarian, Crombie Allen.



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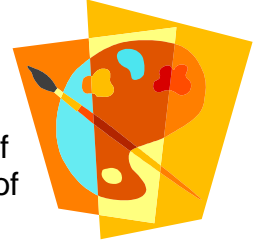


Rotarians Make a Difference

Volunteers Sought at Guggenheim

I am a member of the Las Vegas South Sunset Rotary Club and also the Human Resource Manager of the Guggenheim Las Vegas and Guggenheim-Hermitage Museums. I am looking for any Rotarians or friends/family of Rotarians who would be interested in volunteering at our information booth. The minimum commitment is one 3-hour shift per month (of course, more is welcomed).

Our information desk is manned from 10 am to 7 pm every day of the year so there is a time slot that will fit into nearly everyone's schedule. It is loads of fun and exciting. Occasionally, we ask the volunteers if they would like to help at a special event. For instance a couple of weeks ago several helped as ushers for a Dennis Hopper event (and, of course got to stay and hear Dennis speak.)



In return for volunteering the volunteer receives 4 combination tickets each month (\$100 value) to give to friends and family, unlimited free admission to any Guggenheim in the world and much more. Anyone who is interested may contact me at the numbers below.

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COMMUNITY AWARENESS SPEAKERS SCHEDULED AT ALTADENA ROTARY

For the month of June, the Altadena Rotary Speaker Host, Carol Peters, Esq., has scheduled a series of Community Awareness Speakers.

June 6, 2002 - Julie Parker, an Altadena resident who is active in the community and supporter of the Baby, Let's Wait program, will be explaining this teen pregnancy prevention program that is also known as the teen parent readiness program.

June 13, 2002 - Margaret Furman, a former Corporate Tax Manager, will be educating those present about her Regional Occupation Program and classes for teaching Employable Business Skills to older teens.

June 20, 2002 - Linda Sasser, teacher in the Alhambra School District, helps train teachers from Egypt in Interactive Classroom Strategies. She will be speaking on this USAD sponsored program that increases the quality of teacher training and fosters friendlier relations between the US and Egypt.



Non-members attending are asked to do so by reservation and invitation of a member of the Rotary Club of Altadena. A limited number of reservation/invitations are available, and lunch costs \$15. If you wish to obtain a reservation/invitation, please call Jacque Foreman at 626-794-9620.



Each month one of the members of Altadena Rotary is asked to acquire speakers and serve as Speaker Host. June's host is Carol Peters, Esq., an elder law services attorney with an 11-year DPSS background and emphasis on bioethics and long-term care planning issues. Her services include: wills, trusts, power of attorney and conservatorships.

Rotary's Global History Project

www.RotaryHistory.org

Fellow Rotarians,

We have added a lot of new information to our www.RotaryHistory.org website. I want to thank the Rotarians around the world, who have contributed historic material. I also want to thank the Rotary Global History organization for working hard to organize the material onto our website.

We had a phenomenal visitor growth last month. The history of Rotary is of interest to more and more Rotarians. The history explains the soul of Rotary, how Rotary came to be the most successful service organization in the world and how the Rotary spirit evolved. It also shows us how to develop Rotary in the future by studying its glorious past.

Last month, we were also awarded first place in our category in the 6th Rotarians On The Internet (ROTI) / International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotary (ICUFR) 2002 "Best of the Web" competition. You can see a list of the winners on ICUFR's website at www.icufr.org.

The New York Rotary WTC-DISASTER Relief Fund raised a total of \$1,460,912 for the victims of 9/11 thanks to compassionate Rotarian around the world! When there is a need, Rotarians take action! The fund has so far disbursed \$791,243 of this money. I want to thank all generous Rotarians, who contributed to this fund and Rotary's Global History for its fundraising support. You are the ones, who made it possible for the Rotary Club of New York to help those in most need during the World Trade Center Disaster. You can see where the money has been spent at the New York Rotary website's Foundation page at www.newyorkcityrotary.org/Foundation/foundation.html.

We have a new library section at www.rotarylibrary.org with many interesting books, recordings and films, including the following items:

"My Road to Rotary" by Paul Harris including a 14-page appendix chronicling the first 43 years of Rotary. It was prepared in 1948 by Rotary International under the authority of its general secretary Philip C. Lovejoy. You can read excerpts from the book at www.myroadtorotary.org. We are going step-by-step to put more samples of the book in our library section. It has great historic value, since copies at Rotary International has run out. We have been told that it will be re-printed.

The entire Rotary International's new member orientation book "Adventures in Service" from the 1950's is available at www.rotarylibrary.org/adventures/index.htm. The book will tell you how it was to be a Rotarian in the 1950's.

"The Founder of Rotary" is an out of print autobiography of Paul Harris. Our contributing editor, Wolfgang Ziegler found it at an auction. You can find out about it at

www.rotarylibrary.org/founder/index.htm. We will continue to add more and more material from this book.

The finest film footage we have seen of Paul Harris is available in our Library at www.rotarylibrary.org/. The film is from Sweden, the country where I was born.

We have a new page about famous Rotarians. It includes Astronaut Frank Borman, U.S. Supreme Court Judge William O. Douglas, U.S. President Warren G. Harding, Aviation Hero Charles Lindberg, Composer Jean Sibelius, U.N. Ambassador / Governor Adlai E. Stevenson. U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren and Aviation Pioneer Orville Wright. It even has Rotarians from my own Rotary Club of New York listed like Author – Minister – Lecturer Norman Vincent Peale, Department Store Founder J.C. Penny and Composer Sigmund Romberg. Many additional famous Rotarians also listed there at www.rotaryhistory.org/famous.

You can travel through Rotary History by clicking on the Rotary Timeline at www.rotarytimeline.org and read about Rotary's historic milestones.

Our historian Basil Lewis has written an interesting account about the Rotary Club of Rawlins, Wyoming. They gathered opinions from different clubs all over the world, which may have influenced a change in Rotary policy. You can read Basil's story at www.rotaryhistory.org/paulharris/political and you can read about Basil at <http://rotaryhistory.org/committee/contributors/lewis.htm>.

Long before Fidel Castro came to power in Cuba, Rotary International had its 1940 Convention in Havana. You can find out about it at www.rotaryhistory.org/conventions/1940

The one-page "Rotary 1905-2002 History" is a new feature at www.onepagehistory.org. You can copy it to post on your club or district website.

"What Paul Harris Said" has become a very successful with many Rotarians. If you missed any issues in the past, don't worry. We have archived all back issues at www.rotarylibrary.org/minute/archive2002.htm. Rotarians like to read them during their club meetings.

We recently had historic birthdays of the following pioneer Rotary Clubs:

Club # 41, Jacksonville, Florida, May 1, 1912 - 90 years old
Club # 66, Manchester, Lancaster, England, May 1, 1913 - 89 years old
Club # 68, Albany, New York, May 1, 1913 - 89 years old
Club # 63, Austin, Texas, May 1, 1913 - 89 years old
Club # 40, Superior, Wisconsin, May 1, 1912 - 90 years old
Club # 64, Binghamton, New York, May 1, 1913 - 89 years old
Club # 62, Edinburgh, Scotland, May 1, 1913 - 89 years old
Club # 65, Dublin, Ireland, May 1, 1913 - 89 years old
Club # 67, Belfast, Ireland, May 1, 1913 - 89 years old
Club # 13, Kansas City, Missouri, May 15, 1910 - 92 years old

The following historic Rotary Clubs soon have their birthdays:

Club # 15, Portland, Oregon, May 25, 1910 - 92 years old
Club # 43, Pueblo, Colorado, June 1, 1912 - 90 years old
(Rotary's Global History Project Chairman Jack Selway's Rotary Club)
Club # 70, Patterson, New Jersey, June 1, 1913 - 89 years old
Club # 42, Syracuse, New York, June 1, 1912 - 90 years old
Club # 44, Toledo, Ohio, June 1, 1912 - 90 years old
Club # 72, Beaumont, Texas, June 1, 1913 - 89 years old
Club # 73, Galveston, Texas, June 1, 1913 - 89 years old
Club # 74, Waco, Texas, June 1, 1913 - 89 years old
Club # 69, Richmond, Virginia, June 1, 1913 - 89 years old
Club # 71, Madison, Wisconsin, June 1, 1913 - 89 years old
Club # 20, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 3, 1911 - 91 years old
Club # 14, Lincoln, Nebraska, June 6, 1910 - 92 years old
Club # 4, Seattle, Washington, June 15, 1909 - 93 years old
Club # 5, Los Angeles, California, June 25, 1909 - 93 years old

Happy Birthday to those Rotary Clubs! Now that Rotary is less than 3 years away from its 100th birthday, there will be more and more Rotary Clubs with birthdays in their 90's and still going strong.

As more and more Rotarians communicate over the Internet, there is an increased exposure to Internet viruses. We have found that the best protection is to use virus protection software with weekly updates over the Internet, like for example Norton Antivirus, which I myself use. There is also other virus protection software on the market, like for example McAfee. Virus protection software can be purchased in computer stores and many office supply stores.

Thank you on behalf of our world wide committee,

Mats Ingemanson
Vice Chairman
www.RotaryHistory.org

ICO, Rotary Club of New York (NY6)
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The power of the Internet puts the brains of millions of people together. It also puts 1.2 million Rotarians together. It does not matter where we are and when we are available. If we want to participate, the Internet and www.RotaryHistory.org makes it instantly possible.

Cinco De Mayo was held on Friday, May 3rd. This fund raiser was sponsored by the Paradise Rotary Club and the North Las Vegas Club.



The photos are of the two winners of the "BEST COSTUME CONTEST"
Don and Mrs. Kemp are in the sombreros (Paradise Club)

Greg and Mrs. Sinacori are in the poncho (Northwest Club)



Have you visited the website "www.giveaminute.org" today? Your visit will provide one minute of care at the Tarahumara Children's Hospital in Creel, Mexico.

Editor's Column

Rose Ann Rabiola Miele
Rotary Club of Boulder City

I don't know about you, my fellow Rotarians, but this Rotary year has zipped by. I not only have copies of all the newsletters on my computer, but I have bits and pieces of all the stories you have sent flying around in my head! It's absolutely amazing that a group of slightly less than 3,000 could have accomplished so much good, contributed to so many worthy causes, helped so many of our brothers and sisters around the globe, and continue to keep on doing all those magnificent things.

I can't imagine not being in Rotary! Thanks to "De Guv" having asked me to be the newsletter editor, I had the chance to meet so many of you – perhaps not in person, but I certainly feel I know all of you who have sent in articles this year. I hope to see all of you at the Conference so we can spend a little time talking about all the great projects that have been accomplished this year.

Although I won't be editor of the District Newsletter, I will continue to submit items and photos to our new Editor, Anne Donofrio-Holter. And I will continue to work on a presentation of photos (with captions, please) of all the activities of your Clubs. Please send photos and captions to me on CD's or disks at 701 Capri Drive, Unit 9 B, Boulder City, NV 89005. As soon as we have a couple dozen clubs represented, we will find an occasion to show the presentation, with District Governor-Elect Lee's permission!

I just want to leave you with a few pictures from our kids here in Boulder City. See all of you at the Conference and thanks for giving me the opportunity of sharing your wonderful works with all who read our newsletter.

Rose Ann



More than 80 members of the Kideract, Jr. Interact and Interact Clubs in Boulder City gathered at Martha P. King School to hand-paint ceramic tiles that will be used to decorate the city's new Art Center at ABC Park.

About 40 Kideract Members visited the Nevada Veterans' Nursing Home in Boulder City to prepare the ponds in the middle of the new Veterans' Peace Garden. On May 11, the kids were out again to help plant 2,600 plants in less than a half hour. About 500 kids, parents and residents of Boulder City joined together to beautify the new Veterans' Home.

