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A Few Words from the District Governor



Margaret Cooker, a wonderful District Governor, ended her year with a huge "Thank You" to everyone. I wish to offer at least as big a thanks to all who have made the start of this year a delightful experience. It really is not "the start of this year," but simply a continuance of past years. We can say it all when we link last year's theme with this year's: Mankind is our Business, therefore, Sow the Seeds of Love. What a wonderful new theme. Treat it lovingly, and with all the respect it deserves. It comes from a wonderful RI President for 2002-2003, Bhichai Rattakul. President Bhichai has given us two concepts to set the tone for our year in District 5300.

First, we should be a bottom up organization, with ideas coming up from the clubs, not descending from RI. Thus each club will set its own goals. That is both refreshing and challenging as we try to decide what is reachable and meaningful at the same time.

Second, President Bhichai emphasizes we do not need to reinvent the wheel. Each club is doing great things now, and the continuance and strengthening of these things will provide most of what we need to do to succeed during the year.

For the District clubs and their members, I offer three suggestions. Each is within the framework set out by President Bhichai. First, we must continue our wonderful efforts at recruiting new members. For the past two years, we have netted nearly 10% per year. Let's do that again. Second, we must build on the great start Ron Hutson has made in Public Relations. He planted the seeds last year, now we must water them as they begin to grow. Third, we must complete our promise made many years ago to eliminate polio in the world by 2005. It is in our year that RI must raise \$80,000,000. Past experience would indicate that our District could raise almost \$700,000 of that in gifts including three year pledges, an average of about \$250 per member. And, while we emphasize these three things, we must continue doing those things which make each of our individual clubs the best club in the world.

For most of the clubs, all of this will start coming together in July and August when two events happen. First, all of the combined District Governor parties are now set. They have three purposes: fellowship, inviting prospective members to the events, and highlighting the history of Rotary and where we think it will go during the next year in our individual clubs, using the title: "Holding Hands and Dancing: a Story of Love in the 21st Century". The second event for July and August will be the visit of a Polio Eradication Committee member to speak to each club and to meet with their boards for the purpose of receiving the club's goal. While I listed a possible goal above, we are a bottom up organization this year, so it really will be the sum of the club goals obtained at these meetings which will become the district goal.

New members, polio eradication, public relations and, the continuation of past excellence. What a way to start a year of continuing greatness for District 5300. Let's Go!

Lee Harlan
Governor, District 5300

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Anne Donofrio-Holter
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Rotary Potpourri

The Rotary Flag

An official flag was formally adopted by Rotary International at the 1929 convention in Dallas, Texas. The Rotary flag consists of a white field with the official emblem emblazoned in gold in the center of the field. The four depressed spaces on the rim of the Rotary wheel are colored royal blue. The words "Rotary" and "International" printed at the top and bottom depressions on the wheel rim are also gold. The shaft in the hub and the keyway of the wheel are white.

The first official Rotary flag reportedly was flown in Kansas City, Missouri, in January 1915. In 1922 a small Rotary flag was carried over the South Pole by Admiral Richard Byrd, a member of the Winchester, Virginia Rotary Club. Four years later, the admiral carried a Rotary flag in his expedition to the North Pole.

Some Rotary clubs use the official Rotary flag as a banner at club meetings. In these instances it is appropriate to print the words "Rotary Club" above the wheel symbol, and the name of the city, state or nation below the emblem.

The Rotary flag is always prominently displayed at the world headquarters as well as at all conventions and official events of Rotary International.

Rotary Selected as Recipient of Gates Award for Global Health

Dear Rotarian:

On behalf of the R. I. president and myself, I am pleased to announce that the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International has been selected to receive the 2002 Gates Award for Global Health, a recognition that carries with it a \$1 million award. This is a great honor, both for the foundation and for all the Rotarians who participate in and support its vital humanitarian and educational programs. Let's make sure that Rotary's good work in the field of global health becomes known to every part of the world.

I hope that this tremendous achievement of our foundation will be celebrated all over the world and at the same time, will motivate Rotarians to reinforce their personal commitment to the Rotary Foundation.

Sincerely,

Luis Vicente Giay

Rotary Foundation Chairman

Host Families for International Students

Dear Rotarians:

I was wondering if any of your members might be interested in hosting an international student arriving to attend one of the Claremont Colleges. These students come from nearly every part of the world, and we need families willing to host them for a few days in August before their official orientations begin. These home stays are undoubtedly valuable experiences for the students, but they can also bring a lifetime of rewards to families that really open themselves up to the richness of the hosting experience.

If you would like more information, or if you would like someone to attend a meeting and speak about the home stay program or any other aspect of international education at the Colleges, please contact me at any time.

Yours,

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Club News

Altadena Club News

Again this year, the Altadena Club was privileged to offer grants and plaques to outstanding students in the Pasadena City College vocational education program.

Whereas much attention is often given to those who are planning for academic learning in four-year colleges, Altadena Rotary has long felt the value of honoring those students that are preparing for a vocational career.

Students in the fields of art and graphic design, health sciences, engineering and technology, and communications were honored.

Arcadia Club News

The Arcadia Club honored its Teachers of the Month. One instructor teaches 3rd grade at Holly Avenue Elementary and the other is a 7th grade history teacher at First Avenue Middle School. Club members also recognized outstanding students from local middle schools with a special plaque.

Boulder City Club News

Boulder City Kids Take the Lead
Rose Ann Rabiola Miele
Rotary Club of Boulder City

Nearly 200 of Boulder City's young people between the ages of eight and 18 are exemplifying the Rotary ideal of community service. During the last six months, the Cobras Making a Difference, a.k.a. the Kideract Club at Martha P. King Elementary School, have hosted parties for Seniors, read to pre-schoolers and taken an active part in beautifying the new Nevada Veterans' Nursing Home.

The new Jr. Interact Club at Garrett Middle School put in a new sidewalk at the Mountain View Care Center so that residents in wheel chairs could make their way out into the yard. The group also planted trees in the yard to provide some much-needed shade.

The Jr. Interact Club joined with the Boulder City High School Interact Club to host a dance to earn funds for an upcoming International Project.

All three clubs joined together at the end of April to decorate ceramic tiles which will be used to decorate the new Art Center at Boulder City's ABC Park.

Their enthusiasm is simply boundless and their caring spirit is truly genuine. Youth Service Director John Chase has a number of projects ready for these young people both during the summer and as soon as school begins. Rotary Year 2001-2002 saw these young people perform some outstanding projects. Rotary year 2002-2003 promises to be even better.

Chino Club News

The Chino Rotary Club has presented its 73rd Crombie Allen Award to Boys Republic High School Students Michael Reyes and Josh Mendez for excellence in citizenship and leadership. Each recipient received a watch, a plaque, and a monetary award.

In addition to the two winners, all six finalists presented oral presentations of their achievements while living at Boys Republic.

The award was established in 1929 by Rotarian Crombie Allen, then publisher and editor of the Ontario Daily Bulletin newspaper, to promote higher ideals of citizenship and attainment among the students of Boys Republic.



This annual award, testimony to the enduring vision and insight of Crombie, represents the best ideals and traditions of Chino Rotary and is in keeping with its goals of promoting leadership among young people. It also demonstrates the strength of the Chino Rotary to maintain rich traditions while also addressing the current needs in society.

Las Vegas South Sunset Club News

To: Janie Lynn

President, Las Vegas South Sunset Rotary Club

Dear President Janie:

The 2001-02 Rotary's Global Quest recognizes 100 clubs as worldwide winners. It is with great pleasure that I am contacting you to inform you that your club is one of the 100 winning clubs. Congratulations. Your club has worked very hard.

As you know clubs were divided into two categories: clubs with fewer than 50 members and clubs with 50 or more members as of 1 July 2001. There are also 32 at-large club winners. Your club has been selected as the top club in Zone 24 with a starting membership below 50 members. As one of the 100 winning clubs you will be receiving a Global Quest Award in recognition of your achievement, a beautiful globe of the world made of semiprecious stones

Again, let me congratulate you and thank you for your outstanding service to Rotary International during 2001-02. Not only is your club a winner of Rotary's Global Quest under your fine leadership, but you have also contributed to the continuing strength of our association by guiding your club in its membership efforts. Your hard work will be felt for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Richard D. King

Rotary International President, 2001-02

Las Vegas West Club News

Twin Lakes Elementary School presented a very attractive plaque to the club to express its appreciation for the many hours that were devoted to the reading and tutoring program during the past school year. Jack Haas, Steve Halvorson, Gary Johnson, and Mike and Linda Link were recognized for their contributions.

Monrovia Club News

The Monrovia Club awarded scholarships to local students who will be attending college in the fall. Awards ranged from \$500 to \$1,000.

Pomona Club News

Pomona Club members presented awards to the winners of its "Family Values" essay contest. Students from throughout the Pomona Unified School District participated in this year's contest. Before handing out the awards, a club spokesman talked about the important role that parents and teachers play in supporting and encouraging youth. A representative from the Pomona Unified School District thanked the club for offering the program and said she believes it is a great opportunity for the students in Pomona.

San Marino Club News

The San Marino Rotary Club gave \$3300 to Ethembeni, an AIDS orphanage in Johannesburg, South Africa. The funds will be used to remodel two wards. Ethembeni is a care facility for abandoned AIDS babies who are brought to the

facility from all over Johannesburg. Most of them have only a couple of years to live. Run by the Salvation Army, Ethembeni was discovered by Lee and Therese Mothershead on a Rotary Foundation trip to South Africa in May of 2001. The orphanage recently received a matching grant for new kitchen equipment; but was still using rooms in an old house as wards. The money will go towards painting, installing glass windows between wards for better monitoring of the infants' condition, and for furniture for the wards. Speaking of the infants, Marion Laserson, past president of the Hillbrow Rotary Club, stated that they can "...only love them until they die."

Sierra Madre Club News

Sierra Madre Rotarians spent a memorable day of filled with hard work, making new friendships, and successful construction projects at Jardin Guaycura.

Can anyone forget our President Elect Rudy not only working but filming live the entire time; Kris Poulsen and Don Watts working the drywall and answering non-stop questions; Susan Nunnery working the stairs with her enthusiasm; Robert Young who worked all the projects and even had time to make us laugh and smile; Dave Ruprecht and Jeff Porter painting till their hands fell off ; Jeffrey Horne and David Reed working in the background with drills, hammers and their hearts; John and Annabelle Hall sweeping, painting, and serving; Sike Crowley playing football with one of the kids at the handicapped school, and our adopted Covina Rotarian Don Boline who did some magic on the handrails and made it all look so easy. Who could forget our interactors that never stopped and kept working the entire day. Matt Real even worked through the flu bug and a temperature to finish his assignment.

Special thanks to Kris Poulsen who made many trips and spent countless hours at Home Depot, Paint stores, etc; Don and Alexandra Watts for collecting Spanish books for LA Library; and Spike Crowley, Rudy Hayek, and Susanne Hayek for transporting the vans late Saturday night.

Thanks for making our 3rd trip down to Tijuana "Operacion Hogar" a Rotary experience that we will long remember.



Ron Hutson, 2001-2002 Sierra Madre Rotarian of the Year and District 5300 P.R. Resource Chair, receives a pin with three sapphires signifying his multiple Paul Harris Fellowship from PDG Steve Garrett. Steve commented how outstanding Ron is not to be satisfied with one PHF but to keep on giving to and supporting the Foundation's vital work around the world.

No Club News Submitted

Do you have an article for the Newsletter?

Anne Donofrio-Holter, newsletter editor for 2002-03, would like to encourage all the clubs in the district to send in its news articles and other items of interest for publication. Photos are especially encouraged, via e-mail, if possible. Anne would also like the clubs to continue sending her its weekly newsletters. Anne can be reached via e-mail at WriterAnne@earthlink.net, at fax (323) 832-0979, or by mail at 1012 W. Beverly Blvd., PMB 145, Montebello, 90640.

Anne would like to thank everyone for their support in making our newsletter enjoyable and informative for all Rotarians in District 5300.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact her. The deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication.

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