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A Few Words from the District Governor

To all the wonderful Presidents and Secretaries in District 5300, and others who may be reading this:



I'm a reluctant gardener, but a gardener nevertheless who still does his own yard. My wife, Joan thinks I'm crazy. Anyway, long ago I noticed that just keeping up a residential lot means that choices have to be made, and that not every square inch is going to come under cultivation. For instance, this year I did not put in a vegetable garden, even though last year I built a wonderful raised bed with an automatic watering system and we had great vegetables.

I say this to you because I think our District and your club are both a lot like my gardening efforts. Rotary International puts forth an incredible number of projects and expects, so they say, that all Districts will participate in every one, with the District Governor intimately involved in all 247 of them. That is not possible for me anyway, so I keep picking and choosing from the seed catalog. The seeds of love I've planted in the summer garden include Polio Eradication, Quest, and Public Relations. We're watering those right now, trying very hard not to over-water along the way. We've put in a few small beds of various projects for color, and of course, we still water and prune some old and very reliable standards like RYLA, TLC and PRLS. (Those are the Latin designations but you know the common names, so I don't have to expand) In the fall, the planting mix will change a bit as we harvest Polio, and sow License Plates, Rotary Foundation themes, and a couple of others. We'll have a spring planting as well before DGE (That's District Gardener Elect) Barbara takes over.

Do you do that in your club as well? Do you need to thin out some things or to time a couple of events a bit better so they will bear really good fruit? Can you say no at least occasionally even though the projects proposed are great so you can concentrate on the ones you want to grow really well? And if your harvest is really looking good, are you planning to advertise it outside of your club so all in your neighborhood will know what good gardeners you and your club are? Please remember, Joan and I want to sample some of your efforts as they ripen. One of the reasons I cut down on my own gardening and reduced the Governor's visits by consolidating them is so that we can partake in the fruits of your labors.

At the end of our year, we want to tell RI President Bhichai that we did our District 5300 gardening well, that each club did Sow the Seeds of Love, that we gathered in the harvest, distributed it, and thus made the world a far better place because we tried. I've promised him that already because I know what a strong start all of you have had in your clubs. Thank you again for joining Rotary in all these efforts.

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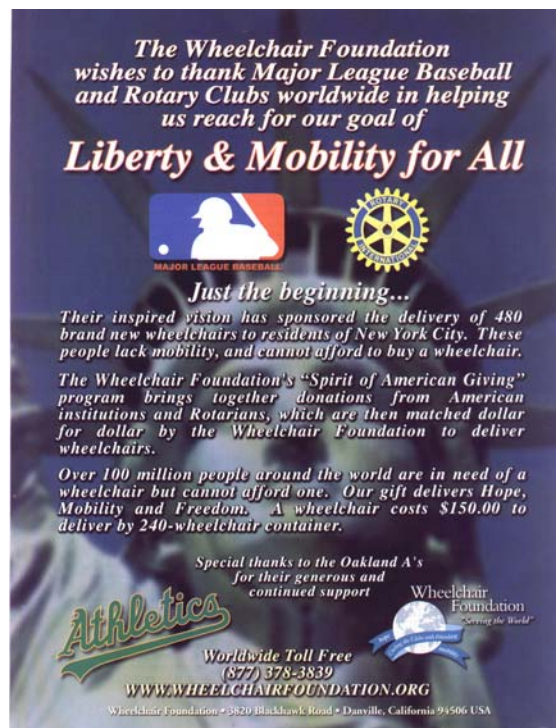
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Wheelchair Program

The following full page ad appeared in the July issue of the Smithsonian Magazine. A "Thank You" from the Wheelchair Foundation to Rotary Clubs worldwide and Major League Baseball for helping them buy and deliver 480 wheelchairs to residents of New York City.



Letter from Rotary Club of Vasco De Gama, Goa, India

Greetings from the Rotary Club Of Vasco Da Gama, Goa, India! (Club number 15697, R.I. district 3170) We are a 35 year old club with a good track record in vocational services especially in career guidance programs.

This year we propose to take up computerization of schools in our area and other parts of Goa. This ambitious scheme envisages the supply of 1000 entry-level computers with open source/free software to various schools. The reasons why we have taken up this project are: 1. To teach students at school level how to use a computer. Today you are not literate without the knowledge of how to use a computer. 2. As a teaching aid for teachers for better audio-visual presentation. 3. Students themselves will use the computer for their assignments. 4. In India, the cost of a PC is very high considering the per capita income. Therefore, most students cannot afford to have PCs at home. Schools therefore have to be provided with sufficient computers that can be accessed and used by the students.

We are looking for other Rotary Clubs to join hands with us to make this project a reality.

Your positive reply will be greatly appreciated.

Yours in Service,

Bharat Kamat

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Exchange Students

There are several students who will be studying in District 5300 during the next school year. They have an obligation to make presentations at district clubs, so please invite them to speak. They and their counselors are as follows:

| <u>From</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Studying At</u> | <u>Counselor</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Korea | Soon Hyeok | Cal Tech | David Mans, Pasadena Rotary |
| Italy | Francesco Ciucci | Cal Tech | Chet Specht, Pasadena Rotary |
| Taiwan | Li Wen Ting | Cal Poly | Sylvia Whitlock, Duarte Rotary |
| Japan Rotary | Shihoko Nagai | Art Center | Paul Brassard, S. Pasadena |

Most of the students will be arriving in July, so they will be available during the summer to attend events, especially those where they may meet Governor Harlan and other club members.

Sewing Machine

Yes a sewing machine. A couple of months ago I was speaking to someone in the district and they mentioned that their club was looking to donate a commercial type sewing machine to a club in Central America for their international project. Well, I cannot remember who the person was, so I am writing this in the newsletter hoping that they will read this article and contact me.

The Boulder City Museum has a large commercial sewing machine in storage, suitable for sewing canvas. For a donation to the museum they are probably willing to part with the machine. At this point it is not known whether the sewing machine works or not, but we will work on that when we see if this is all feasible. The Boulder City Club is willing to assist in finding out if the machine runs, and getting it to your club.

Please contact Frank Carroll at fctrvlr@bouldercityrotary.org or 702-683-2809.

Yours in Rotary,
 Frank R. Carroll
 Assistant District Governor
 District 5300 - Nevada East

2002 Designated "Year of the Polio Survivor"

New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevey and the New Jersey Senate have designated 2002 "Year of the Polio Survivor" and September "Polio Survivors Month." This year marks the 50th anniversary of North America's most devastating polio epidemic which affected nearly 60,000 people. September is the month when the summer epidemics of polio ended and rehabilitation for polio survivors began.

"New Jersey is the first state to make these declarations," says Dr. Richard L. Bruno, chairperson of the International Post-Polio Task Force and director of The Post-Polio Institute and International Centre for Post-Polio Education and Research at New Jersey's Englewood Hospital and Medical Center. "But states across the country are moving to make similar declarations and pass legislation on behalf of polio survivors."

A bill by Assemblywoman Loretta Weinberg has been drafted to direct the New Jersey Commissioner of Health to establish a public awareness campaign about PPS and to develop educational materials for local boards of health, physicians,

hospitals and clinics to distribute to polio survivors.

"New Jersey's declarations recognize for the first time that there are more polio survivors alive today in North American and Europe than there are individuals with spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease combined," said Bruno. "People think polio and polio survivors are gone. Polio may be forgotten, but it is not gone. There are estimated to be 1.8 million North American polio survivors, 20 million throughout the world."

These declarations also call for education about Post-Polio Sequelae which health care professionals -- and even polio survivors -- often know nothing about. Post-Polio Sequelae (PPS) are the unexpected and often disabling symptoms that occur in 75% of paralytic and 40% of non-paralytic polio survivors about 35 years after the poliovirus attack.

"PPS can be treated and even prevented through simple therapies," said Bruno.

As part of the "Year of the Polio Survivor," polio survivors Mia Farrow and Thaddeus Farrow are co-chairing the Post-Polio Letter Campaign. The Post-Polio Letter is a one page summary about the cause and treatment of PPS that will be translated into 15 languages and made available by the International Post-Polio Task Force to every doctor and polio survivor in the United States and around the world. (<http://www.postpolioinfo.com>).

"Other states and countries are also declaring 2002 "Year of the Polio Survivor" and September 'Polio Survivors Month' to get the word out about the cause and treatment of PPS," says Bruno. "Polio survivors need education and treatment now. There is no more time to waste!"

Altadena

The Altadena club awarded \$400 mini-grants to eleven local elementary school teachers. Funds were disbursed for proposals ranging from book clubs to inspire reading, to digital cameras to document and record individual growth and development in language arts, to character maps documenting change.

Arcadia

On behalf of the Arcadia club, Michael Hoey collected and shipped 65 pairs of eyeglasses to the Volunteers in Optometric Services to Humanity. The glasses were sent to people in underprivileged countries who otherwise would be unable to afford them.

Azusa

Men and women who live or work in Azusa are invited to help form the newest Rotary Club in this worldwide service organization. Lunch meetings are held Thursdays at noon in the Library of Azusa Pacific University.

Pictured are: Back Row l to r, Dr. Paul Gray, Dean of Library Services, Azusa Pacific University; Jason Miller, Financial Advisor, Merrill Lynch; Henry Navarrette, Quality Manager, Ultimate Juice Company; Harry Heflin, President, Management Zone; John Andrews, Economic and Redevelopment Manager, City of Azusa; Front Row l to r, Mike Quezada, Ultimate Juice Company; Chris Lyman, Owner; Ray Kearney, Human Resource Director, Pierre Fabre, Inc.; Julie Armiger, Human Resource Manager, Criterion Catalysts and Technologies.

For more information, please call Harry Heflin at 626.359.2203.

Boulder City

Preparations for the annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast for Boulder City's Annual 4th of July Damboree Celebration began weeks before the event. Finally, on July 3 members came together to set up for the breakfast in Bicentennial Park. At 4 a.m. on July 4 the coffee began to brew. By 5:30 a.m. the cooking crew arrived to fire up



the grills. By 6:30 a.m. folks were eating pancakes, sausage and fresh fruit. By our best estimate, approximately 600 folks enjoyed the annual Damboree Pancake Breakfast and donated \$1,325, which will be used toward the Club's projects.

Rotary's pancake breakfast took on a special meaning this year with the honoring of Rotarian By Miller and Rotarian wife Billie Miller. The Millers have been involved in community projects in Boulder City since 1954. Mayor Bob Ferraro, member of the Sunrise Rotary, proclaimed July 4 "By and Billie Miller Day."

The Rotary Club of Boulder City has a "new and improved" website that we hope all of you will take a look at. The address is www.bouldercityrotary.org. We're especially proud of the new calendar which will help our members remember what's going on when!

And speaking of websites and the internet, kudos to Anne Donofrio-Holter and husband Larry for unveiling such a great web district newsletter.

Rose Ann Rabiola Miele
Rotary Club of Boulder City

Chino

The Chino Rotary Club has awarded three scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The scholarships were awarded based on the following criteria: grade point average, financial need and community service. Velia Larios and Sharleen Villagra of Chino High were each awarded \$1,000.00 and Shannon Nicole Fuller of Ontario Christian High was awarded \$500.00

Chino Rotary awards scholarships annually to support college bound seniors who have demonstrated leadership in community service, as well as academics. The men and women of Chino Rotary want to recognize and reward students who have demonstrated a desire to place service above self.

Duarte

Left incoming president George Chapjian, David Bob, Janet Menrique and Don Anderson.

The Rotary Club of Duarte celebrated its 50th anniversary last month. Known to the other 1.2 million Rotarians as the club that broke the barrier for women in the late 1980s, the club hosted more than 100 celebrants and dignitaries from the community of Duarte and Rotary Clubs in the District. The club received tributes and recognition from the City of Duarte, Major Phil Reyes, and Rotary International's President Richard King, among others.

The Duarte Rotary Club is known worldwide for "carrying the torch for women in Rotary," and Dr. Whitlock for successfully challenging the Supreme Court to accept women members in the now 100-year old service organization.

Pictured here are outgoing president Dr. Sylvia Whitlock with Councilman John Fasana.



Las Vegas North

President Fred Thull, presented a certificate of appreciation to Bonnie Ondich for her continued work in delivering shoes and socks for the "Happy Feet Program." Kent went on to explain that since 12/12/01 the club has provided 163 pairs of shoes and 489 pairs of socks to six area schools.

Las Vegas West

True to his word, president Tom made good his promise to shave his head and beard if the \$20,000 Golfmania VIII goal was met. Tom went through with the sheering losing a beard of 15 years. While totals were still being tallied at press time, Tom has faith that if short of the \$20,000 goal past presidents who still have hair will make up the difference.

Mesquite Virgin Valley Sunrise

Seven members of the Mesquite Virgin Valley Sunrise Rotary Club met polio survivor Sonny Wachter's challenge to raise funds to eliminate polio throughout the world. Wachter said he would match \$500 contributions. Meeting the challenge are Jeff Bird, front left; Wachter, and Judy Cole White. Also, Sherrie Hamilton, rear left: Bill Nicholes, Theron Jensen and Charlie Allen. Not pictured is Alan Green, who was the first to meet the challenge. All are new Paul Harris Fellows in Rotary International.



Montebello

The Montebello Club hosted a Group 2 meeting with members from the San Gabriel, East Los Angeles, Monterey Park, and Alhambra clubs on July 17. District Governor Lee Harlan and guest speaker Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley were special guests. DG Lee thanked members of the five clubs for their fine work and dedication to Rotary. He reminded us that "joining hands" is what Rotary is all about and stressed this year's push to eradicate polio. DA Cooley explained the duties and responsibilities of his office, the upcoming Los Angeles County Regional Crime Lab and the importance of the science of DNA in crime solving.



Pomona

The Pomona Club awarded \$1,000 grants to students from the Pomona Unified School District who will be attending college this fall. Students had to be in good academic standing, be involved in community service, have good citizenship, and plan to attend a community college.

Sierra Madre

Sierra Madre Rotarians started off the new Rotary year by dunking local dignitaries and club members in its famous dunk tank at the local 4th of July parade. This wonderful home town parade was appreciated even more this year in the wake of the September 11 tragedy. The club's float also received lots of cheers from the crowd.



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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