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A Few Words from the District Governor

The other day, I headed down to the Claremont Metrolink depot to see a live steam engine pulling a load of passenger cars of ancient vintage to Williams, Arizona as part of an excursion. The train was late, of course, but what a powerhouse it was when it chugged through as though nothing could stop it. "How does such a huge engine pulling all that weight of cars get started," I thought. The obvious answer is: "Very slowly."

All that made me think about our district's slowly emerging Public Relations program. What a huge investment of time just to get the program to begin to move down the track. What a splendid job of engineering Ron Hutson has done thus far just to get our attention, and to get the main driving wheels to make that first revolution. Because of illness, Ron is having to give up the throttle and become a passenger for awhile. However, he has trained several emerging engineers very well and they are eagerly, if sadly, taking over the driver's seat behind the firebox with its huge head of steam built up. Thanks more than we can say, Ron.

Other trains are on track in the district as well. Our diesel powered Quest program is moving like those European fast trains at over 100 mph. Engineer Susan Nunnery is pulling on the whistle at every grade crossing where clubs are located, and the results are pouring in from the bottom up just like RI president Bhichai imagined they would. With only 41 of 63 club planning guides into the roundhouse, we have estimates of 247 net new members by the end of the year. Soon we'll have to send out the governor's handcar to round up the rest of the guides, and when they appear, we clearly will have well over the 300 net new members the Rotary railroad planners anticipated. Quest as we know, asks for more than just new members. It asks for new and continuing members to get involved in meaningful programs. The planning guides indicate this will be happening as well. Certainly the first 11 combined meetings of 55 clubs showed that every club is full of enthusiasm. Echoing that, three club parties this week to which Joan and I were invited fulfilled the first statement of the object of Rotary: the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. Joan and my motto is: we'll stop at every club station on the district railroad system where there is a party if that so easily fulfils one of the objects of the organization!

There is also electric power in the system. Electrically powered trains have the ability to jump start and get up to speed in a hurry. That is what the polio eradication train under chief engineer Garbis has done. When you hear him tooting his horn, get out of the way, and then get on board at the next stop. One club party collected \$1.00 per attendee and sent someone down to the nearest lottery ticket seller to buy 150 tickets. When the club wins the lottery, it all goes to eradicate polio. The club president had only minutes prior announced a community fundraiser for next February which will make \$25,000 for the project in addition to the club members personal involvement which by now is over \$15,000 and growing. Then there is the past president's spouse of one club who announced he will match \$500 for every \$500 put in by a member for polio. He got five takers right off the bat, and his wife wants to kill him! And did I hear one very enthusiastic president of one of our larger clubs set an impossible goal for his club in the six figure range?



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But we can dream the impossible dream on the District 5300 railroad system. Engineers Ron, Susan and Garbis are not only dreaming, they are moving down the tracks, and getting hundreds, maybe thousands of District 5300 Rotarians to join them. Watch out for their trains and the trains of the other district engineers. Get on board at the earliest possible moment and let's have the ride of our lives.

A Few Words from the Editor

I want to thank all the clubs that have been sending me newsletters either through the U. S. mail or via e-mail. I can tell by reading them that there are many interesting and worth while projects going on in our district.

Since most newsletters are written for the club members, sometimes it is difficult for an outsider, such as myself, reading the newsletter to get a good grip as to what a project is all about. There are many projects out there that I would love to highlight in our district newsletter, however, I cannot glean enough information from the newsletters themselves to put together a complete article. I encourage anyone who has a project that they would like to see highlighted in our district newsletter to let me know. To e-mail or send me additional information, [click here](#).

Rotary Potpourri

Rotary Rose Parade Float

A number of District 5300 Rotarians are on the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee. The committee has entered a float on behalf of Rotary International in every Rose Parade for more than 20 years.

The float is decorated by volunteers from Rotary, Rotoract, and Interact Clubs as well as individual Rotarians from the US and even some foreign countries. Volunteers can sign up on-line now at the Rotary float website. Decorating sessions between Christmas and New Year fill up very early and we have to turn away many volunteers (one of the 27 sessions is already full). Sessions on Saturdays in November and early December fill up also but are not quite as popular as some of the others.

The float is paid for by Rotary Clubs throughout North America and District 5300 along with six other districts in Southern California that make contributions. Because of the district contribution, clubs in our district are not solicited directly. Additional information and photos are available on the committee website at www.rotaryfloat.org.

Teen Leadership Camp

District 5300's Teen Leadership Camp (TLC) is almost here!! What an opportunity for you to make a difference in an eighth grader's life!

Let me tell you one success story from last year's camp! One young lady was making D's and F's in school when her school and Rotary Club decided to take a chance on her. She attended the 2001 TLC. Now she is a straight A student!! What happened? Rotary happened!! What does the future hold for this young lady? We don't know. What we do know is that the TLC experience has allowed at least one young woman to make a change in her life's direction.

Do you know an eighth grader? Did you hear Scott Greenberg speak at 2002 district conference? He is TLC's cornerstone. How did he affect you? What an effect he has on helping young people discover their own inner strengths, learn to lead themselves, and make their own decisions. Remember that TLC, like RYLA, is a program that a Rotarian's child can attend because it is funded by the clubs and not by the foundation.

Go to the TLC page on the district website to see how many children your club is sponsoring. Continue to make a difference. Continue to enjoy Rotary. Charlie Barr, TLC Chair, Upland

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Interact Training Scheduled

Interact training for officers, Rotarian liaisons and advisors is scheduled for November 1-3. Links to the paperwork can be found on the district website at the Interact Symposium. Great facilitators have been lined up to cover areas of interest. Apart from the areas related to running your club, we will have information about Polio Plus, the wheelchair foundation, children in Russia, water projects, and more - the goal being that you will be able to develop a plan of action to address each of these areas and then chose the ones that best suit your club. All sessions, including major speakers, are designed to be interactive with a SHORT presentation of material. Participants will then break into small groups to discuss the information and then reconvene to share and learn. Plan to be there. Margaret Cooker, Chair, Victorville.

Foundation Dinner

Mark your calendar now for a fantastic district foundation dinner Friday, November 8, at the Ramada Inn, Victorville, CA.

We have been very fortunate to secure PDG Carolyn Jones of 5010 - Russia and Alaska - as our keynote speaker. Read about her and her adventures in Russia in the August Rotarian! Come and hear her speak about what the foundation is doing for the children of Russia. Come celebrate all that we do for the foundation and recognize our new Paul Harris fellows, Paul Harris benefactors and Paul Harris major donors.

Come early and get in a round of golf, visit Scandia or the Roy Rogers Museum before it moves to Branson, or stay over and attend a foundation training event on those gnarly matching grants and other foundation paperwork.

Cost: (non-reserved seating) \$99.00 per couple or \$50.00 single; (reserved, preferred seating) \$125 per couple or \$75 single; (reserved, preferred seating) \$500.00 per table of 8, one per club in front row, then as reservations allow, first come, first served.

Ramada Inn has a special room rate of \$67+tax; suites \$95+tax. Mention Rotary or foundation dinner or Rotary Foundation when you call to get the special rate.

Chair: Mike Page, Victorville. Registrar: Jeff Guertin, Hesperia Rotary; Phone (760) 247-6596; e-mail jguertin@framersagent.com; POB 1264, Apple Valley, CA 92307.

New Service Club Forming in Azusa

Rotary International was founded in 1905 and is considered the "Grand-Daddy" of all service clubs. It has become the most international of all service organizations in the world with more than 1.2 million Rotarians in over 30,000 clubs in 165 countries. Virtually wherever one travels in the world there will be a Rotary Club nearby. Men and women who live or work in Azusa or surrounding communities are invited to help form the newest lunchtime Rotary Club in this worldwide network.

Rotarians around the world live by the Rotary themes, "Service Above Self" and "Mankind is our Business." Each Rotary Club is comprised of business and professional men and women united to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

Rotary is a leading organization dedicated to community and international service, but Rotarians also know how to kick back and enjoy themselves. A recent fellowship BBQ hosted by the new Azusa Rotary Club at Monrovia Nursery included most of the club's charter members and their family. Rotarians from the Sierra Madre Club also turned out to meet the new Azusa Club members.

The Azusa Cub currently has ten founding members and is working towards its goal of chartering the club with 25 members in late summer. Spearheaded by Harry Heflin (shown here with District Membership Chair Susan Nunnery) and Jason



Miller, the club meets Thursdays at noon at the Darling Conference Room of the Azusa Pacific Library on the West Campus at 701 E. Foothill.

For more information about Azusa Rotary, please contact Harry Heflin at (626) 359-2203 or at h.heflin@ieee.org.

Nominations for District Governor 2004-2005

Each club in our district is privileged to be able to have a major impact on the future of Rotary by nominating someone to be district governor.

It is very important that we have as many qualified candidates as possible to choose from. The job of district governor has changed significantly over the last three years and is moving toward a position for younger, working Rotarians.

Between August 1, 2002 and October 1, 2002, a club may nominate a qualified Rotarian to be considered for district governor 2004-2005. If you have any questions regarding qualifications, please refer to the Manual of Procedure, or call me with your questions. Sal Briguglio, Past District Governor.

Community Service Opportunity

The Sierra Madre Club is inviting other Rotarians to participate in a unique community service project called "Adopt-a-Poll" to provide poll workers for the November 5 election. Volunteers must attend a 90-minute training session in October. Contact Janice Nelson at (626) 355-2997 for details.

Membership Development Symposium

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Clubs will be the topic of the District 5300 Membership Development Symposium for membership chairs and all Rotarians on Saturday, October 26 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at Claremont College Faculty House, 710 N. College Ave., Claremont. PDG Roy Massey will be keynote speaker along with other highly effective Rotarians. Tickets are \$15 before October 1 or \$20 at the door.

Please make checks payable to District 5300 and mail to Susan Nunnery, 140 N. Canyon Blvd., #E, Monrovia, CA, 91016 or contact Susan at (626) 728-1070 or spnunnery@earthlink.net for additional information.

Altadena

The Altadena and Glendora Clubs received a thank you from the mayor of Nazareth for a grant to help local school children. The donation gives the children the opportunity to discover the business world through their own personal experiences.

Apple Valley

The Apple Valley Rotary presents the Battle of the Rotary Clubs Chili Cookoff! Bring your pots of chili and team members and show the High Desert who has the best chili of all. Saturday, October 26, Lions Park, Apple Valley. Entry fee \$150 and a minimum of five gallons of chili (must have beans). Contestants need to register by October 1. All proceeds go to support children's charities. Contact Tony Inglese at (760) 243-2495 or tinglese@mscomm.com for additional information.

Arcadia

Arcadia Rotarians have begun work on a life-size old west fort at Boy Scout Camp Trask. It is anticipated that the project will take most of the Rotary year and will be the club's major community service project. The fort will be 60 feet by 84 feet (5,000 square feet) by 20 feet high. Over 50 Rotarians are expected to participate.

Boulder City

For information on Boulder City's upcoming 65th anniversary, [click here for flyer](#).

Boulder City Sunrise



Boulder City Sunrise Rotary Club has initiated a pilot project with St. Jude's Home for Children in Boulder City. The club has adopted the St. Francis cottage which consists of six girls ages 13 to 17. Throughout the year club members will have interaction with these young ladies in the hopes of having a positive impact on their lives by exemplifying Rotary's goals and standards. Monthly, the club will involve the girls in community projects, provide for some of their needs, and also provide some fellowship and entertainment. If this program is successful, St. Jude's will consider expanding this project to other cottages and other service groups. Photo shows cottage parents Bill & Sue Klassing receiving a donation from CSI president Kirk Frantz of a new computer for their cottage. Robert Merrell, president, makes the presentation.

Chino

The Chino Rotary Club and Mervyn's of California once again joined forces to provide back to school clothes for Chino children. On Saturday, August 10 Rotarians gathered at the Mervyn's in Chino Townsquare to chaperone over 100 local elementary school children as they each went on a \$100.00 shopping spree. The club donated over \$10,000.00 to buy clothes for the 102 needy children selected by local schools to participate in the event. The club funds this event with money raised at its annual dinner and auction, scheduled this year for September 26. Chino Rotary will once again be asking local businesses and individuals to support them so activities like ChildSpree can continue.

Glendora

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Las Vegas North

When the North Las Vegas Boys and Girls Club reported that their budget had been cut and were in need of financial assistance in printing flyers for the upcoming school year, Las Vegas North Rotarians immediately came to club's assistance. As a result, the Boys and Girls Club will have enough flyers.

See [Las Vegas Paradise](#).

Las Vegas Paradise

The Las Vegas Paradise Club, along with the Las Vegas North Rotary Club, have some new photos on the district website located under the Choquita Village Feed the Children project. The photos were taken by District 5730 on a recent visit to the village and are of the garden project that the Las Vegas North and Paradise Clubs participated in this past April. The clubs provided ten families with farming tools (rakes, hoes, pick axes, shovels, fencing and tubing). A Ph.D. candidate from Cornell University is volunteering one year of his time to the Tarahumara Indians to teach them new farming methods. These tools went a long way to develop a sense of pride, ownership and self sufficiency to ten families who had nothing before receiving these tools.

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

Montebello

The Montebello Rotary, under the leadership of webmaster Larry Holter, is currently designing its new website, montebellorotary.org, which will be up and running soon.

The club made a \$200 donation to Mela Counseling Services. The money will enable some of the women in the program to take a trip to Sea World.

Sierra Madre



The Sierra Madre Club, along with Lee and Joan Harlan, paid special tribute to member Ron Hutson. The tribute was very upbeat and built around making Ron's grandchildren, age three months and four years, Paul Harris fellows. In honor of Ron, who always wears shorts to club meetings, the dress code was shorts for everyone, which led Ron to comment: "The dress code sucks!" Following the Paul Harris presentations president Dan Alle and other members of the club spoke briefly about what Ron means to them. Ron's frequent and no holds barred e-mails were cited by most speakers. Also in attendance were the president and past president of the Arcadia Club, and PDG Jerry Tambe who was DG when Ron was president of the Arcadia Club. About 50 people squeezed into the room which also included Maggie Wilhelm talking about Rotary license plates, one of Ron's favorite programs for PR.

The Interact Club of Sierra Madre, assisted by Sierra Madre Rotarians, netted \$900 from a dog wash held August 25 at a local dog park. Five years ago the Interact Club donated \$600 toward the creation of the park as well as purchasing a bench. In addition to the dog wash, a dedication ceremony was held and the bench was fitted with a special plaque.

Victorville

The Victorville Club has established a scholarship in memory of member Dick Ensworth who passed away recently. The board is grateful for his efforts though the years and wanted to honor his work.

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, CA 90640.

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