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The district is off to a wonderful start and more marvelous plans are in the offing. Take a look at the district website, admirably commanded by Chris Datwyler, and see the richness of the programs the district and the clubs have to offer. Today, I would like to talk about two things which made September such a memorable month for our district.

Ron Hutson, our wonderful Public Relations Chair, died just a few days after his club honored him and his family for years of Service Beyond Self at the club level as well as the district level. He e-mailed me almost up until the day he died with even more ways I could improve the district, all of which were good thoughts. His memorial service, held outside on a warm summer morning, was a combination of a wonderful family gathering with the flavor of a Rotary meeting, which Ron had orchestrated days before his death from cancer. We miss him more than we can say.

Also in mid September, came word from district Polio Eradication Chair PDG Garbis Der Yeghian that our district had passed the million dollar mark in pledges for Polio eradication. As with the first campaign in the 1980's, Rotarians have sprung to the challenge in greater numbers and greater amounts than Rotary International had hoped for. The secret was to do as RI President Bhichai asked, and let the ideas and pledges flow from the bottom up without the district setting a goal of any kind. We think we are the first district in the world to have achieved the million dollar mark, and have issued the challenge to RI districts around the world to join us. Thanks to everyone in the district who has worked on this program, who has pledged or will pledge. It is unbelievable, but true, that you have all become a part of history.

Whenever Ron Hutson went out on a Rotary project, he drove there in his "white truck." I'm told that whenever club members saw it coming, they knew the project would work, because Ron was not only an idea man, but a leader, an organizer and a doer. When Ron's wife Etta sold the truck, at Ron's suggestion before he died, it came as no surprise to anyone that the proceeds would go to the Polio Eradication campaign. I like to think that it was Ron's white truck which put us over the million dollar mark. So Ron's leadership extends beyond his death, and serves as a reminder to us all that Rotary is greater than we expect it to be because collectively we become greater than we otherwise would be through Rotary. Truly, Ron sowed the seeds of love, and you all are in the sowing process as well because you are Rotarians.

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

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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

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

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

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 \$20.

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.

Adopt-A-School Kick-Off Breakfast

By: Susan P. Nunnery, Sierra Madre Rotary

Four local Rotary Clubs in the Pasadena Unified School District joined with the PUSD to kick-off a program for the community's school children. Presidents from

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the Pasadena Sunrise, Pasadena, Altadena and Sierra Madre clubs united to support the district's local public elementary schools. Principals, educators, parents, and local and state political leaders came together to help turnaround the grave statistics reported by Altadena Rotary's past president and master of ceremonies Edward Jasnow.

While California is the 5th richest economy in the world, its student per-capita spending is 39th in the country. New Jersey spends \$17,000 per student annually; while California spends less than half at \$8,000 per student per year.

Keynote speaker Dr. Percy Clark, Jr., superintendent of the Pasadena Unified School District, charged the room of nearly 200 guests with a plea to personally become involved. He challenged attendees to help the district's school children become the "Athens of the West" by raising awareness, donating money, or working directly with the children or on special projects at one of the 30 school sites.

For information about how you can locally support the future leaders of our country, please contact Mr. Edward Sosa, past president of the Altadena Rotary Club at 626-568-4530.

PRLs Seminar Scheduled for February 15-16, Primm, Nevada

The PRLs program is intended to help new Rotarians and potential Rotary leaders learn about Rotary and develop skills and knowledge needed to become effective Rotary committee chairs, directors and officers. The skills taught at the annual PRLs leadership seminar can also enrich and improve Rotarians in their professional life.

Formal recognition will be presented at the 2003 district conference to those Rotarians that have completed the entire PRLs program:

1. Attend a RYLA facilitator training meeting
 2. Attend a PRLS leadership seminar
 3. Sponsor at least one new member into Rotary
- and three of the four following options:
4. Attend a club board meeting
 5. Attend a district assembly
 6. Attend a district conference
 7. Attend an international convention

These requirements must have been completed after the PRLs program started (7/1/94). Applications must be verified by the club president and assistant governor, and presented to the PRLs chairman by March 31, 2003. Presentation of the PRLs pin will be at the district conference scheduled for May 1-4, 2003 at the Pasadena Sheraton and Conference Center.

Foundation Seminar

There will be a District Foundation Seminar on Saturday, November 9 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Green Tree Inn in Victorville. Topics include matching grants and record keeping. Contact George Newton at 760-949-0362 or newoutpost@aol.com for additional information.

Foundation Dinner

Mark your calendar now for a fantastic district foundation dinner Friday, November 8, at the Green Tree Inn, Victorville, CA. Fellowship begins at 5:00 p.m.

We have been very fortunate to secure PDG Carolyn Jones (left) of 5010 - Russia and Alaska - as our keynote speaker. Come and hear her speak about her "Rotary moment" with 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,



or stay over and attend a foundation training event on those gnarly matching grants and other foundation paperwork. For RV enthusiasts, there's the Home, Recreation and RV show at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds.

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

The Green Tree Inn has a special room rate of \$80 for suites, \$70 for regular rooms. The Ramada Inn is also offering special room rates of \$67 for rooms and \$95 for suites. 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.

Arcadia

On September 14, Rotarians, along with members of the Arcadia High School Interact Club, planted over 400 plants at the entrance of the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

The club also donated \$4,000 to the Santa Anita Family YMCA for renovation of the girls' and boys' restrooms.

Azusa

Six Rotarians and spouses met at the City of Hope Donor Center shortly after the crack of dawn to donate blood, the first service project for the new club. All agreed they will make this a regularly scheduled event, perhaps even enlarging their commitment in the future to include donation of platelets. Next time members will plan to have breakfast together following the donation, continuing the spirit of Rotary service fellowship a little longer before beginning their weekend activities.

Boulder City

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

Diamond Bar

Club members discovered a facility in a nearby community that is providing a safe haven for fourteen single mothers and their twenty-five children. The club, along with other sponsors, teamed up to provide each child with two new school uniforms, socks, shoes, and underclothing. Snacks were also provided to make recess even more fun for the kids and the quality of their home life has been greatly improved by the donation of much needed household items.

East Los Angeles

This month the club will begin another year of collaboration with 4th Street Elementary School. Over the past several years the school and the East Los Angeles Rotary have developed a unique and valuable partnership through which the club has fulfilled its central goal of providing service to the local community. The club's association with 4th Street Elementary School led to the creation of the first "Kideract Club" in the nation. Club members serve as mentors and sponsors to students and, in doing so, develop personal and lasting relationships with them. Since it was founded, this highly successful collaboration has served as the model for the numerous Kideract Clubs that have been founded by local Rotary chapters throughout the United States.

Las Vegas

Rotarians, along with 15 children from Child Haven, dining on hotdogs and popcorn, enjoyed an evening of football as they watched UNLV win over Kansas.

Las Vegas North

Club members will begin renovation on the Rotary Tot Park on October 26, "Make a Difference Day." The park needs replacement of some of its trees and a cover built over the picnic table. A dedication ceremony to Bud Cleland, former mayor of North Las Vegas, will follow.



Las Vegas Northwest

The mural (left), paid for by the club, was officially dedicated to a local elementary school in a recent ceremony.

Las Vegas University

The club provided snacks and refreshments at the Andre Agassi College Preparatory School's open house held earlier this month.

Mesquite Virgin Valley Sunrise

District Governor Lee Harlan, left, visited the Mesquite Virgin Valley Sunrise Rotary Club and presented seven local members with their Paul Harris Fellow medallions. They are Theron Jensen, second from left, Sherrie Hamilton, Bill Nicholes, Judy Cole White, Alan Green, Jeff Bird and Charlie Allen. Not pictured is Dick Bowers. The eight Rotarians accepted the challenge of Rotary Paul Harris Fellow and polio survivor Sonny Wachter, right, to donate \$500 to Rotary's Polio Eradication campaign. Wachter matched the donations to qualify members as Paul Harris Fellows.



Monrovia

The Monrovia Rotary Club dedicated two park benches to three former club members, William Ryan, George Carlson, and Murray Carlson on Tuesday, September 3, 2002. The benches were donated as a part of Monrovia's Memorial Bench Program that provides a means of honoring individuals while at the same time bringing seating to public areas.

Ryan was past president of the Monrovia club and past district governor of District 5300. George and Murray Carlson, were both members of the Monrovia Rotary Club. George was a past president of the club and past district governor of District 5300.

The benches are located on 400 block of Myrtle Avenue in front of and across the street from the Monrovia movie theater.



Montebello

The club made a \$500 donation to the American Red Cross School Chest program. The program gives people the opportunity to provide basic school supplies for children in disaster and other emergency areas in both the US and abroad. Basic school and recreational supplies for a class of 40 students are provided in a standard school chest. Contents include notebooks, pencils, rulers, chalk, erasers, paper, crayons, jump ropes, and a soccer ball.

Rancho Del Chino

The Rancho Del Chino Rotary Club recognized teenager Jennifer Toomes for heroism and selfless disregard of her own life.

While at the beach last this past April, Toomes heard a man yelling for

assistance. She quickly realized that he was caught in a dangerous ripe tide and promptly dove into the water to rescue the young man. Upon reaching him, Jennifer promptly latched on to his under arms keeping his body afloat with her own body's strength. Mindful that she needed to keep his head above the waves, she continuously reminded the young man to breathe and relax assuring him they would eventually make it back to the shore. In the water a few feet from Jennifer, a second young man called out to her indicating he was struggling in the rip tides as well. Jennifer verbally encouraged the second man to stay close to her and remain calm. She continued to utilize her personal swimming abilities and words of encouragement to keep both men afloat and focused on a rescue. Shortly thereafter Huntington Beach lifeguards pulled up and assisted with rescuing the two men. Toomes' bravery, action and commitment to saving these two young men is a testimony to her strong character and selfless act of heroism.

Sierra Madre

The club recently purchased a retired ambulance for use by emergency personnel in Guamachil, Mexico. Both the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre and the Rotary Club of Guamachil worked closely in purchasing the vehicle with the Guamachil club providing additional funding toward the Sierra Madre club's commitment. The relationship between both Rotary clubs stems from a similar purchase last year of a fire engine that was also donated to Guamachil. Sierra Madre's renowned group of volunteer firefighters trained Guamachil's emergency response team on use of the vehicle. Rotarian Susan Nunnery was actively involved in soliciting donations of medical supplies that will be included with the ambulance donation.

Victorville

Victorville Rotarians helped out at an immunization clinic at Maverick's Stadium on September 29.

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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