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Joan and I returned from the Zone Institute in Eugene, Oregon, with a good deal of enthusiasm for the rest of our year. The Zone Institute is for the 24 Western United States districts, and included RI President Elect Jonathan Majiyagbe, General Secretary Ed Futa and many other RI Dignitaries. The presentations there, and the return trip through Las Vegas got me in a futuristic mood, so here goes.

POLIO: PDG Depak Kapur from India filled us in on the problem which has caused the number of reportable cases in India to rise. He feels the Rotarians in India are on top of the problem, caused mainly by a backward state in India hiding children rather than having them immunized. This will cause some delay in the world becoming certified as polio free in 2005, but will not cause the process to break down. So, my congratulations to all of you who are working so hard on the campaign here. We have so far committed over \$1,000,000 from the district through 2005, and I am sure that we will collect on that commitment as our part of the final eradication of polio from the face of the earth.

LEADERSHIP: Our district has been greatly blessed in the past by PDG Margaret, and will be in the future by DGE Barbara.

Margaret accepted several awards for the district including high place finishes in Rotary Foundation during her year, and an award for being a pioneer district for the new program for world peace scholars. We have contributed \$50,000 to the program as a district, and we sponsor one scholar from the first class of scholars. So, that program must be very much on our minds during the next two years. Barbara, meanwhile was soaking up all sorts of information during her training sessions at the Institute and is well along in working out her year's appointments and establishing programs.

MEMBERSHIP: RI is into the third of what really will be at least five years of a wonderfully effective membership drive. RI has increased its membership world wide, and I am pleased to say that this district increased under PDGs Sal and Margaret. From the expectations of our current presidents and the very hard work of Quest Chair Susan Nunnery, it appears we will continue that trend. We now are working on three new clubs in addition to the clubs indicating they expect to grow this year. We are now able to state a goal to RI of a net increase of 300, based on the club presidents' reports to me.

CENTENNIAL PROJECTS: Many of the clubs are working on the start of plans for the centennial projects which RI hopes each club will produce. Here is an example of what Joan and I saw as we drove through Idaho Falls, Idaho. This was a project done in 1997, and so is not officially a centennial project, but it has all the elements: On the banks of the Snake River in the middle of the city, the Rotary Clubs erected a large obelisk with Rotary wheels prominently displayed, built a model of the original bridge over the Snake River at that location, and established gardens on either side of the river which the bridge joins. It is impossible to miss, and it indicates that Rotary is alive and well in that city. If they can do it with about 200 Rotarians, such visible projects are well within the range of possibility for our clubs.

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CHILDREN: Capping off our round trip through the west was a stop at one of the projects of the Las Vegas West Rotary Club. They have more or less adopted the Andre Aggassi center for high risk kids in the northwest part of Las Vegas and provide food for hungry students, as well as an adult presence for the kids. They were there that day to award prizes to the outstanding administrator of the month and the two outstanding students of the month. Wow. It was tearsville for me to watch this wonderful act of kindness by a Rotary Club in our district. The wonderful thing is that many of our clubs are involved with youth in our communities, and many of those involvements are with at risk kids who need help. I congratulate Las Vegas West and all the clubs who do things like this. If you are not enjoying this kind of opportunity in your area, I encourage you to get involved in such a project in the future.

So from our past accomplishments come plans for the future. Don't let the rush of current and necessary business keep you from taking some time to think of the future, and what might be needed now to ensure the success of what your club may be doing a few years down the road. In that way, you will not only Sow the Seeds of Love in your planting season, but you will insure that they will continue to be planted by future generations of Rotarians.

Lee Harlan, District Governor
District 5300

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

Foundation Seminar

There will be a District Foundation seminar on Saturday, November 9 from 8:30 to noon at the Ramada Inn in Victorville. Topics include matching grants, other sessions to follow. Contact George Newton at 760-949-0362 or newoutpost@aol.com for additional information.

Southern Nevada Clubs Announce Shop-a-Thon

Southern Nevada clubs have joined together in conjunction with local shopping malls and large retail outlets to raise funds to help eradicate polio. The clubs have requested the retailers make a pledge or donation and to place a poster in their establishments showing their support for the program. The general public will then be encouraged to shop at stores displaying the poster.

Poverty in the Americas Conference

A Rotary sponsored Poverty in the Americas conference is scheduled for November 15-17 in San Diego. Past president Frank Devlyn is keynote speaker. The goal of the conference is to share opportunities for eradicating poverty.

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Registration is \$100. Additional information available on the district web page or contact Ray Carlson at craycarlson@usa.net.

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 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 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.

Altadena

The Altadena and Glendora clubs received a thank you note from the mayor of Nazareth for their assistance in teaching students about the business world through the Junior Achievement program.

Arcadia

Arcadia Rotarians donated 34 pints of blood to the Red Cross blood drive. In addition, the club received a thank you from the board of education on their donation of \$4,423 in mini grants.

Boulder City

Volunteers from the Rotary Club and the Boulder City Police Department teamed up to clean the yard of some local disabled seniors. As they trimmed trees, manicured shrubs, raked up weeds and hauled debris, neighbors stopped by thanking them for helping the neighborhood. The Rotary Club learned of this need through the Boulder City Lend A Hand organization that helps seniors and the disabled make their doctor appointments, pick up medicine, run errands and a variety of other tasks these folks would be unable to accomplish except for the assistance of Lend A Hand volunteers. Rotarian John Chase, the Club's Youth Service Director and also a sergeant with the Boulder City Police Department, recruited volunteers from both organizations. Rotary volunteers included John Chase, Damon Ohlerking, Toni Kizzia, Kit Williams and Lettie Zimmerman. Police Department volunteers included Craig Tomao, Mike Barth and Jim Reed.

Boulder City Sunrise

The club had its annual WURST FEST fund raiser on September 28th generating over \$54,000 dollars. The festival started out with an all day Rod & Custom show on the lawn of Bicentennial Park. Over 200 cars entered this inaugural event. A German band played in the early afternoon and refreshments were sold throughout the day. In the late afternoon, an auction of unique and one of a kind items were sold. The evening was capped off with a street dance with a well known local group. A fun and successful event.



Claremont

Claremont Rotarians assisted the Red Cross with a CPR training class aimed at children.

Covina

Club members raised over \$3,000 at its 4th annual sporting clay shoot. The funds raised will be donated to benefit the children in the Operation Santa Clothes program.

East Los Angeles

The East Los Angeles Rotary club recently joined forces with the American Red Cross in order to boost the local community's CPR readiness. The club purchased 8 baby mannequins on behalf of the local chapter of the Red Cross. The Red Cross will use the mannequins to teach basic CPR/first aid techniques to East Los Angeles residents and has agreed to teach CPR/first aid to students who belong to the Rotary-sponsored "Mideract Club" at Griffin Middle School as well as teachers at the Garfield Adult School.

Glendora

See Altadena.

Las Vegas

The Las Vegas Club donated \$1,200 to the annual Opportunity Village Safe Street program towards the purchase of candy given to children on Halloween night.

Las Vegas Fremont

Rotarians assisted the Library of Congress program by hosting several Russian judges.



Las Vegas North

Rotarians spent Saturday, October 26 at the Rotary Tot Park, the club's community project for the year. The park needed replacement of some of its' trees, which Don Harrison donated.



Montebello

Rotarians Helen Ayala, Ralph Helm, Dov Sandler, Kathy Salazar, Mary Ellen Melendez, George Pacheco, and Gabe Robles participated in the annual Principal for a Day program. Each Rotarian was assigned to a local school and spent the day "shadowing" the principal as he/she went about their daily routine.



Sierra Madre

Following up on their original sandbox construction project in 1998, Rotarians teamed up to build a new sandbox at the Sierra Mesa campus. On hand for the project was a very enthusiastic group of Interact students, who selected this project to spend the proceeds from their recent dog wash. The students shoveled, raked, nailed, and drilled with the assistance of Rotarians. The sandbox was completed by early afternoon with the Interact Club's plaque proudly mounted on the front for all to see.



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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