



VOLUME 75, NO. 07

# Rotary District 5300

## The Highlighter

2002 - 2003



JANUARY 2003



Anne Donofrio-Holter  
District 5300  
[Newsletter Editor](#)

[A few words  
from the  
District Gov](#)



[Rotary Potpourri](#)

[Link to  
R I Website](#)

[Visit the R I weekly  
online newsletter  
Rotary News Basket](#)

[Link to  
Rotary Links](#)

[Visit these Resources](#)

[District 5300  
Attendance/Membership](#)

[District 5300 all  
Club Info Page](#)

[District 5300  
Public Relations Newsletter](#)

[District 5300  
Newsletter Archive](#)

### A Few Words from the District Governor



One of the curious things about our calendar system is that many organizations, such as ours, are halfway through their year as the excitement of the beginning of 2003 is upon us. You are reading this after all that excitement, and I want to call attention to the road which lies ahead of us for the next six months. For some of us, it may be quite a straight road as far as Rotary goes, for others it may seem twisty and cluttered, full of challenges. And for most of us there are many intersections with other parts of our life, causing us to look this way and that to be sure we don't bump into anything, or at least that the bumps are easy ones.

There surely are opportunities ahead for all of us. We've pledged to eradicate Polio and now we must ensure that our pledges turn into reality. We've begun to work on the district conference and now we must put the pieces of this very exciting adventure together. Every club will have an active part in the conference, so be ready for the call. Our GSE team will be arriving from Russia, all three of our district-wide high school contests, speech, music, and essay will be underway, RYLA will operate, as will PRLS, our SCANEX students in the district will continue to brighten our lives, and some clubs will celebrate significant anniversaries. All of the clubs will continue to do what really makes the district hum - your own programs for your communities and for the world.

And then there is the renewal process which underlies all of this important activity. It has often been remarked that any successful business would be crazy to change all its leadership every year, yet that is what Rotary, the world's leading service organization, does. We do it by practicing what we preach: tolerance of new ideas and new people, operating under the Four Way Test, and keeping our eyes on the long term goal, world peace and understanding. DGE Barbara has picked her district team and your successor either has or is working on picking next year's team for your club.

So, may I offer a bit of advice which I need to observe as well? Starting today, especially club presidents and secretaries, do everything you can to help your successors. They want to do things differently than you have done, and they need to start now to put programs together so they can operate well right from the start. While your successors need to be sure that there is not a disconnect between what they want to do and what you are doing, you need to occasionally move subtly out of the way and offer them the help they need to grow. That will help your program as well as theirs.

One of the great privileges Joan and I had during the holiday season was to attend the holiday party at past Rotary International president Rick and Cherie King's home. There, past RI president Cliff Dochterman offered this observation to immediate past president Rick: "You know your term is up when the phone and fax stop ringing, and, more importantly when you find you have to pay for the meal at your own club." We have six months before the changeover, and when it does come, what we have done for those six months will set the stage for it. I suppose the better the job we have done, the more difficult it will be to give it up. So, my hope for all of us during the first half of 2003 is that we Sow the Seeds of Love in

[Shortcut to  
Club News](#)

[Alhambra](#)

[Altadena](#)

[Apple Valley](#)

[Arcadia](#)

[Arcadia Sunrise](#)

[Azusa](#)

[Baldwin Park](#)

[Barstow](#)

[Boulder City](#)

[Boulder City Sunrise](#)

[Caliente](#)

[Chino](#)

[Claremont](#)

[Claremont Sunrise](#)

[Covina](#)

[Covina Sunrise](#)

[Diamond Bar](#)

[Duarte](#)

[East Los Angeles](#)

[El Monte](#)

[Five Points](#)

[Foothills Sunrise](#)

[Glendora](#)

[Green Valley](#)

[Henderson](#)

[Hesperia](#)

[Industry Hills](#)

[La Verne](#)

[Las Vegas](#)

[Las Vegas Fremont](#)

[Las Vegas North](#)

[Las Vegas Northwest](#)

[Las Vegas Paradise](#)

[Las Vegas South Sunset](#)

[Las Vegas Southwest](#)

[Las Vegas University](#)

[Las Vegas West](#)

[Laughlin](#)

[Mesquite Virgin Valley Sunrise](#)

[Moapa Valley](#)

[Monrovia](#)

such a way that we have a most difficult but exhilarating passing of the torch on July 1, 2003.

Remember my charge to you at last year's district conference, a direct quote from then General Eisenhower as he pushed off for the Normandy beaches: "Lets Go!" Have a superb second half.

Lee Harlan, District Governor

## **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](#).

Also, check out the Special Club Events page on the district web site. Contact our district webmaster Chris Datwyler if you'd like to post events open to other club members.

## **Rotary Potpourri**

In October, many of the Las Vegas area Rotary clubs participated in "Safe Streets" at Opportunity Village. Opportunity Village is a training facility for mentally challenged people which helps provide job skills to help their clients participate in the general population. The facility is extremely expensive to operate and very few state or county funds are provided. "Safe Streets" is a major fund raiser for the organization. The public is invited to tour the "Haunted Forest" over four days at Halloween. This year, as in the past, the Rotary clubs provided the funds (about \$8000) for candy at the many "trick or treat" stations.

More than 200 Rotarians participated in the four-day event. Members handed out candy, helped the children board the train that ran around the forest and ran the carrousel. Each participating club had their club banner on display.

Another event that took place was the annual "Santa Clothes" project. The Las Vegas Rotary Club started this project many years ago. On December 5 about 90 children were taken to two stores to shop. They were allowed to enter the stores at 8AM, before it opened to the public. Each Rotarian took a child and went shopping for an hour. The participating clubs provided the funds for each child to select \$125 worth of clothing. JC Penney gave a very generous 25% discount. After shopping the kids were transported to the UNLV campus where student athletes awaited their arrival. Lunch was served at the baseball stadium and the UNLV students and coaches then talked to the kids about the importance of staying in school, getting good grades and avoiding drugs and alcohol. It was a wonderful day that made you feel great about being a Rotarian.

Gary Chapin, Exec. Asst. Gov., Southern Nevada.

## **Ambassadorial Scholarships**

Interested clubs should visit the Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee's page on the District 5300 web site for all of the details - [www.district5300.org/scholars/ambassadorial](http://www.district5300.org/scholars/ambassadorial). The web site page provides one location for the collection and distribution of information on the program, and contains information for both applicants and Rotarians.

[Montebello](#)  
[Monterey Park](#)  
[Ontario](#)  
[Pahrump Valley](#)  
[Pasadena](#)  
[Pasadena Sunrise](#)  
[Pomona](#)  
[Rancho Cucamonga](#)  
[Rancho Cucamonga Sunset](#)  
[Rancho Del Chino](#)  
[San Dimas](#)  
[San Gabriel](#)  
[San Marino](#)  
[Sierra Madre](#)  
[South El Monte](#)  
[South Pasadena](#)  
[Temple City](#)  
[Upland](#)  
[Victor Valley Sunrise](#)  
[Victorville](#)  
[Walnut Valley](#)  
[West Covina](#)  
[West Covina Sunrise](#)

## **Rotary International Convention Itinerary**

For information on the Rotary International Convention itinerary, contact Ernie Jensen, 626-359-7154 or ejensen355@aol.com.

## **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.

## **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
- 4) three of the four following options:
  - a) attend a club board meeting;
  - b) attend a district assembly;
  - c) attend a district conference;
  - d) 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.

## **Altadena**

A quarter of the active members in Altadena Rotary have signed on to mentor kids on business in local schools, impacting at least 250 kids each week. These Rotarians are giving the most valuable thing they have - their time. Altadena Rotary's efforts over the past 6 years, which have reached about 500 kids, was the catalyst for this new undertaking.

## **Arcadia**

Arcadia Rotarians collected toys, books, and clothes for three needy families selected by Arcadia Child Health and Welfare Services.

## **Boulder City**



Garrett Junior High School Interact Club members, their families, and Rotarians taking a break after a recent float building day.

## **Covina Sunrise**

Club members took needy children to K Mart to purchase new clothes. Last year, the club clothed their 10,000 child since the program began.

## **Glendora**

Glendora Rotarians sponsored the annual Christmas Photos with Santa program. The club supported the project not only monetarily, but by taking photos of 80 children.

## **Las Vegas**

The Las Vegas club donated 16 pairs of tennis shoes and socks to 16 hearing impaired children from Rose Warren Elementary School.

## **Las Vegas Fremont**

Club members provided gifts for needy children this holiday season.

## **Las Vegas North**

Santa Clothes was held on Thursday, December 5th at JC Penney's at the Meadows Mall. The club sponsored 15 children all of whom were from the North Las Vegas Boys & Girls Club. Thanks to everyone for helping the kids pick out up to \$125 in clothing.



## **Montebello**



Over 3,000 needy in the community were served a Christmas Eve dinner at this year's Christmas at the Cannon program. Families also received a gift basket, toys for the kids, and a visit from Santa Claus. Thanks to the following Rotarians for participating: Rich Adams, David Avirom, Anne Donofrio-Holter, Ralph Helm, Ted Jones, Bob Jugan, Dennis Katangian, Mary Ellen Melendez, Marsella Montelongo, Edgar Morales, Estella Rodriguez, Kathy Salazar, Luis Trujillo, and Irene Villapania.

## **Pasadena**

Club members collected toys that were distributed by the Pasadena Foothill branch of the LA Urban League to needy children in the area.

## **Rancho Cucamonga Sunset**

Sunrise at Target was held Sunday December 8. Ninety five children received a \$100 individual Christmas shopping spree. The event had a great impact on these children and their families and made the holidays a bit brighter.

## **Victorville**

Club members donated toys to 31 children in an Ensenada Orphanage.

## **Walnut Valley**

The club received a request from Los Angeles Children's Hospital for new children's books which was passed on to their Mideract club at Lorbeer Middle School in Diamond Bar. The 120 kids in Mideract secured over 600 books and cards which were delivered to the hospital last month.

## **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](mailto: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.

**[Return to Page 1](#)**