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A Few Words from the District Governor

Yesterday, I heard a wonderful lecture by a NASA scientist on the current interest in Mars. His talk concluded with a discussion about sending a man to Mars and when that might happen. That set me to thinking about this week in Rotary for me. Not that I've gone to Mars for Rotary, but I have been around the world for Rotary via e-mail. First, to Brisbane for some problems with the hotel which were easily straightened out. Then to Israel several times to work on plans for a GSE team to come to our district. We can't send one there due to the unsettled situation. Then to Africa, where our ambassadorial scholar identified a project a club in our district might be willing to work on with a club there. A couple of quick e-mails to North Carolina to Past RI board member Bob Cerwin, President Bhichai's representative to our District Conference, solved a couple of problems there, and a couple of e-mails to Evanston on an ongoing problem which will shortly be solved.

Where have you been for Rotary this week? I bet you smiled at at least one person, had a fun Rotary meeting, worked on a concern or two, and maybe looked at the RI or district website as I did. From the amazing amount of e-mail and requests for checks from various operating units within the district, I know that a lot of you are Sowing the Seeds of Love in many wonderful ways. RYLA is about to start, PRLS just finished, several overseas projects are going strong, the music, essay and speech contests are going through their quarter and semi-finals, and on and on.

The end result of all of this is not a trip to Mars, or maybe it is. The end result is a trip for all of you to Pasadena on May 1-4 for the District Conference. The conference theme is: "2003, a Rotary Space Odyssey," that could include a look at Mars at JPL. Is your entire club planning to attend? Two thirds of the clubs are within a half hour of the site, and all of the clubs, even Caliente, our district's version of the planet Pluto, will have assigned tasks. Never been to a district conference? Better to come now when it's so close and has so much excitement. We'll hear from Rotary International top brass, about the best club projects in all areas, enjoy some dynamic entertainment, and come away with the wonderful feeling that all our district conferences have left its attendees.

Lee Harlan, District Governor and leader of the Space Odyssey



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

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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

March 30 Deadline to Submit Bulletins for Awards

March 30 is the deadline to submit club bulletins for consideration by the Club Bulletin Awards Committee. Club presidents and bulletin editors should start at the district web page and link to District Awards for information. Page 11 and 12 are specific to the judging and criteria. The committee will be looking at content, layout and style – use of color and humor – does it report your club's activities, programs and projects?

Send five (5) copies of five (5) club bulletins or newsletters. These are the five required: Your choice of your "best" bulletin from the months of August 2002, October 2002 and January 2003, along with the bulletins from the weeks of November 18 and February 24.

Send all 25 copies to: Christine Montan, Club Bulletin Awards Committee, 1357 Cogswell Road, South El Monte, CA, 91733.

Combined scores on these publications will determine the winners. The winners will be announced at the District Conference, May 1-4, in Pasadena. Do not miss the deadline – entries submitted after March 30 cannot be considered.

Centennial Poster Contest

Rotary International will be celebrating 100 years of service in the year 2005. As part of that celebration, Rotary clubs are invited to organize children's poster contests. One winner selected from each participating Rotary club will be entered into a Rotary district competition. One winner from each district competition will be entered into one of 34 zone competitions. One winner from each zone competition will compete in the international competition.

How To Enter: Through the local Rotary club. Eligibility: Children ages 10, 11, 12, or 13 on January 1, 2003 are eligible to compete. There will not be separate competitions for various age groups. One entry per child and all posters must be the work of only one child.

Design Theme: Posters should express the concept of providing service to others in the community and in the world.

Specifications: Use chalk, charcoal, crayon, paint, pastel, pen, or pencil. Chalk, charcoal, and pastel posters must be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing and smudging. Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled, or attached to the artwork in any way. Framed, matted, or laminated artwork will not be accepted. The use of lettering, numbering, or a corporate logo in any language on the front of the poster is not allowed, with the exception of the Rotary International or the Rotary Centennial logos. Artwork must be no smaller than 12 inches by 18 inches (30 cm by 45 cm) and no larger than 24 inches by 24 inches (60 cm by 60 cm). Folded posters will not be accepted; artwork should be rolled and shipped in a mailing tube.

Deadlines: The clubs and districts will determine specific deadlines for their competitions. Club contest entries must be submitted to the district no later than November 15, 2003.

Winners: Winners of the club and district competitions will be presented with certificates provided to districts by Rotary International. Zone winners will be announced in September 2004 and will receive a memento from Rotary International. The winner and runners-up of the international competition will be announced in February 2005 and will receive a cash prize and a memento from

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Rotary International. Clubs and districts are encouraged to display runners-up in the local community in schools, libraries, and other public places and to consider presenting recognition materials to runners-up and other participants at no cost to RI. District 5300 will award one first place recognition of \$250, and five runner-up recognitions of \$50.

Additional Information: Steve Garrett, Past District Governor, 124 North First Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006, voice 626-294-080, FAX 626-294-0805 or www.stevegarrett.com

Space Art

It was a cultural smorgasbord for the visitors as kids aged 9 and 10 were transfixed by paintings of the American Masters on display in the Artrain.

The train's passageway is narrow, less than twelve feet wide. The children immediately realized they were in a very place special. Some of them sat on the floor, other preferred to stand, but all were instantly attentive. The NASA and National Air and Space Museum Art Collection tour was about to begin.

The first painting to be interpreted by a Rotarian was Rockwell's "Astronauts on the Moon." The Rotarian guide explained to the eager youngsters that Rockwell's painting was a wonderful example how an artist used lines and geometrical figures to depict their subject.

As the youngsters moved through the exhibit they learned about colors, textures, and brush strokes as wonderful examples of these techniques were on display.

How did our club become involved in this wonderful project? Two years ago Rotarian Jack Childs had a vision of bringing paintings of contemporary artists to his adopted hometown of Henderson, NV., so that the local children might learn about art.

A coalition of sponsors and supporters were formed to assure that Artrain's stop in Henderson would be a success. On a sad note, Jack passed on before his vision was realized. His wife Donna continued to press forward and on September 19, 2002, Jack and Donna's dream became a reality.

Picture four streamline passenger car trains standing on a railroad siding. The guides for these interactive touring exhibits were largely Rotarians from the Las Vegas South Sunset Rotary Club. Every volunteer had to attend a two-hour class conducted by the Artrain staff.

In all, twelve members of our club volunteered some 600 hours to guide approximately 4500 children and adults through 'outer space' as seen by some of America's great artists.

Robert Wood

Las Vegas South Sunset Rotary Club,

Pancakes, God and the Seeds of Love

One of my first goals as incoming president of the Altadena Rotary Club was to form the Seniors' Community Liaison Committee. I wanted our club to reach out to the senior community. It was out of this committee that the idea for a pancake breakfast was born. Altadena Rotary put on this fabulous fundraiser community event in Farnsworth Park, an Altadena Landmark, and raised nearly \$4,000, of which over \$3,000 went to benefit the Altadena Senior Center.

A couple of weeks after the breakfast I received a call from the Assistant Director of the Altadena Senior Center asking me if I would give the invocation for the center's volunteer recognition lunch. At the luncheon I shared the head table with, among others, Sussy Nemer of L.A. County Supervisor Michael Antonovich's office. The first week of December I received a call from her asking if I would give the invocation for the Arroyo-Verdugo Public Safety Appreciation Luncheon. I was privileged to sit at the head table with Mike Antonovich and of course, I was not shy about mentioning my association with the Altadena Rotary Club.

When it came time for the invocation I focused my prayer on harmony, peace

and love. So we see that while members of the Altadena Rotary Club had been sowing the seeds of love in Farnsworth Park, Central Casting was busy orchestrating events for which someone was needed to give invocations. That's the way things work out. When you sow the seeds of love, God's blossoms pop up all over the place.

Rev. Theo Clarke
Altadena Rotary Club

International Assembly

530 incoming district governors from all over the world participated in a week of training at the International Assembly held in Anaheim last month. Often called "Rotary University," the training highlighted innovative Rotary activities from around the globe, including poverty, literacy, health education, micro-credit, urban peace, disabilities training, disaster relief and food distribution projects.

"It was an amazing and awesome experience to be with all of my classmates," said District 5300 incoming governor Barbara Risher Welch.

Incoming District Governor Metcalf Fick, South Africa.



Past RI President Chuck Keller.



Past RI President Saboo and wife. Far left, incoming district governor, India.



Incoming District Governor Guillermo Velazquez, District 4110, Mexico.



8th Annual Rotary International Peace Conference

How to Fight Terrorism and Ensure U. S. Security and World Peace

Saturday, March 15, 2003, 8:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 585 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA

Moderator: Dr. Garbis Der Yeghian, PDG

Opening Remarks: James A. Speer, Past Rotary International Director, PDG

Feature Presentations: Jack Scott, California State Senator, 21st District, Lee Baca, Los Angeles County Sheriff

Attending the conference will be Rotarians from seven Rotary districts, community and religious leaders, university professors, teachers, editor, students and community members. The conference is one of Rotary International's programs which searches and activates projects designed to help reduce stress and tensions between varying cultures and nations.

For additional information, contact James A. Speer at 626-335-0934 or Garbis Der Yeghian at 818-548-9345.

Rotary International Convention Itinerary

For information on the Rotary International Convention itinerary, contact Ernie Jensen, 626-359-7154 or ejensen355@aol.com. Convention registration and hotel registration are your own responsibility during the conference.

Arcadia



41 Arcadia Rotarians descended on Tijuana, Mexico last month for their annual work/visit program. The large number of participants allowed members to divide into several groups to accomplish work at three different locations. The day's projects included building a picket fence around a play area at a local school for handicapped children, painting, carpet installation, and roofing. Club members also visited two orphanages where each child received a grocery bag full of goodies including sweats, underwear, hygiene products, school supplies, toys, sports equipment and paperback books.

Azusa

Azusa has made a donation to the Wheelchair Foundation which will enable a person disabled by polio to have better mobility and to hopefully be able to live a more normal life despite his crippling handicap. When the wheelchair was presented, he was ecstatic about his new mobility.

Moapa Valley



Interact officers and members were on hand to present longtime Rotarian Spero Bettalico with a group photograph in their new t-shirts and to give a brief report of their activities. Moapa Valley High School Interact Club is in its second year and local Rotarians are pleased with their tremendous progress and choice of programs and activities.

Montebello



After a six-year absence, the once annual tradition of the Montebello Rotary/Lions softball game was revived last month at City Park. Rotarians did themselves proud winning 13-9 and finally breaking what has come to be affectionately known as the ten-year curse! Following the game, club members and their families gathered for fellowship and lunch.

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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