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A Few Words from the District Governor



"War is sometimes a necessary evil, but it is always evil."

That is a quote from Jimmie Carter we have been hearing a lot these days. I've been thinking about antidotes to wars, and if by using them we should hope to lessen war's appearance. Rotary, of course has lots of antidotes available, and we need to remind ourselves as Rotarians that we can work to administer them from time to time. We don't need governments or large corporations, though it is within our power to move these into action by what we ourselves do as individuals. Here is my little list, based on what our district is doing this year.

Polio eradication is first. We don't always think of this as an antidote to war, but anytime we can lessen the amount people spend on disease, and make them less helpless, we are freeing up resources individuals need to survive, and thereby giving them hope. Hope, I suspect is the real antidote here as it is with most things on this list. So when our district verbally pledged over \$1,300,000 to this effort, matched by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Bank, we are providing hope and lessening the need for war in a big way.

Wheelchairs come to mind as well. My wife Joan has this wonderful initiative wheeling through the district. She is asking each club to give \$75.00 through its Rotary partners to purchase a wheelchair in the club's name for someone, somewhere, who needs it. So, if over \$1,000,000 seems unfathomable, how about \$75.00? Our district response so far is in the multi-thousands of dollars though many clubs have not yet responded. Since Richard King, the executive director of the Wheelchair Foundation will be at our district conference in May, Joan plans to present him with a check. Therefore, please plan to get your club's money in by then. Remember, it is just \$75.00 and your club will get a picture of the recipient.

Water. Director Floyd Olson has been interested in this area, and I am pleased to see that governor elect Barbara plans to raise the level on this during her year. So continue to think about water projects, as many in the district have already done.

Self help. The Altadena club has been especially active in this area in Israel and other places. Hopefully, this can help lessen the chances of war in the long run.

How much time have district Rotarians spent in Mexico helping those less fortunate than ourselves? I don't know the answer, but I do know that many have given not only money, clothes, food, and a fire engine, but have gone down to help with their own hands. That is why governor elect Barbara has initiated a second GSE team next year from Mexico, to begin to deepen our help to our next door neighbors. There is so much more to do, and it's right next door.

Speaking of next door, how about the local neighborhoods? I discovered at the start of this Rotary year that our district clubs spend about \$1,000,000 helping underprivileged people, especially kids right in their own neighborhoods. We provide clothing and books on a large scale throughout the district. We help teach reading and CPR, provide friendship where friendship is lacking in marginalized neighborhoods, and Arcadia Rotarians are working on a huge building for underprivileged kids. Goodness knows what else. Are those antidotes to war? You bet. The Watts riots are still in my mind, and that was war right here at home.

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Boulder City Sunrise
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Claremont Sunrise
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Covina Sunrise
Diamond Bar
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East Los Angeles
El Monte
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Green Valley
Henderson
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La Verne
Las Vegas
Las Vegas Fremont
Las Vegas North
Las Vegas Northwest
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Pahrump Valley
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I've missed a lot, but you get the idea. Rotary as represented by our district is in the thick of things: creating awareness, taking action, sowing the seeds of love, and lending a hand. All because in the very largest sense, mankind is our business. Be proud, and keep it up. I know we will.

Lee Harlan, District Governor 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](#).

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

Love to Hubei

Rotary, through Polio Plus, has been ongoing with the target date of 2005 for total eradication of polio. While visiting many of the countries of the world, we have found even when polio is eradicated, there will still be millions of people in India, Africa, China and many other areas who contracted the disease and today are crawling on the ground.

"Love to Hubei" is a program put together by Alhambra Rotary to be presented at East Los Angeles College (ELAC) on May 3, 2003 to raise money for polio corrective surgery (P.C.S.) on young people in Mainland China and specifically, the Province of Hubei. There is a cocktail party at 6:30 P.M. for the sponsors. At 8:00 P.M., a musical production featuring some of the top stars from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore and the U.S. will begin.

Tickets range from \$25.00 to \$100.00 with VIP tickets \$200.00. Sponsors are \$1000.00, \$2000.00, \$2500.00 and above.

For information, tickets or sponsorship, please contact Don Keenan, Alhambra Rotary at 626 289 8450 or fax 626 281 2265 or email donrkeen@aol.com.

Rotary Zone Institute 2003

September 18-21, 2003, Costa Mesa Hilton.

Glenn Estess, RI president-elect, will attend the zones 23-24 Zone Institute and will speak at the R.I. president's dinner on Saturday, September 20th. There are a limited number of dinner tickets available to non-Institute attendees. Contact DGE Roy York for more information.

An international EXPO is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 20 which will include food stations and an array of interactive exhibits and displays featuring the four focus points of RIP Jonathan, plus the RI centennial, the Rotary Foundation and a photo display contest. Non-Institute attendees coming to Saturday night's RI president's dinner that arrive early can participate in the EXPO.

2003 Rotary Institute in Orange County will also feature a three-hour assistant governors workshop led by Carolyn Schuetz and Dave Cresson. This will be on Friday September 19th. Stay tuned for details or go to the zones 23-24 web site for additional information.

Program for Interested Clubs

A scholar, sponsored by the Duarte Club, has returned from Nottingham, England. She has an excellent program which she will be happy to present to interested clubs, or even as part of the district conference. She is a UCLA graduate, pre-med. She may be reached at madambitow@hotmail.com or at 626-358-6492.

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 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, 124 North First Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006, voice 626-294-080, FAX 626-294-0805 or www.stevegarrett.com

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.

Rotary Open World



The Rotary International Open World program welcomed four Russian delegates to the Las Vegas area, hosted by the Rotary clubs of Green Valley and Henderson. The delegates spent time in Boulder City, Henderson, North Las Vegas, and the U.S. government offices of Economic Development, specifically learning how cities, state and federal government help each other and the general public in land development issues. The group learned about the leasing and sale of land for commercial and residential development, and programs for promoting these developments. Discussions were held with private and commercial lenders, commercial and residential master planners, and city planners on how these groups all work together to build better communities in the Las Vegas area.

The Rotary Open World program is sponsored by the Library of Congress and hosts over 2,500 Russians per year in the United States. The Russians are involved in specific program areas such as economic development, rule of law, youth issues, women as leaders, environmental issues, education, and federalism.

The delegates are selected through an application process, and are generally government officials, or business people. The program hosts these people in homes, and hotels, and through local Rotary clubs. Other organizations provide transportation and coordinate the companies and people the Russian delegates meet with.

The Russians (all non-Rotarians) attended Las Vegas South Sunset, Green Valley, and Las Vegas Downtown Rotary club meetings and were impressed with the involvement of club members. All are very interested in joining Rotary, and at least two are going to return to their communities to build Rotary clubs.

I will be speaking further about this program at the district assembly's international program, so please have your international chair attend to learn more about this valuable program.

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Boulder City Sunrise



On March 15, 2003, the Boulder City Sunrise Rotary Club, in conjunction with the high school Interact club and the St. Francis cottage from St. Jude's Home for Children, participated in a highway cleanup to keep Boulder City beautiful.



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Duarte

The Duarte Club, courtesy of Discovery Grant, sent a team to visit their AIDS project in Jamaica. With the help of clubs here including Sierra Madre, Glendora, West Covina, Alhambra, Upland, Rancho Cucamonga, and Claremont, the Port Antonio Rotary Club took an abandoned railway depot and established a youth center to address the educational and support needs of young people with AIDS. Duarte Rotarians who went to Jamaica are John Guyer, Harry Heflin, and Sylvia Whitlock.

Glendora

The 32nd annual Glendora Rotary school chorale program was held on March 21st at Citrus College. Sponsored by the Glendora club since its inception, this year it featured some 500 children from neighboring schools. For the past couple dozen years the club has been fortunate to have the energies of Keith Hilliard to organize and produce this program, with club members helping the evening of the event. Over the years approximately \$130,000 has been donated to various music programs in the Glendora Unified School District.

Las Vegas North

The club awarded a total of 30 mini grants worth \$8,550.

Montebello

The club donated \$300 to Headstart for the purchase of children's books. The club was honored at a luncheon given by the organization and presented with a large thank-you card from the kids.

Pasadena

Pasadena members paid a visit to their adopted school, Benjamin Franklin Elementary, where they spent some time reading to the students.

San Marino

The club, along with the City of San Marino, worked together to establish a new community child identification program. The program provides parents with free inkless fingerprint identification card kits. These kits can give authorities vital information to assist in efforts to locate a missing child. Approximately 4,000 identification kits have been distributed. For more information, contact Rich Haserot at 626-309-1349, or rhaserot@pacbell.net.

Sierra Madre

The club presented three mini grants: \$500 to Intervale Senior Services for meals for seniors in Sierra Madre, \$500 to St. Rita's School to purchase musical instruments, and \$500 to the Sierra Madre Parks and Recreation Department for enrichment programs for young children.

[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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