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A Few Words from the District Governor

Do you remember the poem which begins: "Between the dawn and the sunset, when night is beginning to lower, comes a pause in the day's occupation, which is known as the children's hour"? I feel like that right now. This isn't the children's hour, but it is between the dawn and the daylight as far as our Rotary year is concerned. The dawn, really the dawn of next year, was the absolutely glorious district assembly under the splendid leadership of DGE Barbara Risher Welch, her gifted assembly committee, and the wonderful presenters they secured. Over 500 Rotarians in the district, the bulk of the club leadership, have seen the vision of next year. As the daylight of this year begins to lower, next year's leadership is beginning to plan their year, and have already put many wonderful plans into place, ready for the July 1 kick off. Be reassured that a great deal will be accomplished not only because of this wonderful leadership team but because of the ever widening circle of Rotarians ready to lend a hand.

Now there is the sunset of this year, represented by the district conference. It is an early sunset due to an early international convention. Like the district assembly, more than 500 of us will attend the largest district conference of the seven in Southern California. We will see our offerings to Rotary and to the world: clothing for thousands of underprivileged children in our district, over \$1,000,000 pledged for the eradication of polio in the world, books for thousands of students, water wells, wheelchairs, playground equipment, computer training, leadership training at the high school, junior high school and grammar school levels, students in high school, college and beyond sent abroad and coming here as ambassadors of good will, and so much else. I think we have done justice to president Bhichai Rattakul's Sow the Seeds of Love.

And what of the twilight that follows the conference? It is worth modifying the comments of General Douglas McArthur as he retired: "Old district governors never die, they just fade away." That is how it should be. The club presidents will get a much deserved de-bunking where they will be embarrassed and praised. The presidents are the heart of our world-wide organization. Without them the district, and indeed the international organization, would be nothing. Those of us who have had the pleasure of standing behind those presidents now hope that all Rotarians will double their efforts within their clubs so that the old year will go out with a bang, and the new year will come in on wings of song coupled with the clapping of hands.

Lee Harlan, 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

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East Los Angeles
El Monte-South El Monte
Five Points
Foothills Sunrise
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Las Vegas Northwest
Las Vegas South Sunset
Las Vegas Southwest
Las Vegas University-Paradise
Las Vegas West
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Pasadena Sunrise
Pico Rivera
Pomona
Rancho Cucamonga
Rancho Cucamonga Sunset
Rancho Del Chino
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San Gabriel
San Marino
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South Pasadena
Upland
Victor Valley Sunrise
Victorville
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West Covina Sunrise

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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.

Anne Donofrio-Holter, District 5300 Editor

Rotary Potpourri

District Assembly

Over 500 Rotarians attended the district assembly held April 12 at the Ontario Convention Center. The assembly, which is intended as a training session for incoming board members and officers, was a year in the planning. Spearheaded by incoming district governor Barbara Risher Welch and district assembly chair Pete Adriance, a committee comprised mainly of Montebello Rotarians put together an outstanding assembly which included 16 breakout sessions for all Avenues of Service covering subjects such as Rotary Foundation, fundraising, matching grants, membership, public relations, youth services, and newsletters. Keynote speaker PDG John Blont spoke on the benefits of Rotary to both the individual and the community. In addition, several of new members were inducted.

Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development

The Altadena club was privileged to have the co-directors of Israel's Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development (CJAED) speak at a recent meeting and then with representatives from the Rotary clubs of Glendora and San Marino. The objective was to explore ways of benefiting the student alumni of Altadena's Junior Achievement program in Nazareth's Arab high schools. Currently 200 Arab students are participating in JA in seven high schools as a result of a \$20,000 grant from five Rotary clubs, the Rotary Foundation, and the Arab-American Friends of Nazareth Association in California.

Helmi Kittani and Ze'ev Jasper described how CJAED offers many programs and scholarships in an effort to develop businesses and encourage investment in the Arab sector and enable the Arab population to integrate into Israel's economy. However, CJAED has no program for Arab youth, and the directors could see the benefit of the Rotary program in Nazareth and how budding entrepreneurs who complete business plans might be lifted to higher plateaus through CJAED. It was agreed that the student business plan competition provided for in the Rotary grant could be co-sponsored by Nazareth Rotary and the Arab Business Club. A major cooperation between CJAED and Rotary could expand the Nazareth program to schools throughout Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

C. Ray Carlson

R.I. Centennial President's Dinner

A very special opportunity is open to Rotarians of District 5300 on Saturday, September 20, 2003. Glenn Estess, Jr., Rotary International 2004-05 president, is the featured speaker at the 2003 Zones 23 & 24 Institute at the Hilton Costa Mesa. The R.I. Centennial President's Dinner has two priority target groups: first and foremost, it is a special experience for Institute attendees and second, an extraordinary opportunity for clubs' newer leadership to personally experience and hear the top leader of Rotary.

Tickets are \$50.00 per person and attendees at the dinner also have the opportunity to purchase tickets for the WorldEXPO held that afternoon. Here you

may visit booths staffed by Rotarians involved in worldwide humanitarian projects as well as international food stations.

Tickets are available to non-Institute attendees on a very limited basis to Rotarians in Zones 23 and 24 - so visit the Centennial Dinner page at www.district5300.org for more information as soon as possible.

Margaret Cooker, Registrar.

Rotary Teen Leadership Camp (TLC)

Rotary District 5300 Teen Leadership Camp is a leadership training program for students who will be in the 8th grade next school year. Students at TLC will learn and interact with others during the weekend of October 31 – November 2, 2003, at Astro Camp in Idyllwild, California. The weekend will include speakers, discussion groups, interactive activities, a high ropes course, role playing, games and social activities.

The purpose of TLC is to provide a leadership training experience for 8th grade students who are or have the potential to be leaders in their schools, to provide leadership activities which stress leading yourself as a first step to leading others, and to introduce students to the purpose, programs, and activities of Rotary. Students will learn skills in the areas of personal goal setting, risk taking, tapping personal talents, managing time, resisting negative peer pressure, etc.

Clubs are encouraged to sponsor at least two students. Cost is \$225 per student. Please send in your letter of intent to participate by May 5, 2003 and your check for the number of students you are sponsoring by July 1, 2003. It is helpful to work with your local middle schools to select your students before the end of this school year. Students should be 8th graders in public or private school during the 2003-2004 school year and should have leadership experience or potential as shown by their participation in youth groups, school committees, or service projects. Students should be of high moral character and be cooperative and willing to share and participate as a member of a group. Names of students should be sent in by June 30, 2003.

Send to: TLC Registrar, Debbie Priester-Schwarz, 1841 Louise Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006.

Peace Scholar

The district's first Peace Scholar, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Victorville, recently started classes at the University of El Salvador, Argentina.

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

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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.

Arcadia

Arcadia Rotary, along with members from the Boulder City, Victor Valley Sunrise, and Sierra Madre clubs, are participating in the Uganda water project which will provide safe drinking water for the people in the area.

Covina

The Covina club has adopted a military troop in Kuwait. Club members send weekly packages filled with various toiletries, snacks, and reading materials. On April 26, club members working with the city and other service clubs including Soroptimist, Lions, and Kiwanis, established a "Yellow Ribbon Day." The city was draped in yellow ribbons to wish our servicemen and women a safe return home.

Industry Hills

A very special recognition was given by president Doris for all those who participated in the club's "estate sale." Customers were plentiful, items were quickly sold, and the profit was approximately \$800 which will go toward polio eradication. All participating Rotarians were given their gold polio eradication pins.

Las Vegas West

Over a dozen Rotarians joined 19 students from the Agassi School for the club's annual clean-up day and picnic. Rotarians were joined by a park ranger who shared lore about Red Rock and spoke on wildlife and safety. The presentation concluded with a short hike to see artifacts of the early native Americans who inhabited the area.



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Las Vegas West (continued)



Montebello

For the fifth year in a row, Montebello Rotarians and Montebello Lions joined forces to make Easter a bit brighter for the needy in our area. Club members met a few days prior to the holiday to pack 150 baskets which were filled with chicken, vegetables, fruit, desserts, and all the trimmings and then delivered to those less fortunate. The families selected are screened through the Head Start program with a few selected by club members who are aware of families in need. The clubs decided a few years ago to donate Easter baskets to make sure the needy in the community were remembered at this time of year. Each basket contained enough food for several meals for each family. Although many supplies were donated by local businesses, each club budgets several hundred dollars to buy additional supplies.

Pasadena Sunrise

Club members sponsored a children's Easter egg hunt at Villa Esperanza.



Pico Rivera

Club members donated \$207 to aid a local Pico Rivera resident whose seven-year-old daughter suffers from brain cancer. The club's contribution will help the single mother pay for auto insurance.

Pomona

Club members donated a camera to the local Interact club. A \$1,000 donation was also made to the Pomona Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross for various supplies needed by the organization.

San Marino

Club members provided 700 books, worth \$3,000, to three local schools through the Reading by Nine program. Interact members installed book plates in each book and then Rotarians delivered the books to the schools.

Sierra Madre

Members participated in the club's annual career shadowing day. High school juniors teamed up with club members and spent a day at their place of business seeing what a typical work day is like.

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[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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