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A Few Words from the District Governor



Comes now reflection time as we really do begin to wind down the 2002-2003 Rotary year for District 5300. We really did Sow the Seeds of Love this year, and harvested some of the results. I've been reading the memos of club visits, now on their way to Rotary International, full of things we accomplished. Clearly we are an impressive district in the Rotary world. How many children did our district family of Rotarians help by giving clothing, food, and fellowship? The number is in the thousands. How many Interact clubs grew because of your work at the club level? Again, the number is in the thousands, or it could be even higher. How much money did we raise for local charities? The amount exceeds one million dollars. It would be impressive to do an actual count, but it is much more important to know that so many were helped.

The seeds were clearly sown in the international arena as our district became the first to pledge over one million dollars to the Polio Eradication Campaign. Every club participated in this, and we are receiving recognition from all over the Rotary organization for our hard work. Nor did we ignore the Foundation Annual Fund. We may not reach our goal of \$280,000 for the year because of the Polio Campaign, but we are getting close. Because of a very successful fund raising effort in the district three years ago, our year had the largest amount of district designated funds ever. I am proud to say that almost all of it has been spent on many worthy causes. Some has gone for matching grants, some for Rotary scholars, and some for the international peace scholars making us a pioneer district for the second year in this critical program.

We lost two clubs this year, Temple City and Baldwin Park, clubs that had been struggling for several years. But the remaining members have been joining other nearby clubs, and both were represented at the district conference, a real class act. On the flip side, we gained one very enthusiastic club, Pico Rivera, replacing a club which had to terminate several years ago. It gives me hope in a few years we will see clubs again in Temple City and Baldwin Park. Finally, two strong but small clubs in Nevada combined to become Las Vegas University-Paradise. With all of this, district membership has stayed about the same. We won't know actual figures for a while.

We are nearly finished in our goal to Sow the Seeds of Love. We now must work to Lend a Hand to advance the work we have been doing. Those of you who have been president will get the word "past" added to that title on July 1, a very honorable word in Rotary. I am grateful with all my heart for the sometimes hard but always rewarding job our presidents have done this year. It has been a great pleasure to work with them as district governor, and through them with the hard working members of each club.

Lee Harlan, 5300 District Governor, or is it District Gardener?

District 5300

Clubs

Alhambra
Altadena
Apple Valley
Arcadia
Arcadia Sunrise
Azusa
Barstow
Boulder City
Boulder City Sunrise
Caliente
Chino
Claremont
Claremont Sunrise
Covina
Covina Sunrise
Diamond Bar
Duarte
East Los Angeles
El Monte-South 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 South Sunset
Las Vegas Southwest
Las Vegas University-Paradise
Las Vegas West
Laughlin
Mesquite Virgin Valley Sunrise
Moapa Valley
Monrovia
Montebello
Monterey Park
Ontario
Pahrump Valley
Pasadena
Pasadena Sunrise
Pico Rivera
Pomona
Rancho Cucamonga
Rancho Cucamonga Sunset
Rancho Del Chino
San Dimas
San Gabriel
San Marino
Sierra Madre
South Pasadena
Upland
Victor Valley Sunrise
Victorville
Walnut Valley
West Covina
West Covina Sunrise

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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.

Anne Donofrio-Holter, Editor

Rotary Potpourri

District Conference Thank You

The 2003 district conference showed the Rotary spirit in action as club members from all parts of our district volunteered to share their project experiences at the plenary sessions, staffed the registration desk, acted as greeters or presenters and served up some mean margaritas in the hospitality suites. When the clubs of District 5300 work together, there is no stronger team in all of Rotary. Our deepest gratitude to you all.

The District Conference Organizing Committee

Interact Forms Due

All Interact clubs in District 5300 must submit their incoming officers' form to R.I. by June 30 2003. Here in District 5300 we are having continuing difficulty identifying active youth service clubs and maintaining contact with them. We ask that you complete the form (link below) and e-mail it to District 5300's Interact chair Paul Cheatham via the implanted link (be sure to print off a copy for your records before you send it). He will then send the information on to RI.

<http://www.district5300.org/Interact/forms.html>

Please help us build a data base that is useful to us all for communication and reporting purposes.

If you have questions or need more information please contact Paul Cheatham at 909-944-0446 or via e-mail at paul@arrowfinancialservices.com.

Native Americans Learn Entrepreneurship Through Rotary

A pioneering effort to create jobs among Native Americans by teaching them entrepreneurship and how to write business plans started last week at the Southern California Indian Center in the City of Commerce. Jennifer Villalobos, Native American consultant, is coordinating the program and recruited the students. I am leading the workshop, with the help of other Rotarians. The Junior Achievement curriculum of Enterprise in Action is being used and supplemented with other materials.

Montebello Rotarian Marquita Clark shared her experiences with the largest minority-owned printing firm in the Western U.S., Monarch Litho Inc. She provided the class with tips on how to make sales calls and how to meet the students' printing needs for promotional posters and proposed businesses.

The two-hour classes meet on five successive nights. Students write outlines of businesses they would like to start for class critique and suggestions.

This program is unusual in that the class consists of teen-aged Native students and their parents, representing a variety of tribes, who are all eager to help create family businesses.

The program is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Altadena, Arcadia, Montebello, and Pasadena Sunrise, and was approved for a Community Assistance Program grant from the Rotary Foundation.

C. Ray Carlson

Centennial President's Dinner

The 2003 Rotary Zone Institute at the Hilton Costa Mesa in Orange County will be attended by many past district governors. (They and their spouses will be attending the entire Institute which will include the WorldEXPO and the R.I. Centennial President's Dinner featuring president-elect Glenn Estess.

Since the ballroom for the dinner can seat 900 people, this special invitation is being made to those Rotarians who would not otherwise be eligible to attend the Zone Institute.

Here is an opportunity for current and future club presidents and other Rotarians of Zones 23-24 to attend the R.I. Centennial President's Dinner and, if they like, to come early and also attend the WorldEXPO. Both events will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2003. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Go to District 5300's web page for the details, costs and on line registration form. <http://www.district5300.org/CentennialDinner/index.html>.

Please note that PDGs need to fully register for the Institute in order to attend the R.I. Centennial President's Dinner.

Margaret Cooker

Interact Symposium Update

To clubs with (or planning to have) Interact, Mideract/Youthact, Kideract and/or Rotaract clubs, deadlines for registering your intention to send leadership teams from your youth service clubs are fast approaching. The dates for 2003 are a month earlier, October 3-5, 2003 (Friday through Sunday noon) at the Astro Camp (Desert Sun Science Center) in Idyllwild.

The cost has increased to \$390. This covers a team of up to three people that MUST include an adult for the whole weekend. Additional people will be accepted on a space available basis at a cost of \$120 per person (preference given to those people for whom the registrar has all the paperwork in advance, including the parental consent for those under 18 years of age at the start of the symposium).

At the present time both PRIP Frank Devlyn and PRIP Rick King are checking their schedules to see if they can be a part of the program. Other presenters include: Maggie Sizer (team building), Hala Masri and Rock B (membership), Kelly McNulty and Patricia Kim (running a weekly meeting), Donna Georgino and Melissa Paulson (service projects), Michael Winters (effective service projects), Carmela Raack, Melissa Paulson and YEx students (welcome and the family of Rotary), Michael Winters and Kelly McNulty (Internet technology & Interact communications), Shirley Dowling (literacy); Harry Heflin and Interactors (nature walk); Harry Heflin and camp staff (star-gazing/astronomy). Other topics: wheelchairs, health and poverty.

Intent forms for the symposium are due by May 31, 2003 - Interact clubs must have held their elections and submitted their paperwork with their 2003-2004 team to RI by June 30, 2003. Symposium registration money is due by July 15, 2003. If not received by then the COST INCREASES August 15 and INCREASES AGAIN September 15. No refunds will be given after September 15, 2003. Monies will be credited to the following year's symposium.

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Registration and parental permission (combined on one form) must be in the hands of the registrar by September 15, 2003.

Registration packages were given to Rotary president-elects at the President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) March 7-9, 2003 in the youth services section of the manual. The material is on the District 5300 web site for download either through the link on 5300's web site at <http://www.district5300.org> or at <http://www.interactsymposium.org> - and can be filled in on line.

The symposium registrar is Dave Beltran of East Los Angeles Rotary. He can be contacted at davidb_rotary@yahoo.com and the chair is Margaret Cooker of Victorville Rotary - contact e-mail mcooker@rotarymail.net.

Please note that Mideract/Youthact clubs can send a team but Kideract clubs are limited to sending adults.
Margaret Cooker

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

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Altadena

Altadena members presented the annual Dewey Merrill Entrepreneurial awards to four Muir High business students for developing business plans.

Arcadia

Club members awarded 18 mini-grants totaling \$4,673 to local teachers. Some of the funds will be used for a classroom newspaper, to purchase slides of famous paintings and books.

Chino

Chino Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarship candidate, Susan Caplow, was one of six selected to receive a \$25,000 Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship. As a student at Pomona College, Caplow was selected due to her outstanding leadership skills, academic achievement and understanding of Rotary's mission of promoting good will and peace throughout the world. She is looking forward to one year studying environmental policy at the Central European University in Budapest.

Las Vegas University-Paradise

Thirteen club members and spouses participated in the semi-annual highway cleanup project. Twenty-six trash bags, a new record, were laid along the highway for DOT workers to pick up.

Las Vegas West



The club presented a \$1,000 student scholarship to Rachel DelaCruz, who will be attending the University of Nevada Reno, and a \$1,500 Teacher of the Year award to Jenny Davis. The scholarship and teacher awards are part of the club's ongoing commitment to education and youth in Las Vegas.

Las Vegas North

The North Las Vegas Rotary Club dedicated a plaque at the Rotary Tot Lot Park to honor two outstanding Rotarians, John Ahern and Bud Cleland. The park was built in 1974 under the leadership of these two men and other members of the club. During National Make a Difference Day, October 2002, club members cleaned up the park, painted the entire area and planted four trees.

Montebello



Montebello Rotarians placed a plaque at their adopted park which reads: "Reggie J. Rodriguez Park. Rotary Club of Montebello, Adopt-a-Park 2002. Helping to provide a cleaner and safer community."

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San Marino

Mini-grants totaling more that \$11,000 were distributed to 30 local teachers to be used for materials, equipment, and other resources to implement various projects. Awards are made to teachers who have no other source of funding other than their own to fund their proposals.

Sierra Madre

Club members spent a day at a Mexican orphanage where they installed lighting, applied a fresh coat of paint, and planted a garden. Each child received a baseball lunch box filled with goodies, including a notebook and a Matchbox car.



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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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