



# Rotary District 5300

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### A Few Words from the District Governor

G'day mates! My family had a wonderful time in Australia for the Rotary International Convention. Over 70 attended our District 5300 get-together for the president-elects, partners and others from our district who joined us at the convention.

R.I. president Bhichai Rattakul delivered very inspiring speeches. He said, "In a time of uncertainty and upheaval, Rotarians have risen to the challenge of creating a better world. We have not let war, political instability, or economic hardship obscure our vision. We remain steadfast on the path to peace by providing humanitarian assistance and promoting tolerance and international understanding. I strongly believe that Rotary is a vehicle for grassroots diplomacy and uniting people of different cultures and beliefs."

Congratulations to our immediate past district governor, Lee Harlan, for a great year of leadership and hats off to his wife Joan in her partner project of rallying the district to donate many wheelchairs to the Wheelchair Foundation.

Floyd Olson, our R.I. director states, "the future success of Rotary is tied to the successorship in leadership. We are here to build partnerships and not kingdomships. The training of the 'field' is essential. It is in this atmosphere that we develop unselfish and caring future leaders."

Lee has done just that. He has encouraged his presidents to achieve their goals and look beyond the club level. I thank Lee for the training and support he has given me to step into his "big" shoes, take the baton and run with it!

One major goal that was achieved during Lee's year is that our district can proudly say we were the first to pledge \$1 million to the Polio Plus program. It was very exciting at the convention when the tally of countries kept rising as the world of Rotary attempted to raise \$80 million for polio eradication. When the final country, North America, was announced, Rotary International's final tally totaled \$88 million. The applause was deafening and the tears flowed. Rotarians were given a big challenge, accepted the challenge and conquered the goal. Rotary is making history - be proud.

I believe we have the best group of incoming presidents ever. This will be a successful year with the "red tide" at the helm of the ship. In June 2004, these captains will dock their ship at district conference to receive numerous well-deserved awards as we all "get anchored in Rotary."

The "family of Rotary" is a new task force added this year by our incoming R.I. president, Jonathan Majiyagbe from Africa. The emphasis will be to involve our family more in Rotary, invite family members to become Rotarians and to take care of our Rotary family. President Jonathan's theme is "Lend a Hand." At this time, please lend him a hand by offering your thoughts and prayers as his lovely wife, Ade, just passed away unexpectedly. He will now embark on a presidential year that they had both looked so forward to without his Rotary partner and soul mate.

The past three presidential themes tie nicely together- "Mankind is our Business," therefore "Sow the Seeds of Love" and "Lend a Hand." Now, let's go and do what we do best, "Lend a Hand" and show that District 5300 is the best!

Barbara Risher Welch  
District Governor

## District 5300

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Claremont Sunrise  
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Covina Sunrise  
Diamond Bar  
Duarte  
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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  
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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

### 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 s 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](http://www.district5300.org) for more information as soon as possible.

Margaret Cooker, Registrar.

### Youth Exchange Program

Rotary's concept of "world peace and understanding" is found in many different avenues of service. One of our ways to pursue this ideal is the Youth Exchange program. Rotary International has two programs: long-term and short-term. With the long-term exchange program, a student spends a 12 month period from August to July in another country, staying with one to three different families, attending high school and experiencing a different culture, language and family traditions.

With the short-term exchange program, a student spends three weeks during the summer months in another country with a single host family. The student does not attend school. The student returns home with a member of his/her host family who will stay with our student for another three week period.

The program provides an experience that is life-changing for both students. They learn about life in another part of the world which is just what "world peace and understanding" is about. Also, the students' families and Rotary clubs benefit by the experience of being involved with outstanding students.

Jump in and enjoy the ride!!

James W. Rider  
Arcadia Rotary

## **Rotary Flotilla**

Approximately 20 Rotarians in our district are needed to form another flotilla, especially in the Lake Mead or the San Gabriel Valley area, for the International Fellowship of Yachting Rotarians. For additional information, contact Frank Carroll, Boulder City Rotary Club, [fctrvlr@bouldercityrotary.org](mailto:fctrvlr@bouldercityrotary.org).

## **July Rotarian**

An article on honorary Rotarian and Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca appears on page 14 of the July Rotarian magazine. Monrovia Rotarian Herb Hezlep and R. I. past director Roy Whitby worked together with the staff of the Rotarian to get the article published.

## **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](http://www.stevegarrett.com)

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## **The Russians Are Coming!**

Recently, the Green Valley and Henderson (NV) Rotary Clubs hosted a group of Russian delegates. The group learned about economic development in the Las Vegas area. The Rotary Open World program provides a majority of the funding, club members provide housing and food for the group, plus some other incidentals. For additional information on this program contact Frank Carroll, Boulder City Rotary Club, [fctrvlr@bouldercityrotary.org](mailto:fctrvlr@bouldercityrotary.org)

## **Altadena**

The club presented \$100 scholarships to 34 Pasadena City College vocational students. The awards were presented in the fields of engineering and technology, business and computer technology, performing and communications arts, health sciences, natural sciences, and visual arts and media studies.

## **Arcadia**

The Arcadia club made an \$800 donation to the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Gardens for the Arbor Day tree planting ceremony and \$300 for the kids' craft activities at Baldwin Bonanza.

## **Las Vegas University**

The club made a \$500 donation to a local AIDS program.

## **Montebello**

Montebello Rotarians helped screen 270 first and second graders for vision problems at the club's adopted school, Wilcox Elementary. While 50 of the children passed the eye exam, 97 were borderline and 125 failed. Parents were notified where follow-up treatment was indicated.

## **Monrovia**

The Monrovia club awarded \$8,000 in scholarships to local students.

## **Pasadena**

Pasadena Rotarians donated over 400 pairs of shoes to the students at two local elementary schools.

## **Rancho Cucamonga**

Rancho Cucamonga Rotary provided a block making machine for the nationals of Eldoret Rift Valley in Kenya, Africa. Empowering Lives International will provide the training and coordinate the use of the machine. The diesel powered hydraform block making machine hydraulically compresses a soil cement mixture to produce large building blocks that have special ridges so that there is no need to add cement in between the blocks when building. The blocks from the machine have already been used to build a workshop at the Empowering Lives International Kipkaren training center.

## **Sierra Madre**

The club awarded \$3,500 in mini-grants for many projects including programs for the senior center, victims of domestic violence, little league, pony league, a local chorale group and high school.



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### **[Do you have an article for the Newsletter?](#)**

**Anne Donofrio-Holter**, newsletter editor for 2003-04, 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.

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