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A Few Words from the District Governor

I hope you all are enjoying your summer. There's never a dull moment at my house with all four children home. I'm vying for the title of "carpool queen," trying to keep up with all of their activities! Not to mention, trying to keep up with Rotary activities. There are so many great programs going on within our district, I only wish I could take part in them all. You make me proud! Not until you become involved in the district, do you realize what an active and super district we have. Don't forget to utilize your local public relations to "toot your horn" and let your community know how Rotary lends a hand.

Rotary International has deemed August membership and retention month. R.I. believes that we should get started on membership and retention right out of the gate of the new Rotary year. We are doing just that. Our district membership chairwoman, Susan Nunnery, and district retention chairman, David Weakley, have been gearing up for this year by putting together two strong committees. They will be leading seminars within your own area so it will be easier for you to benefit from them. We can all use new ideas for membership and that is what you will get at these seminars.

On the topic of membership, the Rotary World newsletter has an article entitled "Fireside Chats Help Clubs Thrive." The time honored practice of fireside chats help to motivate new Rotarians and rekindle the enthusiasm of longstanding members. Firesides are for communicating with the members and not to the members. Rotarians love to share ideas. If your club isn't having fireside chats, I highly encourage you to host them in someone's home at least once or twice a year! You don't even need a fireplace! How about a backyard chat or poolside chat?

Since it is summer, as a nurse I see more heat related illnesses in the ER which makes me think about the clean water initiative project. It is important to stay hydrated in the summer, but in many parts of the world, clean water is the number one need. We all take clean water for granted, but unfortunately contaminated drinking water is one of the world's biggest health problems. In parts of Africa, people walk for hours to fill a jug and often it is contaminated. Five million people die annually from water transmitted disease – and a large number of the dead are children. There are now 104 clean water projects in nine countries, and 77 of them have been sponsored. If your club would like to sponsor a project or contribute funds to a project, visit the clean water initiative project website at www.rotaryzone2324.org/cwip. Rotarians can make a difference. I like the quote I heard from a PDG who spoke at a previous zone institute: "If you think you're too small to make a difference, you haven't been in bed with a mosquito!"

Barbara Risher Welch
District Governor

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

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Altadena
Apple Valley
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Azusa
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Boulder City Sunrise
Caliente
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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
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Pasadena
Pasadena Sunrise
Pico Rivera
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Rancho Del Chino
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South Pasadena
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West Covina Sunrise

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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

Youth Exchange Program

A candidate for youth exchange can come from unusual places. I met a non-Rotarian family in Las Vegas who will host a long term student from Mexico this year. The mother said she would be interested in having her daughter participate in an exchange program, but didn't want her to go away for a year. I suggested the short term program and discussed its benefits. We now have a strong probability of a female student for next summer's short term program. All it takes is simple conversation. Remember, neither the students or the hosts have to be from Rotarian families. The concept works because those in our community get exposure to other parts of the world and we in turn share our culture and ways of life to those outside our community. Another benefit is publicity for Rotary projects, sharing Rotary with those not familiar with what we do, and hopefully the recruitment of new members. All you have to do is ask a simple question: Have you ever thought about visiting another country?

Jim Rider
Arcadia Rotary

Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner?

Rotary International has identified each August as membership and retention month. Of course, we must invite prospective members and implement projects to retain members every month, every week, every opportunity. Each of us has the obligation to offer the Rotary experience to all worthy men and women. Every one of us has the responsibility to conduct Rotary gatherings and activities to attract prospective Rotarians and to involve all Rotarians in our club. Make Rotary fun whenever your members convene. Then spread that joy to prospective Rotarians. Put a smile on the face of our district governor: recruit and retain!

The Rotary Club of Montebello completed the sponsoring of the Pico Rivera club on July 26, 2003. Do you want to be a part of starting a new Rotary Club in your area or elsewhere in our district? For information about how to form a new Rotary club and for further information on where new clubs may be forming, contact any of the District Club Extension Committee listed in the district directory, pages 26-27. Pay a visit Thursday noon to the new Pico Rivera club and meet president, Roger Hartter. Or, contact Harry Heflin (Duarte), district governor Barb's special representative to the provisional Azusa Club.

David Weakley
Alhambra

GSE Team Leader to be Governor in 2004-2005

Alberto de Freitas Brandão Bittencourt, the GSE team leader in 2002 from 4500 (Brazil) to 5300, will be the centennial governor for his district.

Rotary District 5300 Foundation Accepting Grant Applications

Rotary District 5300 Foundation has received two major donations through the efforts of one of our Rotary families and is soliciting matching grant applications from our clubs on the following basis:

1. Applications for community or youth service within District 5300 described on one page or less, double spaced.
2. Our district foundation will match the sponsoring club's contribution one to one up to \$1,000 maximum per club. Attach your project budget showing income and expenses.
3. List the name, address, telephone, fax and email of the sponsoring club's primary contact person.
4. Have the club's president affirm that the club or its board of directors has voted to undertake this project and agrees to provide District 5300 Foundation a final report accounting for how the money was spent and the results achieved.
5. The deadline for submission is November 15th at which time the board of directors of the Foundation will select the best applications for approval up to a total of \$10,000.

Your applications may be in letter form covering points 1 - 4 above and sent to PDG Lee Harlan, Project Coordinator, 614 Northwestern Drive, Claremont, CA 91711. Questions or clarification? Call Lee at 909-624-4493 or fax 909-624-7483.

High Desert Foundation Dinner

Plans are underway for the High Desert Foundation Dinner, Friday, November 14, 2003. Past Rotary International President Cliff Dochterman will not only be our keynote speaker and present the new Paul Harris Fellows, he will also hold a special reception prior to the dinner for major donors, benefactors, Paul Harris Society members and first tier table purchasers. Check the district web site for this event to open up to district participation.

Margaret Cooker
Victorville Rotary

Interact Symposium

If your club would like to support or start Interact, Youthact/Mideract and/or Kideract clubs, please send in your Intent to Participate in the 2003 Interact Symposium form and fee. Names and registration/consent forms for the individuals attending are not due until school is back in session. Several Interactors and school advisors are leading sessions and there are more opportunities for the adults to interact and share successes and solve problems. The Interact Symposium forms can be accessed at <http://www.district5300.org/Interact/Symposium> with the overview ONLY at <http://www.interactsymposium.org>.

Margaret Cooker
Victorville Rotary

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Centennial President's Dinner

Several past district governors will be attending the 2003 Rotary Zone Institute in Orange County (at the Hilton Costa Mesa). They 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 can seat 700-750 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, the WorldEXPO. Both events will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2003. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For on-line registration form, go to www.district5300.org. Under Special Events on the home page, click on R. I. Centennial President's Dinner, then click on Blank Dinner Registration Form. Please note that PDGs need to fully register for the Institute in order to attend the R.I. Centennial President's Dinner. Contact Margaret Cooker for additional information at 760-243-5928 (phone) or 760-243-8012 (FAX).

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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Arcadia

The club has donated a 40-foot flagpole to the local community. The club also contributed two lights at the base of the flagpole so the American flag can fly 24 hours a day.

Chino

Chino Rotary Club President Gene Hernandez has announced that Chino Rotary will join with Rotarians around the world in an effort to deliver one million wheelchairs in the next five years to children, teens and adults that lack mobility due to disease, accident, war or advanced age. Chino Rotary has committed to donating 62 wheelchairs this Rotary year, one wheelchair for each current member of the club.

Claremont



Nelson Bell 1910-2003

Ask any member of Claremont Rotary, "Who's the most dedicated member of your club?" and the answer for years has been Nelson Bell.

Nelson Bell joined the club in 1949 under the classification of Medicine/Ophthalmology. He served as president in 1951-52. In 1957, Nelson became the secretary/treasurer of the club, a position he held for 46 years. He became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1972 and was a benefactor of the Foundation. The Nelson C. Bell Rotarian Award was established in 1996 to honor a recipient who is devoted to the concept of Rotary.

"Throughout his 54 years as a member, (with 52 years perfect attendance), Nelson lived the four-way test. He was kind, genuine, warm and friendly, the embodiment of our club," said Lee Harlan.

Mesquite Sunrise

The club recently awarded four college scholarships totaling \$6,000 to Virgin Valley High School students.

Montebello

It has been an tradition of the club each year to recognize those who serve our community. Thus the club presented awards to Montebello's police officer of the year, firefighter of the year, paramedic of the year, transit employee of the year, and public service and administration employee of the year. "We are extremely grateful to those that serve in the public safety sector for putting their life of the line every day while doing their job, and to all other public service employees for assisting us in a professional and courteous manner," said past president Edgar Morales.

Sierra Madre

The club celebrated the 4th of July by participating in the town's "old time" 4th of July parade. The club has had a float in the parade for the past three years. Plywood panels were painted to advertise dinner at the annual Rotary sponsored Concert in the Park. The parade has become a Sierra Madre Rotary Club tradition and plans are already underway for next year's bigger and better entry!

The club donated \$400 to the Grace Center, a local organization which provides services to victims of domestic violence.



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Sierra Madre



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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, 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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