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A Few Words from the District Governor

I am having so much fun traveling from club to club for my district governor's visits. They are all unique visits and everyone has made me feel very welcome. It is interesting that all of our clubs have the same common thread running between us, that of "Service Above Self," yet each club meeting has its own personality and ways in which we reach our common goals. It is very rewarding to visit clubs and learn of the many wonderful projects being done at the club level. I always knew that we are the best district in the world, but now I can confirm that this is the truth!

I just returned from attending our Zones 23/24 Institute in Costa Mesa. This Institute is held annually for the current and upcoming district leadership as well as past district governors. It is a time when we learn what is going on in the Rotary world and hear great speeches such as "Preserving Rotary Values in its Second Century," and "Rotary's Strategic Plan for its Second Century." Because Zones 23/24 are the best in the world, our Institute attracts many "big hitters" in Rotary. We were honored to hear from three past RI presidents, Cliff Dochterman, Glen Kinross and Rick King and also our centennial president, Glenn Estess. Rotary International's general secretary, Ed Futa was with us as well as our own Zone R.I. director, Ron Beaubien. District governor elect Roy York and district governor nominee Stew Anderson attended their governor training prior to the Zone Institute. You think Rotary is bad with all of the many title abbreviations, i.e. RI, RYLA, TLC, DGE, DGN, Roy attended GETS (Governor Elect Training Seminar) and Stew attended GNATS (Governor Nominee Advance Training Seminar). Stew has just begun his 18 months of training and Roy has had two training sessions, with the big one yet to come....the International Assembly. You can't say Rotary does not train its governors! Now that I've had all of the governor training sessions, if I could just find someone who will listen to me. Not even my kids will listen!

One of the most exciting moments during Zone Institute came when past district governor Lee Harlan was called up to the stage to receive an award for ALL of District 5300! The award reads "Fulfilling our Promise 2002-2003 – Polio Eradication District – 100% Club Support – HIGHEST Per Capita Contributions – Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign – West US Zone 24 – District 5300." This award is for YOU. All of District 5300 who made this happen. Not only did we have the highest per capita contributions in all of the zone, but we also had 100% club support. Another tidbit to be very proud of is that we were the FIRST District in the ENTIRE WORLD to hit the one million dollar mark in pledges. Congratulations to past district governor Garbis DerYeghian for leading the charge and rallying the troops. Ultimately we will win the battle against polio. The latest figures in the eradication of polio show that the world WILL be polio free by 2005. Now, more than ever, aren't you proud to be a Rotarian? Let's continue to *Lend A Hand*.

Barbara Risher Welch
District Governor

District 5300

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Barstow
Boulder City
Boulder City Sunrise
Caliente
Chino
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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 Central
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
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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. The deadline is the 15th of the month preceding publication. 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

New Rotary/J.A. Program for Lebanon Begins

The groundwork has been laid for a Junior Achievement program in Lebanon similar to what has been done in Nazareth and several towns in Armenia. With 2300 students in the past school year and a rapid expansion projected for the new school year, J.A. Lebanon (J.A.L) needs funds beyond what they can raise within Lebanon. To this end, a matching grant program was launched by Glendora Rotary which committed \$1,000 to match the \$1,000 donated by Altadena Rotary, with at least an additional \$5,000 now being sought from other Rotary clubs. This will be supplemented by District Foundation funds, the Rotary Foundation, and other sources to provide at least \$20,000 to Rotary clubs in Lebanon to use in expanding J.A.L.

C. Ray Carlson

Ambassadorial Scholars

It's time to begin thinking about identifying Ambassadorial Scholar candidates for 2004-2005. Interviews will be April 23-24, 2004. Contact James Frey at frey@unlv.nevada.edu for additional information.

Foreign Exchange Student Update

We have the following foreign exchange students in our district: Ana Velarde from Mexico, host club Las Vegas Central, Lupe Perez from Paraguay, host club Arcadia noon, Charlene Krijan from France, host club Covina noon, and Natalia Coppel from Mexico, host club Covina noon. I strongly urge everyone in the district to have one or more of these wonderful students come visit or attend a club event. We need this program to grow and the best way to have that happen is to interact with these wonderful people first hand.

Jim Rider

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. Club contest entries must be submitted to the district no later than November 15, 2003. Contact Steve Garrett, 124 North First Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006, voice 626-294-080, FAX 626-294-0805 or www.stevegarrett.com for additional information.

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.

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.

Zone Institute Dinner Highlights - September 20, 2003

It was announced at the dinner that over \$111 million has been pledged or contributed towards Polio eradication and the new target for complete eradication is the end of 2004. Zones 23 & 24 accounted for over 10% of total giving, with \$12,496,004!

Lee Harlan accepting award for District 5300's Polio eradication participation.



Glen Estess, Centennial president.



Family of Rotary Task Force

The Family of Rotary Task Force is a new program passed down to us by our RI president. Each club is asked to designate a Family of Rotary Task Force leader. At it's most basic level, the intent is to expand Rotary's benefits beyond its members to include the entire family. The idea is to reach out to these members, potential members and their families so that Rotary becomes a family affair, not just some place mom or dad have lunch every week. Including kids in service projects is probably the most fundamental step. It introduces them to the rewards of a life of service above self. At the other end of the spectrum are the spouses of deceased members. As any family would, it is important to reach out to these spouses and

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embrace them. They are excellent resources and Rotary can provide a wonderful support upon the loss of their spouse. For instance, my club started making these spouses honorary members. They frequently come to lunch, contribute to programs and spend time on Rotary projects. Obviously, this must primarily be done at the club level. The idea is to make existing programs more family friendly. Further, there is always the opportunity to innovate new programs which are family friendly. Each club FRTF chair is asked to share these ideas and success stories with us as we create a data base through the district web site. I am encouraging district programs, such as the conference, to become family oriented. As the most pervasive service organization in the world, it is clear that Rotary is, and must continue to be, an expansive and inclusive organization. It must continue to reach out to every one associated with it. It must be available to the members and their families. Otherwise, it risks losing valuable assets in its business of lending a hand.

James Baxter
Chair, District Family of Rotary Task Force

Azusa Club Update



The Azusa provisional Rotary Club was off to a great start with a well-attended "inaugural" meeting, September 18th. With Sierra Madre Rotary Club president Rudy Hayek presiding, many District 5300 membership extension staff were present to support and assist the growth of this provisional club: Hayek awards "Lend a Hand" pins to the three people who have been working hard for the last year and a half to charter this club: Lupe Contreras, Paul Gray, and Harry Heflin.

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

Altadena



District Governor Barbara Risher Welsh honors Luther Eskijian (left) with this year's Rotary International theme pin in honor of his 53 years of perfect attendance. In addition, Altadena Rotarians Bud Railsback and Carlton Gustafson were applauded for 38 and 45 years of perfect attendance, respectively. More than 200 members from the Altadena, Pasadena, Pasadena Sunrise and South Pasadena clubs gathered to talk with the district governor and hear her inspiring message for the coming Rotary year. Also honored were members from the Pasadena club, the South Pasadena club, and the Pasadena Sunrise club.

Boulder City

Since August of this year the club has raised over \$800 with its weekender clothing line fundraiser. If anyone is interested in having a weekender clothing line fundraiser, feel free to contact Kathleen at 702-567-0325 for additional details.

Las Vegas Central

The club presented a \$250 mini grant to a local junior high school. The funds will be used in programs to recognize positive choices made by students and to emphasize the importance of education.

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Las Vegas West

In partnership with the BFB Foundation, club members presented 200 copies of Baby's First Book to new parents and administrators at Mountain View Hospital. Baby's First Book is a visually stimulating book meant to attract the infant and begin a lifelong love of books and reading.



Mesquite Sunrise

CasaBlanca Resort general manager George Rapson, left, presents club president Charlie Allen a check for \$13,285 for the club's scholarship fund. The check is the proceeds from the resort's fifth annual CasaVino wine-tasting event. The club's scholarship fund presents college scholarships to deserving Virgin Valley High School students.



Montebello

District Governor Barbara Risher Welch honored the following Montebello Rotarians for their support with a Lend a Hand pin: Pete Adriance (District Assembly chair), Dave Avirom (District Assembly vice co-chair/\$1,000 donation to Pico Rivera club for Foundation), George Hensel and Bernadette Ramos (District Hensel Ethics Essay Contest), Edgar Morales (District Golf Tournament chair/club budget), Byron Lee (District Treasurer), Jack Gabig (Reading by Nine), Bob Jugan (Wheelchair Foundation co-chair), Helen Ayala and Tom Millhouse (club budget) and Anne Donofrio-Holter (District Newsletter Editor).

Sierra Madre

Interacters raised \$746 from their annual dog wash.



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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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