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Did you know that District 5300 has a student who will graduate in the FIRST graduating class from one of the Rotary Centers for International Studies? Chantal Paydar will complete her studies in 2004 from a University in Brazil. There are seven new Rotary Centers in the world and only 70 students were selected for the first year of graduate study. What an honor to have Chantal selected from our district. Once she graduates, she will be visible within our district and will be speaking about her experiences. As Rotary sends out 70 World Peace Scholars every year, the world will be impacted by Rotary and our ability to pursue peace. Someday soon the United Nations will look to Rotary as the specialists in peace and conflict resolution and will be leading peace talks around the world. The reason I have brought up the Rotary Centers for International Studies is because February is **World Understanding Month**. What better way to understand other parts of the world than to work toward peace.

President Jonathan Majiyagbe wants us to "Lend a Hand for world understanding." He states "the connection between humanitarian service and peace is especially important. Hunger, poverty, and ignorance breed despair, anger and fear – the same emotions that fan the flames of intolerance, conflict, and even war." With Rotary International's worldwide fellowship of clubs in 31,000 communities, we have many programs to promote peace. We have the Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Matching Grants, Rotary Friendship Exchange, Youth Exchange, the Centennial Twin Club program, just to name a few, to better understand different parts of the world.

District 5300 is actively participating in these programs. Please consider hosting team members from our two incoming teams from South Africa and Mexico. Two teams from our district will be going to these two countries. The Mexico GSE Team will be looking for projects in Mexico that we can do over three years. We have made a commitment to District 4110 to return two more years to hopefully make a difference in their district. Our district committee will soon be interviewing for Ambassadorial Scholars, so look to your community for potential candidates. I would love for our district to get more involved in youth exchange. The program is such a great opportunity that we need more of our students to take advantage of it. If your club is not taking part in these programs, you are truly missing out.

One of the ways we can give back for these wonderful programs is to donate to the Rotary Foundation. On February 7, 2004, you can hear past Rotary International president and chairman of the board of trustees for the Rotary Foundation, James Lacy, speak about the wonders of the Rotary Foundation. He recently spoke from the heart at our Las Vegas foundation dinner. You will be blessed by hearing him and he will make you proud to be a Rotarian. The dinner will be held at the Montebello Country Club, Quiet Cannon restaurant. For more information, please see the district website. If you would like to attend, contact your club's liaison for the event or your club president. Let's join together to make District 5300 one of the top giving districts in the world. We have much to be thankful for and can "Lend a Hand" to someone else in need.

Serving with the best,
Barbara Risher Welch
District Governor

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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
District Editor

Rotary Potpourri

George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest

Please submit the name of each club's first place winner to 111 W. Pomona Blvd., Monterey Park, CA, 91754, Attn: George R. Hensel, Ethics Essay Contest. The deadline to compete at the group level is February 29, 2004.

Youth Exchange

Rotarians, what were you doing when you 15, 16, 17 and 18? How adventurous were you? Most of us had our family and a home and the safety and comfort of friends and community. So, when we did "go out" for awhile, we had the security of having that comfort zone to come home to. Imagine being that age and having the courage to give up that security for 12 months to live with complete strangers in a strange community.

That's the type of student that wants to come live in our Rotary district and we need a few families, both Rotarians and non-Rotarians, to open their hearts and homes to them. Our Rotary goals are world peace and understanding. I can't think of a better way to promote that goal than to bring a student into your home to share with each other while experiencing a foreign culture and language up close. The students become members of your family. And, when they leave, they take with them a part of you and your culture. Over the next several months, our district will receive a number of applications from these students. Please contact your club's international director and president-elect and voice your interest in having a student hosted by your club. If you need more information or would like program at your club on youth exchange, please contact me. My contact information is in the district directory under International Service.

Jim Rider
Managing Director
Rotary YES (formerly SCANEX)
District 5300 YEO

Attention Club Presidents

Please send the following information to Stew Anderson, DG 2005-2006, for his group mailing list: club president's name for 2005-2006, e-mail address and preferred phone number with area code.

Send information to sldanderson@msn.com,
(760) 245-8816 (H), (760) 834-0669 (Fax).

Report on Las Vegas Membership Workshop

A link to the Las Vegas membership workshop has been placed on the District 5300 website.

Rotary District 5300 International Foundation Dinner

February 7, 2004, Montebello Country Club. 5:00 pm – special VIP reception with Jim Lacy for major donors & Bequest Society members. 5:30 pm – added to aforementioned VIP's – Paul Harris fellows, multiple PHF's, Paul Harris Society members & benefactors. 6:00 pm - cocktails & silent auction featuring one-of-a-kind items for purchase.

7:00 pm – dinner.

8:00 pm – program: Past RI president Jim Lacy.

9:00 pm – dancing.

Cost: club table of 10 - \$850, individual tickets - \$100 each.

Dress: black tie, business, or “southern style” dress is encouraged.

This is a GREAT opportunity to introduce prospective members to Rotary. Buy a “club table” and save money! Come join us for a great meal, a FANTASTIC program, fun and dancing at the beautiful Quiet Cannon, located at the Montebello Country Club.

An invitation will be sent to all of the club liaisons for distribution to each club member. If you have any questions, please call either event co-chair Carmen Thibault, (626-355-1600) or Sonia Lagomarsino, (626-356-2019) or talk to your club's liaison.

9th Annual Rotary International Peace Conference - March 27, 2004

March 27, 2004, Fuller School of Psychology, Travis Auditorium, Pasadena, 8:30 AM - 3:00 pm. The theme of the conference is PROMOTE PEACE - CREATE JOBS: Strategies for Eradication of Poverty.

The eradication of extreme poverty is the number one objective of RI president Jonathan Majiyagbe and the UN's millennium development goals, with a reduction in half desired by 2015. Clubs in District 5300 have been actively pursuing the stimulation of entrepreneurship through economic education that leads to job creation in the Middle East, Africa, Mexico, among Native Americans, and in local schools.

Speakers representing the World Bank Institute, World Vision International, Pasadena Unified School District, Fuller Theological Seminary, and others, will explore the parameters of the theme, followed by a plenary of experts on programs currently being tried by Rotary clubs. The World Bank representative will present a new program - AIDSWEB - which couples HIV/AIDS education with the Youth IT micro enterprise program currently being conducted in Uganda in partnership with District 5300.

The objective will be to develop strategies for actual implementation by Rotary clubs, both in international service and in vocational service locally. PDG Garbis Der Yeghian is the conference chair and moderator. Committee members include C. Ray Carlson, Gary Chapin, Tom Polenzani, PDG Jim Speer, Niru Vangala, PDG Dr. Tim Keen Siuand and PDG Conrad Von Bibra. For additional information contact Garbis Der Yeghian, <masdots@aol.com> or program coordinator C. Ray Carlson, 626.797.5462, fax 626.797.7524.

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.

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Altadena

The club donated dictionaries to third grade students at a several local schools.

Arcadia

The Arcadia club, along with members of the Tijuana Rotary provided bookshelves for 18 Tijuana public libraries, along with three computers, software and printers for the three largest branches.

Azusa

Pictured are Dan Bacani (right), provisional president of the Azusa club with guest speaker, Dr. Rod C. Gaeta, Ed.D., Superintendent of the Azusa Unified School District. Dr. Gaeta spoke to club members and their guests at a recent meeting.



Chino

The Chino Rotary Club has awarded the 3rd Annual Excellence in Service Award to Rotarian Jackie Carroll. Established in 2001, the award recognizes an individual Rotarian who, through his/her vocation, embodies the Rotary ideal of "Service above Self." In choosing Ms. Carroll as this year's recipient, fellow Rotarians recognized her for the many hours of service that she has given to the club and community since joining Chino Rotary in March, 2000.

Glendora

The club awarded 55 mini-grants to local teachers.

Las Vegas Southwest

The club presented a \$2,500 check to the Las Vegas Natural History Museum for its Open Door program, providing children with an opportunity to visit the museum.

Club members Adrienne Cox and Fred Fukumoto experienced a true international friendship when they were asked to serve as witnesses at the Las Vegas wedding of a fellow Rotarian from London, England.

Montebello

Montebello Rotarians Rich Reyes, David Avirom, Kathy Kohn, Bob Jugan, Kathy Salazar, Ralph Helm, Helio Altamirano, Joanne Miceli, Helen Ayala, Raul Melendez, Gabe Robles, Mary Ellen Melendez, Robert Monzon, Marquita Clark, Anne Donofrio-Holter, and honorary Rotarian Larry Holter partnered with the Montebello Housing Development Corporation in the second annual Community Clean-up Day.



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

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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@charter.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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