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### A Few Words from the District Governor



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District Governor



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Spring has sprung! Even though it feels like summer! There are only three more months to go before the changing of the guard happens at all levels of Rotary. Everyone said the year would fly by, but I really didn't believe it until now. Now that I know what I'm doing, can I have those months back to do again? I feel like applying the famous speech by Past RI president Cliff Dochterman entitled, "Oh, If I Could Only Be Club President Again," to a more personal, "Oh, If I Could Only Be District Governor Again," I'd get it right the second time! I just can't tell you how enjoyable this year has been for me.

The Rotary training time has begun. Your club president-elects have attended PETS (Presidents Elect Training Seminar) and are now "armed and dangerous!" District Training Leadership is happening soon, so those leaders can in turn train the club leaders. District Assembly will be April 17, to help train the club officers for their duties next year. PRLS will be held on May 1 in Ontario for those interested in the "Professional Rotary Leadership Seminar." A Zone membership seminar is coming to train the district membership leaders with the focus on incoming RI president, Glenn Estess' vision for membership and retention. This is something that is close to my heart, so I will be assisting in Zone membership duties. If you're not yet involved in your club, step up to the plate and let your president elect know you want to play! You won't be sorry!

April is Rotary International's Magazine Month. As a mother of four school age children, I thought it meant I had to go out and sell magazines as a fundraiser. Don't worry, not so! RI wants you to be aware of the plethora of magazines available to you for use in your clubs. There are too many to name, and way more than I'm sure you are aware of. Visit the Rotary website at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), click on "downloads" and "catalog" and you'll find everything you ever wanted in publication. "Basics" is one magazine that is excellent for new or proposed members.

Our Mexico GSE team is currently in Mexico and enjoying their time representing our district. Our South Africa team leaves in April and is gearing up now for their exciting experience. Both of our inbound teams will be here at the same time, so we are looking for host families and vocational tours for them while they are here for the month. If you are interested in taking part in this great opportunity, let your club president know and he/she will put you in touch with the GSE committee. The teams will complete their time in the U.S. at our District Conference, so you won't want to miss meeting them.

Speaking of District Conference.....are you registered yet? I sure hope so. If you're not, go to the district website to download the registration form. I promise that this will be a fantastic conference! Here are just a few highlights: Golf and tennis tournaments on Thursday (the winner of the tennis tournament will have lunch with the one and only Jack Kramer), a harbor cruise on Thursday evening, Friday's interesting plenary sessions and the 4-Way Speech Contest, with a fun House of Friendship and Hospitality House throughout the weekend. There will be excellent meal speakers and entertainment. Chris Lewis (son of Jerry Lewis) will be our Friday night speaker on the Wheelchair Foundation, and Saturday will be more great plenary sessions, the Dan Stover Music Competition and getting to meet both inbound and outbound GSE Teams. On Saturday night, PDG Charlie Lane, a well known PETS

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### Clubs

Alhambra  
Altadena  
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Azusa  
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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 Central  
Las Vegas Fremont  
Las Vegas North  
Las Vegas Northwest  
Las Vegas South Sunset  
Las Vegas Southwest  
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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speaker will make you laugh and laugh. Sunday will be our ecumenical service and memorial service. And last but certainly not least, the passing of the gavel to our centennial governor, Roy York. Come along....don't miss the boat....."Get anchored in Rotary!"

Serving with the best,  
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 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

#### Attention Newsletter/Bulletin Editors

It's time to gather your newsletters/bulletins and submit them for judging. Pick one newsletter/bulletin from September, 2003, one from December, 2003 and one from February, 2004. You choose the week. Send them to Rose Ann Miele, Bulletin/Newsletter Committee Chairperson, 701 Capri Drive, Unit 9 B, Boulder City, NV 89005 on or before April 15, 2004. The criteria by which the newsletters/bulletins will be judged appear in the District Award Manual on pages 12 and 13. The manual is on the District 5300 website. Best of luck to all, and if you have any questions, e-mail Rose Ann at [rarmiele@juno.com](mailto:rarmiele@juno.com).

#### Need Money For Local Projects?

In 2004-2005, District 5300 will be receiving a DDF (District Designated Funds) check from Rotary International for the second year. This new program replaces the CAP Grant and the New Opportunity Grant programs and allows us to decide how this portion of our DDF will be spent (\$25,000 in 2004-2005). A district committee will review the grant applications and rank the applicants. Local projects will receive priority in funding (matching grants and individual grants are still available through RI for International projects). The deadline for applications to be received is July 31, 2004 - this deadline will NOT be extended. Forms and information are available on the district web site at [www.district5300.org](http://www.district5300.org) under the "Rotary Foundation" and "Grant" headings. If you received a DSG in 2003-2004 and have not submitted your report(s), your Rotary club's application(s) will not be considered. Report forms are found at the same location on the district site.

Margaret Cooker  
District Foundation Chair

## **Las Vegas GSE Teams Interviewed**

Las Vegas City Life has an article on the Las Vegas GSE outbound teams. Click on the link below to view.

[http://www.lvcitylife.com/articles/2004/03/18/local\\_news/news02global.txt](http://www.lvcitylife.com/articles/2004/03/18/local_news/news02global.txt)

## **Membership Matters**

A link to the March issue of the Membership Matters/Zone 22 Membership newsletter has been placed on the Membership page on the district website.

## **Group Study Team (GSE) to Travel to Korea**

Our Rotary District 5300 has teamed up with District 3650 (Seoul, Korea) for Rotary year 2004-2005 with our team departing October 30, and returning on November 29, 2004. This ensures our team attending the Korean District Conference. The first step is to select a GSE team leader. The team leader is involved in the selection and is responsible for the training of his/her team. We have a request from the governor in Korea that we put together a team made up of middle school and high school teachers. The ability to speak Korean is not required but certainly would be helpful. Deadline for team leader applications to be received is April 30, 2004. Interviews for the GSE team leader will be held May 15, 2004 at the Green Tree Inn, in Victorville. If you know of a Rotarian who has an interest in becoming a GSE team leader, they should contact Margaret Cooker, 760-243-5928 or [mcooker@rotarymail.net](mailto:mcooker@rotarymail.net) as soon as possible. This is an honor as well as a wonderful experience for a Rotarian to travel as a GSE team leader to another country. GSE is one of the programs of the Rotary Foundation. Travel, as arranged by RI, is paid for by the Foundation and the group stays with Rotary families in the host country. There are some costs to the team leader and to the team members - a summary of which can be found in the GSE material. Applications for team members must be received by May 31, 2004. The interviews for team members will be held in June. Date to be announced. Once the teams members have been selected they must attend at least 12 hours of training. The GSE team members must be between 25 and 40, work in their given profession, and be a US Citizen. For further information about GSE, please refer to our district web site [www.district5300.org/gse](http://www.district5300.org/gse). District 3650 will be sending their team to the United States around April 23-24, 2005 so they may attend our District Conference.

Charles M. Barr  
District 5300 GSE Chair 2004/05

## **Letter from President of Nazareth Rotary**

Dear C. Ray Carlson, It has been almost four years since we began corresponding on the matching grant for the benefit of the Nazareth schools. This project has brought a new perspective as to what Rotary can establish. Through this project the name of Rotary is SKY HIGH within the Nazareth community and especially schools. The names of both Glendora and Altadena Rotary Clubs, and District 5300 in California/Nevada are well known today because of this project. The humanitarian aspect of this project is enormous, for without the help of this grant, students had no chance of entering JA/YE (Junior Achievement/Young Entrepreneurs), because of lack of budgets especially for the Arab Palestinians living in Israel. The Nazareth schools have proven year after year that they are worthy of the trust we put in them. The school of Saint Joseph and the school of the Silvatorian Sisters have taken first place both last year and this year in the national competition. In the name of the Nazareth Rotary Club and the people of Nazareth we THANK you very deeply. God bless you all.

Walid Sami Geraisy  
Past President Nazareth Rotary Club

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## **Letter from Rotary World Peace Scholar**

Dear Rotarians, Greetings from sunny and hot Buenos Aires, Argentina! I hope this message finds you all well and enjoying the first few days of spring in the northern hemisphere. I was asked to update everyone on my activities. As a member of the first class of Rotary World Peace Scholars, I have had the privilege of representing Rotary in various meetings and conferences in Argentina and on one occasion at the Rio de Janeiro club in Brazil, where I spent my summer observing human rights conditions in a couple of the city's favelas or shanty towns. Living in one of Latin America's most politically and economically dynamic cities has provided me with important life lessons to supplement the academic ones I am receiving at la Universidad del Salvador (USAL). As I embark on my last year of studies at USAL, I know that I am better prepared to take full advantage of all the opportunities I have had as a Rotary WP Scholar. I am truly grateful to Rotary for allowing me to be a small participant in the global promotion of peace and goodwill. I will cherish this gift always and be forever grateful. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Chantal Habibi-Paydar  
Rotary World Peace Scholar, First Class 2002-2004

Pictured on left are the South American Peace Scholars.



## **Ski Week**

The ISFR ski week will take place in Fernie, BC, Canada, February 5 to 12, 2005. See: [www.isfrski.org](http://www.isfrski.org) and [www.virtualfernies.com](http://www.virtualfernies.com). For additional information, contact Ted Ralfe at [tedlaw@elkvalley.net](mailto:tedlaw@elkvalley.net).

## **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](mailto:frey@unlv.nevada.edu). for additional information.

## **Arcadia**

The club made a \$778 donation to help Julian Cuyamaca firefighters and their families rebuild their homes. Eight firefighters lost their homes as well as many personal possessions.

## **Duarte**

The Duarte club is looking for band instruments, used or new, to promote and expand the opportunity for students to participate in the band program at the local high school. If you have any of the following instruments, please consider donating them to the band: French horns, trumpets, baritones/euphoniums, trombones, tubas, flutes, clarinets, oboes, saxophones, bassoons, drums, drum pads, cymbals, keyboards, guitars, violins, violas, cellos, bass, music stands, tuners, mouthpieces, strings, usable parts, etc. To donate an instrument, contact: Sam Gipson, Director of Bands, Duarte High School, (626) 599-5700 x 5846.

## **Montebello**

Monday Night Football sports personality Lisa Guerrero was keynote speaker at the club's February 18 meeting. Guerrero, the granddaughter of Montebello Rotarian Raul Guerrero, spoke to the group on various topics including the recent acquisition of Alex Rodriguez by the New York Yankees and the future of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Guerrero then entertained questions from the audience.

Pictured on left are Lisa Guerrero and District 5300 editor Anne Donofrio-Holter.



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### **Rancho Cucamonga Sunset**

The club has changed the location and time of its meeting. 7:15 am. The Pavilion Room, Empire Lakes Golf Course, 11015 Sixth St., Rancho Cucamonga, CA. 91730.

### **Sierra Madre**

The club held a free workshop for local high school students to teach them successful job interviewing skills.

HAPPY EASTER!



### [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](mailto: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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