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From the Governor

Roy M. York
Centennial District Governor

Centennial Rotarians,

First, I must tell you what an honor it is to serve as the District Governor of this Great District, rich in tradition and history. I am surrounded by a district full of fantastic, willing and able Rotarians and look forward to this year with great anticipation, not a little anxiety and, hopefully, a little humility. Having said that, let's get ready to **Celebrate Rotary!**

What a great District Conference! If you were there, you know what I mean. If you missed it, well, too bad. My hat is off to Co-Chairs Sal Briguglio and Debbie Mitsch who gave us a conference with absolutely stunning nautically themed decorations, to the Hospitality Room, and all the Rotary fellowship in between.

The Dan Stover Contest held on Saturday featured four of the best musicians I've ever seen assembled from the four regions of our district. It was 30 minutes of phenomenal talent. While it was a highlight, I feel the incoming and outgoing GSE teams, featuring Mexico and South Africa, pretty much stole the coveted "If you missed this, you missed the best plenary session at conference" award.



To our newest PDG in the District, Barbara Risher Welch, CONGRATULATIONS! on a great year, and you've set the stage for this coming centennial year and Celebrating Rotary. Great party!!

Speaking of that, put the following two dates on your Rotary Calendar:

May 20, 21, and 22, 2005. District 5300 Centennial Conference, Laughlin, Nevada, held at the Flamingo.

June 19, 20, 21, and 22. International Rotary Centennial Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois.

This will be your opportunity to Celebrate Rotary with thousands of your

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 Alhambra
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 Green Valley
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 Hesperia
 Industry Hills
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 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

fellow Rotarians to help us celebrate the first century of Success and to begin the next century of Even Greater Success. I want very much to be standing in that crowd (now expected to be over 75,000) when President Glenn Estess declares an end to Polio. And, this may sound selfish, but I want to be surrounded by my friends from all over District 5300. District leaders have indicated that several hundred Rotarians are planning to make the trip to Chicago to help Celebrate Rotary and the demise of Polio. Make sure you are there when we hold the biggest celebration in Rotary history. Join my wife, Kathy and me in Laughlin, and then again in Chicago as we Celebrate Rotary!!

Just one important note before I sign off. We are all embarking together on what should prove to be a great journey throughout this coming Centennial Year and I want to leave you with these thoughts. NOW is the time, ROTARY is the organization, and YOU are the ones who will make it happen. Be a Rotarian and not just a member of a Rotary Club. It starts at the club where YOU make it happen.

From Your Editor
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Greetings, fellow Rotarians!

It's a new Rotary year already and that brings changes. Hope you get used to the changes before it is time to change again! Please send articles about your club to me at rarmiele@juno.com by the 15th of the month. You can also send pictures in the jpg format. I'm looking forward to bringing you an interesting newsletter each month but that can't happen without YOU! Let all the clubs in the district know what you are up to.

Thanks so much to Anne and Larry for a wonderful job for the past two years. I've got some learning to do to be as computer-savvy as the Holters!

Here's to a wonderful Rotary year filled with peace, service and celebration!

Thoughts on the District Conference
Katy Klotz
Pasadena Sunrise Rotary

What is the worth of going to a District Conference? Isn't it just a big party with a lot of Rotarians patting themselves on the back for their own accomplishments? Well, yes it is a big party. And yes, a lot of Rotarians are there celebrating their own accomplishments while other Rotarians observe and learn.

What do the Rotarians observing learn? They learn that the opportunities for service are limitless. They see firsthand an amazing array of creative ways various clubs have served their community and their world. They begin to better understand that Rotary is not exactly a charitable organization. They don't just go out and hand out goods. Rotary does not engender entitlement. **It empowers people to support themselves.** And

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those so empowered almost always reach out their hands to give back to others in thanks for what was done for them.

This circle of love is celebrated at the District Conference. It only takes one person to have an idea to better the world. When ideas are shared, if those ideas catch on, it makes the world a better place. For instance, the wheelchair program gives people who have never been able to ambulate the chance to go where they want to go instead of where others push them. The awards ceremonies that celebrate the District programs give each of us a chance to see what has been happening throughout the district. We are inspired and empowered by experiencing the joy that service brings to each of us.

Who is changed the most? The person getting a wheelchair or the person adjusting the footrest? Such a change cannot be measured. This is what the District Conference awards and celebrates.

But, you have to go to a Conference to see it yourself. I cannot tell you here in flat black and white. When you attend the Conference and celebrate the joy, feel the inspiration and learn the limitless horizons of Rotary, you will understand. After experiencing a Conference, you will understand a bit more of the nature of the privilege we all undertake in being real Rotarians.

What's Up in Youth Exchange?

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

What's up in Youth Exchange? A great District Conference with our three current year inbound students speaking to over 200 people, and they were awesome!



**Governor Roy gathers with
Rotarians
for a celebration for the GSE Teams,
May 2004**

Now it is time to handle next year. Apple Valley Rotary has selected two students and Arcadia Rotary has picked one. We now have the following applicants for the picking: one female from Brazil and three males from India, France and Russia.

I have printed the information page and the answers to the essay questions. Just ask and I will fax you the information. Thanks for your help! We are all in this together to make this program even better in 2004-2005.

San Marino's JA Israel Project Approved Alan Weirick

The San Marino Rotary received a welcomed approval from RI this month for their matching grant Junior Achievement project in partnership with the Rotary Club of Jerusalem. The project is designed to teach business skills to high school students in three Jewish and three Arab schools. The objective of this project is to promote entrepreneurship which will create jobs that in turn create hope which creates peace.

Rotary World Peace Scholarship Applications Available

Applications for Rotary World Scholarships are now available for the 2005-2007 academic term.

The scholarships are for study at one of the seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution to obtain a two-year master's-level degree or certificate in international relations, peace and conflict resolution.

During their studies, selected Rotary World Peace Scholars will work to advance knowledge of issues related to peace, causes of conflict and world understanding. The Scholars will participate in a Rotary Center Seminar and will commit to a care related to international relations, peace and conflict resolution.

Rotary World Peace Scholarships are for two academic years and provide funding for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board and other limited expenses.

For further information, contact either Dr. John Regan of the Claremont Noon Rotary Club, Claremont Graduate University, john.regan@cgu.edu or Dr. Dee Matreyek of the Ranch Cucamonga Rotary Club, the Restorative Justice Center of the Inland Empire, 909-946-6092.

**Application deadline
is July 31, 2004.**

Friends PDG Barbara Risher Welch (left) and PDG Irene Lewitt of District 2490 in Israel are acquainted with this project, which is most worthy of being a Centennial project for their Districts. Their hope is that this project serves as a model to Rotary Clubs everywhere.



The San Marino Rotary along with the help of the Altadena Rotary is raising the initial funds to be matched by the District and then matched again by RI. These funds will be used by the Jerusalem JA affiliate to train teachers, purchase books and supplies and provide transportation and facilities.

[Take the Train to the Convention](#)

Check the home page on the district website www.district5300.org for all the details of taking a train trip to Chicago for the Centennial Convention in June 2005. The International Travel and Hosting Fellowship is sponsoring this tour. Their website is <http://www.ithf.org/>.

The West Coast to Chicago trip will be two days in length. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship and fun plus a very relaxing trip to Chicago.

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Rotary Stamp

A resolution has been introduced by Congressman Brad Sherman proposing a Postage Stamp to celebrate the Rotary Centennial. Rotarian support needed.

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