



Rotary District 5300

The Highlighter



VOLUME 77, NO. 2

2004-2005

August 2004



District 5300

Roy M. York
Centennial District Governor
[District Governor](#)

[District 5300](#)
[Newsletter Editor](#)
Rose Ann Rabiola Miele
Rotary Club of Boulder City
E-mail: rarmiele@juno.com

[Link to](#)

[R I Website](#)

[Visit the R I weekly
online newsletter](#)

[Rotary News Basket](#)

[Visit these District 5300
Resources](#)

[Attendance/Membership](#)

[Club Info Page](#)

[Clubs with Websites](#)

[Newsletter Archive](#)

[Public Relations Newsletter](#)

[Rotary Links](#)

From the Governor

Roy M. York

Centennial District Governor

The Family of Rotary, in a way I never expected, recently touched Kathy and me. I have been a proponent of the Family of Rotary since its inception. I'm pretty sure that by now, everyone knows where I stand on family in general. I have my top three priorities, and on any given day, in no particular order, they are: Family, Rotary and my Vocation.

The Family of Rotary was certainly evident at District Conference when members of my immediate family were involved in a near fatal automobile crash on the way to help us Celebrate Rotary at the end of District Governor Barb's year. ***Fortunately, no one in my immediate family, which included my only son, my oldest daughter, her husband and two of my grandchildren, Zachary and Alexandra, was injured.*** The details aren't important, but the outcome was.

The Family of Rotary reached out that day and surrounded us with concern, love and a sense of belonging that when something happens to one of us, it happens to all of us.

Then, just recently, as many of you know and the rest of you will now find out, my youngest Grandchild, Joshua underwent major surgery for a condition known as craniosynostosis. What it really means is he was born without any soft spot, as the skull plates had already fused and were not allowing his brain to grow properly. It was a condition that, left unhindered, probably wouldn't have, but could have, caused pressure, pain and eventual development problems. The earlier the surgery, the easier it is on the child, and the higher success rate. So on July 12th, little 4-month-old Joshua had a 40-minute, routine (as the doctors described it) operation that opened up the top of his head so he could live a normal life. It is expected that the skull plates will fuse properly and he will be just fine. Joshua has responded well and is almost back 100% to his normal smiley self. He has a smile that lights up a room and is always bubbly and happy. (Well, he does have his moments.)

As this was happening to us, I felt an obligation to let my leadership team, including the club presidents, know what was happening in my life. Many of them shared this with their club members. The outpouring of concern and love was unexpected in its volume and urgency.

Kathy and I were overwhelmed with a sense of family and a warmth we had not anticipated. Some even responded directly to my children and sent their best on to them, even though they had never met them.

District 5300 Clubs

Alhambra
Altadena
Apple Valley
Arcadia
Arcadia Sunrise
Azusa
Barstow
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

I will always be grateful to my Family of Rotary and how well they responded to something, which may seem relatively minor to some that was immensely important and serious to us. It serves us well to know that in times of strife we have others besides relatives and the immediate extended family we consider our own. It is apparent to me that I have thousands of members of real family in this great organization. I am relieved their response was for something that turned out so very well.

Joshua, his parents, and especially his grandparents, want to thank each of you for your thoughts, your prayers and your continued follow up of his progress. This is how we Celebrate Rotary, each of us reaching out to our fellow Rotarians, our family, when needed. Let us keep that in mind when the next one of us needs a comforting thought, a prayer or a simple gesture of support.

Usually we Rotarians reach out to people we will never meet, and indeed, some of the Rotarians who responded had never met me, but I am a Rotarian, one of their own, and they wanted to help in the only way they could, with their thoughts and prayers.

God bless each of you and thank you Family of Rotary.

Roy M. York

Centennial Governor

District 5300

From Your Editor

Rose Ann Rabiola Miele
Rotary Club of Boulder City
E-mail: rarmiele@juno.com

Greetings, Fellow Rotarians! July was quite a month for all of us in District 5300 as I can attest to by the number of newsletters I've received from across the district. Thanks so much for sending them. I really, really do enjoy browsing and seeing what all of you are doing. I wish I had the time and the space here to share so many more of the great items, but I'm going to try to get the "great tidbits" into 4 or 5 pages per month so all of you will read this newsletter.

It's never too early to begin thinking about making your Club newsletter a winner for the Centennial Year. Remember to include items about what your Board is doing and what activities are taking place throughout the District. Don't be shy about praising your members for the work they are doing. Let all of us who read your newsletters know about your new members and why they decided to join our family. It could be a big help to all of us in recruiting new family members.

Please check the District home page as often as you are able for lots of information. Chris Datwyler does an excellent job of posting items that we don't have space for here in this newsletter.

Remember, the deadline for submitting items is the 15th of the month. Don't be shy!

Rose Ann

Send your club's pictures
along with captions to
rarmiele@juno.com



Serving pancakes at the 4th of July Damboree in Boulder City is Damon Ohlerking from the Rotary Club of Boulder City. To the right is Arn McLean. Both men are past presidents of the Rotary Club of Boulder City.

Industry Hills Rotary Club

On June 20, 2004, Dr. Andy Crawford, past president 2001-2002 Industry Hills Rotary Club, met with Iquitos Sur Rotary Club members Rafael Gomez, President 2003-2004 and incoming President Raul Vizconde Morales.

Iquitos is a remote city of 400,000 to 600,000 nestled deep in the Amazon jungle of Peru. Accessible only by air or water since there are no roads.

The needs of Iquitos and the spirit of their Rotary Club are special indeed. We discussed a novel Amazon rain forest clean water project, sanitary concerns in Iquitos, medical and dental health issues and shared personal club stories, all through a translator. We agreed that the centennial "Twin Club Program" was a



Thank you, District 5300!

Dear Rotary Members,

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I thank you for your scholarship donation for the George R. Hensel Ethics Essay Contest. The award will enable me to fund my education at the University of La Verne as I pursue a degree in Broadcast Journalism.

I am extremely proud to have been chosen as one of the top three in the district finals. Your generosity will truly make a difference in my continued academic success. Once again, thank you for charitable support! I look forward to one day joining you all as a member once I have established myself in the community.

"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving." W.T. Purkiser

Warmest regards,

Alyssa Coopman
Chino Hills, CA

4th of July Sierra Madre Style

Susanne Kallis-Hayek, Centennial President, Rotary Club of Sierra Madre

The Rotary Club of Sierra Madre had a fantastic 4th of July with our fourth annual entry in the town's home town parade. The year the



club rented a school bus, which we decorated with signage promoting the Rotary Centennial and our club's involvement with the local schools. Immediate past president Rudy Hayek was a big hit dressed as Spiderman! Leading the bus was the

Pasadena Unified School District band, the same band that will wear uniforms sporting the Rotary Wheel in the 2005 Tournament of Roses Parade, courtesy of the Rotary Coalition Clubs of Altadena, Pasadena Noon, Pasadena Sunrise and Sierra Madre. And in front of it all was the District 5300 Centennial Banner carried by Interact Club member Katie Swisher and friends and the Rotary Club of Sierra Madre president Susanne Hayek and her daughter Amanda.



[Take the Train to the Convention](#)

great place to start and now we are formulating a joint clean water project. We are looking to other clubs to become involved and eventually, for some district support. For more information, contact andy@crawford.org or Industry Hills Rotary Club.

Dr. Andy Crawford
(H) 626.333.1842
(W) 626.968.0532
(BF) 626.968.8613

Rotary Centennial Weekly Program

Steve Garrett
Past District Governor
District 5300 Centennial Guru
124 North First Avenue
Arcadia, CA 91006
626.294.0802

I have a Power Point presentation that is interactive and fun for a weekly Rotary meeting. I can either send you a CD with the program, and you can have someone in your club give it or I can bring it to your club meeting. I can also recommend someone to give the program. Please call me if you are interested.

Rotary Centennial Pledge By C. Ray Carlson

"First and foremost, we will uplift millions of people who remain trapped in poverty," proclaimed R.I. President Glenn Estess, Sr. on July 1, 2004.

This Centennial Pledge by President Estess on his first day in office is one that we of Altadena and partner clubs in District 5300 have taken to heart in our "Eradication of Poverty" program for the past dozen years.

Much has been accomplished in Poland, Armenia, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Nazareth, among Native Americans and in local schools, and soon in South Africa, Jerusalem and Lebanon, through our program of Entrepreneurship Education that can stimulate the formation of businesses that create jobs.

Our International Service has been very successful in leveraging the funds received from Altadena Rotary Charities so that our \$1,000 seed money expands to \$20,000 in Matching Grant funds. Since our first

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.

For further information contact:

Frank and Chris Carroll
P.O. Box 62070
Boulder City, NV 89006
702.683.2809

fctrvlr@bouldercityrotary.org

GSE Team to Korea Selected

Interviews were held on July 17 to select a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team. The GSE team will depart for Korea on October 30, 2004 and return November 29, 2004. We are pleased to announce the following people are our GSE team members for this year and their sponsoring clubs.

Ivan (Wally) Wollenzien	GSE Team Leader	Moapa Valley
Johnny Chon	Team Member	Pasadena Sunrise
Erica Etienne	Team Member	Las Vegas
Clark Hardy	Team Member	Moapa Valley
Dustin Olson	Team Member	Green Valley-
Henderson		

Should you or any club chairs have questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Both the Mexico and the South Africa teams from this last year would be delighted to come to your club and speak. This is a wonderful way for a Rotary club to learn more about the Group Study Exchange program.

Charles M. Barr
Centennial Chair GSE
PO Box 1543
Laguna Beach, CA 92652-1543
Telephone 949-494-5529

project in Poland, \$200,000 has been raised for projects to uplift the poor by promoting the creation of jobs as the most fundamental way to eradicate poverty and bring peace to lands where impoverishment leads to conflict.

It is imperative that we continue to expand and attract others to this "First and Foremost" Centennial pledge of R.I. President Estess. Our Centennial Year has just begun and we look forward with great excitement to the implementation of our plans for expansion in coming months and a display of the results at the Centennial convention in Chicago next June.



Rotarian Marcie Harris, in the white sweat shirt, working with Junior Interactors as they prepare the Garrett Middle School Peace Garden in Boulder City

Pahrump Valley \$10,000 Giveaway

The Rotary Club of Pahrump Valley will hold their Annual \$10,000 Giveaway at Terrible's Lakeside Casino in Pahrump on September 11 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$125, which includes dinner for two, entertainment and a chance at \$10,000 or many other cash and merchandise prizes. Sales are limited to 300 tickets. Contact information: **Pahrump Valley Rotary Club, P.O. Box 883, Pahrump, NV 89041, Phone: 775-727-4285** Or visit www.pahrumprotary.org.

Attention, Junior Interact Sponsors!

From Dave Beltran, East Los Angeles
"The Man" who started Kideract

Each year, Dave takes the Junior Interact incoming officers to the Interact Symposium. Please talk to your club about sponsoring three to four people. If the Intent to Participate and the money is sent in to Dave before September 1, 2004, the cost is \$390 for three people and \$520 for four people. The symposium is like PETS for incoming Rotarian Presidents. It is suggested you send on Rotarian in charge of the club, the faculty advisor and one of the two top officers of the Junior Interact Club. According to Dave, "It is a fantastic weekend and since our kids are the youngest, the high school Interactors really make them feel special."

Our district now has four active Kideract Clubs and four active Interact Clubs.

Contact Dave Beltran at davidb_rotary@yahoo.com. (There is an underscore (_) between the b and rotary.)