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From the Governor Roy York
Centennial Governor 2004-05
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Azusa Rotary Club was welcomed into District 5300 in grand style Friday night, August 27th. With a party that, indeed, Celebrated Rotary!

District 5300 was represented in fine style with over a third of the district's clubs sending representation and many of them handing over generous donations to assist the new club's start-up.

PDG Barbara Risher Welch made the Charter presentation to Azusa President Dan Bacani after a very moving speech highlighting what the club has already accomplished during its chartering attempts.

There are so many people to thank, and I'm sure a forthcoming article will cover all the many special people who were responsible for the club's charter.

Three who stand out in this District Governor's mind are Rudy Hayek, Harry Heflin, and Dan Bacani.

Rudy Hayek, Past District Governor Barb's Special Representative, was also Club President of Sierra Madre during this last year. While trying to get the club up and

running, he made every meeting in addition to running his own club extremely successfully, (as evidenced by the rewards and awards Sierra Madre garnered at District Conference). Any Past Presidents reading this will understand how difficult the job Rudy performed was. My hat is off to you, Rudy and your family, especially Suzanne, current President of Sierra Madre and Rudy's partner in life and in Rotary.

Harry Heflin, a long time Rotarian with experience, helped keep the club on the straight and narrow and assisted tremendously during the course of its year of preparation. Of course, I would also like to thank Harry Heflin for his kind words toward this District Governor. If you were one of the approximately 120+ Rotarians who were there, you know what I mean. If you weren't there you didn't get to hear Harry recount some portions of my previous life BDG (Before District Governor). Too bad, he did a really good job of embellishing some rather unimportant and insignificant parts of my past that my wife, (and I'll talk to her later about this), made him aware of. Should have been there. That'll teach you to miss a Rotary Event.

And, last but not least, Dan Bacani, President of Azusa who guided the club to charter night and will do them proud. Dan, you've made a great start. Keep it up.

Azusa City Councilwoman Donna Chignon welcomed Azusa into the city's community with open arms and words of praise regarding the club and Rotary. It was nice to hear.

Saturday night, August 28th, Boulder City Noon Rotarian, By Miller, honored by his club for 50 years of Rotary Service was surprised by a little shindig put together by BC President John Chase and the club. By received several honors, two of which are noteworthy: a membership in the Rotary

Hall of Fame for 50 years of service and a Scholarship in his name to be given in perpetuity by the club. Well done, By Miller. It was a pleasure and an honor to be there and be part of that moment in this year of Celebrate Rotary.

There you have it. This is what Rotary is all about: Celebrating Rotary with 20 new members and honoring current members who have contributed so much. I hope each of the new members will look at Rotary as a place for spending their next 50 years in Service above Self.

Celebrate Rotary,
Centennial Governor Roy

From Your Editor
Rose Ann Rabiola Miele
Rotary Club of Boulder City
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Greetings, fellow Rotarians! I'm trying a little different look with the newsletter this month. Hope you like it. Thanks to all who sent info for this issue and thanks to the Clubs that are sending me their weekly newsletters. You can send items to me at rarmiele@juno.com or rmiele@bcnv.org.

Just a little note: although I am trying to know all of you, I don't have that mastered yet. When you send articles for the monthly newsletter, please make sure your complete name and Club name is in the article.

Remember, the deadline for articles is the 15th of the month. And before you read the monthly newsletter on the district website, www.district5300.org, make sure you spend some time reading the home page. Our one-in-a-million-webmaster Chris Datwyler does one superb job keeping that home page up to date with everything you need to know and more.

Keep sending those articles and pictures!

Rose Ann

Rotary On Parade

Don't miss the International Centennial Parade in Chicago on Saturday, June 18, 2005. Be a part of Rotary History. For more information, contact Parade Chair G.P. Allan at majorgpa@aol.com or write to him at Rotary One, 12 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60603. Your club could sponsor a float or group or march as a club. Participation fee is \$200 if you send in your application before October 1, 2004.

Check the District 5300 homepage for the parade application form. Webmaster Chris has posted the information on the convention page at <http://www.district5300.org/convention.html>

Team Work: Azusa and Sierra Madre
From Rudy Hayek, Chair, Concert in the Park 2004
Rotary Club of Sierra Madre



Keyboardist Frankie Moreno

Concert in the Park was a team effort with members of the newly Chartered Azusa Club and their sponsors, Sierra Madre, Azusa members



helped cook, slice and serve, making it one "hot" day with even hotter entertainment. Thanks also to the following Rotary Clubs for their support in attending and having a great time: Arcadia Noon, Arcadia Sunrise, Pasadena, Pasadena Sunrise, Covina, Monrovia and all Rotarians who helped make this event a success.

Las Vegas Fremont Rotary Club Landscape Award



From Jerry Mead, jerrymead@cox.net

In September 2001, then club president Mark Stewart committed

the club to a service project to do a complete landscape makeover at the headquarters of the Nevada Association for the Handicapped. What was believed to take three weekends, turned out to take two and a half months. Designed by renowned landscape architect Jack Zunino and Associates the endeavor turned out better than anyone could have expected.



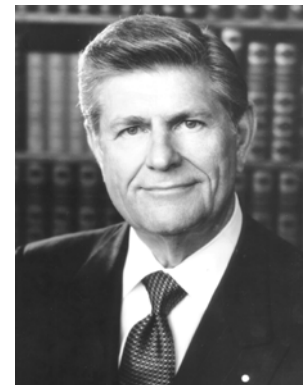
On July 16, Governor Roy York and past Community Service Director Drew Levy accepted two awards on behalf of the Las Vegas Fremont Rotary Club. One award was for top

honors from the Southern Nevada Water Authority for best organization landscaping, and the second was the first place award from the American Association of Landscape Architects for best landscape design and functionality.

Past Rotary International President to Speak at Foundation Event

From Margaret Cooker, RN
 PDG 2001-2002 Rotary International District 5300
 District Foundation Chair
 Seven District Interact Symposium Chair
 RC Victorville, CA

Dynamic speaker and committed Rotarian Past RI President Rick King will be the featured speaker at the Saturday November 6th Foundation Dinner. If you are unable to attend consider commissioning an attendee to "bid" for you on some spectacular silent auction and silent raffle items. All money goes to the Foundation in your name! So you may have the winning bid for a Tioga Pass Private Railcar or a flight in a private airplane with dinner in a Glenn Ellen restaurant with your \$1,000 bid. Not only will you have a tangible item, but you know that your money will be making a difference in the world. In addition, you will be recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow AND a member of the District 5300 Paul Harris Society that night.



To sit with PRIP Rick King is \$2,500 a couple. This donation includes 2 PHFs (money to TRF in your name) and membership in D-5300 Paul Harris Society plus open bar and the private 5 pm reception. First ring tables for \$2,000 with \$1,000 going to Foundation in either one person's name or divided up among your guests to make new

PHF that night - and open bar and private 5 pm reception Second ring tables for \$1,500 with \$1,000 going to Foundation in either one person's name or divided up among your guests to make new PHF that night and private 5:30 pm reception. Second ring individual \$190 each "outer Mongolia" \$125 each. With advance notice the PHF will be recognized by Rick as well as in the continuous showing power point presentation.

There will be many silent auction items - one of which is breakfast with the Kings on Sunday morning - Rick, Cherie, the sponsor couple and 2 winning couples. Also silent raffles - one of which is a vasectomy reversal! Plus a live auction probably for a plasma TV. Your accumulative winning bids, silent raffle sales and/or live auction of \$1,000 or more will be recognized THAT night by Rick w PHF, D-5300 PH Society and go to TRF in your name.

Location: Green Tree Inn, right off I-15 in Victorville. Contact Jeff Guertin, Registrar jguertin@farmersagent.com of Hesperia Rotary for more information or tickets.

Keep Them Swimming From Anne Donofrio-Holter



The Montebello Rotary Club made a \$300 donation to the City of Montebello to help keep the swimming pools open through the summer. The pools had been scheduled to close mid-August due to budget cuts. The check was presented to Mayor Norma Lopez-Reid at the August 11 city council meeting. Representing the club were members Kathy Salazar, Chris Robles,

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Allan Pollock, Rich Adams, Anne Donofrio-Holter and honorary Rotarian Larry Holter. **Photo: L-R: Kathy Salazar, Mayor Lopez-Reid, Chris Robles, Anne Donofrio-Holter, Allan Pollock**

Pasadena Sunrise Rotary Helps Donate Two Ambulances to Ensenada, Mexico Rotary Club



When Attorney Dale Pelch learned from a client that two

decommissioned ambulances were available for donation, he knew just where to turn for help in finding an organization that would put the ambulances to good use



– his fellow Pasadena Sunrise Rotarians. “They haven’t let me down yet,” said Pelch, who has recently completed serving a term as the club’s President. With the aid of Rotarian Pete Reyes, Pelch helped develop and coordinate a plan for members of the Ensenada Centenaria Rotary Club to come to Pasadena, accept the ambulances from Aegis Ambulance Service Inc. of Monrovia and drive them back to Mexico. In turn, the Ensenada Centenaria Rotary will deliver the ambulances to two small towns in need of such equipment.

“We are very grateful,” said Carlos Carral, founder of the Ensenada Centenaria club, at the Thursday morning meeting when

the transfer took place. "I hope this is the beginning of our two clubs working together on a number of projects."

District Clubs Seek Partners in Matching Grant Project

Tom Hale

The Rotary Clubs of Arcadia and Sierra Madre are looking for other clubs who may be interested in collaborating on a matching grant opportunity. This project, if approved, has the potential of changing hundreds of young adult's lives each year. The purpose of the grant is to purchase equipment for the newly-established Kinkiizi Community College in southwestern Uganda in East Africa,

In January 2004, the college opened with 40 students and in just seven months, the numbers grew by more than 300% to 160 students resulting in congestion within the facilities regarding kitchen and classroom equipment, library books, sanitation equipment, computers, etc. This project will provide beds, chairs, cooking equipment, an electric generator for equipment operations, solar panels for lighting, and additional sanitation facilities. These will make it possible to maintain the existing number of students and also prepare for another 140 students that are expected by the end of the year. Based on feedback from Uganda Rotarians, providing vocational and educational opportunities for their young adults is the best way to break the "cycle of misery" of hunger, disease, overpopulation, and extreme poverty.

In 2003, the Arcadia Noon Club, led by Past President Bob Novell, spearheaded a very successful matching grant with the same Rotary Club of Bugolobi, Uganda along with District 5300 partners Sierra Madre, Victor Valley Sunrise and the St. Luke's Church in La Crescenta for a Clean Drinking Water

Project in Nyamirama. In less than fifteen months, the grant was conceived, written submitted and approved for District and R.I. matching funds, commenced and completed. The water project now serves over 5,000 Ugandans, and is a great example of how combining resources and creative energies can result in a greatly improved quality of so many lives.

Intra-district projects also build better friendship between District 5300 Rotarians and our fellow Rotarians internationally. Anyone Club or individual interested in participating in this new exciting project is asked to contact Bob Novell Robert.Novell@NovellInvestments.com or Tom Hale, halestone@yahoo.com.

Covina's Exchange Student

Lauren Sage Hayes, 16, a junior from Mayfair High School in Lakewood, CA, has been selected to represent the Covina Rotary Club as a long-term exchange student to Germany. Lauren will be hosted in Remscheid where she will attend school, embrace the culture and warm the hearts of her host parents, Fred and Christiane Schneider, whose daughter Julia will spend her exchange year in Brazil.

Before Lauren left for Germany on August 26, she and the Schneider's corresponded for several months. They plan to give each other language lessons, share favorite recipes and improve their golf game!

In a recent presentation about Germany to the Covina Rotary Club, Lauren shared a letter from her host family. Here is an excerpt: "We are so happy . . . that we are the host parents for Lauren because our daughter Julia leaves for Brazil in August. Julia is our only child and we will miss her very much. Now all our love is for Lauren. She must not be afraid about the strange language. She will learn it very quickly . . ."

Seven District Interact Symposium Deadlines Loom

From Margaret Cooker

If your club supports or is considering starting an Interact Club in high school, junior high, middle school and/or elementary school, you should send one or more teams to the Seven District Interact Symposium on October 8-10, 2004. This is the PETS for Junior Rotarians.

Your club president received a CD at PETS 2004 with all the information regarding this October event. Information is also posted on the District website, www.district5300.org under **Interact Symposium** on the left-hand column of the home page.

Please be aware that the Saturday of this symposium is an SAT date, so you may want to look to your future leaders instead of seniors.

Blane Immunization Grant

From Margaret Cooker

A little known source of funds is the Blane Immunization Grant that is available on a one-time basis per club for any project that increases immunization rates **WITHIN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY**.

It is a simple form to fill out and your club president has received the complete package of information. Governor Roy has set aside more than \$4,000 of DDF for these local projects. This means \$500 of club money will become \$2,000 to fund your project.

These grants are approved on a rolling basis with very quick results. Victorville had their money in hand within six weeks.

Here are a few ideas: publicity for a flu or childhood immunization clinic; purchase vaccine such as tetanus, chickenpox and flu, which are in short supply; a small portable freezer to transport vaccine for your local

provider; incentives for an immunization clinic. You can mix and match ideas within the grant. Victorville used the grant to fund a portable freezer and informational baby bids with their grant.

Report from El Salvador University, Argentina

Chantal Paydar is District 5300's World Peace Scholar. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Victorville in 2001-2002, she is nearing completion of her Master's Degree. Chantal chose to study at the University of El Salvador in Buenos Aires so will not complete her studies until the end of their academic year in December of 2004. Here is an update from Chantal to all of us.

"Right now I'm still in Buenos Aires studying like a maniac. I've been going to bed at 7 or 7:30 a.m. for the past couple of nights/days/whatever, in preparation for the LSAT on October 2 and trying to keep up on all the school work we have.

Being part of the first class and, thus, the



guinea pigs, the university has arranged for us to have our most intensive number of courses during our

last semester, on top of all the thesis preparation/reading we are doing. I then went and made my semester even more complicated by decided to take the LSAT. Fortunately, we have an amazing staff, headed by Dr. Mirta Barreiro, and they are always to supportive and understand and extremely helpful.

Long story longer, I will be finished with my program in December and will make future plans based on what my options are. I also applied for this amazing program call Ship for World Youth.

Many thanks to all the Rotarians of District 5300 who made this possible for me.

Chantal

**GSE Team Member from D-9350
Nominated as World Peace Scholar
From Margaret Cooker**

Steven Nakana, the conflict resolution member of the GSE team from D-9350 South Africa, has received their district's very first nomination for the prestigious Rotary Peace Scholar, a two-year master's level program awarding \$25,000 per year.



The team first learned about the program in May 2004 and with the encouragement and support of team leader Trevor Tyers, Stephen has been selected as their nominee.

RI makes the final selection from among the total possible 529 candidates, one from each district in the world, in December with world publication in March at Rotary UN Day.

The bad news in this story is that although RI can select up to 70 Peace Scholars, at this time there is only funding for 20. District 5300, however, is a Pioneer Peace Building District and gives \$25,000 to the World Peace Scholar Program each year.

District 5300 is currently seeking candidates for our own Peace Scholar selection process. Please contact John Regan, District 5300 Chair with your club's nomination.

Further information can be found on the District web site at www.district5300.org.

**Rotary Foundation Top Clubs in
Giving 2003-2004**

Congratulations to the following clubs for their commitment to the Rotary Foundation and its mission of bringing about international peace and understanding by their donations during Rotary Year of District Governor Barbara Risher-Welch 2003-2004. These clubs will be invited to provide representatives to the District TRF Committee 2004 through 2008 and to review District Simplified Grants in three years time.

The Rotary Foundation
Monthly Contribution Report
Period: From 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004
District: 5300

**Top Clubs Ranked by Annual Giving Per
Capita**

000791 Montebello, CA \$818.31
000817 Las Vegas North, NV \$549.34
000808 Victorville, CA \$404.78

Top Clubs Ranked by Total Annual Giving
Club No. Club Name APF Amount

000791 Montebello, CA \$52,372.00
000808 Victorville, CA \$36,025.00
000813 Las Vegas, NV \$33,544.29

SHARE SUMMARY

2003/2004 District Annual Giving Goal:
\$290,000.00

2003/2004 Permanent Fund Earnings

Designated to Share: \$0.00

2003/2004 Annual Giving for Period:

\$363,597.40 (125.38 % achieved)

Distribution of Share Funds (in three years time)

2003/2004 Share Total to District Designated Fund: \$181,798.70 (50%)

2003/2004 Share Total to World Fund:
\$181,798.70 (50%)

In three years time, District Governor Chris Montan's year, we will have \$181,798.70 in DDF, District Designated Funds to distribute among the programs of the Rotary Foundation that we choose to support; currently those programs are World Peace Scholar, Ambassadorial Scholars, Grants to University Teachers (Rotarian or non-Rotarian), Group Study Exchange with Europe, Blane Immunization Grants, District Simplified Grants, Individual Grants, Matching Grants and Polio Eradication.

Thank you for your support of TRF
District Foundation Chair, Margaret Cooker



**Sample Rotary Club Letter
For the Centennial Convention
Time Capsule**

The Rotary Club of
Chicago, Illinois,
USA
PO 123456
Chicago, IL, USA
1 May, 2005

**TO THE ROTARIANS OF THE WORLD
ON 23 FEBRUARY 2105**

The Rotary Club of Chicago extends its sincere congratulation of the celebration of the completion of Rotary International's second century of service.

During the first century, our club is most proud of the following service projects of our Rotary club and that of Rotary International.

During this Centennial Rotary year of 2004-05, our club celebrated the three service projects requested of RI President Glenn Estess, Sr.

1. The eradication of polio and the completion of Rotary's PolioPlus program by: Members participating in national immunization days in polio-endemic countries: Completing commitments to the Polio Eradication Fundraising campaign: Participating in a PolioPlus Partners project.
2. Certifying that our club has had a minimum net membership growth of +2.

3. All members of the club will participate in the Every Rotarian Every Year plan with each member contributing US\$100 annually to The Rotary Foundation.

In celebration and best wishes,

2004-05 President, Rotary Club of Chicago

The hopes and dreams that ***The Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA*** has for Rotary in the second century of service are:

The Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA hereby pledges to continue to provide service to local and world communities in keeping with the valued Rotary traditions of high ethical and moral standards and in doing so ensures the growth of Rotary service worldwide.

2005-06 President, Rotary Club of Chicago

