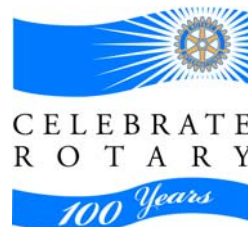




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From the Governor

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Having just ended the Thanksgiving holiday, my wish for everyone is that the day was as happy and thankful for you as it was for me. Kathy and I spent the holiday with our immediate and extended family at the home of Kathy's sister, Sharon. We had a delightful time being thankful for living close to each other, a wonderful meal, watching a little football, playing with the grandchildren and playing some family games that evening.

Now, the rest of the Holiday season is almost here and there is a great rush to set our dates for the various parties we must attend, shopping to be done and holiday events to prepare for, so we can get everything done in time to relax and enjoy the special days. (Some of us make it, and some of us don't.)

This is also the time of year when most of us also reflect on those who are not as well off as the majority of Rotarians. Believe me when I tell you I understand there are those among us who face the Holidays making every penny count and wondering where we are going to get the money for all those gifts we have to buy, trips we have to make, and special meals we intend to prepare for our family of relatives and friends. And you are inundated with people clamoring for more, more, **more** from you.

We ask so much from Rotarians throughout the year. We reach into your wallet with impunity (and good intentions), and we try to tweak your heartstrings in order to get even more. It is with this thought in mind that I ask you to consider using your hands and your heart instead of your wallet to make Christmas a little brighter for someone else.



How about spending some time feeding the less fortunate or someone who could use a good home-cooked meal? If you are near a military base, contact someone there and find out if there are young men and women serving far from home and will be facing a Holiday dinner without any family or close friends around. Invite as many as you can support to spend the holiday with you.

Visit a senior center in your community and visit some of those elderly folks who have no family at all and brighten up their day. Visit your children's or grandchildren's school and read a holiday story, or take a special holiday treat that is special to your family and you would like to share. Visit a Rotarian, or a Rotarian partner who may be confined to home and needing a visit from a friend.

All of this can be done with a minimum of financial outlay and will probably be better for you spiritually than most other things you do during the upcoming holidays. I also understand the demands on our time. ***If you only do one of these things throughout the holidays, do it with the thought of changing someone else's life for the better, even if only for a few moments. It might just change yours for the better and help you understand even more why we Rotarians do what we do in this, the greatest and oldest of all service clubs.***

Service Above Self never shines brighter than in the holiday season. Kathy and I wish the Happiest Holidays to you and your family.

District Governor Roy

JA Success as a Matching Grant Project

**From Alan Weirick
San Marino Rotary**

During the month of November, the San Marino and Jerusalem Rotary Clubs launched a centennial year humanitarian matching grant project. The purpose of this project is to teach Junior Achievement to high school students in the depressed areas of Jerusalem. The on-going conflict in the area has left high unemployment and discouragement. Junior Achievement, through its counterpart, Young Entrepreneurs of Israel, will teach students how to start a business. A new business enterprise can create jobs. Jobs create hope and hope creates peace.



The San Marino Club, along with the help of the Altadena Rotary, established this project. The Jerusalem Rotary, which meets in the YMCA opposite the King David Hotel, enthusiastically endorsed the project when Alan Weirick of the San Marino Club recently visited them.

The project got underway on November 3, 2004 when the Executive Director of Young Entrepreneurs introduced the Jerusalem Club to the project. They will be coordinating the work and requesting monthly reports from the Junior Achievement students. These students are in six high schools – three Arab and three Jewish, with 15-25 students in each class. They meet 24 to 30 times during the year.

The Altadena and Glendora Rotary Clubs established a similar project in Nazareth two years ago. Since JA started in these schools, each has won the top project prize for all of Israel during the last two years. Both are Arab schools with Christian and Muslim students competing with the Jewish schools.

The picture above was taken at the Jerusalem YMCA and includes the following people from the left: David Seligman, Secretary, Don Shrensky, Past President, Sandi Damon, Chair of International Service, Alan Weirick, Chair of San Marino Matching Grant Project and Rafi Aldor, President.

TLC: Another Great Success

From Darryl Evey

Rotary Club of Apple Valley

Our district hosted the Fifth Annual Teen Leadership Camp on November 5-7, 2004. We brought together 147 eighth graders, 12 RYLA Alumni, four Youth Exchange students, 23 Rotarians and one incredible motivational speaker for a weekend of leadership training and team building.

TLC is advertised as a leadership camp for eighth graders but it is much more. The camp helps these youngsters learn how to be less self-conscious and concerned with their image while being more focused on ethics and positive leadership. The camp also gives 12 of the previous year's RYLA participants an opportunity to practice the leadership training they received. The Rotarian participants get to enjoy and learn from the seminars with the kids, participate in the small group workshops and support the students. This is also a great opportunity for Rotarians to work with our future leaders.

The weekend began with a motivational speech from Scott Greenburg and an evening of team building games called the Rotary Olympics. Saturday consisted of workshops on Peer Pressure, Goal Setting, Time Management, Improvisational Leadership and more work with Scott. The students also got to face some fears on High Ropes Courses. Saturday evening they had the opportunity to deal with their "fimage" (fear of image) and learn how to swing dance. Even though some of the students were obviously uncomfortable with dancing, we had 100% participation. Many of the students found that even something as scary as dancing can be a lot of fun.

We received a lot of positive feedback from the students, counselors and Rotarians about the weekend. Bev Klatt, the TLC Chairperson, did a fantastic job leading her committee through an enriching weekend for everyone. Steve Garrett made a great video about the weekend that is available on the TLC web site <http://www.district5300.org/tlc/index.html>.

The TLC Committee is already looking forward to next year's TLC. Any Rotarians looking for an opportunity to positively impact the future leaders of our communities can contact Bev at BevK@ausd.net. Remember, these kids may be managing your nursing home some day ☺.

Rotary Club of Boulder City Sponsors "Vietnam in Depth"

The Rotary Club of Boulder City is sponsoring a trip to Vietnam from March 1 – 19, 2005. Proceeds from this trip will fund scholarships in the name of By Miller who recently celebrated 50 years in Rotary.

The price of the trip is \$1,995.00 per person and includes round trip air and taxes, most meals, all tours in Vietnam, four star hotels in Vietnam and Singapore, first class trains with air conditioning and soft sleeper at night and transfers and special tourist package in Singapore.



The trip will travel to Saigon, Tayninh, Cu Chi, Mekong Delta, Nha Trang, Danang, Hoi An, My Son, Hue, Hanoi, Tam Coc, Halong and Singapore. The trip departs from Boulder City by bus to Los Angeles Airport. The group will fly via Singapore Airlines, changing planes in Singapore and arriving in Saigon on March 3.

This trip is already half filled. Call Arn McLean at 702-293-5147, John Kubiak at 702-294-2935 or Bill Smith at 702-294-2240 for further information or to book passage on this exciting trip.

Arcadia's Silent Auction

From Frank Griffith



The Arcadia Rotary Club will hold a silent auction for two Rose Bowl tickets for this year. These are good seats, not end zone, but around the 20 year line. The minimum opening bid is \$300. These tickets are donated by David Hu with proceeds going to the Arcadia Club. You can bid on these tickets by contacting John Murphy at johndmurphy@verizon.net to make a bid.

Foundation Congratulations

Many thanks and congratulations to the members of those clubs that have already met their pledge to the Rotary Foundation by the end of October 2004.

**Barstow
Five Points
North Las Vegas
San Gabriel
and
Victorville**

and also to those who are more than half way to meeting their pledge, which includes

**Apple Valley
Claremont
Covina
Hesperia
La Verne
Las Vegas West
Las Vegas-Central
Rancho Cucamonga
and
South Pasadena**

The top three clubs in per capita giving through October 31 are:

**Five Points
Barstow
and
Victorville**

The top three clubs in total annual giving through October 31 are:

**Victorville
Claremont
and
North Las Vegas**

The figures are posted on the District web site.

The children of the world appreciate you (but don't stop giving!).

Margaret Cooker
DFC 2004-2005

From the Editor

Rose Ann Rabiola Miele
Rotary Club of Boulder City

Seasons greetings to each and every one of you! This is such a wonderful time of the year that I like to start celebrating at least by the first of November and continue through Valentine's Day. Wouldn't it be wonderful to feel this special feeling all year long, every day? I think it can happen through helping each other, whether we know the other person or not, and laughing a lot. You can't help too much or laugh too much.



Please spend a little bit of time reading the information on our District website: www.district5300.org. There is a tremendous amount of information there, placed there by Chris Datwyler, for whom I have the utmost respect and admiration for all of his work. If you read nothing else this month, please take time to go to the GSE page and read the daily diary. You will be very glad you did. Hope that gets your attention!

Also, take a few minutes to check out the great newsletters from some of the clubs. I'm not going to single any club out because these newsletters are really, really worth reading and it doesn't take much time either. See what our fellow Rotarians are doing and the flair with which they do it!

Enjoy the holidays and keep them with you after the celebrating is over.

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