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From the Governor

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District 5300

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By the time this article is printed, the District Assembly, held April 30th, at Etiwanda Gardens, will have been another success for the Leadership of District 5300. District Assembly is that time of year when the newly formed leadership gets together and starts making plans for the coming year, stating goals and getting educated as to their respective positions.

It is one of the most important events of the District year. Of course, the next big event for the year is the Celebration of Rotary by the individual clubs and their membership at the District Conference.

If you haven't registered yet, you may do so by going to the district website, www.district5300.org and clicking on the proper "click here" sites. It is easy, painless and quick.

We have the opportunity to make this year's District Conference one of the best attended, and most fun conferences in district history. **We can't do it without you, however.** So, if you haven't already, make plans to join your fellow Rotarians in Laughlin at the Flamingo over May 20, 21 and 22.

Your Avenues of Service Chairs are making plans to share the successes of the past year and the past 100 years as we Celebrate Rotary. Don't miss out on the fun and hospitality.

As I write this, Kathy and I are making travel plans to return to the Midwest to attend funeral services for Kathy's mother, Irene Sennholtz, who passed away quietly and peacefully with a majority of her ten children at her side. Kathy's mother would have been 88 on her birthday in May, and lived a good and long life and was living by herself unassisted.

The strength we gain as we receive the kind words from fellow Rotarians who share their thoughts and prayers with us in this wonderful Family of Rotary is immeasurable. We will hold onto this as we join our immediate family to share in this time of remembering those cherished memories of the life and times of Irene Sennholtz. Kathy and I thank all of you for your concern.

This is the time when the Family of Rotary is at its best. The next time you know of a fellow Rotarian who is facing the recent loss of a loved one, take a minute to write a note, or call, or send an email expressing your feelings. Both of you will be rewarded. Fellowship and Family, that's a big part of what Rotary is all about.

Join Kathy and me in Laughlin this May to "Celebrate Rotary" and to celebrate life.

Oak Tree Racing Association Partners with Rotary for Youth



Oak Tree Racing Association presents \$1,000 to Sheila Reed, President of the Rotary Club of Arcadia Sunrise, by Sherwood C. Chillingworth, Executive Vice President of the Oak Tree Racing Association. The funds will go toward the Teen Leadership Conference scheduled for May in Arcadia. Chillingworth said, "Oak Tree Racing Association is very pleased to contribute to the financial welfare of charities in the San Gabriel Valley that better the community."

Matching Grant Progress

From Mike Noll
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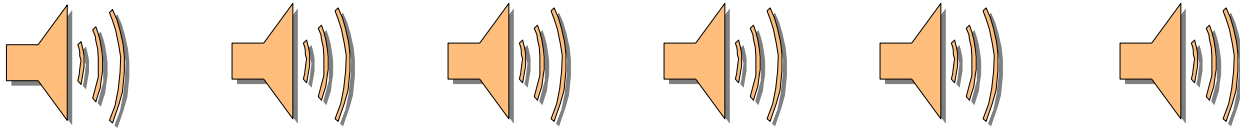


Last year the Rotary Clubs of Altadena and Yerevan, Armenia partnered with Junior Achievement of Armenia (JAA) to establish economics classes in 10 schools in the Gegharkunik and 10 schools in the Kotayk regions of Armenia. A \$20,000 Matching Grant was approved by The Rotary Foundation and the funds are being used to support teacher training, computer/printer packages, Internet installation and service, a one-time technical service provider and student materials.

To date, funds in the amount of \$15,080 have been transferred to JAA from the Altadena Rotary Club. The remaining \$4,920 is being transferred this week. Beth Broussalian, Grant Coordinator for JAA reports, "We are currently completing all of the grant requirements, including finalizing implementation of economics classes in the regions, securing Internet installation and service, and organizing end-of-the-year student company competitions. The student companies that have been established with support from The Rotary Foundation will be entered to participate in a national trade fair and festival slated for June 1, 2005."

Gegharkunik and Kotayk regions represent the 5th and 6th stages of a long-term project (10 regions in all) to teach entrepreneurship to the Armenian youth. \$62,000 in total has been awarded to JAA thus far with the generous support from the Rotary Clubs of Covina, East Los Angeles, Green Valley, Las Vegas-Paradise, Laughlin, LaVerne and Pasadena Sunrise and matching funds from District 5300 and The Rotary Foundation.

Our success in Armenia has become a model for numerous other clubs to help eradicate poverty by teaching entrepreneurship in many countries: San Marino (Jerusalem), Glendora (Nazareth and Beirut), Edmonton (Uganda), Torino (South Africa), Washington DC (Zimbabwe), with Altadena donating toward all of these, and now North Fresno (Armenia).



Top Ten Reasons to Apply for GSE Team Leader

By District Governor 2006-2007 and Past GSE Team Leader Christine Montan

I was blessed to have been selected as the GSE Team Leader in 1999 to Denmark. It is an experience I will be thankful for all the days of my life. It changed my life for the better in many and varied ways, and I thank all the District 5300 Rotarians who, through their donations to the Rotary Foundation, make Group Study Exchange possible.

Now, you too have this opportunity. The District is seeking qualified Rotarians who are interested and able to lead the GSE team to District 1910 in Central/Eastern Europe next spring. GSE 2005-06 will occur approximately in May, 2006. District 1910 encompasses eastern Austria, Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia and part of Bosnia/Herzegovina – a beautiful, culturally rich area.

Why should you apply for this job? Well, how about these top ten reasons for starters?

1. Opportunity to work at the District level – this will give you the chance to meet Rotarians from other clubs, as the Team Leader becomes a part of the GSE Committee for at least two years, taking the team abroad in the first year. In this case, we have arranged a two-year GSE exchange (2005-06 and 2006-07) with the same District in the hopes of building lasting relationships and fostering cooperation on matching grants.

2. Opportunity to broaden your Rotary leadership experience – the Team Leader is the organizational leader of the outbound team. He or she helps to recruit young professionals, to select the team, and works with them for the six months prior to develop friendships, organize the itinerary with District 1910, and plan the presentations that will be given to Rotary Clubs there.

3. Opportunity to travel internationally – how many of you have been to this part of world, not so many years ago under Communist rule? The cost of travel is covered by the Rotary Foundation and you stay in the homes of Rotarians. The itinerary covers social/cultural, economic, business, agricultural and government visits, so you go there as a traveler and ambassador, not a tourist, for four (4) weeks. (There are limited costs to you)

4. Opportunity to learn/expand your perspectives – cultural, social, government, business – traveling like an ambassador/honored guest in another country and making friends in every stop, your perspective is changed – for the better. It is a wonderful chance to really learn as you live another culture and in this case – four of five very different cultures!

5. Opportunity to support the Rotary Foundation – each Rotarian pledges to support the international programs of the Rotary Foundation. You can do so by true hands-on participation as well as, or instead of, financial contribution.

6. Opportunity to work with young professionals - four young professionals between the ages of 25 and 39 will be selected from an application and interview process and you are a part of that. You work with them to prepare, you travel a month with them, and give presentations to our District Rotary clubs upon your return. It's a chance to change their lives too.

7. Opportunity to see how your profession is practiced overseas – Individual vocational visits are planned as part of your itinerary, so you make business contacts and learn about your profession is practiced in these countries. Your employer may appreciate and support this activity.

8. Opportunity to go where District 5300 has not exchanged before – District 5300 has never exchanged with this District, nor former Eastern European Communist countries before, so it is a rare opportunity to be the first.

9. Opportunity to work with other nice Rotarians on the Committee – there are nice dedicated Rotarians from around the District that serve on the Committee. You make new friends.

10. Opportunity to change your life – Make the decision to do something extraordinary with your time and talents.

The GSE webpage at www.district5300.org has more information and links to the District 1910 website for additional information. If you have questions, please feel free to contact any of the past GSE Team Leaders who can share their experience with you: PDG Margaret Cooker (to India), DG Roy York (to England), DGND Charlie Barr (to Mexico), Mike Link (to South Africa), Michael Fels (to Lebanon) or myself.

The deadline is June 15, 2005 to complete and submit the application. Interviews will be held in Victorville on July 9th.



Foundation Giving

The Rotary Foundation

Monthly Contribution Report for District: 5300

Period: From 1 Jul. 2004 to 31 Mar 2005

Top Clubs Ranked by Annual Giving Per Capita

Per Capita

\$428.57

\$408.95

\$381.52

Club Name

Five Points (El Monte), CA

Victorville, CA

Barstow, CA

Top Clubs Ranked by Total Annual Giving

Club Name

APF Amount

Victorville, CA

\$40,895.00

San Marino, CA

\$18,019.50

Apple Valley, CA

\$17,235.00

SHARE SUMMARY

- * 2004/2005 US\$100 Per Capita District Benchmark: \$277,700.00
- * 2004/2005 District Annual Giving Goal (sum of all club goals): \$342,943.00
- * 2004/2005 Total of clubs Annual Giving Goals received: 61 of 61 (100.00% received)
- * 2004/2005 Total of Annual Giving for Period: \$283,011.96
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2004/2005 Permanent Fund Earnings Designated to Share: \$0.00

NOTE - as of 2004 RI has placed designated interest from Permanent Fund Earnings into the World Fund

2004/2005 Share Total: \$283,011.96

Distribution of Share Funds in Rotary Year 2007-2008

- * 50% of Share Total to World Fund: \$141,505.98
- * 50% of Share Total to District Designated Fund: \$141,505.98

Note: \$8,846.50 in Foundation giving was added to the Annual-Share account in March 2005.

Note too that although 15 clubs have yet to send any money in to fulfill their commitment to the Annual-Share fund, the APF per capita for the DISTRICT is \$101.91

\$141,505.98 in DDF for 2007-2008 will allow us to:

- * Give \$25,000 to the Rotary Peace Scholar Fund - we are a Pioneer Peace Building District.
- * Fund only TWO Ambassadorial Scholars - \$52,000
- * Obtain \$25,000 for District Simplified Grants to be used locally within the district
- * Have only \$39,505.98 available for the District match of club funds for all types of Matching Grants OR fund another Ambassadorial Scholar for \$26,000 and have only \$13,505.98 available to match all grant requests

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



From a San Bernardino Rotarian

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

If you ever wonder about the good Rotary and your contributions to the Rotary International Foundation do, please see the following editorial from the Wall Street Journal. Chuck Painter found and read the editorial at our April 13 meeting.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Greg

The Wall Street Journal Edition 04/12/2005

Polio and Rotary

Today marks the 50th anniversary of the Salk polio vaccine, Poliomyelitis, also known as infantile paralysis, used to be one of childhood's most feared diseases. A few years after Dr. Jonas Salk announced his vaccine on April 12, 1955, nearly every child in the U.S. was protected. Today polio has disappeared from the Americas, Europe, and the Western Pacific and is nearly gone from the rest of the world.

A too-little known part of this feat is the role played by Rotary, the international businessman's club, which 20 years ago adopted the goal of wiping out the disease. Rotary understood that medical breakthroughs are worthless unless people aren't afraid to immunize their children and efficient delivery systems exist to get the vaccine to them. And so it mobilized its members in 30,100 clubs in 166 countries to make it happen.

In 1985, when Rotary launched its eradication program, there were an estimated 350,000 new cases of polio in 125 countries. Last year, 1,263 cases were reported. More than one million Rotary members have volunteered their time or donated money to immunize two billion children in 122 countries. In 1988, Rotary money and its example were the catalyst for a global eradication drive joined by the World Health Organization, Unicef and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. In 2000, Rotary teamed up with the United Nations Foundation to raise \$100 million in private money for the program. By the time the world is certified as polio-free-probably in 2008-Rotary will have contributed \$600 million to its eradication effort.

An economist of our acquaintance calls Rotary's effort the most successful private health-care initiative ever. A vaccine-company CEO recently volunteered to us that the work of Rotary and the Gates Foundation, both private and groups, has been more effective than any government in promoting vaccines to save lives. It's become fashionable in some quarters to deride civic volunteerism, but Rotary's unsung polio effort deserves the Nobel Peace Prize.

***The Las Vegas Rotary Club Presents Certificate to
Major General Stephen M. Goldfein,
Commander, Air Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, NV***



The Las Vegas Rotary Club presented a Rotary membership certificate to General Goldfein naming him as the Nellis AFB, NV “liaison” to the club. President Steve Casey thanked the general for his leadership at Nellis AFB and for the sacrifices that all the airmen at the base are making in defense of our freedom around the world. President Steve then welcomed him to our club.

The General expressed his appreciation for the work that Rotary International and the many clubs in Las Vegas do and stated that he was proud to be the Nellis AFB liaison to the Las Vegas Rotary Club. He said that he looked forward to serving, along with Rotary, the needs of the Las Vegas community.

He then invited the members of the club to attend the firepower demonstration to be conducted on the Nellis AFB bombing range at Indian Springs, Nevada, early in April. He also extended an invitation for the membership to attend the Aviation Nation Airpower

Demonstration in the fall of this year. On behalf of the club members, President Casey thanked the General for his kind remarks and the invitation to participate.

For further information about the involvement of the Las Vegas Rotary Club with Nellis AFB, and for suggestions on how your club might implement such a program with a nearby military facility, please contact Ted McAdam at VegasS4S@Cox.net or call Ted at 702-233-0939.

Forwarded by Christine Smith

Dear Centennial Presidents and Secretaries,

RC Kecskemét (District 1910, Hungary) tried to make the Rotary Centennial memorable with a world wide project. "Our" asked all the Rotary Clubs in the world to hold their Centennial meetings possibly on 23rd February 2005 at noon (local time).

Upon "Our" request, 890 clubs joined this project. It became the greatest Centennial celebration in the world. Thanks fro those Clubs who joined our project and thanks to those who followed the events of the celebrations. It was a delight for us to manage this fantastic event. Thank you again!



The life of Rotary and of the clubs goes on, and upon the experiences and the requests concerning our homepage we would like to offer more possibilities to you.

The www.centennial.rotary.hu will work longer. Our ambition is to make known the service of each other the better. How do we do this?

With the help of the video-chat and a web cam. - You can upload pictures of your projects, programs, share your experiences with the other clubs of the world. You can upload video of your Rotary Celebration. In the "Our Programs" you can offer your club's interesting events to which guests could be invited personally or virtually - via web cam.

We hope you visit the www.centennialrotary.hu. We'd like to ask you to forward this email to more Rotarian friends and open the door them to learn these possibilities.

Yours in Rotary
RC Kecskemét

*How to upload the videos?

The steps of the upload are the followings:

- You can use eg. Total Commander
- Copy the picture to the hard disk of your computer. Important! You must rename the file on the following method: nameoftheclub-country-date.extension (rkecskemet-hungary-20050309.jpg)

The filename must not contain dots or spaces!

- Clicking on the FTP icon of the program the popup window must be filled in as the followings:
- Name of the server: any
- Connection: rotary.opticon.hu
- User's name: rotary
- Password: rotary
- Then copy the file to the server.
- When the copy is aborted on some reasons – try again please.

UCLA Connection Blossoms

Reported by C. Ray Carlson

Email from Dr. Allen Roberts, UCLA African Studies Center, regarding the Rotary Peace Conference:



"I would like to thank you again as well as all the other Rotary friends who worked so hard to make the 10th Rotary International Peace Conference so outstanding. First of all, I truly enjoyed myself and learned a lot, but even better, there are now a number of great leads to follow toward collaborative projects in several African countries.

Azeb Tadesse, our assistant director here at African Studies, is just back from most of last week in DC for meetings, and she had a very fruitful meeting with Tony Bloome (World Bank) thanks to your making that connection, Ray. Her main meetings were organized by the Association of African Studies Programs, and a presentation was offered by someone from the Soros Foundation that has us wondering if we might not approach them with your help, Ray, concerning a possible entrepreneurship project in Senegal--especially since one of their regional offices happens to be in Dakar. So, lots of brainstorming to do down the line, especially as I head into my May 18th departure for ten days in Senegal. Warm wishes --AL

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Seven District Interact Symposium

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Symposium is to provide participating Interactors, faculty advisors, Rotary liaisons and other junior Rotary club members, with valuable information that will enable them to build and maintain successful Interact and other junior Rotary clubs.

To achieve its purpose, the Symposium is organized around three primary components: speakers, workshops, and fellowship. Keynote speakers from Rotary International and/or the participating Rotary districts will address the Symposium participants on topics of interest to high school students. The speakers' topics will reflect the international nature of the programs of Rotary.

Symposium participants will attend sessions and workshops that address the following key points: Membership Development and Retention; Meeting Skills and the Board of Directors; Team Building, Leadership and Communication; Community Service; International Service and Fundraising. The sessions and workshops are primarily designed to assist officers and directors of Interact Clubs to be more effective. They are intended to be both inspirational and practical. Each workshop and/or session may, if appropriate to its topic, present Rotary projects as examples of service. Each workshop will present techniques, ideas, and specific examples of successful Interact Club activities that participants can put into action in their own Interact Clubs.

Membership in an Interact Club should be an enjoyable experience. Interact Symposium participants will take part in various fellowship activities. In addition to simply being fun, these activities will develop leadership skills, foster co-operation, and encourage the establishment of lasting friendships.

Deadline to submit the intent to send a team to the October 7-9 2005
Interact Symposium is May 31 2005. Money and names can be sent later. See
www.district5300.org for timelines and forms.

Registrar Dave Beltran, East Los Angeles
Chair Margaret Cooker, Victorville



This photo is from the Jr. Interact Club at Garrett Jr. High in Boulder City, Nevada. Jr. Interact is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Boulder City, currently under the direction of Rotarian Marcie Gibson Harris. This was their very first project, laying concrete at a local nursing home so that folks in wheelchairs could get out into the yard. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders took to laying concrete like they had done it forever. This is an example of the kind of ideas our young Interactors come up with!

Interact - Time to Elect Club Officers for 2005-2006

The deadline to have selected the 2005-2006 officers for all of your junior Rotary clubs is drawing nigh. (Rotaract, Interact, Mideract/Youthact/Junior Interact and/or Kideract)

Interact officers need to be elected by May 31st and the form sent into the District and RI. You can complete t on line at www.district5300.org/interact . If you do not do this you club is neither recognized by Rotary International nor are the activities of the Interact Club covered by insurance.

Paul Cheatham, Rancho Cucamonga, District Interact chair 2004-2005

From the Editor

Rose Ann Rabiola Miele



Only one more issue of the District Newsletter to go! Thanks to all of you have made this publication possible. Without you, this monthly compilation would not have been possible. And thanks also to Chris Datwyler, webmaster extraordinaire, for his work publishing this newsletter on the website and notifying all of you that the newsletter is available.

For those of you who have ever wondered what I look like, I thought I'd publish a picture that captures my personality. Here I am in Reno, Nevada climbing over a fence that surrounds a very old cemetery. The gate was locked, so I climbed over the fence. What was interesting in the cemetery? Well, there were a number of Nevada Civil War veterans buried in this cemetery and my friend Diane is working on a project to identify as many of these veterans as possible, thus we had to get in.

I chose this picture because I think it's very important that we don't let fences stop us. To all of you who climb fences, and I'm sure all true Rotarians do, keep climbing!

Rose Ann

TLC 2005-2006

District 5300 Teen Leadership Camp

All information and forms available at
<http://district5300.org/tlc/index.html>

November 11-13, 2005

Rotary TLC will be held November 11-13, 2005 at Astro Camp in Idyllwild, CA. Its activities are structured for 8th grade students, 13 years of age, who have demonstrated leadership skills. We will limit the number of participants to 144 students. Each club may decide to send two, four, or six students, balanced by gender (i.e. one girl and one boy or two girls and two boys, etc.) Tentatively, the cost of the program is **\$250 per participant**. Even though this program is for the next Rotary year, club registration forms and money must be sent to the TLC registrar postmarked by **May 30, 2005**, and student participants' and alternates' registration forms must be received by **September 30, 2005**. Alternates must be submitted at the same time to be accepted.

Please see the TLC student information sheet on the District website. Make copies of it along with the participant registration forms and immediately contact your middle school administrators and/or counselors to explain the program to them. They should be able to recommend students to you and distribute copies of the information sheet and registration forms to a few selected campus leaders whose participation would benefit the school and the students. We highly recommend that you interview the students and select both participants and alternates. The involvement of club members in the selection process is critical for the success of the camp.

TLC provides leadership training activities which stress **leading yourself** as a step towards leading others. TLC also introduces students to Rotary, its purposes and activities. 12 RYLA alumni are selected by the TLC Committee to use their skills as TLC Counselors. The TLC Counselor costs have been built into the budget.

Prior to attending TLC it is recommended that each club invite their selected students, parents and a school representative to a club meeting. In this way they will learn more about Teen Leadership Camp as well as becoming more familiar with Rotary, its purposes and programs. After TLC, we recommend that your club once again invite the students, parents, and school staff back to a club meeting to honor the students and to have them describe the weekend experience to your club members.

Questions about the program should be addressed to Beverly Klatt at (626) 821-8362 or bevkl@ausd.net.

Questions about registration should be addressed to Debbie Priester-Schwarz at (626) 440-1959 or debbie@titantravel.com