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From the Governor

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It's hard to put my feelings into words as this year draws to a close. In the beginning of the year one of my primary goals was to end it with a celebration. We did just that at the Flamingo Laughlin with a "**CELEBRATE ROTARY!**" party that certainly celebrated the accomplishments of the great Rotarians who make up wonderful District 5300.

What a great venue for showing off the accomplishments of the various clubs and member activities. From the Hall of Friendship with the wonderful displays, especially that of the Arcadia Rotary club, which highlighted their history as well as the history of Rotary, to the well done plenary sessions. An Ambassadorial Scholar, the GSE Team, All the wonderful Avenues of Service, but most electrifying for me were three "Rotary Moments". The first moment for me was when it was announced in the International Service Plenary Session that instead of raising the \$50,000 to \$60,000 we thought possible when we started Tsunami relief efforts, we doubled that, by raising over \$117,000. All this with one letter of request and no follow up repeatedly asking for more, more, more. This District gave from their hearts, from the big clubs to the little clubs, and all the way down to the Interact Clubs. What a superb effort.

Hamlet Mbabzi, a Rotarian from the Bugolobi Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda was here to personally thank our district for the involvement of 11 clubs which had helped obtain a Matching Grant providing a start to help educate and house the children in their area. Hamlet mentioned an additional \$30,000 was badly needed during his presentation. What Hamlet didn't see was the activity taking place soon after the meeting ended. Susanne Kallis-Hayek and Susan Nunnery with the able help of Sheila Reed, started events in motion which carried into the lunch room. That's when the second Rotary moment happened. When Susan picked up a microphone and asked for help in the form of a \$500 donation from each club present, if they could, and only if they were able. She already had a starter \$500 donation from Sierra Madre, and challenged the other clubs to meet it. She was immediately met with an enthusiastic group of Rotarians waving their hands and volunteering to not only donate \$500, but to help supplement those clubs that couldn't, with an additional \$500. Then, President John Murphy, from the Arcadia Rotary Club stepped forward with a \$5,000 donation. Then, it was step back out of the way and let the donations finish. \$24,000 was raised in about a 5 minute span, and we received an additional \$1,000 from members of the Pahrump Valley club that afternoon to make an even \$25,000. Hamlet Mbabazi, with tears in his eyes, stood with me during this magical time. He kept thanking me for what the district's clubs were doing for his people and his country. It was an

eventful moment and he was extremely thankful and overwhelmed by our generosity. I must admit I wasn't surprised at the District's generosity because I knew what the Rotarians in this district were capable of. What surprised me was the enthusiasm and the genuine desire to help. Following on the heels of the Tsunami donation, to provide this was inspiring indeed.

The third was when "Paul Harris", portrayed by my good friend Joe LaGuess showed up at our conference to make it special.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every Rotarian and their partners for their support, their hard work and efforts, and their determination to help provide such a special and wonderful Centennial Year. As Paul Harris so aptly said, "Rotary will get along without me, as it has for the last 58 years, but Rotary will not be able to get along without you!" Well said, Paul, well said, indeed. Rotary only exists because of the efforts of members like you.

My request to each of you is to give Stewart Anderson, your next District Governor the support he will need to start this next year, the first in the "Second Century" of Rotary Success.

Thank you again, and continue to **Celebrate Rotary!**

Governor Roy

Matching Grant Change

Effective July 1, there are a number of changes to Matching Grants. An explanation of one of them follows: Sign up for the Grants workshop on June 4 2005 in Ontario (see calendar) to find out more.

Does the US \$5,000 minimum refer to the total project cost or The Rotary Foundation (TRF) award?

The US\$5,000 refers to the award given (amount requested) from The Rotary Foundation for a Matching Grant. This means that clubs and districts could use US\$5,000 in DDF for a US\$5,000 matching award from TRF totaling a US\$10,000 project.

Alternatively, US\$10,000 in new cash contributions could be matched by US\$5,000 from TRF for a total project cost of US\$15,000.

Please note that it is perfectly acceptable to use both cash and DDF contributions for Matching Grants as long as the amount requested from TRF is US\$5,000 or greater.

Margaret Cooker
DFC



Foundation Giving

The Rotary Foundation
Monthly Contribution Report for District: 5300
Period: From 1 July 2004 to 30 April 2005

Top Clubs Ranked by Annual Giving Per Capita

<u>Per Capita</u>	<u>Club Name</u>
\$449.15	Victorville, CA
\$428.57	Five Points (El Monte), CA
\$381.52	Barstow, CA

Top Clubs Ranked by Total Annual Giving

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>APF Amount</u>
Victorville, CA	\$44,915.00
San Marino, CA	\$26,675.00
Las Vegas, NV	\$17,843.52

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: \$304,068.95
- * 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: \$304,068.95

Distribution of Share Funds in Rotary Year 2007-2008

- * 50% of Share Total to World Fund: \$152,034.48
- * 50% of Share Total to District Designated Fund: \$152,034.48

Note: \$10,528.50 in Foundation giving was added to the Annual-Share account in April 2005.

Note too that, although 14 clubs have yet to send any money in to fulfill their commitment to the Annual-Share fund and 29 clubs have yet to reach their stated goal, the APF per capita for the DISTRICT is \$109.50 overall the District has achieved 88.66% of the cumulative stated club goals.

\$152,034.48 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 an additional Ambassadorial Scholar for a total of THREE - \$78,000

- * Obtain \$25,000 for District Simplified Grants to be used locally within the district

Have only \$24,034.48 available for the District match (ddf) of club funds for all types of Matching Grants.

Thank you for your support of TRF

District Foundation Chair

Margaret Cooker



The Fernando Lores Water Project Nuevo Progreso Pilot Project Update 05/17/05

At Nuevo Progreso in the Amazon rainforest of Peru, construction has started on a 5,000 gallon concrete water tank that will collect rainwater from the local school roof. Clean water is not available in these remote areas and many die as a result. However, thousands of gallons of clean water falls from the sky almost daily (8"/month).



While working in the jungle in June of 2004, Dr. Andy Crawford of the Industry Hills Rotary Club, in conjunction with Gina Low, Executive Director of APECA (Association Promoting Education and Conservation in Amazonia) conceived of this approach to deliver clean rainwater to the many small villages in the District of Fernando Lores, Loreto, Peru.

Other Rotarians including Apple Valley Rotary Club (District 5300), West Santa

Rosa Rotary Club (District 5130), The Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Sunrise (District 5130) as well as Matsen Insurance Brokers, Santa Rosa have all stepped forward to support the project.

The foundation and supporting pillars are in the ground. Rebar and forms are placed to pour the support wings for the tank.



Construction continues on the water tank at Nuevo Progreso, Peru. Here is the construction crew in front of the water tank. APECA Projects Coordinator Pablo is in the back row second from right. Note the extensive rebar cage to support the cement walls of the tank.

The construction crew encourages participation with tasks according to the ability of volunteers so that the villagers can gain experience with these building materials.

Here we see the crew forming the rebar for the construction of the tank and it's top. The long pieces of rebar will be bent over the top after the sides are poured. Then the top will be poured after the tiles are installed on the interior walls.



The tedious task of forming the rebar for the tank goes on as the children watch. This is an exciting event for the whole village.



The following picture gives one a better idea of the long pieces of rebar that will be bent to form the top of the tank. Note the wall of the school building that will catch the water for the project.



Four Way Test Speech Contest Winner

Lisa Pallay is 17 years old and a senior at Blair Magnet High School. At Blair she is involved in the Bible Club, the Associated Student body for the past three years, the Army JROTC, and the Black Student Union. Lisa attends the New Life Holiness Church where she is a Sunday school teacher, praise dancer, and tutor. Lisa is also a Pasadena Tournament of Roses Princess for the 2005 Rose Parade.

In the fall, Lisa will be attending Vanguard University, which is a private Christian college in Costa Mesa, CA. There she hopes to pursue a career in physical therapy or communications. Lisa was proudly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pasadena.

Four Way Test Winning Submission

"CELEBRATE ROTARY"

What the world needs now, is love sweet love. Do you know what love is? "Love envies not ... is not easily provoked, thinks no evil ... bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things ... Love never fails".

I have learned that love is the most significant aspect of my life. Love is something that never loses its value or meaning. Love has to be learned. The love that my parents have taught me has helped me to be a better person. This love is always forgiving, understanding, compassionate, and loyal.

To celebrate rotary we must celebrate each other and have love for one another. The Four Way Test can easily be accomplished with the power of love because love is the foundation of those ideas. Love is the motivating factor that would help us all to be true, to be fair, to benefit others, and to build goodwill and better friendships.

Rotary embodies the value of love for the world in its originating attempts to eradicate polio. The idea of eliminating polio began in 1979 with a five year pledge in the Philippines, and by 1980, it evolved into a worldwide commitment. If it wasn't for one person having the amount of love and care in their heart to heal the world, the greatness of Rotary could not have been so powerful. That choice made was a way of paving the way for future Rotarians to do the same for others in their time of need.

I can always depend on my family for support in all my endeavors because we love each other. Love is my drive towards success because it gives me inspiration. This principle of love in my life is something that can help for the betterment of society worldwide.

Each of us has a purpose, great or small. In fulfilling that purpose, we most certainly need to interact with others. Our purpose is not for ourselves only, but for the benefit of others as well. I see us all as a network, as a community, each intertwined somehow, no matter how close or how far we are. Life is about these relationships, yet we find ourselves creating barriers because of physical or cultural differences. Love and understanding can help clear a pathway for unity. If you truly love someone, it would be most important to keep them from being hurt or misused.

When doing something for someone, it is always important to know if what we are doing is beneficial for all concerned. As we live with the hope to make life better for others, it is love that is our inspiration and we become examples that will help motivate others to also act in selflessness.

Service to others is what enriches the total human being. My family experience has been about service to others. My father is the youth pastor at our church and whenever he and my mom did any community service, my brother and I would have to go along, usually all day, almost every Saturday. My dad would always say "one for all, and all for one". Whether we were feeding the

poor, painting a senior citizens home, or helping a child with their homework, we did it together as a family. We've volunteered so much that it has become a lifestyle that I have greatly come to appreciate. I've learned so much about volunteering and how fulfilling it is to give of one's self and time to make a positive impact on the lives of others. It becomes easy to benefit others when your life's foundation is love.

"Success lies not in what others consider to be great, but what you consider to be right". What is right is truth. When we can do the right thing even when others are not looking, we are being true. It takes courage to be truthful. So is it the truth that we are genuinely happy when others succeed? Do we really mean it when we say "Congratulations"? Do we do unto others as we would have them do unto us? Love is what can help us be true to others, but first we must be true to ourselves. Being true means to not let go of your values, to not let go of who you are, and to live up to your full potential. I just recently attended this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards as a senior counselor. There was a speaker named Katy Klotz who spoke about never letting go of who she was even when others tried to take her identity away from her.

Another speaker, Sarano Kelley, spoke of giving up his \$400 thousand job because he knew this was not fulfilling his purpose and wasn't living up to his full potential in life. Each saw that being true to yourself was what it takes to be a real success and find real happiness. It became even more evident to me that when you have true love for yourself, you can be all that you can be, and do whatever it takes to be truthful in all aspects of life.

Our actions can deepen or destroy a friendship. Friendships are great relationships of great value. A song my mother sometimes sings says, "Make new friends, but keep the old, one is silver and the other is gold". When you are able to love people and truly want the best for them, they will know that you are sincere. My parents taught me how to love. This makes me think they are goodwill ambassadors. It doesn't matter the stature or position of a person, because it takes love to be a friend and to make new friends. My parents have taught me how to let my actions build goodwill and better friendships towards others. My parents are always helping, sharing or teaching and they taught me to do the same.

Our life is a journey and with every new direction and path we take, our purpose and destiny is revealed. You have to navigate to get there. You have probably seen some of the newer cars with their navigation system. You put in your starting point and final destination, and the system will map out the route for the driver. It will tell you what street to take, when to turn left or right, every move in detail until you've reached your destination. Those choices determine our destiny. It was once said "It would be nice if we could be so certain about our purpose, but I have learned that it takes faith and courage to make any decision about our purpose; but I have learned that it takes faith and courage to make any decision about our life. Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail". This quote really shows the spirit of whether our decisions are fair to all concerned. The idea leaving a trail suggests that others will be following behind and you have made it easier for them. Revolutionaries like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, US Presidents, and other leaders have set the perfect example of making life fair for all concerned and paving the way for us to do the same. I believe we need to reach out and help those who will be the path makers of tomorrow. If it makes life a little easier, it's not only fair, it's a good thing.

The value of love helps Rotarians look out for themselves by looking out for others. The Four Way Test is the basis of the ambition to heal the worlds; the basis of the Four Way Test is the value of love. This is a great year for celebration in the Rotary organization. In its 100' year, it is not only a celebration longevity, but of accomplished goals. The goal for global eradication of polio by the year 2005, the centennial year, is soon to be accomplished. So far, there has been a 99% reduction in the number of polio cases worldwide. By the time the world is polio free, which is soon to come, Rotary will have contributed over 600 million dollars. "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give". Give love and it will always be true, it will always be fair, it will always build goodwill and better friendships, and it will always be beneficial for all concerned.

Providing Clean Sources of Drinking Water

Clive Houston-Brown

2005/2006 Chair, Rotary Club of Pomona International Service Committee



One of the four main focuses of Rotary International involves providing our brothers and sisters in the undeveloped world with clean sources of drinking water. Millions of people die each year from waterborne diseases. In many parts of Africa, the infant mortality rate is one in five. Of these deaths, a full 50% are from water-related diseases. This means that millions of lives a year could be saved simply by providing local sources of clean drinking water.

This year the Pomona Rotary club decided to try to do something about the problem. The International Committee looked through the Rotary Foundation database of projects and came across one in Zambia, Africa, where the Luanshya Rotary Club was asking for partners to sink boreholes in five local villages. After initial discussions via e-mail, the Pomona Rotary Club decided to take on all five wells with a total project cost of over \$22,000.

The two clubs worked together to develop matching grant applications to both District 5300 and Rotary International. Both grants were successful, leaving only \$6,000 to be raised by the Pomona Rotary Club (\$1,000 was already pledged by the Zambian Rotary Club). Although an amount of this size would normally necessitate an external fundraising campaign, Pomona Rotary Club members were so enthused with the idea of being able to change 35,000 lives with a single project that they raised the money internally within a few weeks.

Project funds were released by the Rotary Foundation in February and the first borehole is in the process of being sunk. All five boreholes are expected to be in place by October this year, providing a clean, local source of drinking water to five villages and approximately 35,000 people.



The Pomona Rotary Club and the Luanshya Rotary Club decided to formalize their partnership and signed a club twinning agreement. This agreement will be in effect for both the 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 years. As part of this relationship, and as a culminating activity for the borehole project, members of the Pomona Rotary Club (and even a few guests from other clubs) will be visiting Zambia to see firsthand what the project has accomplished. Through presentations to other clubs and word-of-

mouth, additional interest has been sparked and a number of clubs have decided to partner to sink even more wells next year.



I am honored to chair the District 5300 “Water Resource - International Clean Water Initiative” for 2005/2006. In the spirit of Rotary International’s centennial focus on clean water, I am challenging District 5300 clubs to participate in the “Wishing Well” campaign next year. We will be looking to fund enough wells to provide 50-100,000 people in Africa with not only a source of clean drinking water, but (pending a successful grant application) water storage facilities and training to help move them from subsistence crop production to economic crop production. We must raise at least \$30,000 to enable us to apply for a 3H grant of \$300,000. The more clubs we have directly involved in the effort,

the more likely Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation are to fund this project. If your club is willing to help us present a united front on this life-saving campaign, please e-mail me at clive_hb@yahoo.com to let me know. The amount you pledge is not as important as high participation.

We only have until June 30, 2005 to submit the grant, so please contact me as soon as possible with your intent to assist. Thanks!

Yours in Rotary,
Clive Houston-Brown
2005/2006 Chair, Rotary Club of Pomona International Service Committee

Las Vegas Southwest Making Happy Feet



Recently, the Las Vegas Southwest Rotary Club enjoyed their last Happy Feet visit of President Adrienne’s year. The members made more than 70 pair of feet happy at the Ruby Thomas Elementary School. In attendance were Gary Chase, Adrienne Cox (ok, she wasn’t really there, but her presence



was felt....) Susan Crowe, Sheri Farkas, Fred Fukumoto, Tom and Donna Martin, Dee and Jean Paul and Keith Thomas. Thanks as always to Susan Crowe and to Dee Paul for all the great work they have done this year.



To see more pictures and learn more about the Happy Feet Project, please go to www.lasvegassouthwestrotary.org.

From the Editor

Rose Ann Rabiola Miele

It is almost impossible to believe that another Rotary year has passed! All my best to the 2005-2006 Presidents, board members and club members. I know Governor Stew will have an outstanding year and keep the celebration starting by Governor Roy going.

The articles in this, my last newsletter, show the “service above self” spirit in an excellent way. This is what all of you have come to Rotary for: to serve.

The Rotary Club of Boulder City began a tradition this past Friday and Saturday with the First Annual Dam Barbecue Challenge. About 20 cooks from all over the country came to Boulder City to cook their hearts out in this first ever Kansas City Barbecue Society sanctioned event in the state of Nevada. As a judge, I was able to taste more barbecue than anyone could ask for! It was a great event that the club hopes to make their own on an annual basis. The proceeds will go to their community and international projects. It was a wonderful way to end one Rotary year and begin another.



Even though I will no longer be editor, I hope that all of you who have me on your e-mail lists will continue to send me information so that I can see what's going on in the district. You have a wonderful editor for the 2005-2006 year in Susanne Kallis-Hayek.

I believe there is only one thing we have to remember: love. Lisa Pallay, our Four Way Test winner for this year, said it beautifully.