



Rotary District 5300

*The Highlighter***SERVICE Above Self**

## District Governor Stew Anderson's Monthly Message

November is The Rotary Foundation month, a time for all Rotarians to consider the many ways in which they can support the various Foundation programs.

Your financial support to the Rotary Foundation enables the Rotary Foundation to carry out an array of programs that achieve beneficial changes in our world by improving living conditions, increased food production, improved education, medical aid and brings a brighter hope for peace.

The Foundation is the most effective vehicle for fighting hunger, illiteracy, poverty and numerous health issues. Through the Rotary Foundation, we can carry out our humanitarian projects that improve the standard of living in our Local and International communities.

Supporting The Foundation offers us an opportunity, in a small way to help people in need, people we may never meet but we will have the satisfaction of knowing we have made a difference, you and I in their lives, one

person at a time.

Polio Plus is a signature program of the Rotary Foundation. Polio Plus is Rotary's priority program which supports global efforts to eradicate polio. In 1988 the World Health Assembly challenged the world to eradicate polio, and since that time, Rotary's efforts, along with partner agencies, including the World Health Organization, the United Nations' Children's Fund, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and gov-

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ernments around the world have achieved a 99 percent reduction in the number of polio cases worldwide. By the time the world is certified polio-free, Rotary's contributions to the global eradication effort will exceed \$600,000,000.00 making Rotary the largest non-governmental financial contributor to the global eradication effort.

The Rotary Foundation spends its money in our name to do good work.

Our District has always been a leader and I would like to share with you our 2004-2005 year end stand-

ing in our zone 24 which is comprised of eleven districts.

**Annual Programs Fund**  
\$393,833 #5

**Polio Plus**  
\$160,660 #1

**Other Restricted**  
\$74,355 #5

**Permanent Fund**  
\$154,127 #2

**Total Giving**  
\$782,975 #4

**Per Capita**  
\$141.82 #5

**Zone 24 average**  
\$121.06

Thank you District 5300 Rotarians for your "outstanding" support of The Rotary Foundation and its work during the 2004-2005 Rotary year.

As we enter the second century of service we can take pride in all that we have accomplished through The Foundation. One of our goals is "Every Rotarian, Every Year." It is my hope every Rotarian will make a contribution every year to the Annual Programs Fund. This will allow us to continue so many worthwhile programs as we move into the "Second Cen-

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tury of Service”.

As Carol Bellamy, executive director of UNICEF, has said, “Rotary has won a place of respect in the global village -in fact, Rotary has helped make the world a global village”.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at one of our District Foundation dinners in the next couple of weeks.

Diane and I wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Thank you;

District Governor Stew

## DIANE ANDERSON'S BOOK CORNER



D5300 First Lady Diane Anderson's book corner will return next month. Diane is helping care for her grand-children following her daughter's emergency surgery. We wish her daughter a speedy recovery!

Keep collecting those books! We are over 3000 books already contributed towards that 5,300 book goal!

## ROTARY CLUB OF KERMAN CHALLENGES SELECTION FOR RI DIRECTOR

Rotary International is governed by a seventeen member Board of Directors, each of whom represent all Rotarians worldwide.

Every four years our part of Rotary International (Zone 24) nominates a Rotarian to serve on that board for two years. That is accomplished by a Nominating Committee made up of one Past District Governor from each of the eleven districts within our zone. PDG Sal Briguglio was selected by our district as our representative on that committee in 2005.

The Nominating Committee met on September 27 of this year and interviewed eight individuals that were suggested by their respective Rotary Clubs. Among the eight who were interviewed were two Past District Governors from District 5300; Margaret Cooker and Steve Garrett. The Nominating Committee selected Paul Netzel from District 5280 as the Rotary International Director Nominee. Since then two distinct things have taken place.

The Rotary Club of Kerman, California has entered a complaint with Ed Futa, the General Secretary of Rotary International over the nomination of Paul Netzel. The essence of their complaint is that some one introduced inappropriate information into the deliberations of that committee. A sufficient number of Rotary Clubs within our zone have concurred with that complaint to cause the General Secretary to investigate and refer it to the Election Review Committee of the Board of Directors of Rotary International.

The Board of Directors will make one of three determinations; Reject the complaint, accept the complaint and seat a new nominating committee to re-interview the eight candidates and select a new nominee (who could be Paul Netzel), or reject the nominee (Paul Netzel) and nominate the alternate.

Rotary Club of Kerman, California (District 5230) has also, in the form of a resolution by their club, entered a challenge to the selection of Paul Netzel. That challenge must be concurred to by a majority of the Rotary Clubs in their district. The ballot by mail to concur with that challenge is currently underway in their district. If they are successful in getting a majority concurrence to that challenge, a ballot by mail by all 700 plus Rotary Clubs in Zone 24 will be conducted with the names of Paul Netzel and Ken Boyd of the Rotary Club of Kerman.

The Rotary Club of Arcadia believes their member, Steve Garrett, is currently the alternate to Paul Netzel. They unanimously passed the following resolution at a regular meeting of their club on October 21, 2005.

“WHEREAS: Stephen E. Garrett is a past district governor of Rotary International; and

WHEREAS: He was duly suggested to the Zone 24 Director Nominating Committee by the Rotary Club of Arcadia, California, in accor-

## Arcadia Rotary Club may file challenge

dance with Section 12.020 of the RI Bylaws;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That PDG Steve Garrett, a member of the Arcadia Rotary Club, be designated a "Challenging Candidate" to challenge the Zone 24 Director Nominating Committee selection of Paul Netzel as the Director-Nominee for service as RI Director during the period 2007-2009."

A ballot by mail will be conducted among the Rotary Clubs within District 5300 during the first part of November 2005. If a majority of the Rotary Clubs in District 5300 concur with the challenge by the Rotary Club of Arcadia one of several things will happen.

If the challenge by the Rotary Club of Kerman is not concurred to by a majority of the Rotary Clubs in District 5230 the Challenge by the Rotary Club of Arcadia will not be filed with the General Secretary of Rotary International.

If the challenge by the Rotary Club of

Kerman is concurred to by a majority of the Rotary Clubs in District 5230, the Challenge by the Rotary Club of Arcadia may be filed with the General Secretary of Rotary International and there will be a three person ballot between Paul Netzel, Ken Boyd and Steve Garrett.

If the complaint by the Rotary Club of Kerman is not rejected, and if the challenge by the Rotary Club of Kerman is concurred to by a majority of the Rotary Clubs in District 5230, and if Paul Netzel is disqualified, the Challenge by the Rotary Club of Arcadia will not be filed with the General Secretary of Rotary International and there will be a two person ballot between Ken Boyd and Steve Garrett.

It is important to know that there is a procedure for resolving these matters. It is also important to know what is going on when you receive a ballot by mail in the next few weeks.



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PDG 1996-1997

Chairman D5300 Resolutions Committee

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## DG STEW AWARDS PHF AT CLUB VISIT

Charter Member of the Sierra Madre Rotary Club, George Mauer was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by District Governor Stew during his official visit to the club.

President Camille Levee brought out the "dog and pony show" as her entire board presented a club assembly to bring the District Governor up to date on the happenings of the club.

D.G. Stew took the opportunity to remind the club of the District's goals including 1 new net member per club.



Top photo at left: Dr. Ted Moon, RC Sierra Madre International Director, George Mauer, and Stew Anderson.



Bottom photo: MaryAnn Kistler, Exec AG, Stew Anderson, Diane Anderson and Rotary Club of Sierra Madre President, Camille Levee.

## ROTARIAN SPOTLIGHT: BEVERLY KLATT, ED.D, ARCADIA SUNRISE

By: Susanne Hayek

After an hour interviewing Bev Klatt, we ventured to the front steps of First Avenue School in Arcadia, where she has been the Principal for 16 years. Within seconds she was surrounded by a bevy of her students, all of which she knew by name and by nickname. It was clear that she is popular with the students of her school and when I remarked on it, Bev said, "oh no, it's that they know *they* are popular with me"! In that sentence was the synthesis of who she is.

Bev was born in Eugene, Oregon and was raised in the small lumber town of Oakridge. Her parents, Ted and Murel Frymire still live there in the house they built when Bev was 10 years old. They have been married for 58 years! Ted was a Civil Engineer for the local lumber company while Murel kept the home and babysat the local school teacher's children. It was such a small town that in the summers, those same school teachers often had summer jobs working for Bev's dad. Bev has an older sister who lives on 17



In her personal life, Bev has a son named Eric who lives in Lancaster with his wife Heather. Bev would love to be a grandmother but restrains herself from mentioning that to her son and daughter-in-law! She enjoys reading mystery novels and gardening at the Glendale home she shares with her husband, of 3 years, Ken Holme. Ken is a retired banker and is now an aspiring rock and roll musician and voice-over actor.



### Life-long Champion for Children

wooded acres in Oregon and a younger brother who lives in Washington state.

After high school, Bev attended the University of Oregon where she earned a BA in Psychology. Fairly immediately she decided to continue on to her MA in Education. She taught 5th and 6th graders for a year but then moved to Portland to work at the

University of Oregon Health Sciences Day Treatment Center where she was a "Teacher Therapist" for emotionally disturbed kids ages 3-10. She stayed at that position for 7 years but after a time missed teaching in public schools. Her wish was to return to teaching at the middle school level but as fate would have it, Bev's desire to re-enter the public education system coin-

cided with legislation requiring public schools to serve Special Education children. With her obvious experience in the field she was recruited by the Tigard, Oregon middle school to start their public school special education department. They sent her to get her special education teaching credential, adding to her already long list of credits.

One of the first things she did when she was hired as Principal of First Avenue Middle School was hire a Vice-Principal, Leonard Rodriguez. The two have had a wonderful working relationship for 16 years! As evidenced by the student's reaction to her appearance on the steps, the two have created a culture of trust and respect at the school. (During that time she earned her doctorate in Educational Policy and Planning from USC)

What Bev brings to TLC is what she

advocates at her school. "Be your best self" she tells her kids. "Find your own true self" and live that life. She thinks the most important part of her job is the recruiting and training of teachers who can be the best teacher they can be. First Avenue has a culture of acceptance and programs are geared towards opportunities for exploration and learning without fear of initial failure.

Bev is the current TLC Chairperson (her 2nd year in that job) but has been on the TLC committee for 5 of the 6 years that TLC has been in existence in our Rotary District. Before chairing the

committee, she taught the "goal setting" class.

When her son Eric was 13 years old he said to her, (just because you teach jr. high) "you don't know everything about jr. high kids!" Well, she may not know everything but she has a huge heart for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders of the world! First Avenue Middle School is one school where you don't have to be afraid if you are sent to the Principal's office and for 5 years she has helped make our TLC program what it is today.



## GOVERNOR ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR - GETS

REPORTED BY CHRISTINE MONTAN, DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT

I had the most amazing time last week in Sacramento! The Zone 23 and 24 Governor Elect Training Seminar - called GETS - was held at the Hyatt Regency - a beautiful facility with accommodating and customer service-driven staff. We had three days of plenary sessions on various topics - leadership, membership, the Rotary Foundation, communication, District obligations and responsibilities, and event plan-

ning. More than the well-planned training sessions, it was the fellowship and friendship I will recall long after the excitement has waned. It was a chance for me to reacquire myself with my classmates - the Navigators. (Each class of Governors chooses a class name.)

We had a fantastic time together! and look forward to lifetime friendships born of shar-



ing good times and challenges too. The highlight was a Presentation Ceremony on the first night of the Zone Institute. This is where the "future leadership" - the next class of incoming Governors - is presented to the past and present Rotary leadership. Each of us had our stories told as we walked down the aisle and sat on stage. Past RI President Rick King was our speaker who charged us with "making

extraordinary things happen". Governor Stew and First Lady Diane gave me a reception in advance of the RI President's banquet the following evening. The photos are of all the Past District Governors who were there to wish me well and offer their support.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve in this capacity -as the District Governor 2006-07, to the next stage of training at the

International Assembly where all the Governors of the world meet, and from learning from Governor Stew as his year unfolds.

## MORE ON ZONE INSTITUTE

BY: ED BERANEK

So what is a Zone Institute? I have been in Rotary about 15 years, but really never heard much about it, other than the general idea that it was where the DG's, future DG's and PDG's go and hang out, out badge ribbon and out pin each other and of course talk and learn Rotary stuff. Well, District Governor Stew Anderson called me in April and asked if I would like to go to the Zone Institute as his guest. Sure, I said, I am always curious about Rotary and how it functions at different levels.

So I learned that the Institute is a geographic grouping (called zones) of Rotary Districts, District 5300 is one of 24 districts in Zone 23/24. The Institute it turns out consists of 6 plenary sessions and six meal events with major speakers. The plenary session consists of panels that present information and then

take questions and answers from those in attendance. The sessions are arranged by subject area, rather than avenue of service. (Something I think would make our District Conferences more interesting and informative)

The following are my brief observation to give you flavor of the Institute:

### PLENARY SESSIONS

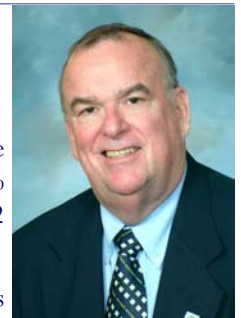
Session 1 Rotary's Global partnerships - Presented an update on the eradication of Polio and how Rotary has worked with partners such as US government and World Health Organization. We are not there yet but

very close maybe 99% that last 1% may take another 2 years.

Session 2 Rotary's New Corporate

Program Focus - Focused on what should Rotary International do after Polio is eradicated. Should Rotary adopt a new international project like Literacy, Poverty, etc. or should such programs not be done at the RI level but left to the clubs to do with matching grants through the Rotary Foundation.

Session 3 The Rotary Foundation Worldwide - a member of the Board of trustee's reported that 87% of all money contributed goes to program (only 13% to administration). The board will consider next month if the



hurricane areas of the USA will qualify for .

Session 4 The Rotary Foundation Zone 24/25 outstanding presentation of the World Community Service projects in the areas of clean water, street kids, and much others. Our district is 2<sup>nd</sup> in giving for the permanent fund. We are helping in the world.

Session 5 The Role of PDG's – Yes there is life after district governor ask Steve Garrett, Barbara Risher-Welch, Margaret Cooker, Conrad Von

Bibra, Tim Sui, Sal Briguglio and others. I thought they were just supposed to fade away, but no – they are a valuable resource for us.

Session 6 – Reviewed the proposal for the next Council on Legislation in 2007 which changes the rules we follow in Rotary. I must admit I left early – there was an opportunity to try and witness a potential USC loss to Oregon. Rotary is all about priorities.

## MEAL SPEAK-

Rick King – Past RI President 2002-2003 great motivational speaker talked about Rotary's ongoing service to the world that keeps on getting better.

Richard E. Sterns President of World Vision now a \$1.6 billion dollar. They spend about 30% on intervention aid (i.e. food for the starving) 70% development money that is solving problems (i.e. drill water wells where there is no



potable water so that drinkable water can be reached). Cliff Dochterman –Past RI president 1992-93 provide a litany of humorous insights that left that audience in stitches. His message is that each Rotarian can serve the

world right in their club, you don't need to be a DG or a Rotarian President to have an impact on the world.

Joseph C. Kresse from the Foundation for Global Community asked us to review our World View Assumptions and challenged us to look to change our attitudes to work for a common world goal. Unfortunately he was attacked by a number of PC annoyances that created havoc on his PowerPoint presenta-

tion. His heart is right, but his command of technology could be enhanced.

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar our RI president reviewed his view of Service above Self and how he wants to involve more diversity in Rotary, particularly in promoting the role of woman in the upper management of RI.

David Bunje a Rotarian and Methodist minister spoke on Sunday morning. *Service to Humankind*. He is a motiva-

tional speaker that spoke of service to humanity is the best work of life.

Also there was plenty of social time and cocktail parties in the evenings. Also there was the official presentation of the District Governor elects (Chris Montan for our district -2006-2007) where a brief background was read and a formal march down the middle of the audience to a *Dais* at the center stage of the meeting.

So what did I learn from the Zone? To me the Zone is like the link between the District Conference and the International Convention. It presents in a high powered way the direction Rotary is taking to address and support the work of each Individual Rotarian. If you get the opportunity (one guaranteed way is be elected District Governor) go to a Zone Institute and you be quite thrilled you did.

## PETS REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE FOR PRESIDENTS ELECT

BY: SUSANNE HAYEK

On-line registration for the President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) to be held March 10-12, 2006 is now available by following the link which has been posted to the District 5300 website at [www.district5300.org](http://www.district5300.org).

All club Presidents Elect are expected to attend PETS to be held at the LAX Marriott Hotel. The pre-registration deadline is January 15, 2006, with prices going up on January 16, 2006.

Attendance at PETS will train you in all

the aspects of your club presidency. In addition to seminars and workshops by talented presenters, there are always great meal speakers, generally including several Rotary International Past Presidents.

Our PETS is the largest multi-district PETS with a long history of providing a truly professional experience.

You will also enjoy the fellowship and hospitality in addition to the many vendors where you can purchase your ban-

ners, pins, and much more.

The Marriott is not just an "airport hotel", it is also a resort, with a lovely pool area and very nice lobby ambiance.

As someone who has been to PETS three times, as a spouse of a PE, as a PE, and as a District Team member, I feel qualified to highly recommend this event.

Questions can be directed to District Governor Elect Christine Montan at [cmontan@hotmail.com](mailto:cmontan@hotmail.com).

## LAS VEGAS CENTRAL ROTARY CLUB ASSISTS OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE

The Las Vegas Central Club had a great turnout at Opportunity Village's Miss Kitty's Jeans to Jewels annual fund raiser on September 17th.

Opportunity Village is a not-for-profit organization that serves people with intellectual disabilities by providing them vocational training, employment and social recreation services that make their lives more productive and interesting. Once thought by society to be unemployable and unimportant in the community, people with severe disabilities are engaged, active residents who contribute to our society. Through Opportunity Village's programs and services, hundreds of people with disabilities are learning vocational skills and being placed in jobs throughout the community.

Our club volunteers to set up do beverage service at the bar. The beer



and wine are donated but our club is needed to set up and provide the service to over 500 attending each year. Opportunity Village raises in excess of \$100,000 at this major fundraising event yearly.

## DEVASTATED BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

BY: BOBBY HYDE, D5300 FRIENDSHIP CHAIR

I have been brainstorming immensely trying to come up with a friendship exchange idea that our Rotary Clubs could use. The Katrina and Rita disasters that occurred last month got me to thinking some about this. While there has been a fantastic effort by The Red Cross and other organizations along with Rotary in terms of raising money for relief, there is still I believe an emotional distress feeling on the people there. With this in mind I came upon a simple idea that has friendship written all over it. The idea is this: "Is there a way where we could get the Rotary Clubs of District 5300 and even other Districts involved in a method where our clubs can open our homes for those members in Rotary Clubs that have been devastated by these disasters. The answer is YES. Listen up; there may be members of Rotary Clubs who have lost their jobs, can't work due to the devastation etc. until their com-

panies are up and running again. They may have vacation time coming. Wouldn't it be great if the Rotary Clubs could offer these Rotarians to spend some time in sunny District 5300 where in lieu of spending costly Hotel rates, they could stay at a Rotary home and see perhaps Las Vegas, or our sites or even a Rose Bowl game. Not only would money be saved for these Rotarians, but they are able to get away from some tragedy. In return at a much later date, we could be reciprocated when one of our members wish to go back to the Bayou Country or the Mississippi Delta, Mardi Gras, or a Super Bowl game. Of course this would happen when that area of the country is open again. Meanwhile, we are promoting Friendship at its best (in a southern way, West Coast style).

Those clubs that wish to participate in this should contact me: Bobby Hyde, District 5300 Friendship Exchange Chair. My

club, The Rotary Club of Claremont would love to be the District Liaison for this. If you wish to contact me, the best way would be via e-mail: [bmhydeaway50@yahoo.com](mailto:bmhydeaway50@yahoo.com). Or send a response to our club. I am anxiously waiting.



# 162 ATTEND THE INTERACT LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

162 Interactors, Mideractors, Youthacters, Rotaractors, Rotarians, (including current, past and future District Governors) and School Advisors from California and Nevada attended the Seven District Interact Leadership Symposium in Idyllwild, Ca October 7-9.

The three day Symposium had three plenary sessions run by the attendees encompassing Leadership Strategies, Water for the People, Natural Disaster Relief and Rotary programs. Saturday had five intensive workshops on membership Recruitment and Retention, Team Development and Goal Setting,



Running a Meeting, Local Projects as well as a separate session on International Projects.

It was not all hard work and time was made for a digital nature scavenger hunt in gorgeous weather on Saturday afternoon as a break in the workshops. The evenings offered a variety of fellowship activities that included star gazing; Dance, Dance Revolution; Karaoke; Films, games and a homework/study area with computer access (I saw more Solitaire and poker than homework there though!).

Some of the comments from attendees include:

Although I don't have a leadership role in my Interact club I am president of my school's ASB and found that I have been able to put into practice many of the

leadership skills and strategies presented especially in "How to Run your Meetings". I have turned everything around and added structure and FUN to the meetings.

The Scavenger Hunt was a great experience - finding things I didn't know. Water for the People really made me think about fresh water and how important basic hygiene is when people use the same source for washing, bathing and drinking.

The weekend was a great opportunity for getting to know people and make good friends. There was great entertainment with DDR and Karaoke; and great food. The International session really changed how I think about everyone; and how Interactors can cross the border into

Mexico to help in surgeries by looking after the other kids.

The membership session gave me some great ideas from making posters and personal invitations to meetings and events to the basic "What is Interact—and Why Should I Join?". Not just to help me get to college but also helping the community. Running a meeting made me see that I need to add organization and plan in the summer for the whole year ahead.

The multi district committee is to be thanked for all their hard work over the last year to pull this event together and for finding such great speakers and workshop leaders. The camp staff provided super support and, as usual, the food was great and plentiful. David Beltran of East Los Angeles is handing over the job of Registrar to Stephanie Kurtz of Las Vegas Rotary in order to take on the Chair for 2006.

Kudos to all attendees and supporters of the Seven District Interact Symposium.

Margaret Cooker  
2005 Symposium Chair



## U.S. ROTARY CLUB AND DISTRICT GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

THIS INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY STEVE GARRETT



The following should be of interest to the clubs of District 5300:

The Program provides coverage for general liability coverage for an insured's legal liability arising out of bodily injury to a non-insured person or damage to a non-insured person's property. Rotarians and volunteers are insureds under this policy. As a re-

sult, the Program would not cover any bodily injury sustained by an insured, such as a Rotarian or volunteer. Rather, the policy would respond if a Rotarian or volunteer acted or failed to act in such a way to cause bodily injury to a non-insured or damage to the non-insured's property. All Rotarians and volunteers are expected to have their own personal health

insurance to cover their medical issues.

Interact and Rotaract are also insureds under the Program. Because the Program also provides coverage for claims arising out of Interact and Rotaract organizations, members of these organizations are also insureds. As with Rotarians and volunteers, the Program would not cover

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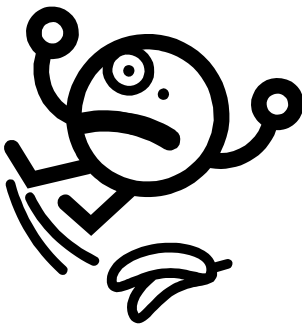
any bodily injury sustained by an Interactor or Rotaractor, or damage to their property. The same applies for other organizations that are insured under the Program.

In certain situations coverage might exist for insureds. For example, if a Rotarian or volunteer helps

out with distributing food at a pancake breakfast, they are an insured. If in this capacity they suffered an injury, their injury would not be covered by the Program. However, if a Rotarian participates as a member of general public in a pancake breakfast (i.e., pays an entry fee and eats the food being served) they

are not considered an insured. As a result, an injury suffered in this capacity may be covered by Program.

Medical Payments coverage is commonly part of a standard general liability policy. This coverage reimburses a non-insured party, without regard to an in-



sured's liability, for medical expenses incurred as a result of bodily injury in connection with an insured's activities or operations. It is known as goodwill coverage in that it attempts to appease the claimant and make them whole without incurring legal fees.

The Program does have Medical Payments cover-

age, however, it is limited to \$5,000 and is only provided at the discretion of the insurer. The language "at the discretion of the insurer" was added because attorneys tend to use this coverage as a "freebie" which violates the intent of the coverage.

If you have any questions or comments, do not hesi-

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## NOVEMBER 6TH FOUNDATION DINNER IN VICTORVILLE

BY: PDG MARGARET COOKER

On Sunday November 6th we are honored to have Dr. Otto Austel of the Simi Valley Rotary Club as our speaker at the High Desert Foundation Dinner.

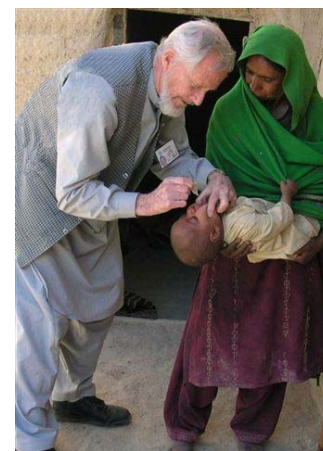
The son of German immigrants, Dr. Otto was married to Dreda Smith (25 years), & to Sharon Berube (28 years), Otto boasts six children (combined marriages), & nine grandchildren and has been a resident of Simi Valley since 1969.

Dr. Otto has many skills among which is a Descriptive Linguist, 1950 - 1960, fluent in English, German, Portuguese and Karajá he authored *Jaguar Boy* - Story based on Karaja legend of a boy raised by the Jaguars and his reintroduction to Karaja Culture - a school reader. He worked as missionary linguist in Brazil 1950-60, and authored the first description of the Karajá Indian Language of Central Brazil. Returned to the US to

study medicine after the death of the oldest son from malaria. With an Undergraduate Major in Anthropology (minored in pre-med) he completed Medical School at UC Irvine (1967); Board Certification for the Academy of Family Physicians:

1974 - 1996; Practicing Family Physician in Simi Valley, Calif.: 1969 -

1996; Currently retired, Volunteer for Rotary Interna-



Join us at the **Quality Suites and Inn - Green Tree Inn** - off the I-15 at Palmdale Rd in Victorville. There are a few seats left in the \$600 and \$400 a couple price range (\$400 and \$200 respectively go to the Foundation in the purchaser's name). Contact Rusty Layton at 760-253-7211 or 760-954-1192.

If you are unable to attend but still want to support the Foundation then send in a sealed bid for the live auction of a 42" plasma big screen TV, or one or more of the **silent auction items** - check the district web site for the complete listing of items. Bids must be received by Friday November 4th at 21284 Corwin Rd, Apple Valley, Ca 92307 Attn: Jeanie Ladner.

tional, Simi Valley Free Clinic. Consultant: CDC/WHO for Polio eradication for past 4 years in Ghana, Angola, Egypt and India. Dr. Otto's continued Community, International & Social Involvement include Past Director & Trustee: Simi Valley Unified School District; Founder & Past Director (25 years) of the Boys & Girls Club of Simi Valley; Physician for the Free Clinic

since 1971; Helped establish the Simi Valley Rainbow House (Home for women with substance abuse); Director, Co-founder & Physician, Shelter for the Homeless; Past Director, American Red Cross; Co-founder of Camp Rotary in Simi Valley - for "at risk" youth, scouts, schools, churches and community programs.

In his Rotary life Otto served as President 1995-96 and as

Governor of District 5240 for 1999-2000, Environment Task Force Committee Member 2000-2002, Polio Plus Partners Task Force Committee 2003-2006. Polio Eradication Volunteer Work: 2001-2004, Assignments with STOP Team - CDC: Ghana - 3 mo. & 1 mo. Angola 4 mo. Egypt 4 mo. & as Short Term Professional with WHO: Pakistan 3 mo., Egypt 3 mo., India 3 mo. Rotary Awards:

Service Above Self Award, Citation for Meritorious Service, International Service Award for a Polio Free World - 2003 and the Rotary Foundation Alumni Service to Humanity Award for 2004 Volunteer Service - Participated as a volunteer and/or coordinated some 25 projects in 12 countries for Rotary International. Major Project: \$224,000 3H Grant to provide potable water in Karaja, Javae and Tapirape Indian

villages of Brazil. Clinics established in 8 major villages and Medic-like Health Care workers trained (currently salaried by Brazil government). Outhouses, bath houses built. Agriculture enhanced - seeds and fruit trees provided. Nursery of indigenous fruit trees established. Karaja legends and myths documented and book written based on their history and mythology. Rotary Foundation Donor: Multiple Paul

Harris Fellow, Major Donor, Benefactor and member of the Bequest Society Community Awards: Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year (twice), Daily News

Best Physician of Simi Valley (Thrice), Boys & Girls Club Award for Outstanding Service, etc. Physician Emeritus, Ventura County Medical Resources Foundation.

If you want to buy silent raffle tickets and have then placed in the appropriate containers then send your cheque or money order or credit card information to Jeanie at the same address.

## ROTARY ESTABLISHES A PEACE STUDIES CENTER IN BANGKOK ROTARY CLUBS CONDUCT CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS BEGINNING OCTOBER 2005

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(BANGKOK, 28 September) --- As part of its ongoing effort to promote world peace and international understanding, Rotary International has established a new peace studies program at Chulalongkorn University (CU) in Bangkok, Thailand. The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program will offer an intensive three-month course in peace studies, conflict resolution and mediation training aimed at upper-level professionals in governments, non-governmental organizations, private corporations, and media agencies.

The program, which begins its first session in July 2006, is especially targeted towards candidates who have demonstrated a commitment to world peace and conflict resolution and who are currently employed with 5-10 years of professional experience in a field that utilizes conflict resolution strategies.

Local Rotary clubs are currently accepting applications for the 2006-07 program year. Candidates will be interviewed by Rotary clubs until the end of 2005.

Each participant's employer will be asked to cover the US\$5,000 cost of the three-month session, including tuition, room-and-board, educational materials, and other program-related expenses. The Rotary Foundation will cover the expenses of roundtrip travel for participants living outside of Bangkok. A limited number of full and partial fellowships are available for candidates whose employers cannot afford the full cost of the program.

For more information and a Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program application, please contact your local Rotary club or send an email to [BangkokPeaceStudies@rotaryintl.org](mailto:BangkokPeaceStudies@rotaryintl.org)

(Editor's Note: This is a news release from Rotary International)

### Status of Suspended Districts

(October 14 2005)

Recently, the remaining suspensions for districts in Zone 7B (Philippines) were lifted and TRF provided an update on the status of districts that have been suspended from participation in the Foundation's programs. The following districts remain suspended:

Bangladesh  
D3280

Brazil  
D 4390

This means that they can benefit from none of the Foundations programs including, but not limited to, Ambassadorial Scholars and Matching Grants.



## ROTARY CLUB OF DUARTE DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT

By: Rudy Hayek, Assistant Governor, Group 4

One of my responsibilities as Assistant Governor is to occasionally visit "my" five clubs and to be the conduit between the membership/leadership and the District. After having a successful group District Governor's visit over the summer with all of the Group 4 clubs (Duarte, Arcadia Sunrise and Arcadia Noon, Monrovia and Sierra Madre), I am going to try to visit the clubs individually and continue meeting with the presidents on a regular basis.

led by Duarte member, Donna Georgina. There was also a visitor from the RC of Whittier, who was very impressed with the energy of the group.

With an upcoming dog wash fundraiser, and participation in the District sponsored Rotary work day, Interact and Rotaract will be joining forces and show us old Rotarians how our youth today can really get the job done! In its 53 year history, President Kristen reminded us that "the Rotary Club of Duarte" took a chance on women, and the rest is history". The club is known around the Rotary world as "The Mouse that

Most recently, DG Stew and Diane visited the Duarte Club, where President Kristen Hopper demonstrated what a committed and inspiring leader she is. The agenda was diverse, with guests from the new baby of the District, the Rotary Club of Azusa. Azusa President Harry Heflin and their Youth Services Director and Secretary Rosalinda Buchwald were joined by the Rotaract Club from Citrus College, as well as the Duarte Interact Club

Roared". She proudly pinned DG Stew with the club's theme pin (a mouse, designed by past club President Janet Manrique), which depicts that motto.

The RC of Duarte is proud to continue their affiliation and support of the Children's Hospital Guild, where they are going to be taking part in an event on 11/9 that includes a hospital tour and a City Walk fellowship immediately following. DG Stew topped off the meeting with his inspiring and from-the-heart speech about literacy, leadership, and Rotary's current theme of "Service Above Self". Keep up the great work Duarte! You make us all proud to be part of the District 5300 family.



Governor Stew with Kristen Hopper, Duarte President



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