



Rotary District 5300

The Highlighter**SERVICE Above Self**

District Governor Stew Anderson's Monthly Message

As we head into December I am constantly reminded of the tremendous outpouring of time, money and community service our clubs are doing in their local and international communities. I have been with 49 club boards over the past four months and all

have told me of their plans to make a difference in the international and local communities. This is the season when that giving is accelerated and our Rotary clubs are in high gear collecting clothes, gifts, shoes and coats for kids, food for the hungry, serving meals to the elderly and the list

goes on and on. Our communities are very much a part of our well being and we are making a difference.

As we do our holiday projects let us involve our family members and share the wonderful feeling of giving. It is important to involve our own families into the family of Rotary. This is an op-

December is the time to share the Joy of Rotary!

portunity to bring Rotary and our family together.

During this month we should make a special effort to remember the families of deceased Rotarians, who may need our care and support. Invite them to your special Christmas lunch or a special event your club is organizing. December is an opportunity time to reach

out to family members and involve them in Rotary. Rotary fellowship is not new, it started with our founder Paul Harris. Paul Harris once said, "Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and tolerance is the element which holds it together,"

As we approach the holiday season invite a friend, relative or a

business colleague to share the joys of Rotary. Let's not keep Rotary a secret any longer.

Diane and I wish you and your family a joyous holiday season.

Thank you;

District Governor
Stew

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DIANE ANDERSON'S BOOK CORNER

We are beginning the 6th month of this Rotary year. I am still amazed at the response from the clubs that we have visited. There have been over 4,000 books donated to schools and libraries in our local and international communities. We are well on way to reaching our goal of 5300 books.

Please continue to keep me updated on your donated books so we can add them to the final count.

Thank you for your support.

Happy Holidays,

Diane



BE PART OF THE HUNTINGTON HARBOR CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE ABOARD THE YACHT "KRISTINA"

A SPECIAL FUNDRAISING EVENT HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF PICO RIVERA

Join fellow Rotarians for Dinner, Drinks and Music aboard the party yacht "Katrina"

And participate in the 43rd Annual Huntington Harbor Christmas Boat Parade

See the Holiday lighted homes and gaily decorated boats

Saturday, December 10, 2005

Boarding 4:45 (approx)

Return 9pm (approx)

\$100 per person (max. 110 tickets sold)

For more information contact Yolanda Serna

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TLC – ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS

The 6th annual Teen Leadership Camp was held November 11-13, 2005. 174 8th graders came together with 12 RYLA Alumni, 5 Youth Exchange students, 28 Rotarians and 1 incredible motivational speaker, Scott Greenberg, for a weekend of leadership training and team building.

The weekend began with motivational speeches, fun games, and meeting new people. Saturday consisted of workshops on Peer Pressure, Goal Setting, Time Management, and Leadership Characteristics. The students faced some fears on High Ropes Courses Saturday. Saturday evening they had the opportunity to deal with their “fimage” (fear of image) as they learned how to swing dance.

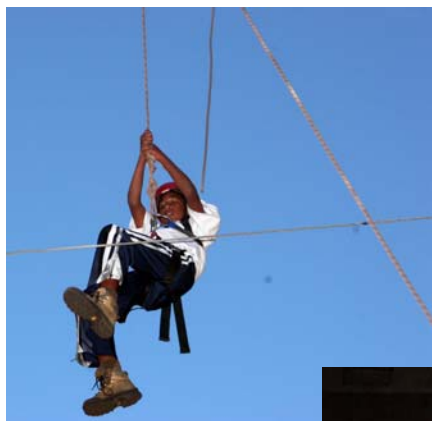
Evaluation of the weekend activities revealed positive feedback from the students, counselors and Rotarians. The TLC Committee and all participating Rotarians worked hard to make the weekend a big success for everyone. Steve Garrett made a great video about the weekend that is available from the TLC web site <http://www.district5300.org/tlc/index.html>.

We are already looking forward to next year's TLC. Anyone wishing to be on the TLC committee or wishing to be a Rotarian facilitator can contact Chris Robles who will be the chair for next year. Chris can be reached at RotarianChris@yahoo.com.

Bev Klatt

2005 TLC Chair

*Photos
courtesy of Chris Robles
& Steve Garrett*



RED RIBBON RALLY A BIG SUCCESS IN WEST COVINA

Since the early 1990's, the two Rotary Clubs of West Covina, the City of West Covina and the West Covina Unified School District have sponsored a festival to educate our youth to say "NO to drugs and alcohol!" This event commemorates the ultimate sacrifice made by Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena on our behalf. He was kidnapped, brutally tortured and murdered by drug traffickers. This tragic event has generated the hard work of thousands of Americans...particularly our young people...who participate in Red Ribbon events during the last week in October.

Our two Rotary clubs spearheaded this large anti-drug and anti-alcohol education effort on October 29, supported by a number of important sponsors, supporters and volunteers. Thousands of families were there,



with enough kids to make your head spin. And, that's what it was all about...having the kids exposed to the message, enjoying a free pancake breakfast, providing them with stage entertainment, and the opportunity to see a number of important displays and demonstrations, particularly by our police and fire departments.

Many Rotarians were involved in setting up and preparing the food, led by President Dave Alfaro of our noon club and Caroline Chacon, President of the sunrise club. A major share of the effort was accomplished by a very large number of Interact kids from the West Covina High School. It is the largest extra-curricular club on campus and can number in the hundreds. Also prominent at the rally was the hot air balloon, "Serena's Song." A wheel chair-accessible balloon, it was there through the courtesy of our Foothill Transit Co., to provide balloon rides for disadvantaged and wheelchair-bound children; and, it was enjoyed by so many of them!

This event just keeps getting better and better! Hats off to all involved...particularly the multitude of Rotary Interact Club kids from West Covina High whose help was so critically important!



Rotary Presidents Chacon and Alfaro



Past Presidents Forest Tennant and Miriam Tennant of the lunch and sunrise clubs, respectively.

DUARTE ROTARY AT WORK DAY

The Rotary Club of Duarte participated in the Rotary at Work Day on October 29th. They identified a Senior Disabled low income Duarte resident whose yard was literally out of control and volunteered to trim everything back and down. They filled a construction rolloff container, donated by Burrtec Waste, with greenwaste. Approximately 25 volunteers showed up, including members from Duarte Rotary Club, Citrus College Rotaract Club, Duarte High School Interact Club and Duarte Youthworks. When they started, the house had shrubs growing 15 to 20 feet high around the entire yard and when they left they had cut everything to 5 feet or lower.

The resident was very pleased and "while we were all very sore the next day, the physical work was very rewarding", said Kristen Petersen, President of the Duarte Rotary Club.



COVINA ROTARY LAUNCHES HOLIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

"COVINA CARES"

a community service project hosted by Covina Rotary Club

Covina Rotary Club is beginning a project this year that they hope will become a "signature" event for. They started with a small goal of 50 families for the first year, but have quickly increased the goal to 100. They also wanted to encourage local business', fire and police, etc. to "adopt" a familythe original goal was only 10 families, but they are moving that up as well due to overwhelming support. "I'm so excited about his project, as I've seen what a positive impact it has on the lives of residents of my home town. Lakewood has gone on to mentor sur-

rounding cities to start their own programs; my dream for Covina Rotary is to be able to do the same" said Pam Hayes, Community Service Director for the Rotary Club of Covina.

The following is an excerpt of the club's press release:

Covina Rotary Club has a big dream....to make holiday wishes come true for residents of our community who may be in need during the upcoming season. Designed to support struggling single mom's, displaced workers, out-of-work parents, lonely seniors and families with limited resources, this inaugural event will distribute turkeys, canned goods, dry staples and gifts in an effort

to spread a little holiday cheer to friends and neighbors in need.

*Covina Cares is partnering with volunteers from several local organizations, who will help collect, sort and package the contributions and assist in distribution to identified recipients on **Saturday, December 17**. We have invited the participation of local Scout troops, high schools, other community groups, YMCA, churches and interested citizens, as well as the City of Covina, who enthusiastically supports this project.*

Rotary Club of East LA sponsors RI Convention Trip

Join the Rotary Club of East Los Angeles on a once in a lifetime trip to the 2006 Rotary International Convention at Malmö-Copenhagen followed by a special tour of Denmark's Fairytale Land and 7 Day Baltic and Russia Cruise aboard the Costa Magica.

We will depart Los Angeles on June 09, 2006 and spend 5 nights in Copenhagen attending the Convention. The morning after the Closing Ceremonies, we depart for 3 days touring Denmark's countryside, a wondrous land of romantic castles, quaint villages and islands set amidst yellow fields and blue seas. On Sunday, June 18, we return to Copenhagen to board the Costa Magica, for a 7 day cruise to Tallinn, Estonia; St. Petersburg, Russia; Helsinki, Finland and Stockholm, Sweden --- all cities of tremendous beauty, culture and history. One of our members, Harold Stanley, made this note of his approach to Stockholm on a similar cruise a few years ago: "... (the ship glided) over mirror-like waters, in gorgeous pink dawn light, past ... small outcroppings ... some with only one pine tree, others with a single cottage ... a near perfect serenity appeared to govern our presence." Experiences like this will endear this part of the world to you forever.

Our ship, the Costa Magica is the finest in Italian cruising. She entered service in 2004 and boasts 4 restaurants, 11 bars, 4 swimming pools (one with water-slide), full fitness center and spa, casino, disco and three-deck theater, Squok Kid's Club and much more. Complete package with airfare, hotel, cruise, all transfers and most meals starts at \$4219 per person, based on double occupancy. Proceeds from the trip will benefit the East LA Club. For more information and a complete itinerary, visit www.carlsontravella.com or call Caroline or Stephanie at (323) 263-5165.

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NOMINATION NEWS

Following the meeting of the Nominating Committee for Director of RI in 2007-09 on September 27, 2005 Rotary International received a formal complaint from the Rotary Club of Kerman. The RI Board of Directors reviewed the allegations at its November 4, 2005 meeting and dismissed the complaint.

In addition the Rotary Club of Kerman challenged the nomination of Paul Netzel as Director of RI for the years 2007-2009. On November 31, 2005 Ted Marsella, District Governor, notified Ed Futa, Secretary General of Rotary International, that more than one half of the Rotary Clubs of District 5230

concurred with the challenge by the Rotary Club of Kerman. There will be a ballot by mail among all of the Rotary Clubs of Zone 24 within the next few months between Paul Netzel and Ken Boyd.

The Rotary Club of Arcadia also challenged the nomination of Paul Netzel as Director of RI for the years 2007-2009. On November 11, 2005 Steve Garrett notified the District 5300 Resolutions Chairman, Ernie Jensen, that he did not want to continue the challenge process.

But wait, there is more news regarding Rotary International nominations. Following the meeting of the

Nominating Committee for President of RI in 2007-08 in mid-September, Rotary International received a formal complaint alleging improper activities during the nominating process. The RI Board of Directors reviewed the allegations at its November meeting.

The Board agreed that, to protect the integrity of the nominating process, a new Nominating Committee will be convened on 5 December to select a nominee for president of Rotary International in 2007-08. All previous candidates will remain eligible.

HELP YOUR TAX SITUATION BY AN END OF YEAR DONATION TO A 501C-3

As the end of the year approaches many business and professional people look to improving their tax situation by a donation to a 501c-3.

I ask you to consider making that donation to The Rotary Foundation. Not only do you get a tax benefit but you know that 100% of your money goes towards fulfilling Rotary International's mission of building World Peace and Understanding.

Your Financial Planner can explain the many ways of giving to the Rotary Foundation, but whether you give to the Annual-Share Fund or the Permanent Fund as a direct donation; or to the Permanent Fund as future gift you will receive tangible recognition and know in your heart that you have aided Rotary's mission.

Donations can be made by credit card directly on the web by going to

www.rotary.org and signing in at "Member Access" or by hard copy credit card or by cheque. Ask your club Foundation chair for the documents and/or help or contact me at 760-243-5928 or pdgcooker@verizon.net.

When your donation is \$10,000 or more (check or credit card) your recognition can include a special crystal for an additional \$38.97. As a bequest the crystal is at no charge. All donations of \$10,000 or more receive the appropriate Diamond Paul Harris Pin.

Consider making a difference in a child's life by your donation at this special time of year (and get tax credit).

Yours in Rotary Service
Margaret Cooker, PDG
DFC 2005-2006



NOVEMBER 17 2005 - UPDATE ON INDIVIDUAL GRANTS (ROTARIAN & NON- ROTARIAN TRAVEL)

At their October 2005 meeting, The Rotary Foundation Trustees agreed that Individual Grants are an important component of the Humanitarian Grants program as they support the direct service and planning missions of volunteers serving communities in need.

As a result, they agreed to lift the moratorium on Individual Grants effective 1 July 2006 for volunteer travel taking place after 1 October 2006. The Trustees will evaluate the grant program at their April 2006 meeting and will consider modifications to improve stewardship of Individual Grants and allocate resources required to process them efficiently.

At this time, TRF will not process any additional requests for Individual Grants during the 2005-06 Rotary year.

If you choose to apply, please check the Rotary website after 15 May 2006 for updates about a new application process for Individual Grants in 2006-07.



PDG Margaret Cooker

District 5300 Foundation Chair

FOUNDATION GIVING MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION RE- PORT FOR DISTRICT: 5300 PERIOD: FROM 1 JULY 2005 TO 31 OCTOBER 2005

Top Clubs Ranked by Total Annual Giving

- * Victorville, CA \$26,225.00
- * Apple Valley, CA \$17,209.00
- * Las Vegas North, NV \$10,632.88

SHARE SUMMARY

\$16,000 in Foundation giving was added to our portion of the Annual-Share account in October 2005.

One scenario for funds use of \$53,411.35 in DDF for 2008-2009 will allow us to:

- * Give \$25,000 to the Rotary Peace Scholar Fund - we are a Pioneer Peace Building District (one of only 2 in the Western States)
- * Fund NO Ambassadorial Scholar for a total of \$0
- * Obtain \$25,000.00 for District Simplified Grants to be used locally within the district
- * Have \$3,411.35 available for the District match (ddf) of club funds for all types of Matching Grants.

Full district report YTD on the Foundation page of the district web site (see the "News" column.)

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

SOUTHERN NEVADA FOUNDATION DINNER JANUARY 11, 2006 GOLD COAST HOTEL & CASINO

Featuring past Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Jean Irwin, as our Keynote speaker. Hear her compelling story on how Rotary helped add to her education as a teacher of the deaf and to overcome illiteracy and deafness in children.



The dinner is being held in conjunction with the Southern Nevada Rotarians sponsoring the All American Football Classic Game to be held in Las Vegas at Boyd Stadium on January 14, 2006. You can be a part of the group that sponsors Southern Nevada Rotary's First Collegiate Humanitarian Athlete Award and the first Southern Nevada High School Athlete Award.

Be there to support Rotarians receiving Paul Harris Fellow, Major Donor, Bequest Society and Benefactor Award recognitions for their support of the Rotary Foundation.

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