



Rotary District 5300

*The Highlighter*

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**DISTRICT GOVERNOR STEW ANDERSON'S MONTHLY MESSAGE**

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

January is Rotary awareness month in our Rotary World and after all awareness is critical to Rotary's humanitarian efforts. We need the public to be aware as well as our Rotarians in the District. The January Rotarian has an informative article on page 49-51. On page 51 there is information on how to order one free copy of a new CD-ROM public service announcement.

The other side of awareness is making all our members aware of what Rotary is all about? We have many new and not so new members who are still trying to figure this out.

Thru my visits I have tried to share information resources that we all can take advantage of; the District website, International web site, ABC's of Rotary, membership Seminars and Foundation Seminars.

Additional special functions your District puts on are excellent information resources such as PETS (President Elect Training Session), District Assembly Training for all board members and any interested member and of course the President's Advance.

I have also shared some of the District goals with our members to inform them of what we are trying to accomplish during our year of leadership. We are

**January is Rotary Awareness Month**

well on our way to accomplishing many of our goals for our Rotary year.

January brings a new year and with it new opportunities to learn more about Rotary and the many cultures it represents.

Rotary awareness isn't only about our organization's history, it's about our future. If our clubs want to attract new members, informed Rotarians must be prepared to share their knowledge. Prospective members will want to

know all about the opportunities for service and the resources available to them if they join a Rotary club.

Time spent learning about Rotary is an investment in our future. I urge you to use this month to learn more about Rotary.

In just a few more days we will be half way thru our Rotary year. All but a few visits are complete and I now have time to concentrate on our upcoming January events which kick off with the Rose Parade.

Thank you for what you are doing for Rotary. You are "Making a Difference" in your Local and International Communities.

Thank you;

District Governor Stew

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## DIANE ANDERSON'S BOOK CORNER-10,000 BOOKS & COUNTING!

The books to be donated to local schools or libraries in the Rotary Club areas are still continuing to come in. My original goal was **5300 books** and to date there have been **10,000 books** donated to your communities! I am overwhelmed by the generosity of the clubs.

I truly thank you all for your contributions!

Diane



## D.G. STEW INDUCTS TWO NEW MEMBERS AT AZUSA ROTARY CLUB



District Governor Stew Anderson and Diane pose for the camera with Azusa Rotary Club President Harry Heflin. D.G. Stew was pleased to induct two new members during his official visit to the club especially because one of the Districts goals is membership retention as well as a net of one new member per club. The two members are Sandy Franks, sponsored by Marcene Hamilton, and Mark Wright, sponsored by President-Elect, Hugo Torres.

First Lady Diane Anderson was also proud to announce that the Rotary Clubs of D5300 had collected more than 10,000 books as she gave everyone present her hand made bookmarks of yellow and blue ribbon with matching beads. An un-named Rotarian had mistaken them for UCLA prayer beads but DG Stew was quick to correct that misunderstanding.

### A Word from the Editor

Due to technical problems, many of the articles and photographs that were submitted for this issue of the Highlighter were lost. We apologize to the clubs who submitted information that was lost and hope that they will resubmit their articles for a future issue.

Thank you,  
Susanne Hayek

## LAS VEGAS-CENTRAL ROTARY SHOWS THEIR HOLIDAY SPIRIT

The Las Vegas Central Rotary Club participated in Santa Clothes on December 8th as well as adopting a family from "Candlelighters", which is an organization that assists families with children suffering from cancer. Our family has a little boy (5 years old) suffering from leukemia. We provided gifts for the whole family (3 children and 2 adults) as well as a complete Christmas dinner. Some of our members shopped, others wrapped and still others delivered everything to the family shortly before Christmas. This is the second time we have adopted such a family.

We also collected toys, backpacks and sweatshirts for City Mission and conducted two food drives for Catholic Charities.

By Frieda Brazier



## MONTEBELLO ROTARIANS ORGANIZE CLEAN-UP AT LOCAL LANDMARK

BY ANNE DONOFRIO-HOLTER

On Sunday, November 20, 2005, Montebello Rotarians Manny Franco, Angel Muro, Edgar Morales, Helio Altamirano, Gabe Robles, Fernando Cuevas, Bill Nighswonger, David Avirom, Gabe Garza, Richard Adams and Anne Donofrio-Holter assembled at Montebello's Sanchez Adobe for a semi-annual clean-up day.

Along with members of the Montebello and Cantwell High School Interact Clubs, Montebello High School Ecology Club, local Boys/Girls Scouts, Montebello Historical Society and Montebello Housing Development Corporation staff, groups fanned out canvassing the grounds of the structure pulling weeds, cutting tree limbs, collecting cans, bottles and other debris. Inside, groups dusted display cases and swept floors.

In celebration of 100 years of Rotary International, Montebello Rotarians adopted the Sanchez Adobe last year as their centennial project. The club's goal is to enhance Montebello's oldest standing structure by improving the grounds, courtyard and interior of the historical landmark which was built in 1845.

Phase one of the project, completed last February at a cost of \$30,000, included refinishing of wooden walkways, repairing damaged handicap ramps, replacing entrance handrails, adding decorative landscaping and enhancing time period displays with lighting and descriptive signs including new outdoor signage displaying the Rotary Logo.

Phases two and three of the project includes a museum assessment program and the development of a master plan for on-going maintenance, improvements, and funding. Anyone who would like to support this project with a tax deductible contribution are urged to contact the Montebello Rotary Club, P.O. Box 282, Montebello, 90640.





## THE ROTARY CLUB OF AZUSA DELIVERS JOY TO THE CHILDREN OF AZUSA

On Saturday December 17, Azusa Rotarians Rosalinda Buchwald, Harry Heflin, Connie Ibarra, and Rae and Frank Kearney had the privilege of helping their favorite Santa, Azusa Rotarian Terry Kistler, deliver presents to 30 children in 10 families in Azusa who needed a little help to make their Christmas morning extra-special.

The gift delivery climaxed a three-month effort to identify families in need, locate sponsors for the children, gather, sort, and wrap the donated gifts, and then finally deliver them to the children. Azusa Rotarians contributed many of the gifts, and an "Angel Tree" at the King Buffet in Azusa where the club meets helped publicize the effort and attracted gifts from King Buffet employees and customers.

The sorting and wrapping of the approximately 60 gifts was a much larger project than anyone anticipated, and the Rotary group did a lot of the work at their Christmas party and also at their December board meeting.

Azusa Rotarian Rae Kearney who conceived and organized the entire project, says "We experienced first-hand the joy of giving to children in need this Christmas, and not only that, we had fun doing it!"

One of the truly unique aspects of the program was that "Santa" delivered the presents roaring around Azusa on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, attracting a lot of waves and approving horn-honks in the process. Azusa President Harry Heflin says, "Well, snow for Santa's sled is sparse in Azusa, so I guess he just had to make do..."

Terry Kistler, Rotary's Santa for the day, says "It was just about the very best Santa experience I've ever had".

By : Hugo Torres, P.E. Azusa Rotary

Below: Rotary Club of Azusa President Harry Heflin.

Below Right: Santa (Terry Kistler) with Santa's helper, wife, Mary Ann) and Bottom right: Azusa Rotarians Rosalinda Buchwald and Rae Kearny flank Santa and Mrs. Santa.



## MONTABELLO ROTARIANS SERVE AT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS AT THE CANNON PROGRAM

by Anne Donofrio-Holter

Montebello Rotarians Helio Altamirano, David Avirom, Anne Donofrio-Holter, Manny Franco, Gabe Garza, Ralph Helm, Ted Jones, Sheraly Khwaja, Kathy Kohn, Edgar Morales, Mike Newton, Phyllis Murakawa, Bernadette Ramos, Chris Robles, Gabe Robles, Kathy Salazar and Luis Trujillo, in addition to members of local high school Interact clubs, helped serve lunch to more than 2,000 needy local residents at the 18th annual Christmas at the Cannon program held Christmas Eve at the Montebello Country Club.



Following a buffet style lunch, those in attendance were treated to performances by Christmas carolers and clowns, and of course, a visit from Santa Claus.

Each year volunteers from all walks of life participate in various capacities - as food servers, table clearers, greeters, and gift wrappers. The program has turned into a major community event and has fed over 30,000 people to date.

"This is a wonderful program put on each year through the efforts of many local organizations and groups in our community," said club president Kathy Kohn. "The Montebello Rotary Club is proud to participate."

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## MATCHING GRANT IN NIGERIA APPROVED

5 Bore Holes will be dug in Nigeria thanks to the fund raising efforts of Griffith Middle School Jr. Interact Club and Gabrielino Interact Club members.

Influenced by speakers that they heard at the Seven District Interact Leadership Symposium on the Clean Water Initiative these young people decided to make a difference. They compounded their money by approaching their respective Rotary Clubs - East Los Angeles and San Gabriel - for a match of funds. Dave Beltran of East Los Angeles took the lead in writing two grants.

One got under the wire for the Individual Grants and allowed Dave Beltran to travel to Nigeria in

November 2005 to establish the relationships with the local people and Rotarians as well as set the projects in motion.

The other is the full Matching Grant that was approved mid-December for the provision of at least 5 bore holes to this remote area of Nigeria. When complete these villages will have access to clean water for the first time.

The release of the women and children from the time consuming and physically demanding task of fetching polluted water will allow the women to start to educate their children and to start micro-businesses.

Funds for the 5 bore holes

comes from a Junior Interact, Interact and two Rotary clubs, District 5300 ddf (district designated funds from Annual-Share giving 3 years ago) and TRF (the Rotary Foundation).

By: Margaret Cooker, PDG  
D5300 Foundation Chair

## Monthly Contribution Report for District: 5300

Period: From 1 July 2005 through 30 November 2005

\* Top Clubs Ranked by Annual Giving Per Capita

- o Victorville, CA \$419.52
- o Las Vegas North, NV \$295.36
- o Las Vegas Southwest, NV \$286.48

\* Top Clubs Ranked by Total Annual Giving

- o Victorville, CA \$43,630.00
- o Apple Valley, CA \$20,623.00
- o Las Vegas Southwest, NV \$18,048.00

### SHARE SUMMARY

- \* 2005 US\$100 Per Capita District Benchmark: \$278.200.00
- \* 2005/2006 District Annual Giving Goal (sum of all club goals):  
\$331,698.33
- \* 2005/2006 Total of clubs Annual Giving Goals received: 61 of 61  
(100.00% received)
- \* 2005/2006 Total of Annual Giving for Period: \$163,231.21
- \* 2005/2006 Permanent Fund Earnings Designated to Share: \$0.00  
(interest added at end of year)
- \* 2005/2006 Share Total: \$163,231.21

### Distribution of Share Funds in Rotary Year 2008-2009

- \* 50% of Share Total to World Fund: \$81,615.61
- \* 50% of Share Total to District Designated Fund: \$81,615.61

Note: \$28,204.26 in Foundation giving was added to our portion of the Annual-Share account in November 2005.

One scenario for funds use \$81,615.61 in DDF for 2008-2009 will allow us to:

- \* Give \$25,000 to the Rotary Peace Scholar Fund - 5300 is one of the few Pioneer Peace Building Districts.
- \* Fund One Ambassadorial Scholar for a total of \$26,000
- \* Obtain \$25,000.00 for District Simplified Grants to be used locally for projects within the district
- \* Have \$5,615.61 available for the District match (DDF) of club funds for all types of Matching Grants.

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

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





## LAS VEGAS WEST RECOGNIZED BY THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Congratulations to Past President Brett Grant and his Foundation chair Bill Klink. Las Vegas West is the **ONLY** club in District 5300 to achieve the goal of Every Rotarian Every Year with a minimum of \$100 per member donated to the Rotary Foundation in Rotary year 2004-2005.

A special banner will be presented to PP Brett at the Southern Nevada Foundation Dinner at the Gold Coast on January 11 2006 by his Governor, Roy York.

Kudos to each and every Rotarian in Las Vegas West for doing your part to achieve the goal for every Rotary club. Progress towards achieving the club's goal can be monitored by each club president or club secretary by logging on through Member Access on the Rotary web site and opening the CRS report - club recognition summary. As each member reaches the \$100 mark the date is inserted next to their name.

By: Margaret Cooker, PDG



D.G. Stew's Final Word: "I want you to be the Outstanding Rotarian you know you can be! In the second half of the first year of the new Century of Rotary, I challenge you to go out and find one new member for your club." Let's not keep the benefits and joys of Rotary to ourselves! We all know one person who would benefit from and be an asset to our clubs!

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