



Rotary District 5300

The Highlighter

SERVICE Above Self

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

Dear Fellow Rotarians;

April is magazine month. The Rotarian magazine has incorporated many changes as to content and layout through out the years. The improvements make for more enjoyable reading and it provides a meaningful source of information to all Rotarians.

Take a look at your past issues and pass them on to club guests, libraries, doctors/dentist office or

even the chamber of commerce office. What a great way to get Rotary's message across to the public.

As you have heard me say we need to partner up with other organizations to be more effective in our communities. We have done this very effectively with non profit organizations, United Nations entities and corporations. Please take time to read "In Focus" Allies in Service

starting on page 27 of the April issue of the Rotarian. You can get started going corporate by reading the four tips on teaming up with business or teaming up with other non profit organizations.

I know many of our clubs do partner up during the holidays with other non profit organizations and businesses to provide Santa Clothes, shoes and coats for children in need.

You are "making a difference"

This spirit of cooperation helps to improve the quality of life in our local and international communities.

Your Rotarian magazine is full of information that you can use in your newsletter or in your weekly meeting. There is a great example on page 32 and 33 that can be used during a new member induction or a Paul Harris presentation.

April is a busy month and I hope all clubs are

taking time to wrap up their awards documents and sending them off to meet the due dates which are on the www.district5300.org web site. This is an exciting time for all clubs to look back to see what they have accomplished during this past Rotary year.

Your Conference committee will be meeting for the last time soon to wrap up any loose ends. I hope you are planning to attend all or part of the District Conference

May 18-21, 2006. All the registration information is available on the www.district5300.org web site. If you have non computer Rotarians bring in your lap top and help them to register before or after your meeting.

Thank you for what you are doing for Rotary. You are "making a difference".

District Governor Stew

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WHERE ROTARY ISN'T

BY: HARRY HEFLIN, PRESIDENT, RC OF AZUSA

Whenever we travel for work or pleasure, we Rotarians pretty much take for granted that wherever we go, we can find a welcoming Rotary club filled with like-minded persons where we will be welcomed for a makeup. In addition to being the original service organization currently boasting 1.2 million Rotarians in 167 countries, Rotary is of course also the most international of all the service clubs.

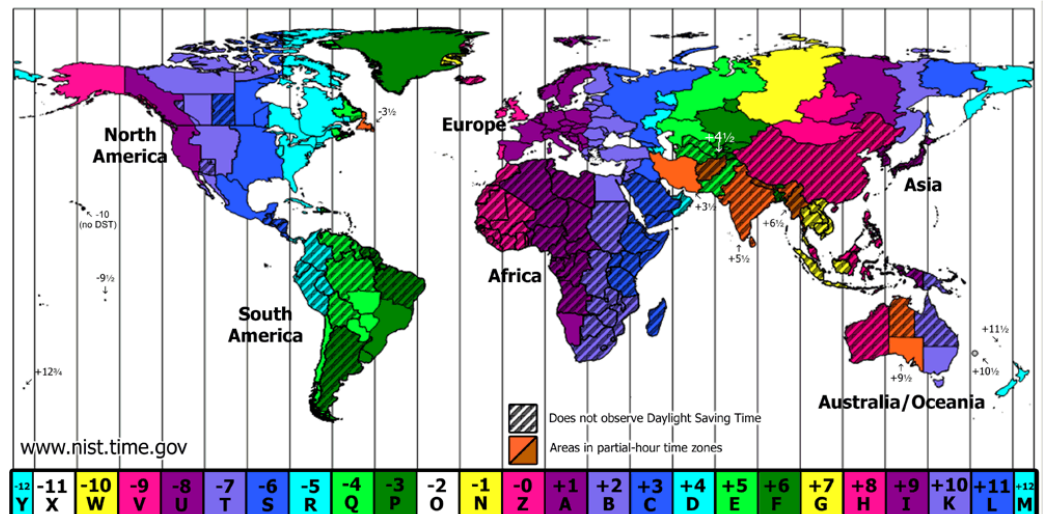
But the question might occur, are there any countries that do not have Rotary clubs? Rotary International will charter Rotary clubs wherever the fundamental principles of Rotary can be freely observed, but sadly there are 23 countries in which for various reasons no Rotary clubs exist. No clubs are to be found in Bhutan, Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Kiribati, Kuwait, Laos, Libya, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Myanmar, Nauru, North Korea, People's Republic of China, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Syria, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, or Yemen.

Although Rotary International has nine criteria for the establishment of clubs in a country, generally there are two main hurdles that block the establishment of clubs in those few countries without Rotary.

First, the organization of the Rotary clubs must have express and concrete approval from relevant branches of government. Secondly, the club must be able to function freely as a nonpolitical entity of an international organization which is committed to the ideal of service to humanity and the enhancement of the quality of life. Freedom of speech and association are thought to be crucial for Rotary to succeed.

In the countries that do not yet meet the criteria to host their own Rotary Clubs, Rotary International still encourages established clubs in other countries to do what they can to bring worthwhile projects to the countries as is possible without creating political tensions or endangering lives. The hope is that those worthwhile projects will demonstrate the good that Rotary can do, and slowly hearts and minds will be won over, and the barriers will at some point drop so on more country can join the world of Rotary.

So, while we can all look forward to a day when all countries will benefit from an organization that unselfishly provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world -- very sadly that day is probably not near at hand.



INDUSTRY HILLS ROTARY CENTENNIAL PROJECT

BY: PAT MCINTOSH, MEMBER OF INDUSTRY HILLS ROTARY AND PRESIDENT OF THE LA PUENTE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Industry Hills Rotary commemorates their participation in the Rotary International Centennial Projects by creating a delightful park area next to the treasured Rowland Home, a 150 year old brick edifice that was built in 1855 by John Rowland, cofounder of the La Puente Valley ranches and vineyards, and co-owner of Rancho De La Puente which was originally a 50,000 acre land grant.

Today the Home, under the auspices of the La Puente Historical Society, is part of a historical monument to the past, a learning source for the 3,000 or so students a year that come to the facility, where a "hands-on" tour takes them back to the early California days when candles were made from melted wax, blankets were hand-woven from yarn, corn was ground on a matate, clothes were scrubbed on a scrub board, and calves were roped by young ranchers.

The many loyal volunteer docents from the La Puente Valley Historical Society spend countless hours reaching out to these students from the 3rd grade classes throughout our valley. Children come with their teachers to "learn by doing," and the park has been created to give them a place to relax and enjoy their lunches at the end of the tour.

The original selection of a park was made by John Kramar, a native La Puentean, Rotarian, and former Superintendent of the Hacienda /La Puente School District. It was his suggestion that Rotary, in creating this beautiful little park, would continue to commemorate their dedication to the community by a permanent addition to a beautiful and treasured part of California history.



Right to left, Maryanne King (some of you may recall "Miss Maryanne and her Magic Mirror"), Matt Briglio, (Pres.), Pam Heintz (PP) and Pat McIntosh at dedication ceremony, March 25th, 2006



Before.....After

ROTARY CLUB OF EAST LA 2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Rotary Club of East Los Angeles is holding it's 2nd annual golf tournament on Friday May 19, 2006 at the Whittier Narrows Golf Course.

The club is raising funds for Academic Incentive Scholarships at ELA high school and middle school students, as well as ELA Rotary youth programs and selected community programs.

For more information, please call Dolores Diaz-Carrey at 213.700.4701 or Omar Loya at 323.842.9026. Tournament entry forms must be received by May 1, 2006.

MONTEBELLO ROTARIANS RAISE FUNDS FOR LOCAL YMCA

Kudos to Montebello Rotarians Robert Monzon, Edgar Morales and Anne Donofrio-Holter. All were active (and successful!) campaigners during the recent Montebello-Commerce YMCA annual support campaign to raise \$150,000.

The above-named Rotarians took to the streets as the official Rotary team, along with members of other service clubs, businesses, and YMCA volunteers to raise funds that would help subsidize programs such as child care for those in the community unable to afford the entire cost of a program.

Many other Montebello Rotarians either donated to this worthwhile cause or raised funds as members of other teams. Individual goal busters included Montebello Rotary president Kathy Kohn, Tom Millhouse, Robert Monzon, and Edgar Morales. Denise Hagopian served as campaign chair.

All in all, the official Montebello Rotary team raised over \$6,060 for the Montebello-Commerce YMCA, surpassing its team goal of \$5,000.

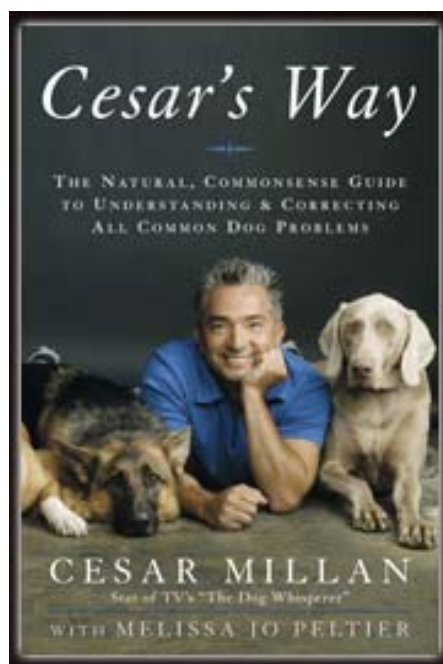
by Anne Donofrio-Holter



NATIONALLY RENEWED SPEAKER AT PICO RIVERA CLUB

From his appearances on The Oprah Winfrey Show to his roster of celebrity clients to his reality television series, Cesar Millan is America's most sought-after dog-behavior expert. But Cesar is not a trainer in the traditional sense - his expertise lies in his unique ability to comprehend dog psychology. Tracing his own amazing journey from a clay-walled farm in Mexico to the celebrity palaces of Los Angeles, Cesar recounts how he learned what makes dogs tick. In *Cesar's Way*, he shares this wisdom, laying the groundwork for you to have stronger, more satisfying relationships with your canine companions.

Cesar's formula for a contented and balanced dog seems impossibly simple: exercise, discipline, and affection, in that order. Taking readers through the basics of dog psychology and behavior, Cesar shares the inside details of some of his most fascinating cases, using them to illustrate how common behavior issues develop and, more important, how they can be corrected.



Learn what goes on inside your dog's mind and develop a positive, fulfilling relationship with your best friend

Join us for a presentation by the
“Dog Whisperer”

Cesar Millan

Thursday April 13, 2006 12:00
Noon

At the Del Rae Restaurant

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Pico Rivera Ca. 90660
Reservations are **REQUIRED**

Limited Seating
\$25.00 Cash or Checks

at the Door

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562-692-0363 or 562-843-3358**

Diane Anderson's Book Corner: 30,000 Book & Still Counting!

Our book count is still changing on a weekly basis. If you have any updated book numbers please forward to me so I can add them to the total district book count.

Thank you for your support.

Diane



DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 2008-2009 SELECTED

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the District 5300 Governor for 2008-2009

.....Eugene Hernandez, Past President of the Chino Rotary Club.

Gene Hernandez received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Administration of Criminal Justice from San Jose State University and his Masters of Science Degree in Management from Cal Poly, Pomona. He is a graduate of Class 15 of the California POST Command College and Class 154 of the F.B.I. National Academy. Gene has been involved in police work for the past 34 years and currently holds the position of Police Chief with the City of Chino since 1998.



Gene Hernandez is actively involved in the community having served as: Past President of the Orange YMCA and immediate past Board President for the Chino Valley YMCA; past Chairman for the Orange Chamber of Commerce Leadership program; past President of Family Solutions Inc., residential and foster care homes for abused children; Member of Orange Elks Lodge 1475; Community Concerns Specialist for the California State PTA Board; Board of Director for the Chino Valley Medical Center; Board President of the Chino Boxing Club Foundation; Past President for the Command College Alumni Association; Committee member for the FBI National Academy Alumni Association; and Immediate Past President of the Society of Police Futurists International.

Gene joined the Orange North Rotary Club in 1986 and served as their President in 1989-1990 and transferred to the Chino Rotary Club in 1998, serving as their President in 2003-2004. Between the two clubs he has served in virtually every position within his local Rotary. He served on District 5320's GSE committee for 5 years and was a member of the District Speech Contest Committee. Gene was voted Rotarian of the Year by Orange North and Chino Rotary Clubs. Gene and his wife Louise are both Paul Harris Fellows. In 2000 he received the Governor's Millennial Commendation award and in 1988 Gene was awarded from District 5320, The Rotary Foundation District Service Award. He served on District 5300's District Governor Selection Committee in 2004; the Wheelchair Distribution Team, traveling to Puerto Vallarta; attended International Conventions in Glasgow, Scotland and Seoul Korea; and was a PRLS Panel Presenter as well as a PRLS recipient.

Gene has lectured extensively to both civic, fraternal, and law enforcement organizations on various aspects of crime trends, police leadership and social change.

Gene and Louise have been married for 36 years, have three children, one granddaughter, one grandson, and reside in the City of Yorba Linda. His interests include community service, camping, genealogy, reading, badminton, racquetball and family activities.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING GENE TO THE LEADERSHIP TEAM OF DISTRICT 5300. GENE HAS AN ENTHUSIASM FOR ROTARY THAT IS CONTAGIOUS AND YOU WILL WANT TO BE ON HIS TEAM! DISTRICT 5300 IS IN GOOD HANDS WITH GENE IN LINE TO BE GOVERNOR. CONGRATULATIONS GENE AND LOUISE!

BARBARA RISHER WELCH, PDG

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINATING COMM. CHAIR

DISTRICT GSE TEAM READY FOR EASTERN EUROPE EXCHANGE

DISTRICT 5300 As the selected Team Leader for the Group Study Exchange (GSE) team traveling to Eastern Europe in April of 2006, I am excited about the growth opportunities this type of trip offers. My team members are **Aurora Jackson** (sponsored by the Montebello Rotary Club), **Elizabeth Molina** (sponsored by the Montebello Rotary Club), **Kelley Roberts Jr.** (sponsored by the San Marino Rotary Club), and **Robert Curtiss** (also sponsored by the San Marino Club). Alternate team members include **Firat Tuncay** (Team Leader Alt.), **Olivia Segura** and **Javier Valdivia**. We will be visiting Rotary District 1910, which includes Austria, Hungary, Croatia, and Slovenia.

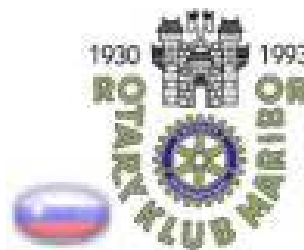
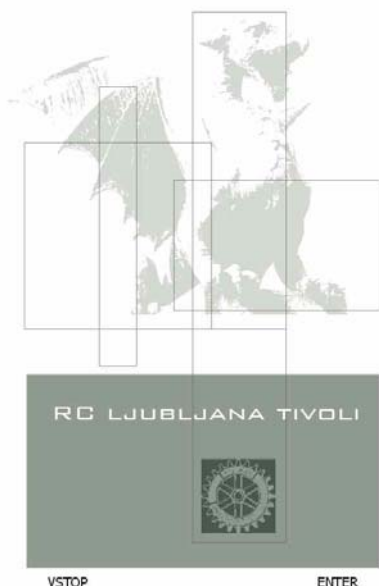


My team brings a diverse group of professionals with much to share with our European counterparts. We are looking forward to the many learning opportunities the trip will present. I feel we have put together an excellent team of individuals who are willing to work together to face the challenges ahead of us. As *good-will ambassadors* of Rotary International, our mission is one of vocational insight and collaboration with Rotary members on potential projects of mutual interest. We believe that *world peace* can only prosper thru the relationship building exchanges such as ours. We look forward to sharing our adventure at the District Conference in Palm Springs upon our return.

Eugene J. Hernandez

GSE Team Leader

A FEW OF THE CLUBS OF D1910



<http://www.rcwienstephansplatz.at/>

DISTRICT 5300 IN GOOD HANDS FOR 2006-2007

The seven Rotary Districts' Southern California/Nevada PETS was held at LAX Marriott last month.

The 2007 PETS Committee focused on giving the incoming Presidents the resources to be successful. There were outstanding trainers on a variety of topics, including two of the seven selected from our District: PDG Barbara Risher Welch on *Membership - How to Get 'Em and Keep 'Em*, and PDG Steve Garrett on *How to Get the Most from Your District Governor*.

Past RI Presidents Cliff Dockterman and Rick King were featured inspirational speakers, as was Kent Keith, award-winning author of the *Paradoxical Commandments*. DGE Christine Montan had some time with the incoming Presidents too and kept those sessions moving at a whirlwind pace! She introduced the new international theme for 2006-07 - **LEAD THE WAY**, and shared the vision for the District, goals, and the areas of emphasis of RI President Elect Bill Boyd - Health and Hunger, Literacy, Water Management Projects and a return to a focus on the Family of Rotary.

It was a fantastic experience, the start of a new (and exciting) adventure for the Presidents Elect. If they haven't already done so, ask your President Elect to share his or her story.



District Governor Elect with incoming Presidents (in District denim work shirts) trained at PETS and ready for work!



The next 3 years of District Governors: Christine Montan (06-07), Charlie Barr (07-08) and Gene Hernandez (08-09) with members of Chris's leadership team. Pat Hardecour, Tom Novotny, Mary Ann Kistler, Miles Petroff, Drew Bergen and Doug Fowler.

I WANT YOU...

To Register for our District Conference!
It's simple, just go to

www.district5300.org

and register online!



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