



Rotary District 5300

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR STEW ANDERSON'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians;

As we move into the final months of our year together I am reminded that our District Conference is just weeks away. I have been told that the attendance is exceeding the past couple of years. As I have said, our District Conference is a celebra-

tion of our year as District leaders and we have much to celebrate. I firmly believe that our success this Rotary year is a direct result of the club Presidents' leadership, commitment and follow thru during the year.

If I may, I would like to share a quote from

Donald Trump that seems appropriate at this time. *"In the end, you're measured not by how much you undertake but by what you finally accomplish"*. Team, we have accomplished a great deal this year and have set a new standard for the next century of service. Thank you for making

Bring non-perishable food to District Conference!

our year together a memorable and productive one. Throughout the District Conference we will be bringing everyone up to date on our District's accomplishments.

We have done an "outstanding" job with our literacy programs this year and if your club has updated book

figures please let Diane know. We will give the final book total during the District Conference.

I have an additional request for the District Conference regarding our hunger program. Would you please bring a non-perishable food item to conference? My goal is to collect 530 pounds of food during

the weekend. The number 530 is significant as it was the original District number. The food will go to the food bank in the Palm Springs area. Our neighboring District 5330 will provide Interact Clubs to pick up and to distribute the food.

Our District has ex-
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ceeded their goal for Foundation giving however there are a few clubs who have not made their goal as of last month. If you plan to honor your clubs goal, please do so by June 30, 2006 so you and the District get credit for our 2005-2006 Rotary year.

I have been asked several times if I am I looking forward to the end

of the Rotary year. My reply is yes and no. I am looking forward to getting back on the golf course, fishing and camping with long time friends. Diane and I will miss interacting with the many Rotarians we have had the pleasure of meeting throughout the year. As a Past District Governor I will remain active in the District so there is a good chance we will

see each other on occasion. This year has been a wonderful experience and one we will never forget.

Diane and I will be attending the International Convention in Denmark and hope to see many of you there.

Best Regards;

Governor Stew

GSE TEAM TRAVELING THROUGH DISTRICT 5300

BY GREG CUSTER

What are 5 strangers doing in our District? If you didn't already know, we're currently hosting 5 great individuals from [Group Study Exchange with District 1910 Austria-East, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary and Slovenia](#).

Chris Leydolt is the team leader and recently retired from natural gas and investments. Masa Ostruh a

lawyer. Iris Marlovits works with the Chamber of Commerce.

Szabolcs Horvai is an ENT doctor, while Simone Scholz works in the telecommunications industry.

They are here to travel through our district, experience our culture and visit with Rotarians of their same vocation. We are charged with host-

ing them, showing them a good time, cultural and civic experience. In return they will speak to a few of our clubs while they are here. In these talks they will share their experiences and describe their lives back home. Please contact GSE Chair Charles Barr for more information about this group.

They arrived on April 22nd and will be finishing off their tour with our District Conference on May 20th.

Now our district needs your help. We're looking for a few great Rotarians. Do you fit the bill? Do you know someone else? We need some applicants to travel to [Austria-East, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary and Slovenia](#) next April. Yes that's right, we need to

find someone willing to travel through Europe and lead a group of young professionals. This is an incredible opportunity for anyone. Please contact Greg Custer, 2006-2007 GSE Chair. He can be reached at 626-441-5111.

There is a team leader application at the following District 5300 website. <http://www.district5300.org/gse/index.html>

The general schedule for the next few months is as follows:

Team Leader Applications Deadline - June 1, 2006

Team Leader Interviews - July 8, 2006

Team Member Applications Deadline - August 25, 2006

Team member Interviews - September 16, 2006

MONTEBELLO ROTARIANS ATTEND CITY'S 52ND ANNUAL ALLSERVICE CLUB BANQUET

By Anne Donofrio-Holter

The Montebello Soroptimist Club played host to Montebello's service club members March 29 at the Quiet Cannon in celebration of the City's 52nd annual All Service Club Banquet. The annual event honors all those who help others in the community through their volunteer work in Montebello's five service organizations.



Although a celebration recognizing the work and dedication of all service club members, each year a highlight of the event is the selection of one member as the All Service Club Person of the Year. This year that honor went to Montebello Rotarian Edgar Morales for his many years of dedication and service. This is the second year in a row that this honor has been bestowed on a Montebello Rotarian with Manny Franco last year's recipient.

"This is quite a surprise and truly an honor," said Morales. "They are so many others in this room deserving of this award."

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the annual attendance awards. The award for best attendance at the banquet (based on percentage of club size) went to the Soroptimist Club. The award for lowest attendance (with 21 members present), and winner of the infamous toilet seat award, went to the Montebello Rotary Club. President Kathy Kohn will maintain custody of the toilet seat for one year, passing it on to next year's recipient.



Following the awards, each club president gave a brief presentation highlighting his or her club's accomplishments over the past year.

The 90-plus attendees were then treated to several musical selections from the cast members of "Bark," produced by Montebello local Jerry Ryan.

DEADLINE FOR EARLY-EARLY BIRD SPECIAL APPROACHING

Do you have an active or in-formation Interact Club or any junior Rotary club?
If yes have you sent in your Intent to send a team to the 2006 Interact Symposium?

Why should you do it now?

Because the EARLY EARLY BIRD SPECIAL DEADLINE is May 31 2006!

Go to www.interactsymposium.us for more information and the forms etc.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY DELIGHTS DUARTE KIDS

The Duarte Rotary Club held their annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Easter Saturday, April 15, 2006. There was a record attendance of approximately 200 adults and children. The children had their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, and each child was given a book, to encourage reading.

Ara Berberoglu, owner of the Duarte and Monrovia Burger King Restaurants donated the sausages and egg patties. The coffee was donated by Duarte Starbucks resident. Harry Heflin, former member of the Duarte club, and currently president of the Azusa Rotary Club donated the frozen orange juice. At right is a picture of Ara Berberoglu receiving the thanks of the assembled guests.



The Duarte Rotarians were greatly assisted by members of the Duarte High School Interact Club, which is sponsored by Duarte Rotary. The Interactors handled the photography, and provided the Easter Bunny.

MOAPA VALLEY ROTARY MAKES BUCKS WITH BREW

A tremendous volunteer effort at Moapa Valley Rotary's largest fundraiser of the year resulted with the grandest total ever! Although Clark County Fair officials reported record attendance on Saturday, these Rotarians felt their extremely efficient delivery is what put their total booth sales WAY over the top!

"Beer Chair" (now that's a job title!) Bruce Hollinger and "Assistant Beer Chair" Mitch Olson handled it all in stride from scheduling, banking, feeding and watering of all the weary volunteers throughout all three booths. The club also recognizes hard-working James Oscarson, Bill Pickett and the American Legion Volunteers that contributed greatly to the smooth running success of the Branding Iron Barbeque and the Rodeo Beverage Station.

To American Legion goes the club's heartfelt gratitude, a check for 550.00 AND all the tips collected at the Barbeque.



Bruce Hollinger could be smiling as a result of sampling the wares, but it is more likely as a result of his handing over the reins to his assistant !!! After several years of hard work, Mitch Olson will take over for Bruce next year. *(editors note: Kudos to the Moapa Valley Rotary Club for having a training and succession program for this obviously important job!)*

The impressive totals are as follows: Main Beer Booth: \$30,373.75; Rodeo Beer Booth: \$5,130.00; for a combined total beer sales of \$35,503.75, netting the club a projected commission of \$5,325.56, not to mention the tips of \$1736.41 for a total of **\$7,061.97!** At \$3/beer these hard working Rotarians poured **11,835** beers over the four day period! Pretty impressive for a club of 31 members!



VICTORVILLE CLUB IS THE FIRST STOP ON GSE TEAM'S DISTRICT TOUR

The GSE Team representing Austria, Slovenia and Hungary landed in Victorville on April 25th to start their tour of District 5300. Using a Powerpoint presentation, the team members gave our club a very broad overview of the history of their countries as well as what life is like today. For more photos as well as the complete presentation put on by the GSE Team, visit victorvill Rotary.org and click on the program link.



D5300 CHARTERS FIRST ROTARACT CLUB

On Friday, March 24, 2006, The Rotaract Club of Citrus finally received its charter as the first Rotaract club of District 5300. The Installation dinner was held at the Duarte Senior Center in the City of Duarte. With a total of 40 people in attendance the officers made the night an unforgettable one. President Javier Diaz spoke of his dream to start a Rotaract Club and his gratitude for all the support he had to help this club be chartered as the first in district 5300. “ We want to bring people into Rotaract to show them we’re all about making life better for impoverished people” he said. Vice President Letty Lopez, Secretary/Historian Angelica Ramirez, Treasurer Jose Florentino, Activities Directors Michelle Johnson and Sandra Hernandez, Sgt. At Arms Michael Curtis, listened proudly as incoming District Governor Christine Montan read the club’s charter. This was an exciting night for all those who attended including Mayor of Duarte, Tzeitel Paras and council member Margaret Finlay.

The Citrus College Rotaract club has a total of 15 members, who have worked on several local and International service projects. Included among them were projects to visit orphans in an orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico, food drives at the Foothill Unity Center for the homeless in Monrovia, “Rotary at Work” day in Duarte, Tournament of Roses in Duarte, Azusa golden days and Interact symposium in Idyllwild.

This new Rotaract Club was assisted by the Rotary Clubs of Duarte and Azusa in their formation and chartering.

The theme for the night was Mexican, with Mexican food and beverages.

CLAREMONT SUNRISE SPELLS FOR CHARITY

Here's an idea that dovetails perfectly with D5300 "First Lady" Diane Anderson's commitment to literacy...a spelling bee fund-raiser! The outcome was not what they wanted, but they take some consolation in the fact that their esteemed team of spellers in the Claremont Community Adult Spelling Bee outlasted the Claremont Courier Spellchekkers, and were eliminated after the noon club and Kiwanis.

Their downfall was culgee, a word of Indo-English origin referring to a colorful sash worn at celebrative events in India (and during the Raj, also apparently in England). It wasn't in the Random House unabridged Dictionary, but it was found in the Encyclopedia Britannica Dictionary and the Oxford English Dictionary. The Pfun Club lasted into the fourth round and, thankfully, was not asked to spell last year's national winning word: appoggiatura.

Thanks to team members David Seccombe, Patricia Dillon, and Rod Parrott for representing Claremont Sunrise in this fundraiser for the Friends of the Claremont Library. Sunriser Tim Brayton teamed up with Charles Zetterberg to emcee the event, and June Seccombe and Reggie and Kae Yates were on hand to cheer the team on.

Bravo to the Claremont Sunrise Rotarians who put the commitment to literacy into action!

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

Our Rotary year is coming to a close. The clubs have been great in donating books back into their local and international communities. In just a few weeks we will be giving the final book count during the District Conference in Palm Springs. I think you will be totally surprised.

Thank you for your contributions and commitments.

Diane



**MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT
FOR DISTRICT: 5300
PERIOD: FROM 1 JULY 2005 THROUGH
31 MARCH 2006**

Top Clubs Ranked by Annual Giving Per Capita

Las Vegas Southwest, NV \$477.35
Victorville, CA \$423.37
Las Vegas North, NV \$385.66

Top Clubs Ranked by Total Annual Giving

Victorville, CA \$44,030.00
Las Vegas Southwest, NV \$30,073.00
Apple Valley, CA \$28,243.00

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: \$335,717.28
2005/2006 Permanent Fund Earnings Designated to Share: \$0.00 (interest added at end of year)
2005/2006 Share Total: \$335,717.28

Distribution of Share Funds in Rotary Year 2008-2009

50% of Share Total to World Fund: \$167,858.64
50% of Share Total to District Designated Fund: \$167,858.64

Note: \$48,567.85 was added to the Annual Fund with \$24,283.93 in Foundation giving being added to our portion of the Annual-Share account in February 2006. One scenario for funds use \$167,858.64 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 in the world.

Fund Three Ambassadorial Scholars for a total of \$78,000

Obtain \$25,000.00 for District Simplified Grants to be used locally for projects within the district

Have \$39,858.65 available for the District match (ddf) of club funds for all types of International Matching Grants. Full district report YTD on the Foundation page. (see the "News" column.)

Submitted by PDG Margaret Cooker, District 5300 Foundation Chair

**DISTRICT 5300 3-H GRANT IN
UGANDA IS APPROVED**

BY: BOB NOVELL

At their April board meeting, The Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation (Foundation) approved District 5300's 3-H (health, hunger, and humanity) matching grant with an award from the Foundation of \$300,000. Thirty-two Rotary Clubs within District 5300 had collectively committed \$30,000 to support this multi-year project. The total amount coming from the Foundation and the District 5300 Rotary Clubs will therefore be \$330,000.

The basic concept for this matching grant project is as follows: (a) we will select up to 400 high school graduates who have the mental capacity to attend college but do not have the financial capacity to attend college; (b) we will organize these selected students into groups of 20 individuals and give them micro loans of approximately \$400 each which will be used for training, seed and goats, tractor rental, and day labor cost; (c) the students will work together to grow crops / raise goats which they will sell back to the lending cooperative in order to repay their loans and earn a surplus which will ultimately pay for their college education; (c) the cooperative in turn will process the crops into food and sell / distribute it at a reduced cost to feed approximately 5,000 elementary who currently go without food during the school day; and (d) included in the above project will be donated land to be farmed, irrigation systems, trucks, tractors, storage silos, and administrative personnel and equipment.

It is expected that the grant implementation will cover multiple years, and once implemented, the project will be self-sustaining. More details will follow in next month's newsletter.

CALLING ALL D5300 GOLFERS!

**DISTRICT 5300
CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT
May 18, 2006
Mission Hills Country Club**

4-Person Shamble

\$135/pp Includes:

- *Golf and Cart**
- *Box Lunch**
- *Tournament Prices**
- *On-Course Prizes**

**Tournament Prizes to be awarded at the
Cocktail Party following the tournament!**

Last Day to Register is May 5th so don't delay!

Register online at www.district5300.org.

Editors Note for the golf challenged:

A shamble is a type of golf tournament that combines elements of a scramble with elements of stroke play.

Like in a scramble, all members of a team (usually four) tee off and the best ball of the four tee shots is selected. All players move their balls to the spot of the best ball. From this point, the hole is played out at stroke play, with all members of the team playing their own ball into the hole.

So: select the best shot off the tee, move all balls to that spot, then play individual stroke play until each member of the group has holed out.

Sounds like Fun in the Sun!

From golf.about.com

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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