



Rotary District 5300

The Highlighter

SERVICE Above Self



DISTRICT GOVERNOR STEW ANDERSON'S OUTSTANDING MONTHLY MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

How does one start the last Governor's newsletter for the 2005-2006 Rotary year? I checked my District Governor's manual but there was no reference to the last newsletter.

How can I possibly thank all the outstanding Presidents and the 2830 Rotarians who worked so hard to complete their club goals?

As a tribute to you all I would like to list a few of the District's accomplishments this past Rotary year. All too often we are given the goals but not the results.

- **Membership Goal:**

Thru May 15th we have increased our District membership by 48 members for a 1.73% gain. During the last two years our District added 70 new members so we are looking good. I am confident we will show even greater improvement over the next two months.

We have lost one club (Diamond Bar) and merged Foothill Sunrise with the Azusa Rotary Club to make one stronger Rotary Club. These two clubs have placed "Service Above Self" to put history aside and begin the second century of Rotary in cooperation and fellowship.

- **Literacy Project:**

As you may have heard we have far exceeded our book goal! Thank you for your total support. Our community's children are the winners.

It was very exciting to hear that Reading by 9 will be offered in the state of Nevada next year. We have 14 clubs in our district who are participating with other organizations that distributed over 605,000 books this year. Congratulations!

- **Hunger Campaigns:**

Throughout the year you have contributed thousands of pounds of food to your communities thru your generosity.

This weekend our goal was to collect 530 pounds of food to donate to the Palm Springs area food bank. We collected 870 pounds during the conference plus 1800 pounds collected by the Las Vegas NW Kideract clubs for a grand total of 2670 pounds. Outstanding!

- **Health Campaign:**

The emphasis has been on clean water. Our district is leading the way with numerous water projects around the world. Clean water still remains a major opportunity and it deserves to be a Rotary priority.

Other health issues, in which we have been involved, include immunization clinics, eye surgery, polio corrective surgery, malaria eradication to name just a few.

Along with the Rotary Foundation, our district has contributed over \$100,000 for the projects I have mentioned.

- **Increase Contributions to the Rotary Foundation:**

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Our District goal was \$100 per Rotarian and thru April 30, 2006 we are over \$128.24 per capita to the Annual fund. Thank you on behalf of the Rotary Foundation.

- **Youth Exchange:**

This year we have two exchanges planned and next year we will have 5-7 planned. If you would like to get involved with Youth Exchange contact our Youth Exchange team is listed in the directory. Youth Exchange is a very rewarding Rotary program.

- **Complete Training Seminars:**

Training was emphasized during the year and I am pleased to announce that we have trained over 800 Rotarians through various leadership and training seminars.

- **Partnering up with other Organizations:**

We, as a district, have done an outstanding job of partnering up with other local organizations, and I encourage you to continue seeking credible partners who will uphold the integrity of Rotary.

- **District Conference Celebration:**

Our last goal was to have "Fun in the Sun" in Palm Springs and I believe those of you who attended the district conference had "Fun in the Sun". I know I did.

I am told this was one of the better attended District Conferences. At the last count we had 54 clubs attend and that represented 90%.

Having the GSE teams together at conference was a real highlight for all of us. They represent our hope for Peace and World understanding.

There you have it, a few of the District accomplishments for our year together. If I may, I would like to quote Donald Trump: "In the end, you're measured not by how much you undertake but by what you finally accomplish".

We did accomplish a lot during our year and I thank each and every one of you who helped make a difference in the lives of our fellow human beings, one person at a time.

**Best Regards,
Governor Stew**



AN OUTSTANDING DISTRICT GOVERNOR!



Thank you, Governor Stew! For leading with a gentle heart balanced with a strong belief in what we could accomplish. You have been the "Gentleman Governor" who set the tone with your regard for your own family and the "family of Rotary". For a year of service and dedication, for all your travels and hard work, we thank you for the sacrifices you and your family have made and for your OUTSTANDING leadership!.



FIRST LADY DIANE'S BOOK CORNER

This has been a very exciting year for me as I visited the Rotary Clubs of District 5300.

As you know my emphasis this year was on literacy. I can't thank the clubs enough for their great response to my goal. You donated books to local schools, libraries, to victims of Katrina as well as sending books abroad.

The original goal was to distribute 5300 books this year. At the time, it seemed like a challenging goal. For those who attended the District Conference in Palm Springs you know that the final tally was over **45,094** books!

I was overwhelmed by the "outstanding" generosity of the clubs!

Thank you,

Diane



LAS VEGAS NORTHWEST ROTARY CLUB SPRING FEST

The Las Vegas Northwest Rotary Club Spring Fest was hugely successful. A fabulous venue, a great meal, a super social event, added up to a record-breaking fundraiser for our charities! Outstanding!

Co-auctioneers Ron Kirsh (our very own) and Tom Hawley (AKA "Chopper Tom" of KVBC News) brought the prices up on several live auction items as Wenlee (Vanna White) Jensen passed amongst us showing off jewelry, hand blown glass and other high end items donated by local businesses.

Claire Roth arranged beautiful table decorations in keeping with our commitment to Clark County Reads. Neil Roth coordinated the efforts of our Interact Club to assist in the auction and Jim Cady tirelessly dashed around to ensure everything was going perfectly. The work these three did last night was the culmination of months of planning, coordinating and prodding that helped make this event a spectacular success.



Thanks to all who sold tickets, brought guests and solicited donations, we have no doubt **doubled** our most successful fund-raiser to date. This was a great party and when the numbers finally shake out, we will share them with everyone. This event will allow us to provide even more service to our community!

Five Points Rotary Clubs 13th Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser- Fun for All

By: Cesar Cabrera

The Five Points Rotary Club of El Monte, CA brought the community together at its 13th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, May 3, 2006. Over 800 people gathered at the Grace T. Black Auditorium to enjoy the delicious spaghetti (which was prepared by Rotarian Lou Nunez), salad, and fruit. The dinner was served by volunteers from the Walden House and the El Monte Police Explores Post 522.

Attended the successful event were special guests, including incoming Rotary District Governor Chris Montan. Some of "El Monte's finest" were also in attendance: City Manager Juan Mireles, Councilman Jay Gomez, Assistant City Manager Jim Mussenden, Fire Chief Johnny Jee, City Attorney Clark Mosly.

Many organizations and individuals contributed to enjoyment of the evening. Talented children from the Mountain View School and the Millennium 'N Motion dance school presented musical entertainment to the delight of the guests. Community outreach by the Army, Marines, El Monte Police Department, and Los Angeles County Firefighters benefited all. These organizations, among others, set up tables, distributed brochures, and provided pertinent information to the guests. In addition, the opportunity to have your picture taken on one of the El Monte Police Department's motorcycles proved a very popular attraction, especially for the many children in attendance.

Raffle prizes featured dozens of gift bags, watches, and a variety of toys, which gave many guests the opportunity to win. In addition, grand prize televisions were won by three thrilled guests. All these prizes were generously donated by local businesses and individuals, including Bill Conn, who donated the 27-inch television set. Other sponsors included Joe and Judy's Towing; Leech & Leech & Associates, Attorneys at Law; Clarke E. Moseley, Attorney at Law; Phoenix Waste and Recycling Services; and Kaiser Permanente employees.

The Five Points Annual Spaghetti Dinner was once again a huge success. All who participated, either as volunteers or as guests, enjoyed a wonderful evening of delicious food, delightful entertainment, and community spirit. Most important, the proceeds from the event will help youth, senior citizens, and projects throughout the community.



INDUSTRY HILLS ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Industry Hills Rotary has just completed its fifth annual golf tournament, dinner and auction which has been highly successful. Under the auspices of President Matt Briglio, and his very capable committees, \$16,000 has been raised to help support the many charitable activities our small club undertakes each year. Included in those endeavors are: 260 Thanksgiving baskets of food for needy families, scholarships and loan funds for students who attend our area schools, \$7,000 in mini-grants to local teachers within our district boundaries as well as funding International projects selected by our Board.



Of particular interest, this year's golf tournament was dedicated to Owen McIntosh who had previously chaired, for twenty years, the Industry Rotary Tennis Tournament. Owen initially began the program as an open event for regional players but soon expanded it into a USTA nationally recognized tournament. The evening's dinner was highlighted by both a testament of thanks from Rotary members to Owen, and his emotional response.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE

Welcome to the 2006-07 Rotary year. First I would like to thank Jim Rider of Arcadia Rotary Club. Jim has done a great job bringing the Rotary Youth Exchange Program to a higher level.

Our district is part of a multi-district exchange group. In years past, we were called SCANEX (So. California, Arizona, Nevada Exchange), but then we added Hawaii and Utah. Unable to make a name of it... we changed our name to Y.E.S. (Youth Exchange Services).

Rotary has two types of programs. The *long-term* exchange lasts for one year. Students stay in two or three homes. Host families do NOT need to be Rotarians. Each student is sent by a Sponsoring Rotary Club and is hosted by a Host Rotary Club.

This year, we will host three *long-term* students. The Boulder City Rotary Club in Nevada will host a young lady from Germany, the Alhambra Rotary Club will host a young man from Brazil, and the Claremont Rotary Club will host a young man from Denmark.

The *short-term* Youth Exchange Program lasts three to four weeks. The *short-term* program is a one-to-one exchange. Each student that goes abroad must be willing to host a student in his or her home. Students stay with only one family. This year we will have three short-term students. Courtney sponsored by the Altadena Rotary Club, Kristen sponsored by the Arcadia Rotary Club, and Evan sponsored by the Duarte Rotary Club. Courtney and Kristen will be going to Paraguay to immerse in the culture and language. Evan will be going to the Czech Republic.

Now is the time to identify students interested in being Youth Exchange Students. Students CAN be children of Rotarians. Your Interact Club, church group, neighbor, relatives, or friends of your children are all potential candidates.

We have a *long-term* outbound orientation in the fall. Applications for *long-term* students should be received by September 30.

You can find more information on the web at http://www.rotary.org/programs/youth_ex/index.html, or <http://scanex.org> or email me at Llogan57@aol.com.

If you would like me to present a program about Youth Exchange to your club, I am available to do so.

Linda Logan

DUARTE ROTARY GOING TO THE DOGS...AGAIN!

The Duarte Rotary Club unveiled a new dog friendly drinking fountain in a small ceremony on Wednesday, May 24th. The event was attended by Duarte residents, Rotarians and their canine friends. This is the second such fountain that the Duarte Rotary Club has donated to the City of Duarte. It is located on the west end of the bike trail just east of Buena Vista

Avenue. The fountain, which cost approximately \$2,200, allows humans to drink from the top and canines to drink from a bowl at the base. The first drinking fountain donated by the Rotary Club is located on the bike trail near Royal Oaks School and was so well received that the Rotary Club decided to include a second one in their fundraising goals for this year. "There were two drinking fountains on the Duarte bike trail and both were in serious need of replacement. In talking with City Staff about the various options in today's drinking fountains and the high percentage of people walking on the trail with dogs, we thought that a dog-friendly fountain would be beneficial."

Kristen Petersen, President, Duarte Rotary Club.

Picture at top right shows the Duarte Rotary Club members and canine friends
Picture at left shows from left to right; Karly Petersen, Bryan Blanchard, Beverly Firth and Taz (her dog)



MONROVIA ROTARY CLUB WALKS FOR LIFE

The story of cancer has touched every member of our Rotary Club in Monrovia. The need for research and effective treatments is vital. It is with that goal in mind that the Monrovia Rotary Club joined with the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life® in Monrovia on April 22, 2006. This was only the second year for Monrovia to sponsor this event and it was a huge success. Team Monrovia Rotary Club was third in their overall donations, raising approximately \$6,000. The entire event raised more than \$45,000.

Relay For Life® is a fun-filled 24 hour event - to celebrate survivor-ship and raise money for its research and programs. Teams walk around a track while all around them there are booths with cancer awareness information and special events and activities. It is much more than a walk around a track. It is a time to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have survived. It is a night for people who have shared the same experience to comfort and console one another.

The event was a great success and promises to get better each and every year. Together we can make a difference.

SAN DIMAS CLUB IMPACTS THE COMMUNITY

The Rotary Club of San Dimas was pleased to **honor four outstanding teachers from the Bonita Unified School District during the month of March.**

Teachers from Allen Avenue Elementary, Ekstrand Elementary, Gladstone Elementary and Chaparral High School were each awarded mini grants of \$250. to use towards projects and supplies for their classrooms.

Darlene Braisch of Allen Avenue Elementary will be using the grant to purchase mathematics learning games, while Karen Fitzgerald of Gladstone Elementary will be using the grant to purchase self guiding reading tools for their listening center.

Jeff Medima of Ekstrand Elementary will be using the grant towards the purchase of a new digital camera that will be used in a myriad of functions in his class, and Paula Bostick of Chaparral High School will be using the grant for a new printer to be used by her journalism, yearbook, leadership, and English classes.

Each of the teachers was accompanied by the Principal of each school. Dr. Robert Otto, Superintendent of Bonita Unified School District, and a San Dimas Rotary Club member were also in attendance.

Additional mini grants will be awarded later in the year.

On March 23, the Rotary Club of San Dimas was honored to host the **Group Level, "4 Way Speech Contest"** at their regular weekly luncheon meeting held at the Via Verde Country Club in San Dimas.

Students sponsored by various Rotary Clubs in District 5300 were eligible to compete, with the winner advancing to the next level. Abby Magallanes, pictured in the center above was the winner, and will advance to the district level competition held in May. Abby is from Sierra High School and was sponsored by the Foothill Sunrise Rotary.

The San Dimas Rotary Club extends its appreciation to Mr. Paul Rippins, curator of the San Dimas Historical Society, and San Dimas Councilman Denis Bertone for their kind assistance in judging the contest.



THE RESULTS OF AN OUTSTANDING YEAR!

District Governor's "Outstanding" Citation Award

Arcadia
Apple Valley
Claremont
Hesperia
Las Vegas Central
Montebello
Monterey Park
Pahrump
Pomona
Rancho Cucamonga

Premier Club Award

Alhambra
Chino
Barstow
El Monte
Green Valley
Industry Hills
Las Vegas
Las Vegas Sunset
San Marino
Sierra Madre
South Pasadena

Special Recognition Award

Altadena
Covina Sunrise
Las Vegas Northwest
Las Vegas Southwest
Mesquite Nevada Sunrise
Monrovia
Pasadena Sunrise
Rancho del Chino
Victor Valley Sunrise
Walnut Valley

Avenue of Service Awards

Club Service Communications

1st Place - Arcadia
2nd Place - Claremont
3rd Place - Rancho Cucamonga

Club Service Training and Organization

1st Place - Hesperia
2nd Place - Arcadia
3rd Place - Rancho Cucamonga

Community Service

1st Place - Claremont
2nd Place - Hesperia
3rd Place - Rancho Cucamonga

International Service

1st Place - Rancho Cucamonga
2nd Place - Arcadia
3rd Place - Claremont

Vocational Service

1st Place - Hesperia

2nd Place - Claremont
3rd Place - Rancho Cucamonga

Youth Service

1st Place - Arcadia
2nd Place - Hesperia
3rd Place - Claremont

Please see www.district5300.org for a complete listing of awards given at the 2006 District Conference.

Individual Rotarian Awards

PDG Steve Garrett: "The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award"

This award is the highest honor bestowed by the Rotary Foundation. Each Rotary year, not more than fifty Rotarians worldwide are honored with this award.

PDG Margaret Cooker: She was awarded the "Regional Service Award for a Polio Free World for 2005-2006", in recognition for her outstanding non-financial contribution to polio eradication within the region.

President Lewis Monville of the Hesperia Rotary Club: He was awarded the Cliff Dochterman Community Service Award for outstanding service to both Scouting and to Rotary

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