



# THE HIGHLIGHTER

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## Letter from Governor Christine

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

I am honored and humbled to have been given the opportunity to serve as District 5300's Governor, and am excited as we start the 2006-07 Rotary year.

I just returned from the Rotary International Convention in Copenhagen, Denmark/Malmö, Sweden, inspired and motivated. Attending an international convention allows you to see the tremendous efforts of Rotarians around the world bringing hope to those less fortunate, and results in a renewed commitment to the organization for many of us.

My adventures included a home stay in a 100-year-old renovated farmhouse in Hammenhoeg, Sweden which served as the Stenberg's summer cottage at the Baltic Sea. Olle and Gudrun made son Aaron and I feel a part of the family: cooking meals, taking us to Viking ruins, an art gallery, medieval Glimminghus Castle, to the home of their friends built in a forest. The Convention was great – exceptional plenary sessions, seeing many of you there, and reconnecting with my “classmates” – incoming Governors from around the world. Returning to the country of my GSE Team experience in 1999 was an added bonus!

The District's leadership team joins me in being committed to the



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success of each Rotary Club. Behind-the-scenes work has already been taking place. **An effective Rotary Club has only four goals: To Increase membership, Conduct Relevant Service Projects, Support the Rotary Foundation and Develop Leaders.** To that end, we have developed goals for the 2006-07 Rotary year that offer support in these areas.

Rotary International President Bill Boyd has selected the theme "Lead the Way" because of his belief in the power of Rotary to change lives by our actions. Rotarians in District 5300 are leading the way – working in many of the areas of emphasis that will require our hearts and hands this year – water management, literacy, health and hunger and a return to the emphasis on the Family of Rotary.

We must not forget that in the business of Rotary – service above self – there is a wonderful benefit of fellowship and friendships. "Life's truest happiness is found in the friendships we make along the way." I look forward to meeting many of you as I travel the District, and to spending time with friends, old and new.

## .....LEAD THE WAY.....

### Barstow Club Leads the Way for Foundation Giving

The board of directors of the Barstow Rotary Club has voted to make their club a 100% Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow Club! Each member of the club will be billed yearly for the sustaining PHF. Congratulations to this club for making a decision which will impact the lives of people all around the world and for their participation in the larger goals of the District and of Rotary International.



At left is outgoing president of the club, Rusty Layton, and at right is incoming president of the club, Manny Lopez. Congratulations to them both for their excellent leadership.



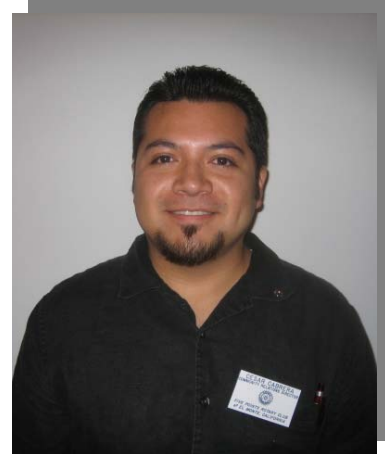
## The Rotary Club of Five Points Welcomes It's Newest Members

By Juan Carlos Quiroz-Zolezzi

The Rotary Club of FIVE POINTS presents new member, Detective **Dan Glass**. Dan is a 24 year veteran with the El Monte Police Department he has experience as a Patrol Officer, K-9 Handler, child, elder abuse, and homicide detective, Department Bugler, Chaplain Coordinator, and Explorer Post Advisor. Dan and his wife of 25 years, Michelle, are parents of 4 boys- Daniel, Steven, Jonathan, and Kyle. Some of Dan's hobbies include playing the Trombone with the Trombonist City Beat R&B Band, or helping his sons with their Eagle Scout responsibilities.



The Rotary Club of FIVE POINTS also presents **Cesar Cabrera**. Cesar is the Community Relations Director for El Monte Optometry located in the shopping center at Peck Rd. and Garvey. Before working for El Monte Optometry, he worked for CW Produce, a distributor warehouse in the Downtown L.A.'s Marketplace during high school. Cesar was also employed at Rain Bird Sprinkler Co. while he attended Rio Hondo and Citrus Community Colleges. Currently still attending Rio Hondo, he is getting his general courses before transferring and getting his degree in English and his teaching credential, where his goal is to teach at a high school level. He thanks his parents and grandparents for being the greatest role models, inspiration and biggest guidance. Cesar's hobbies include listening to music, muscle cars, billiards and card games. He enjoys getting to know people and helping in what ever he can.



The Rotary Club of FIVE POINTS also presents **Patricia Bejarano-Vera**. Patricia is the Director of the Rio Hondo College – “GEAR UP: I'm Going to College Program” servicing students and parents at Madrid Middle School. Before working for Rio Hondo College, she served as the Upward Bound Director for California State University Fullerton, in which she provided leadership and direction to pre-collegiate academic preparation programs for first generation, low-income youth to prepare for college. Prior to working in the field of education, she also worked for the City of Moreno Valley, the City of Fullerton and the City of Santa Ana. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) in 1989 and returned to CSUF to complete her Master of Arts in Public Administration in 1994. Patricia is committed to promoting access and opportunity in education for all. Her hobbies include reading, writing, and exercise.

## Demotion....Dethroning....Debunking....but Drowning????

We've heard of many ways to "encourage" a reluctant president to part with his podium and gavel, but this one is probably the most unique! At right is outgoing president Simon Moore of the Rotary Club of Victorville, participating in his club's tradition of dunking their outgoing president in the waters of Spring Valley Lake. We wonder...did his board go in after him??

President Simon had a few observations following his year:

- 1) Not all wives like Rotary jewelry as birthday or Valentine's Gifts.
- 2) Attending a Rotary Fireside Dinner doesn't take the place of reservations at Beni-Hana to celebrate a nine year wedding anniversary.
- 3) Stepping on the sharp point of an uncapped Rotary pin does little to encourage her involvement.
- 4) Being President doesn't get you out of traffic tickets on the Cajon Pass.
- 5) Speeding to get to a Rotary meeting is a bad excuse to tell the judge...especially if she is a Kiwanian.
- 6) Being Rotary President doesn't get you free things—or even discounts for that matter.
- 7) "I don't get paid for this" only works as an excuse to the first 15 people you say it to.
- 8) Being Rotary President is not an approved category for reduced insurance premiums.
- 9) The doctor said the dreams and voices would stop once I was in control—I still hear them.




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## New Addition to Family of Rotary in Industry Hills

Photos and text by Patti Briglio

The Rotary Club of Industry Hills inaugurated a new Interact Club at La Puente High School on Saturday, June, 3, 2006. They currently have 35 members and the advisor is Amos Hsia. The Rotarian liaison is Vicky Rossier. Present at the inauguration were the Interact Clubs of Bassett High School and Wilson High School, both of which are also sponsored by the Industry Hills Rotary Club.



# Youth Exchange Update

We are off to a great start. Many clubs are contacting us to learn more about youth exchange. Again, a big "Thank you" to Jim Rider for his hard work and dedication to the Rotary Youth Exchange Program over the last three years.

We have put together a link to the Rotary Youth Exchange Program on the District website.  
<http://district5300.org/youthexchange/index.html>

You may find it by scrolling down the main District web page, to "Programs", "International", and click on Youth Exchange. The above link will work as well.

The web page should answer most if not all of the questions you may have about Youth Exchange.

## Inbound Students

The three long-term students that will be in our district next year will provide our Rotarians with an opportunity of a lifetime...namely new families to be found across the pond. Believe me, YOU get more from this program than you could possibly imagine.

*It is never too early to identify families that would like to participate.* Our goal is to have ½ of the clubs in our district host an exchange student. That is only 30 inbound students. Once the host families are in place, and your club has agreed to host, the district can arrange exchanges through our SCANEX / ROTARY YES network.

[http://district5300.org/youthexchange/index.html#HOSTING\\_CLUB\\_INFORMATION](http://district5300.org/youthexchange/index.html#HOSTING_CLUB_INFORMATION)

## Outbound Long-Term Students

We have two long-term outbound students next year. We need YOUR help to promote the opportunities Youth Exchange to our students. Foreign language teachers in your schools, the world history teachers, Interact Clubs, churches, neighbors, friends, and yes, children of Rotarians are all good places to find qualified candidates.

Deadline for applications is September 30. The applications are detailed, and take time to complete.  
[http://district5300.org/youthexchange/index.html#LONG\\_TERM\\_ROTARY\\_YOUTH\\_EXCHANGE](http://district5300.org/youthexchange/index.html#LONG_TERM_ROTARY_YOUTH_EXCHANGE)

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Youth Exchange Officer (YEO)



## Club Presidents and Secretaries: Did You Know....?

*Information Resources for New Club Officers*

**Did you know that the Club and District Support (CDS) staff at Rotary International serves as your primary contact at the RI Headquarters? They are ready to answer almost any question you may have about Rotary, and can provide you with advice on such topics as club elections, constitutional matters, club traditions and customs, club operations, and RI Board policy.**

- Do you know who your CDS representative is? Your representative can be found on the web at: <http://www.rotary.org/support/CDAreps/index.html>.

### **Have you seen some of our web resources that will make it easier for you to administer your club?**

- Helpful resources have been designed specifically for club presidents and secretaries. It can also be found on the Rotary web site at:  
[http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/club\\_pres\\_sec\\_resources.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/club_pres_sec_resources.pdf).
- Learn how you can make changes to your club's membership records, reference various Rotary Foundation reports, pay your club's dues online, and report next year's club officers using Member Access. Full instructions and helpful suggestions can be found on the web at: <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/faq.asp>.
- You can find a selection of important club administration publications, including audiovisual programs, club software, forms and supplies on the web at: <http://shop.rotary.org/catalog/default.php?cPath=37>
- The Club President's Checklist is a month-to-month calendar, for the club president and president-elect, with reminders about important club and district functions, as well as RI and Rotary Foundation program due dates. Find it at [http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/pres\\_checklist.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/pres_checklist.pdf).
- The Club Leadership Plan is a great new way to invigorate stagnant clubs. It is based on the best practices of effective Rotary clubs. You can find this plan on the web at: <http://www.rotary.org/support/club/clubplan.html>
- Important information for Rotary clubs located in the USA is attached. It provides basic information regarding your club's tax status and mandatory yearly reports to the I.R.S. You can find additional copies on the web at: [http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/info\\_paper\\_clubs\\_irs.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/info_paper_clubs_irs.pdf).

The RI Secretariat staff looks forward to working with you and supporting your club's service efforts in the year ahead. Be sure to contact your CDS representative whenever you may need help from RI Headquarters!

## Family of Rotary Corner

By: John Chase, Family of Rotary Chair

Congratulations to the Novotny Family on the birth of their first grandchild! Annika Sinclair Holmstrom was born 6-9-06 and was 8 pounds 14 oz., 20.5 ".



"Get Well Soon" to Gail and Ernie Jenson and Frank and Marlene Griffith who were injured in a bus accident at the International Convention. Their bus was disabled on a bridge connecting the two convention cities and was rear-ended by a truck driving at about 50mph. They were all released from the hospital within days but are still recovering from the ordeal. Frank Griffith, just inducted as President of the Arcadia Rotary Club, was the most seriously injured with several broken ribs. Ouch!

A "Fond Farewell" to District PR Chair, Susan Nunnery (Rotary Club of Sierra Madre). Susan is moving to Seattle with her fiancé, Paul Schwartz. They have promised to return to D5300 yearly for the District Conference. In fact, thanks to his exposure to Rotary, her fiancé has decided to join Rotary himself!



Family of Rotary items should be sent to D5300 Family of Rotary Chairman, John Chase at jchase19@cox.net

## A Month of Transitions

By Susanne Hayek, Editor

June should be called the "Transition Month". Children finish their school year and Rotary presidents and governors end their terms.

In my personal life, all of the above has happened and more. In June my older daughter graduated from high school, my younger daughter graduated from middle school, my husband Rudy finished his first year of graduate school, I planned my club's demotion dinner, (my last task as a member of the Sierra Madre Club), I was inducted into the Arcadia Rotary Club, and in the midst of it all, my father in law had to be placed in a convalescent hospital.

On the surface, transitions are joyful or sad. On deeper reflection, I realize that there are elements of both in each of the transitions. Children graduating, changing clubs, and even my father-in-law's situation have bittersweet elements.

One thing is for certain, life consists of many natural and immutable phases. We begin life with all our needs being cared for and so we end our lives. The idea, I guess, is to go through each of these transitions with dignity, and with the knowledge that this is the natural order of things. We can not go backward so we must go forward with courage and grace.

The District 5300 Highlighter is the official monthly publication of Rotary International District 5300.

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month.

The Highlighter is edited by Susanne Hayek, Rotary Club of Arcadia.

Submissions should be sent as Word files and should include photographs, as .jpg, with photo credits and names of persons appearing in the photograph.

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