



THE HIGHLIGHTER

**The Official Monthly Newsletter
of Rotary District 5300**

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Letter from Governor Christine

Dear Rotarians,

RI Past President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar said “Over the years, Rotarians have has struggled to give voice to Vocational Service, because it can be so hard to define.” But in District 5300, our programs that fall under the Vocational Avenue of Service do give voice –literally.

The Dan Stover Memorial Music Competition Scholarship encourages young people who have an interest in continuing their studies in music at the university level and gives them venues with appreciative audiences in which to perform. The Four Way Test Speech Contest encourages youth to write and then present their views on a topic in the context of ethical practices and behavior. The George Hensel Ethics Essay Contest encourages consideration of ethics and values in the format of the written word.

Clubs have projects that assist young people in preparing for job interviews, tutor them in the literacy/numeracy skills necessary for the workplace, or host shadow days with Rotarian professionals and business people.

We live in a time where ethical behavior in business and politics is regularly called into question, and the media has shone a spotlight on these issues. The young people in our communities ought to be able to hold Rotarians to a higher standard and know us by our example. This month, consider your club’s vocational service activities and participate in, or plan one.

This month, I continue my “official visits” in Nevada, and am looking forward to them! I hope to see you at one of the several District events held this month – PRLS, Foundation seminar, Foundation Dinner. Check the online District calendar for dates and times.



*99th Annual RI Convention * Los Angeles 2008*
A collaborative venture of RI Districts 5240, 5260, 5280, 5300,
5320, 5330, & 5340

The LA 2008 Convention committee wants you!

24,000 Rotarians from around the world are expected to attend this Convention and we need your help. Sign up and be a part of the Convention experience as a volunteer participant. Our volunteer needs are great. We will need 1,200 volunteers to help make this the best ever Rotary International Convention. Sign up today and become part of the Rotary International experience.

Here's how:

Go to www.Rotary2008.info and click on volunteers sign up. Review the assignments and pick the one that interests you. Fill in the blanks and submit. It is that easy. All volunteers will need to register for the convention. The Convention dates are Saturday June 14th thru Wednesday June 18, 2008.

Thank you taking the time to read this. If you have additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me or the current District Governor.

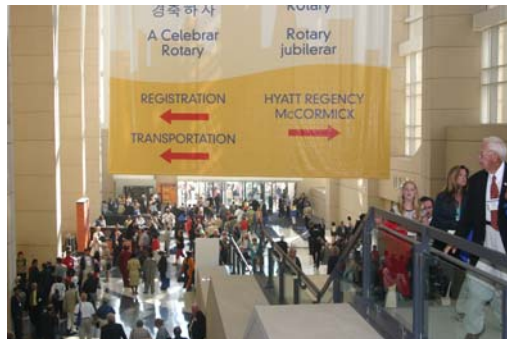
Best Regards;

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Every Rotarian, Every Year

By: Margaret Cooker

- Can you not afford less than \$1.93 a week?
- As a Rotarian you are encouraged to support the work of OUR Rotary Foundation by donating a minimum of \$120 a year.
- Here are some suggestions for reaching this commitment painlessly:
- Have your club add \$10 per month on to your bill.
- Sign up through www.rotary.org "member access" for an annual charge to your credit card or checking account.
- Take your change out every night and then send into TRF.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Monthly Report

By: Bob Novell, D5300 Foundation Chair

As we finish September, we realize that we are 25% of the way through the Rotary year with more than a few things already accomplished but still many projects waiting to be started or implemented.

Grant Seminar. There will be a grants' seminar for Rotarians at Etiwanda Gardens on Saturday morning October 14th to learn how Clubs can use matching grants, district simplified grants, and voluntary service grants to perform project both internationally and locally. Information and registration forms are at the District website.

High Desert Foundation Dinner. Mike Davis from the Victor Valley Sunrise Club reports that another large turnout is expected for the October 28th High Desert Foundation Dinner where Ray Klinginsmith will be the speaker.

Group Study Exchange (GSE). Greg Custer from the San Marino Club reports that interviews for team members from our District for next year's GSE team place in September and we selected four team members and alternates who will leave in the Spring with team leader Pam Hughes from the Covina Club.

Ambassadorial Scholar. Michael Gordon, an incoming Ambassadorial Scholar from South Africa, started classes in September at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. We are also fortunate to have Horoko Otsuka, an Ambassadorial Scholar from Japan who is studying at Azusa Pacific University. Both of these Scholars are ready and willing to speak at Club meetings. Look for contact information at the District website in the Rotary Foundation area.

International Matching Grants (MG). Matching grants are now being submitted for review and approval at the District level before being forwarded to the Foundation for approval and funding. Industry Hills and Apple Valley worked together to put together a very interesting clean water project in the Amazon basin in Peru. We have actually posted this grant application at the District website for others to reference in preparing an matching grant.

District Simplified Grants (DSG). Sylvia Whitlock from the Claremont Club is now receiving and reviewing DSG applications. We are still working to submit final reports from the Clubs to the Foundation for our prior year DSG grants. DSG funds for this year will not be released by the Foundation to us until our Clubs have completed their final reports for the prior years.

Voluntary Service Grants (VSG). Rotarians can use a VSG to pay for costs to travel to another country to either plan a grant project or to perform a service project. Sally Chan from the Monterey Park is using a VSG to pay some of the costs for a group of doctors to travel to China and provide services to people with polio.

Leading the way: Membership Development/Family of Rotary

On Saturday the 26th of August, **Joan McGee**, President of the **Henderson Rotary Club**, played host to about a dozen people at her house. It was a Family of Rotary event and included several spouses, but had a definite theme to the event as well. Earlier in the day Joan and Ric Kellogg (Director of Membership for the Club) attended a PR/



Membership Workshop at UNLV and learned a great deal about motivating a Club to increase membership and promote the value and benefit of Rotary membership. Both Ric and Joan presented some valuable tips and information from the informative workshop that morning, and received other ideas and suggestions. A good time was had by all, as we relaxed on the patio with music wafting in the background, and two very cute Sheltie puppies providing some energetic entertainment! More events such as this will be forthcoming throughout the year to not only bring Rotarians together outside the traditional meeting setting, but to share ideas and get to know the families of those in the Club. This was the true embodiment of the Rotary beginnings - sharing ideas around a table, and realizing the value of friendship and camaraderie.

An Invitation to Participate

By: Cliff Houser, Marketing Chair for 2007 District Conference.

Earlier this year we began the process of providing a venue filled with programs that would draw Rotarians from the most distant portions of our district 5300 to the 2007 District Conference. The planning is not only exciting but it is one of the finest events I've had opportunity to help plan.

What is on-going as we read, is the development of small committees that will be organized at the club level to get the word out and encourage other fellow Rotarians to get the wheels moving and become a part of the excitement. It really is contagious!

If you have fun being in on the action, helping to plan, eager to serve, **you** are needed. Call me now so we can begin to spread the workload out and at the same time, *Share the Adventure*. We are on the road to success and we need to be able to share this with hundreds of Rotarians and their friends.

This Conference will also be a great opportunity for you to bring an interested party to see what Rotary District 5300 is all about. This event has all the potential of being the most attended conference in years. If you believe that we Rotarians are doing the right things, then step up to the plate and share Rotary with your friends and neighbors.



A desire is only an idea held in expectation, that may come to pass! The thing that brings us to fulfilling a desire is **action**. Now the ball is in your court! Let me hear from you and the role you want to play in this great opportunity.

Climb aboard the adventure train and become a productive and interactive member of the **Marketing Team for the 2007 District 5300 Conference!**



Ambassadorial Scholar Inspired by Experiences

At right is a heartfelt letter sent to the San Marino Rotary Club from their Ambassadorial Scholar, Carol Huang. Carol attended the American University at Beirut, Lebanon from 2004-2005. Carol worked hard to learn Arabic and gain acceptance to the American University at Beirut. It is apparent that Carol had the kind of experience and reaction that it is hoped Ambassadorial Scholars will have.

Congratulations to the San Marino Rotary Club for a successful collaboration with the Rotary Foundation.



August 3, 2006

Dear San Marino Rotary Club,

During my two visits to the club last week and the week before, I was so engrossed in sharing my experiences in Lebanon that I failed to spend enough time thanking you for it. Thank you for making the whole experience possible.

Thank you also for responding so positively to my efforts for relief work in Lebanon. There are many "good causes" in the world, but your goodwill has definitely shown through on this one.

I see my current fundraising efforts for humanitarian aid in Lebanon as a testimony to the success and importance of the Ambassadorial Scholarship program. From two years of academic study and cultural exchange, both of which were requirements of the program, overflowed a natural desire to fulfill the third and most important aspect of the scholarship, which is to be an "ambassador of goodwill," that is, the goodwill of my sending club.

I hope that the Ambassadorial Scholarship program continues, and that San Marino Rotary continues to thrive. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. Maybe someday David and I can become Rotarians, and provide future generations with the same support, opportunities and good example.

Sincerely,
Carol Huang
Rotary International
Ambassadorial Scholar
to Lebanon, 2004-2005

Chino Rotary Club Awards Scholarship

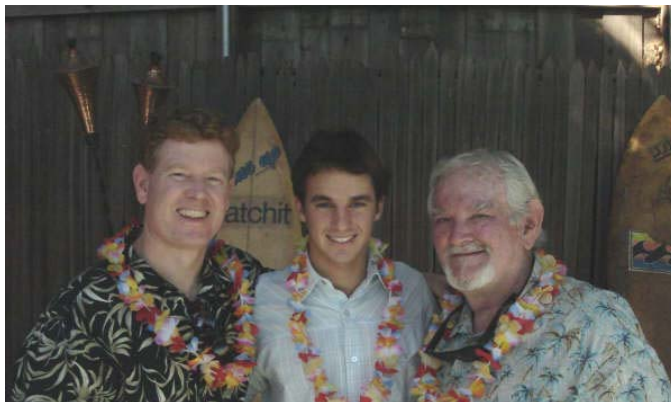
The Chino Rotary Club has awarded a \$2500.00 scholarship for the 2005-2006 Rotary year to Ms. Crystal Martinez of Chino. Ms. Martinez attends classes at the Chaffey College Information Technology Center in Chino and intends to obtain her Associates degree before moving on to a four year college. Ms. Martinez is graduate of Don Antonio Lugo High School and currently works for the City of Chino.

Chino Rotary awards scholarships annually to support young scholars who have demonstrated leadership in community service, as well as academics. The men and women of Chino Rotary want to recognize and reward students who have demonstrated a desire to place service above self. Ms. Martinez indicates that she wants to use her education to further her desire of helping other young people succeed.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE THROUGH THE GENERATIONS

Twenty six years of Rotary goes around. It started with Luiz Alberto Cesar “Berto” who came to Alhambra Rotary Club from Curitiba, Brazil as a long-term exchange student. His host and Rotary counselor was Alhambra Rotarian, Don Keenan.

Berto, as he was quickly nicknamed, went to St. Francis High School in La Canada where he participated in the school and became the kicker on their football team. He went on to kick a 43 yard field goal to win their 1st CIF playoff game by a score of 3 to 0. He attended school with his host brother, Kevin Keenan.



Left to Right: Kevin Keenan (host dad), Bethino, Don Keenan, Alhambra Rotarian

This year Kevin is hosting Berto’s son, Bethino (*pronounced Bechino*), who is attending St. Francis High School along with his host brother (Kevin’s son) Shaun. Berto is a long-term exchange student, which means he will be here for the academic year.

Bethino speaks English very well, and is also at the age of 17 is an accomplished athlete. Since his arrival on August 23, Bethino has attended a Dodger game, four days of surfing (he loves to surf) four days of watching the sunset – living on the Eastern coast of Brazil, he does not get to see sunsets, and his first American football game at the Rose Bowl.

Feel free to invite Bethino to your club or to spend time with your family. I’m sure you will be impressed with this wonderful young man. Contact Don Keenan at 626-289-8450 to be a part of this wonderful story.

New Member Announcement: Las Vegas North

Angelo Carvalho

Planning Commissioner North Las Vegas

Candidate for Nevada State Assembly District 17

Born in Thailand in 1967, Angelo moved to the United States when he was in elementary school. He graduated from High School in Paso Robles, California in 1986, and joined the United States Military upon graduation. He and his wife moved to Nevada in 1992 and he worked in the Automotive Customization business (Prestige Products) before opening his own business, Auto Visions in 2000.

In 2004, Angelo Carvalho was appointed Planning Commissioner for the City of North Las Vegas by Mayor Mike Montandon and is currently the Chairman of the North Las Vegas Planning Commission.



Literacy Remains a Focus for District Rotarians

One of the goals District Governor Christine Montan has set this year, and certainly an extension of last year's goals, is literacy.

"Reading by 9" can satisfy Rotary's goal of community and international service and also support excellent public relations. I can also connect you to partner with another club if you wish.

There are numerous partners in the Reading by 9 children's literacy initiative, and Rotary International is one of them. The Reading by 9 vision states "The Reading by 9 vision is that 95% of all children in Southern California will read in English at grade level by age nine. This is an excellent initiative with which Rotary International can partner and is a reason to promote Rotary International and District 5300's drive towards achieving literacy in our communities. Many of the Clubs in District 5300 have experience with Reading by 9. It has been outstanding in providing needed books to our local schools. We recommend all Club presidents consider Reading by 9 as a literacy program.

Scholastic Inc., the largest publisher of children's books in the nation, is also a partner with Reading by 9, and has generously agreed to match purchases to schools with special pricing available through the Rotary book drives. This allows you to stretch your project funding to the maximum benefit.

As a result of requests from Rotary clubs in the past, Scholastic is pleased to be able to offer a selection of dictionaries for orders, as well as an extensive selection of children's books in Spanish.

Order forms and book lists have been distributed to all District Club Presidents by Debbie Ream of the Los Angeles Times, Project Manager for Reading by 9. (Debbie.Ream@latimes.com).

Good luck with the literacy projects and please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

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Distinguished Rotarian to Speak at High Desert Foundation Dinner

Ray Klinginsmith, Esq. Former Ambassadorial Scholar, R.I. Director and Foundation Trustee to speak at the High Desert Foundation Dinner.



A Rotarian for more than 40 years, Ray is currently a member of the Kirksville Rotary Club. He studied at the University of Cape Town as a Rotary Foundation ambassadorial scholar in 1961, and when he was elected to the board of directors for Rotary International in 1984, he became the first recipient of a Rotary Foundation award to serve on the RI board. He served as a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation from 2002 to 2006 and as vice chairman of the Trustees in 2005-06, and he has been awarded both the Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award by the Foundation. He served as moderator of the 1989 International Assembly in Phoenix, chairman of the 1998 Council on Legislation in New Delhi, and vice chairman of the 2005 Chicago Convention Committee. He has served in a variety of assignments for the codification of RI policies and the simplification of RI bylaws and similar documents. He is currently serving as a member of the Future Vision Committee for The Rotary Foundation, advisor to the RI board for the 2007 Council on Legislation, and chairman of the 2008 RI Convention Committee.

Sit with the speaker at the head table for \$2,500 a couple (\$2,000 goes to TRF in your name); or have a first row seat for \$600 a couple (\$400 goes to TRF in your name); second row for \$400 a couple with \$200 to TRF in your name; or "back row at the cinema" for \$200 with a portion going to TRF in your name.

Participate in the Paul Harris Fellow drawing, buy a ticket for \$20 - for every \$1,000 raised some one becomes a PHF. For a great list of silent auction items see the district web site. In the live auction a plasma TV, a trip to Hawaii, and a surprise will each go to the highest bidder with all the money going to TRF in that person's name. Call chair Mike Davis of Victor Valley Sunrise for more information.



Eight Nevada Rotary Members recognized by PDG Stew Anderson for leadership . A Nevada PRLS recognition meeting was held on Thursday, September 14, 2006 at The Boy Scout Center Las Vegas.

Receiving PRLS pins were:

Richard Vaillancourt	LV North	Christine Smith	LV Central
Barry Thibodeau	Henderson	Maureen Thibodeau	Henderson
Joan B. McGee	Henderson	Brent Andersen	LV North
Susan Holland Johnson	Green Valley	Betty Mirich	LV North

The 8 recipients completed the PRLS (Potential Rotary Leadership Seminar) in 2005. The Governor presented each with the PRLS Rotary pin showing that they have completed all the requirements. Each has shown their leadership in their Club and the District.

Any member in District 5300 can receive this recognition by completing the requirements within a 2-year period. All information is available at:

<http://www.district5300.org/prls/index.html>

The 06-07 Seminar will be held Saturday, October 14, 2006 in Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Dong Kurn Lee, a Rotary Foundation trustee and a member of the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, Seoul, Korea, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2008-09. He will become the president-nominee on 1 December if there are no challenging candidates.



Lee is chair of the Bubang Co. Ltd. and Bubang Techron Co. Ltd. manufacturing companies in Seoul and formerly served as a trustee of the Bank of Seoul. In 2005, he was appointed an international goodwill ambassador by the president of Korea.

Lee has also served as honorary consul to the Italian consulate in Korea since 1994 and was awarded the Order of Industrial Merit by the Korean government. He and his wife, Young Ja, have two sons and two daughters.

A Rotarian since 1971, Lee has served RI as a director, treasurer, district governor, training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and membership task force coordinator in Asia. He began his tenure on the Foundation's Board of Trustees in 2003-04 and is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service.

Las Vegas Rotary Club
To Welcome RI Ambassadorial Scholar
MICHAEL JAMES GORDON



Born in Pretoria, South Africa on 07 December 1977. He has one younger sister, Michelle, aged 26.

He matriculated at Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool in 1995. At high school he received academic and provincial colours for Mathematics. During primary school and high school he represented two provinces in baseball and softball and also received the Sportman of the Year award in 1988.

He obtained the LLB degree at the University of South Africa in 2003. He is currently registered for the LLM degree (University of South Africa) and the BBA degree (Bachelor of Business Administration) at the Institute of Marketing Management.

He was in full-time employ as Project Manager with the research company Markinor, specialising in political and social research where he also served on the council of the Southern African Marketing Research Association in the membership portfolio until his selection as GSE member to the Netherlands in 2005. In his free time he serves as President and Area Governor of the local Toastmasters clubs (he has qualified as a Competent Toastmaster) and as the Vice-Chairperson of the Bellville Academy of Theatre. He is an overseer over 5 cell leaders at the Dutch Reformed Church and also serves on the church board while also giving extra maths classes to school pupils. Such a full programme does not allow much time for leisure, but he had managed to squeeze in time to obtain an orange belt in Kyokushin karate and to train for and complete two ultra-marathons namely the Two Oceans (56km) and the Comrades (89km).

He also excelled in general knowledge quiz programmes on national television and was semi-finalist in “100%” and “Blitsvinnig” during 2000 and the national runner-up in “Flinkdink” during 2003.

Favourite book: The Bible

Favourite movie: Shawshank Redemption/Braveheart/Usual Suspects

Favourite food: Mom’s pesto chicken with olives and basmati rice

Favourite colour: Blue

Favourite pet: Brown pug called Jake

Favourite music: Depends on the mood

Ultimate dream: To become Secretary-General of the U.N. and to shake Madiba’s hand.

Foundation Rocks!

By Susanne Hayek, Editor



I didn't realize it as it was happening, but as I reviewed this month's Highlighter, I realized it looked a lot like a promotional piece for the Rotary Foundation. I began to wonder if it was too much of an emphasis but I decided that it was not. There is nothing I am more proud of as a Rotarian than the Rotary Foundation. Earlier today I logged in to the Rotary International website and made a \$100 donation...making me a PHF +1. It was a big deal to me. I've been making little donations all along but with \$1900 to my credit, I decided to go ahead and get to that \$2000 mark. The youth exchange story on page 6 is enough in my book to motivate anybody to put the Rotary Foundation on the top of their list of charitable organizations. How lucky we are to be part of something bigger than us, but made up of us, and representative of our collective conscience.

This is also a good time to thank all the "Foundation Chairs or Directors in the district...so my "thank you" goes to Bob Novell, who consolidated my foundation accounts and acted as a go-between for me and RI. I think there is not a more important job in Rotary than to be the Foundation Director or Foundation Chair of a club or district. The Foundation is the glue that holds us all together.

This month I also want to give a "shout out" (to borrow my teenager's parlance) to my clients Ray Wells and May Gonzalez. To our mutual surprise, while photographing one of their listings, we discovered we were all Rotarians. Ray and May are members of the San Gabriel Club. I thought they were awesome to begin with but it sure adds a layer of dimension to any relationship to discover that a friend or business acquaintance is a Rotarian and to have that certainty that they share your values!

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Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month.

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Submissions should be sent as Microsoft Word files and should include

photographs, as .jpg, with photo credits and names of persons appearing in the photograph. Submissions should be sent to: susannehayek@earthlink.net Susanne can also be reached at

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