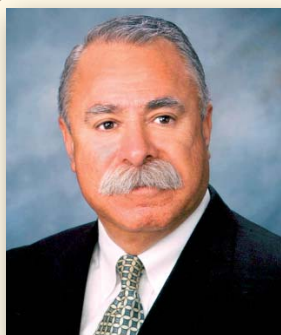




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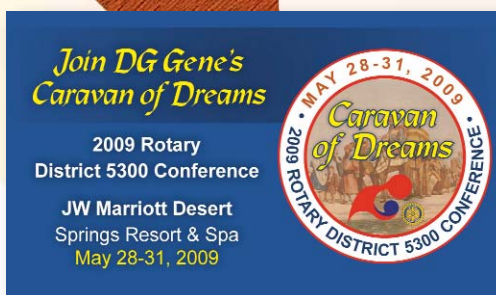
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*Caravan of Dreams...  
Join Our Gathering in the Desert!*



May is our District Conference month. This year we will be caravanning down to beautiful Palm Desert and gathering at the J.W. Marriott Resort and Spa Oasis on May 28 through 31, 2009.

Each year, the current RI President sends a representative to each District's conference. This year, our President, D.K. Lee, has sent Dr. Edgar C. Hatcher, Jr. and his spouse, Jo Ann, as his representatives. We are very fortunate to have Dr. Hatcher, who is also a past RI Director.

## **EDGAR C. HATCHER, JR.**

*Director, Rotary International 1996-1998*

Ed Hatcher is a native of Bristol, Virginia, attended local public schools, did his undergraduate work at Virginia Tech, and graduated from the Medical College of Virginia with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, and his specialty was cosmetic dentistry.

A Rotarian since 1958, Ed was elected as Governor of D-7570 in 1985-86, and a member of the RI Board of Directors in 1996-98. He has led GSE Teams to both the



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Philippines and the People's Republic of China. The GSE Team to China, in 1993, was the first Rotary Foundation GSE Team to visit China before Rotary returned to China in 2006. Active in his district in many projects, he is best known as the leader of Rotary's Health Complex in Jessore, Bangladesh, and the Rotary Soup Kitchen, Food Bank and Training Center in Quezon City, Philippines. Ed and his wife, Jo Ann, have participated in five National Immunization Days.

### *What is a District Conference?*

The purpose of the District Conference is to further the object of Rotary through fellowship, inspirational addresses, and the discussion of matters relating to the affairs of clubs in the District and Rotary International, generally. Our District Conference will highlight successful accomplishments and projects of each of our clubs and their members. It will be a celebration of your hard work.

### *Who should attend a District Conference?*

A District Conference is available for all the Rotarians in the District. We specifically encourage new members to attend. The District Conference Committee has worked hard to make this year's conference a family-friendly event. Ask the hotel staff about the Kid's Klub featuring a full day program which includes lunch and an afternoon snack. Kid's Klub is designed exclusively for children ages 4-12.

### *What will happen at our District Conference?*

The excitement begins with a pre-conference Golf Tournament and banquet scheduled for Thursday, May 28th. Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Rotarians and friends with a spectacular backdrop of towering mountains, rolling greens and lakes. At the conference registration counter, attendees will check in and be given a packet with a schedule of events. Sergeant-at-Arms, dressed in bright yellow vests, will be available to direct you to your destinations which may include:



**Plenary Sessions:** Consistent with our successes in the past, we will be highlighting our Foundation programs, such as, Group Study Exchange Team from Turkey, Ambassadorial Scholar, and National Immunization Day presentations, to name just a few. Be sure to join us for the unveiling of the Best-named Polio Pig in the District. District awards will also be presented, during each of the Plenary Sessions, with a Hollywood flare like none other

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you have experienced.

**House of Friendship:** Static booths will highlight key District programs (RYLA, Project Corazon, TLC, Interact Symposium, etc.) with Rotarians and project experts available to answer your questions. This year, we have added an emphasis on polio with our Polio Pigpen which has exhibits, photographs, and polio memorabilia, including a working iron lung. Additionally, the House of Friendship and Plenary Sessions will be integrated for more meaningful fellowship and idea sharing.

**Meal Sessions:** Join us for fine dining while hearing motivational presenters, including Dr. Edgar Hatcher, the RI President's Representative and past RI Director. The inaugural Governor's Choice Awards will be presented during each of the meal sessions. Friday's luncheon will feature the Hensel Ethics Essay Contest winner. Friday's dinner will highlight the Four-Way Speech Contest finalists. The Saturday evening banquet program will consist of the Dan Stover Musical Competition. Join us as we help these young musicians Make (their) Dreams Real. A Spirit Award for the most creative club costumes will be presented at the Sunday morning brunch.

**Hospitality Suites:** This year, clubs will sponsor individual Hospitality Suites around the desert caravan theme. The suites will be open Friday and Saturday nights for fun, fellowship, and libations. We are encouraging all in attendance to dress according to our theme, Caravan of Dreams.

To register for the District Conference, visit the District website at (<http://www.district5300.org>) ([www.district5300.org](http://www.district5300.org)); click on District Conference. Let's come together to celebrate the success of your Club President's year and all your club accomplishments. See you at the Oasis!



*Typical attire for Desert Queen and Prince*



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# ANNUAL DISTRICT 5300 CONFERENCE!

DESERT SPRINGS J.W. MARRIOTT RESORT AND SPA **MAY 28-31**



## CHECKLIST



- ☐ Register for the conference at [www.district5300.org](http://www.district5300.org)
- ☐ Reserve your hotel rooms (link at the district website)
- ☐ Make sure your club is submitting awards paperwork... you are doing great things...let the district know! All the information can be found at: [www.district5300.org/awards/awards.html](http://www.district5300.org/awards/awards.html)
- ☐ Is your club signed up for a Hospitality Suite?

## TOP 10 REASONS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS CONFERENCE:

1. Fun and Friends
2. Golf Tournament on Thursday
3. Dan Stover Music Competition & 4-Way Speech Contest Finals!
4. "The Oasis" - DG Gene's hospitality suite
5. Win an award for "best desert sheik attire"
6. Awards for "Best Hospitality Suites"
7. Great Plenary Sessions Featuring Club Awards, and Literacy, Clean Water, GSE, Corazon, RYLA, TLC, Interact & Polio Pig Pen" displays.
8. Bring your club pig to the Name the Polio Pig contest!
9. Clubs & Presidents will be recognized at the meals...along with a few surprises!
10. Plenty of time for interaction, fellowship and enjoyment of the resort!



**REGISTER NOW AT: [WWW.DISTRICT5300.ORG](http://WWW.DISTRICT5300.ORG)**

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## New Arena Helps Put Polio on Ice

by **Evan Flagg, Chair of the Event and Member of Foothill Communities New Generations Rotary Club**

March 18, 2009- The Ontario Reign and Rotary District 5300 teamed up to help raise funds and awareness for the eradication of polio. With the help of 15 local Rotary Clubs, 672 tickets were sold, raising approximately \$4,432 towards the cause. In addition, the Foothill Communities New Generations Rotary



*Evan Flagg, Event Chair (New Generations Club Member and former Ambassadorial Scholar); Letty Quesada; Keri Anderson.*



*Mary Ann Kistler (San Dimas Rotary Club); Terry Kistler (Azusa Rotary Club); Letty Quesada (New Generations Club Member and daughter of Bill Roman, Rancho Cucamonga Rotary Club); and Keri Anderson (Claremont Sunrise Rotary Club).*

Club ran a 50/50

raffle, for all those in attendance, which raised another \$1,175 for the Polio Plus Fund, bringing the night's grand total to \$5,607.

The evening was more than just the amount of money raised. The 8,000 plus fans in attendance for the game viewed two Rotary Polio clips, heard countless PA announcements and saw several scoreboard displays highlighting the work Rotary is doing to eradicate polio and motivating them to also help in any way they can.

Unfortunately, the Reign lost 3-0 to the Stockton Thunder, but that didn't stop the hundreds of Rotarians in attendance from enjoying the game and the fellowship of their fellow Rotarians. Ontario Reign Account Executive, Evan Flagg, called the evening a tremendous success saying, "Tonight was about more than hockey or Rotary, it was about getting together and doing something fun for a good cause, Putting Polio on Ice." Thank you to all the Rotarian Clubs that helped make this a wonderful event. Azusa, Chino, Covina, Claremont Sunrise, Hesperia, Industry Hills. Lake Arrowhead, Moreno Valley,

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Ontario, Pasadena, Pomona, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and Foothill Communities  
New Generations Rotary Clubs all helped.



*Roger Schulte, District Governor Nominee  
(Upland Rotary Club).*



*From right to left from the Claremont Sunrise Rotary Club: Stu Holmes, Susan Holmes; Dr. David Seccombe, June Seccombe; Rod Smith (husband of Rotarian Lisa Hahn Smith), Tressa Kentner, Daniel Kentner; Charles Duskow.*

## **O'Keeffe Memorial Public Safety Award**

*by Teresa DeAtley, Rotary Club of Victorville*

The Rotary Club of Victorville presents four awards each year to individuals recognized for their "Service Above Self." The award is called the O'Keeffe Memorial Public Safety Award.

Rotary International's slogan "Service Above Self" represents the organizational characteristics of putting others' needs ahead of their own, inherent within individuals that make a selfless difference in our world. The Rotary Club of Victorville seeks nominations each year of individuals in the areas of Fire, Police, Medical and Field Crisis Response.

The recipients for this award for 2009 are as follows:



*Greg Schowen, Pre-Hospital Care*



*Sam Thomas, Fire Service*



*John Rodriguez, Law  
Enforcement*



*Patrick Hamann, Field Crisis  
Response*

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*Recipients including Ryan McEachron (far left), Rotary Club of Victorville and City Councilman.*

## The Rotary Club of Claremont Sponsors a Rotaract Club at the Claremont Colleges

*by Nancy Thum, with permission from the Claremont McKenna College website; formatting assistance by Barry Ulrich*

If freshman Greg Zahner wanted confirmation about becoming a doctor, he got it. In the Amazon with a handful of classmates from the 5-C Rotaract Club, healthcare disparities in developing countries were distressingly plain. “The medical disaster in Loreto makes the problems with our healthcare system look like child’s play,” Zahner recalls of Peru’s largest and northernmost region. Those challenges made an impression on Zahner and the five other CMCers who flew to the Amazon for the club’s first international service project.

Helen Pollock ’11, Amanda Lam ’11, Takako Mino ’11, Elizabeth Ward ’10, and Kathryn Leonnig ’12, all members of the Rotaract Club of The Claremont Colleges, were with Zahner just north of Iquitos, the largest city in the Peruvian rainforest, for two weeks in January. Traveling down the Amazon by boat, they helped villagers plant trees and repair a health outpost. They also visited the pediatric ward of a hospital—efforts all coordinated

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by APECA, Inc. (Association Promoting Education and Conservation in Amazonia), a nonprofit that is helping rainforest communities become healthier and self-sufficient.

Although conservation and preservation of the rainforest is the real backbone of its mission, pollution, disease, and malnutrition are among the reasons for APECA's longer-term stabilization efforts in the Amazon.



*Helen Pollock '11 works on the Health Outpost*

“My interest in traveling to Peru was the public health focus of APECA,” says Kathryn Leonnig '12, who is considering a career in public health. “Public health is concerned with populations, not individuals, and it is not about treatment of illness, but focuses on prevention. A doctor treats malaria with medicine,” Leonnig says. “A public health worker helps a community learn about ways it can reduce the chances its community members will contract the illness ... traveling to Peru allowed me to learn more about the health challenges in rural communities.”

The challenges resonate from paper to paper. After returning to the United States, the students each wrote (<http://www.cmc.edu/news/pressreleases/ReflectionsonRotaract-TriptoPeru.pdf>) about what they saw and how it impacted them, and stitched together a photo album ("<http://www.cmc.edu/news/pressreleases/RotaractPeruTripPhotoAlbum.pdf>").

In the pediatric ward of an under-funded hospital in Iquitos, they recalled children battling such maladies as malnutrition and parasites, machete wounds and, in some cases, facing uncertain delays in surgeries because their families couldn't pay for surgical supplies. The students also noted that, in some small villages, the cost of a shirt was equal to a day and a half's wages for the average worker--making villagers more worried about feeding and clothing families than getting check-ups. And in all of their reports, CMCers commented on the spotty existence of health posts in communities which rely, when they do exist, on unpaid workers who've been trained in basic care.

Broken bones, surgeries, and other emergencies must be treated at the nearest hospital--a commute by boat of up to two hours for some, and as long as a week for others. In short, they conclude, many of the villagers go without any medical care whatsoever.

“The health outpost project was by far the most rewarding, because we were able to immerse ourselves in a community, get to know the people living there, and provide them with a

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significant service,” says Rotaract President Helen Pollock ’11. “The entire club wanted to work as much as possible, and we didn’t feel like tourists when we were involved in a hands-on project.”



*Distributing crayons and drawings to the children of the under-funded Iquitos Hospital. The 5-C Rotaract group bought several surgical screws used for setting broken bones, as the hospital's supply had been diminished. Often times, families cannot afford surgical supplies for their children.*



*From left, local resident Bella (who cooked meals and assisted students on the trip) with Elizabeth Ward ’10, Amanda Lam ’11, Kathryn Leonnig ’12, Takako Mino ’11, Helen Pollock ’11, and Greg Zahner ’12.*

“The experience in Peru actually inspired several of the students to pursue future attempts, perhaps even careers, to alleviate circumstances like these that exist in some third-world countries,” says Candace Adelberg ’10, Rotaract’s Vice President for professional development.

And in the midst of what many consider to be the crisis of global warming, Adelberg says maintaining the Earth’s rainforests is imperative for socially responsible leaders in the making. “The reforestation project gave these students an excellent opportunity to start a project which will persist as well as educate village children about the importance of conservation.”

The international service trip was the first one organized by the Rotaract Club of The Claremont Colleges, with funding from the offices of the President, the Dean of Students, Kravis Leadership Institute, and Rotaract Club fundraising.

Rotaract is affiliated with Rotary International, one of the oldest and most eminent community and international service organizations. The Rotaract Club of the Claremont Colleges is open to all 5C students, and meets Sundays at 9 p.m. in the Hub.

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## Las Vegas Northwest Rotary's Kideract Program

by **John Krakauer, Kideract Chair**

One of the ways our club assists children in our community is through sponsorship of the Kideract program. Although Kideract is not an official Rotary program, our club has been providing it for eight years. During the 2008-2009 Rotary year, there will be 28 presentations to 5th grade students at two at-risk schools, Booker Elementary and Ronzone Elementary.

These two schools use Kideract in very different ways. At Booker the Kideract program is provided during the regular school day and is considered a part of the normal social studies curriculum for 50 of their 5th graders.

At Ronzone it is provided as an

after-school program. About 20 students attend voluntarily after their normal school day.

18 of the 28 programs are done by members of our club. In addition to providing a presentation of about an hour, they all come well prepared to enlighten and educate their audiences with a variety of topics. In one way or another, each presentation stresses the importance of completing an education. However the types of topics vary considerably.

First, we teach about the worldwide scope of Rotary International and its variety of service initiatives. Additionally, there is a presentation on Ethics and Integrity, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Four Way Test in which we help the students understand the importance of having a personal value system.

There are also presentations which provide insights about building personal skills, including Clark County Commissioner Larry Brown's presentation stressing the importance of making a good first impression, and the presentation by Ron Kirsh, president of Ron Kirsh Media Group, providing insight about good oral communication through mock



*Kideract Students Learn the Rotary is International*

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advertising drills. We also have a program on goal setting and another on taking care of our bodies and avoiding habits that are harmful to our bodies.

One of the highlights each year is when club member Edmee Marcek brings a number of her CSN foreign students from countries around the world. The Kideract students learn about world geography, foreign customs, and languages among many other lessons.

Finally, there are presentations about a wide array of professions, from culinary training, to insurance, banking to architecture. We try to give the young people an idea that there are many ways to have a successful life other than becoming a professional athlete. You can see the whole schedule by going to the club website at <http://lvnwrotary.org/About.htm>

One side benefit of the Kideract programs is that our presenters gain a very important insight about the Clark County Education system. The students are polite, extremely attentive, and ask very insightful questions. I am also amazed about how much the students remember weeks after any presentation.

Kideract is a wonderful way that our club gives to children in our community.

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## **Rotary Club of Pahrump Valley hosts a Rotary Vision Facilitation**

What will your club represent in 2014? That was the question posed to us by the Vision Facilitation Team. On March 23, 2009, Pahrump, Nevada was visited by PDG Roy York, DGE Tom Novotny, DGE Assistant Christine Smith, Ken Cox and Pat Carlton. They came prepared to guide us to the next level. Armed with a Power Point presentation, easels, markers and “sticky-dots”, this team took us for a journey into the future.

Nineteen of our members took part in this process. The three hour session had our members thinking ‘out of the Wheel’ for sure. All areas of service were covered. This was a great opportunity to see where our club is now and where we can be five years from now.

**What do we stand for now in our community?**

**What do we want to stand for?**

**How many members do we want?**

**What International projects will we support and take part in?**

**How many Paul Harris Fellows will our Club have?**

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These were just a few of the areas covered. No idea was rejected. Nothing was out of reach. All the input was recorded and then the task of narrowing down our choices started. At the end of the night, our vision was in front of us. Some of our goals are:

**Club Services** - We will conduct Quarterly Socials (away from our weekly meetings)

**Community Service** - Triple the size of our Interact Club by 2014

**P.R.** - Develop a "Rotary Ambassador" Program to make us visible in the Community

**Fundraising** - Provide a Food & Clothing Bank for our community

**International** - Sponsor 2 exchange students per year.

This is just a few of our dreams. Now the work starts. Committees will be formed. Plans will be put in place. The future is in our hands.

Rotary Club of Pahrump Valley would like to send out a big Thank You to the entire Vision Facilitation Team for a job well done. We recommend this process to all our fellow clubs in District 5300.



*Rotary Club of Pahrump Valley Membership*

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## Claremont Sunrise Rotary Snags Second Win at City-wide Spelling Bee

by **Dave Seccombe**

For the second time in four years, Claremont Sunrise Rotary has won bragging rights as the best spellers in town. The title was earned at Claremont's Friends of the Library's Annual Adult Spelling Bee Contest and Fundraiser held at Taylor Hall on Sunday, March 29, 2009.

In the final round of the competition, Claremont Sunrise Rotary's "The Phun Club"

(so named to differentiate themselves from the more senior Rotary Club of Claremont) managed to correctly spell "rubefacient" which means to produce redness, or a substance that irritates the skin, causing redness.

The competition went by quickly as only "The Phun Club" team made it beyond the fourth and final round. The field of 21 teams had whittled down to nine through the last round but none were unable to match Claremont Sunrise Rotary.

"As a Rotarian, we always enjoy participating both in community and international projects, so this is one more way to support our community,"

said David Seccombe, a member of the winning team. "For us, we try to promote many literacy and youth projects and this dovetails nicely with both of those goals."

The Claremont Community Foundation was stumped by "ormolu"; the Rotary Club of Claremont missed "pentateuchal"; CUSD Principals guessed wrong on "sederunt"; the League of Women Voters missed "enslavage"; the Jane Austen Book Group couldn't get "gammelost"; the Village Marketing Group was undone by "seicento"; the Claremont Education Foundation was thrown off by "ghurry," and the Claremont COURIER team misspelled "rapprochement."

As the winners, Claremont Sunrise Rotary will ride once again in the city's well-attended July 4th Parade on a Bee Float, waving to the throngs of impressed citizenry and thereby giving Rotarians one more opportunity to be noticed.

(Note: the various Spelling Bee words mentioned are accurately spelled, although Spell Check won't recognize them...)



*Claremont Sunrise Rotary Club's Team "The Phun Club," made up of Dave Seccombe, left, Patricia Dillon and Chuck Doskow, celebrate their first place finish at the Annual Adult Spelling Bee. They have now won two out of the four Bees sponsored by Claremont's Friends of the Library.*

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## Montebello Rotarians Help Make Easter Happier for Those in Need

by **Anne Donofrio-Holter**

Members of the Montebello Rotary Club, along with students from local Rotary Interact clubs and members of other local service organizations, distributed 150 food boxes this Easter to those less fortunate.

Meeting a few days before the holiday, club members packed 150 boxes which they filled with chicken, vegetables, fruit, desserts and all the trimmings.

"With so many organizations donating during the Christmas season, we wanted to make sure the needy in our community were remembered at Easter as well," said Pete Adriance, who spearheaded Rotary's participation in the program. "Many people do not realize how many families in our community are hurting economically."

The families were screened through the Head Start program with a few selected by club members who were aware of families in need. Each box contained enough food for several meals.

Upon delivery, those receiving the boxes greeted club members with heartfelt appreciation. "One woman told me her husband had just lost his job and our donation meant the family would have a nice Easter dinner after all," said one Rotarian. "It's comments like those that make what we, and other service clubs, do so worthwhile."



*Photo left to right: Montebello Rotarians Javier Barajas, Ted Jones, Phyllis Murakawa, Rich Meadows, Martin Castro, Anne Donofrio-Holter, Brittany Oyama, Pete Adriance, Pat Darcy*

In addition to monetary donations made by the Montebello Rotary Club, Montebello Councilman Robert Urteaga, Rotarian Norman Witt and other participating service organizations, items to fill the boxes were received from Royal Paper Box, Von's, Heart of Compassion Ministries, Coast Produce, United Grocers, Bimbo Bakeries, Arry's Hamburgers, Broguiere Dairy and Mrs. Cubbison's.

"Programs, such as this, exemplify what Rotary is all about," said President Ted Jones. "For the past ten years, Rotary has been pleased to join with other local service clubs in this worthwhile endeavor."