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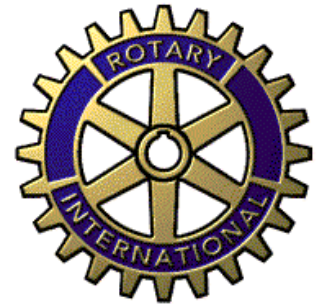
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## The Wheels Of Rotary – December 2002

### DECEMBER - CLUB SERVICE MONTH

#### Welcome Message From Your District 5340 Governor 2002-03 Larry Scott



My fellow Rotarians, my friends, welcome once again to our District Newsletter “The Wheels of Rotary”, as we enter into this holiday season. December is that time of year we stop and pay recognition to having our “Club Service Month”. What an appropriate time with so many clubs involved in special holiday parties for their members and families, and to extending a helping hand to those in need at this special time of the year. Many of you will be participating in providing food, clothes and toys to those in need. Others will visit the seniors who are always looking for a little company since their families may be far away or already gone from this part of the journey of life. We will not forget the homeless and those less fortunate, for Rotarians exemplify the true meaning of “Service Above Self.”



Your support of our Paul Harris Celebration is deeply appreciated. What a fantastic evening, and how enjoyable that so many of you were able to attend. A special note of thanks and recognition to Cathy LeClair and Rick Clark – what a magnificent job they did in making the arrangements, creating the ideas, finding the committee

members who handled every aspect of the evening. Wow – and how about having Paul Harris there to remind us of how far we have come. The kudos keep coming in. Rick and

Cathy showed us a new format that many have advised was the best planned and executed function they had attended in all their many years in Rotary. We hope you had a wonderful evening. I know we did. So to all that made it happen, and to all who attended and joined in the wonderful fellowship – Congratulations and Thank You. Your efforts resulted in our ability to raise over \$188,000 for The Rotary Foundation through your purchase of raffle tickets and bids on items at the silent auction. You do make a difference in your community and throughout the world. Thank you.

By the time you read this newsletter, we will be getting ready to assemble for our December 10<sup>th</sup> District Council Meeting.

Remember to wear **RED** to this special evening that will be held at the La Jolla Marriott in UTC. Remember the Council is for your benefit. Your opportunity to participate in fellowship with other Rotarians, learn about events going on in the district and to hear inspirational addresses and programs. This month we will feature Uncle RYLA, our own Darrell Marshall, as he brings us the antics of the kids from Camp RYLA. Here is your opportunity to meet and see some of the finest leaders of the future. Come to learn, to enjoy and take a close look at those who will someday replace us in Rotary when we are called to a higher level of service. They are a great group of young people, and Darrell and his team of facilitators have done an outstanding job of developing their leadership qualities and imparting what is required to have good citizenship. Please join us for this fun filled evening. Registration may be completed on-line through the District Web Page. New member (Red Badge) are encouraged to attend and learn more about their participation in Rotary.

As we approach the half-way point in this Rotary year, we are also continuing with our plans to bring you just as exciting a second half as this half has been. Are you ready for some real fun? How about the opportunity to **“DOUBLE YOUR FUN - SHARE ROTARY”** at our **Joint District Conference in Laughlin, Nevada**. Come early and stay late! The program has been set and you even have an opportunity to win a free trip! **Mary Elington** and **Mike Bardin** have put together an outstanding committee to look after your every need. From transportation to lodging. From meals to entertainment – they have it ready for you! Start checking our Web Page. From frequently asked questions to what to expect, it is all there.

Special to our conference, in addition to joining with District 5320, we have secured the services of that famous Hollywood entertainer, **Rich Little**, to serve as our Gala Event entertainment for the conference. In addition, The Honorable **Gaddy Valequez**, Director of the Peace Corps, will join us as our Keynote Speaker on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. He has a powerful message you will not

want to miss hearing.



On Friday you will be treated to a day of golf, tennis and a special hospitality suite extravaganza hosted primarily by District 5320 that will cause you to party all evening long. The price is right! The committee has arranged a price of only \$270 for each Rotarian which includes registration, all meals and conference events. A Rotarian and their spouse can attend for only \$490. We are encouraging members to bring their families, as there is plenty for the small ones to do from movies, bowling, water sports, video games, golf and tennis. Laughlin has it all. Additional non-Rotarian guests may attend for only \$120 each which also includes all meals, registration fee and the various conference events. Register early – for the early birds a random drawing will be held. Winning ticket receives \$500. We will then having a drawing 30 days later. If you did not win the first time, you may be able to be the lucky winner, but this time the prize is only \$250. If you loved the Paul Harris Celebration Event – then you will be absolutely delighted with the District Conference and have an opportunity to fall in love all over again. And just to add the proper degree of romance, for your dancing pleasure we will feature the dance band “Soul Shadow”. For our District Golf Team, here is

your opportunity to really enjoy the weekend. A special Golf Tournament has been arranged for Friday, May the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Early tee time and plenty of great prizes. Come early, remember rooms are only \$22 on Thursday evening. All Rotarians are requested to make their own hotel reservations directly. Please call the FLAMINGO LAUGHLIN (800) 352-6464. **(RESERVATION CODE #A-14901-CN)**. Rates are \$22 per room plus tax on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Friday and Saturday (the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of May) rates will be \$39 each night per room plus tax. No extra charge for bringing the kids.

For all our RV Fellowship members, there is special hook-up and accommodations for your motorhomes.

Do not delay – sign up today – Joint District Conference – Laughlin, Nevada, 2-4 May 2003. See you there!

November gave Connie and myself an opportunity to visit our most distant club, Blythe. Home of our Past District Governor Wayne Cusick and Lee Ann. We had a delightful stay at their home, and visited the beautiful home of Blythe President Linda Weise and her husband Randy, where they hosted a wonderful social event for the club that evening. We returned in time to attend a membership mixer hosted by the Rotary Club of La Mesa, and then to have an opportunity to visit with a visiting Russian delegation at the Rancho San Miguel Club on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Your District Advisory Council comprised of Past District Governors met on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November and had a wonderful wine-tasting event and gathering. We were then off to a special pre-meeting hosted by Mira Bozanich, at her beautiful home in Rancho Bernardo, for the Rotary clubs of Poway, Rancho Pensacitos and Ramona. Thank you Mira for a wonderful evening, and your warm hospitality. A special thanks to Bill Racicot, Ali Tahiri and Carol Fowler for making the arrangements and serving as such gracious hosts. We were able to finish up the month with a delightful evening at Christian Heritage College, where Vance Yoder, Jim Davis, and Marge Cole arranged a wonderful reception for Connie and I to meet their board members and

families. We then had an opportunity to visit our East County clubs of El Cajon, El Cajon Breakfast and Santee-Lakeside. Each of these clubs, like all the clubs in our district are doing a wonderful variety of projects and programs in their respective communities and also throughout the world. We changed the schedule every so slightly and completed the month of November with a visit to the Rotary Club of Encinitas to start off the Thanksgiving season. We did not hold a pre-meeting on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>, and as you know the Charger lost that day. Sorry about that. We will complete the official visits for all the clubs during the month of December. As you know, we will then return to each club for a brief visit during the months of January and February to report on the status of the district, and the respective clubs.



**Rotary Clubs of Poway, Rancho Pensacitos, & Ramona Pre-meeting.**

December is a critical month as regards a special Rotary project. This is the month where we need your help to ensure the success of the Rotary License Plate effort. Remember, you are going to renew your vehicle license plate, your neighbors and friends are going to renew their vehicle license plate. Why not make that renewal more meaningful, by obtaining a Rotary License Plate. Your club benefits, your community benefits, your neighbors have an opportunity to help their community. We all win in this one. You are going to spend the money –



why not ensure that at least a part of your hard earned dollar comes back to your club to be used in your community. Please send in your request to have your vehicle license plate changed to a "Rotary License Plate". Forms are available on-line at our district web page. Please complete your form today!

Connie joins me as we wish each of you and your family the very best holiday season. Rotarians, united in service above self, will make a difference and finally enable the world to have peace and understanding. Your participation, whether in personal time, effort or monetary contributions, continue to make a significant difference throughout the world. We are laying the foundation that will one day result in world peace and understanding. Thank you for being our friends and for being a Rotarian. We are honored to have this opportunity to join with you as we continue to "Sow The Seeds of Love."

Yours in Rotary Service,

*Larry*

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**PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**



Mark your calendar for a wonderful opportunity to meet and visit with Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul, and also to have an opportunity for a special tour of the recently completed Cathedral of Our Lady of The Angels in Los Angeles.

President Bhichai will be honored at a special reception on Sunday, 29 December 2002, which is being hosted by the seven Rotary Districts in Zone 24. Past Club President Carl Lower is serving as Chairman for District 5340. Please contact Carl regarding transportation to the event. If there are sufficient persons who desire bus transportation up and back, we will be happy to make those arrangements on your

behalf. For those who would like to remain in the Los Angeles area that evening, a limited number of hotel rooms at the Marriott Downtown Hotel have been reserved for this event at a special discount price of \$89.00 for 1-4 nights. Call 1-800-228-9290 for reservations and mention Rotary International for the room discount.

Please go to [www.rotary5280.org](http://www.rotary5280.org) to obtain your registration form for this event. Checks and registration forms should be mailed directly to Rotary 5280 District Office, 8939 S. Sepulveda Blvd, Suite 312, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

This is a Black Tie Optional event for this special cocktail reception and photo opportunity with President Bhichai.

5:30 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. will be the time-tour of the Cathedral. The reception price of \$35 each includes souvenir tour book of the Cathedral and heavy hors d'oeuvres by Patina Catering.

For additional information contact Carl at 619-987-0355 or via e-mail: [clower@earthlink.net](mailto:clower@earthlink.net). All reservations need to be into District 5280 no later than 10 December 2002. Hurry!

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**RI STRUCTURED PROGRAMS**

Did you know that Rotary International has designated various structured programs which have a recommended framework and guidelines, that provide Rotarians with opportunities for service and resources to assist with service projects. Take a look, and see what you may already be involved in, or see as an opportunity to become involved in through your club.

**INTERACT ROTARACT  
ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS**

**ROTARY FRIENDSHIP**

## **EXCHANGE YOUTH EXCHANGE**

### **ROTARY RECREATIONAL & VOCATIONAL FELLOWSHIP**

### **ROTARY VOLUNTEERS WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

#### What do they do and what can I do?

Interact: Service clubs for youth ages 14 – 18 or of secondary school age fostering leadership and responsible citizenship.

Rotaract: Service clubs for youth ages 18 – 30 promoting professional development and leadership.

Rotary Community Corps: Groups of non-Rotarians who work to improve the conditions of their communities with Rotary club support.

Rotary Friendship Exchange: Reciprocal visit among Rotarians.

Rotary Recreational & Vocational Fellowships: Rotarians with common interests.

Rotary Volunteers: Volunteering internationally.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards: Leadership development for youth.

World Community Service: Assisting a service project in another country.

Youth Exchange: Secondary school age students studying/traveling abroad.

Become Involved?

The following issues and concerns have been identified by Rotary International as recommended service priorities for clubs and districts:

**Children at Risk:** Rotary clubs have developed a broad range of projects to assist children under 18 years of age who have lost or are in danger of losing the fundamental components necessary for successful growth. Projects include sponsoring health clinics, supporting educational programs, building schools, playgrounds and recreation centers, and providing vocational guidance.

**Disabled Persons:** Rotary clubs are involved in projects to create jobs for people with disabilities, alleviate blindness through surgery, provide recreational opportunities, and supply equipment such as crutches or computers to schools with hearing or seeing-impaired youth and adults.

**Health Care:** Rotary clubs are active in the area of health, working with projects ranging from donating ambulances and building hospitals to launching awareness campaigns around particular health issues and training medical professionals.

**International Understanding & Goodwill:** Rotary partners are uniquely placed to create friendships across international borders. These efforts allow people to learn from one another, examine cultural differences, celebrate things shared in common and advance the cause of peace.

**Literacy & Numeracy:** Rotarians are addressing the challenge of illiteracy through projects ranging from individual tutoring and providing textbooks to building schools and promoting the Concentrated Language Encounter methodology.

**Population Issues:** Rotary clubs promote education on population issues, work to increase access to family healthcare and adequate nutrition, and enable individuals to make informed and responsible decisions about



**from the Rotary Club of Del Mar. The Bossman did not let his busy schedule allow him to miss a Rotary meeting, and he had make-ups from all 4 Rotary Clubs in the country, and was in fact the first visiting Rotarian at the recently chartered Rotary Club of Mzuzu. Bill reports the country is still very poor, HIV is still rampant. Although the press is reporting hunger is a problem, Bill reported he really did not see that throughout his travels. He did see a lot of relief truck convoys full of food during his travel. Welcome home Fary, Steve and Bill. You are what Rotary is all about "Service Above Self", Thank You.**

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