



District 5340 Newsletter



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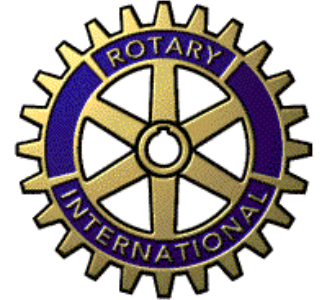
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The Wheels Of Rotary – January 2003

JANUARY - ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

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



My dear friends, welcome to another year in which we have an opportunity to become a part of and assist those less fortunate than ourselves, in order that they may have an opportunity to have better living conditions, food to eat, water to drink, the ability to walk or have mobility, to restore their

sight, and time to obtain an education so that they can enjoy many of the benefits we currently enjoy.

January is ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH. Here is your opportunity, as an individual Rotarian to bring forth your idea, your passion, to provide the idea of what your club could do to help others less fortunate than yourself. It is during this month that Rotarians worldwide are encouraged to discover their own ways to share Rotary with their communities. Please keep in mind that every great program that Rotary has undertaken in the

world was the result of an individual Rotarian's idea, brought to their club for implementation. Together, we can and will change the course of human destiny, we only need your ideas and participation. January is a great time and opportunity to bring that idea forward and leave a legacy to the world for years to come.

December was certainly a busy month for your district governor. Connie and I had an opportunity to visit six clubs in the district and enjoy the friendship that makes being a Rotarian such a great experience in a person's life. Starting the month with a visit to the Rotary Club of San Ysidro-Otay in their new meeting place. As some of you may remember, San Ysidro-Otay had the highest per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation during Rotary Year 2001-2002. Thank you to all the members of this dynamic club which serves our border community and continues to support and sponsor many international projects with our fellow Rotarians in Mexico. Next on our agenda was an opportunity to visit the Rotary Club of Southeast San Diego. If you have not had an opportunity to make up at their club, I would encourage you to take a visit to the

San Diego Gaslamp District, and enjoy the fellowship of this outstanding club in their new meeting facilities at the Hilton Hotel. Our December District Council once again gave us an opportunity to learn more about our outstanding RYLA program here in District 5340 under the capable chairmanship of our own Uncle RYLA, Darrell Marshall. If you have not taken advantage of having the experience of service as a facilitator at Camp RYLA, I would encourage you to do so during this Rotary Year. Had an opportunity to visit once again, our Rotary Club of Rancho Santa Fe, where Past District Governor of District 5160, Al Frumkin was the keynote speaker. The recent storms of December provided a fantastic setting for the visit to the Rotary Club of Encinitas-La Costa at the Chart House, on the beach, in Cardiff By The Sea. What a beautiful place to hold a Rotary meeting. Not to be outdone by the ocean, the Rotary Club of Bonita Sunrise provided us an equal, if different, setting overlooking the fairways at the San Diego Country Club, located in Chula Vista. You have to think about considering you are going to Bonita, at the San Diego Country Club in Chula Vista. Make sure you have directions. Bonita Sunrise is still one of our most ardent and strong supporters of our Inner Wheel program, which over the years has provided our communities with many wonderful projects.

December was also a time for lots of fun. First was the joint meeting with our Rotaract Clubs, coordinated by Dick Troncone, at the Kansas City Barbeque in San Diego. What a delightful evening. Then a wonderful evening in Coronado at the beautiful home of Jerry and Joey Winter, where we had a spectacular view of downtown San Diego across the bay, and an opportunity to enjoy the many

decorated boats as they participated in the annual Parade of Lights. As many of you know, Jerry was instrumental for obtaining many of the donations in support of The Wheelchairs For Malawi program, as well as his participation in Operation Malawi in 2001, where he also participated in the distribution of medical equipment in the country of Malawi. Jerry's invitation noted the statement "Blessed are the Peacemakers", and Jerry is certainly one who qualifies for that status. Thank you Jerry for all you have done and continue to do for Rotary and the world. A special note of thanks to Nancy Starling and Mark Allyn, for their arrangement at, Pino's in Encinitas, for a pre-meeting reception. Even the rain could not keep us away. Not to be forgotten, Gary Green and his Downtown San Diego Breakfast club held a wonderful holiday party at the lovely penthouse home of Colette Murray and her husband Dick. Showing the generous hand of Rotary, they invited Morris Yarnell and the members of the Uptown San Diego Sunrise club to join in the festive night. What a wonderful evening, and thanks to Gary, Colette and all who made the night such a delightful evening. We completed the month by first attending the birthday party of Past District Governor Bob Tomko and his bride, Bea, at the Olympic Resort in Carlsbad. What a wonderful couple. We are certainly fortunate to have individuals like Bob and Bea among our friends. Then we were off to Los Angeles to meet Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul, along with Rotarians from our District as well as Rotarians from the other six districts located in Southern California. On Monday, the 30th, Connie and I had an opportunity to meet privately with President Bhichai for lunch and a special one-on-one discussion. Please be assured, we have an outstanding leader and man of great vision leading our organization. He

speaks from his heart, and you cannot help but be moved by his message.

A special note of tribute for Connie Griffith, wife of our long-time Foundation Chairman, Pete Griffith, who passed away on December 18th. Connie and Pete, both Paul Harris Fellows, as well as their daughters, have long been ardent supporters of Rotary and various Rotary programs over the years. Connie was called to a higher level of service. We will miss her, and we extend our deepest sympathy to Pete and the girls. Death is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity, for each departed friend is a magnet that attracts us to the next world. When God sends forth a tiny soul to learn the ways of earth, A mother's love is waiting here – We call this wonder – Birth. When God calls home a tired soul and stills a fleeting breath, A Father's love is waiting there, This too is birth – not death. Thank you Connie for making our lives brighter and better because of your presence and friendship.

I leave you with this message from Rotary International President Bhichai:

Invite a friend to Rotary,

The **BEST** way to motivate,

NEW MEMBERS,

Is to involve them in a Service Project,

Close to their **HEART**

Join me in the wonderful month of Rotary Awareness as we go forward to "Sow The Seeds of Love."

Yours in Rotary Service,

Larry

NOTICE & REMINDERS – CLUB PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES

Keep current with submission of membership reporting. We have made this process very easy for all clubs by using our District 5340 Membership Reporting System. If you are experiencing any problems in using this service, please call Dale Bailey at the District Office 619-299-5341. If all else fails you can even fax the report to 619-299-3826 and we will enter the information on your behalf.

The second semi-annual report of your membership is due 1 January 2003. If your club has not received the forms by 31 December, please contact your RI Club and District Administration representative Joaquin Mejia. Joaquin may be reached at 847-866-3266.

e-mail: mejiaj@rotaryintl.org

2002-203 PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

President Bhichai has once again reminded us that achieving a lasting peace in our world requires the work of each and every individual, taking the many small steps that are needed to generate a spirit of international understanding and goodwill. To this end, he has asked all Rotarians to make a personal investment in and commitment to Rotary. We are fortunate to belong to an organization that encourages all of us to cultivate love in our clubs, in our vocations, in our communities, and everywhere in our world.

President Bhichai believes that meaningful change and peace must grow

from the grassroots and not from the top down. Accordingly, he has set the 2002-2003 Presidential Citation Award on the basis of grassroots efforts of individual Rotarians and Rotary clubs. In your club, you can **Sow The Seeds of Love** in the hearts and minds of others to foster fellowship and increase membership. You can **Sow The Seeds of Love** through the programs of our Rotary Foundation. You can **Sow The Seeds of Love** in each of the four Avenues of Service. President Bhichai intentionally did not prescribe specific achievements for Rotary clubs, favoring the insight and input of Rotarians that can best measure and determine the potential in their own clubs. You, the Rotarians, are ask as a club to **set and meet your own goals.**

Criteria & Deadline for Club Recognition

To receive recognition for the 2002-2003 Presidential Citation, clubs are to achieve the following goals:

Attain the annual membership goal established by your club, consistent with the overall membership goals of Rotary International (which include increasing net membership, improving membership retention, and supporting the organization of new clubs).

Participate in or financially support a project or program of the Rotary Foundation.

Initiate or continue a well-rounded program of at least one activity within each of the four Avenues of Service:

Club Service;
Vocational Service;

Community Service; and International Service

Once these goals have been met within the timeframe, please complete the Certification Form (9001B), available from RI Web Page, and send it to the District Governor. The Governor will certify the activities of your club, and forward it to RI World Headquarters in Evanston.

We have now completed one-half of our Rotary Year. In order to receive recognition for the Presidential Citation, you need to complete the many noble tasks that you have set for this year. I will be most gratified if your club can answer yes to:

Set and Meet the Club Goals for Membership; Club Projects (large or small); Actively participate in The Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Program; Participate in the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign; Attend the District Conference in May (reservations made – Yes!) and the International Convention in Brisbane in June 2003.

Each club in District 5340 currently meets the above criteria. You are encouraged to complete the required form for submission. Your club will prosper from the recognition, and it will in turn attract other like-minded individuals to join your club when they see the special recognition you have received from Rotary International.

ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to The Rotary Foundation Annual Programs fund reached a record \$67.5 million in Rotary Year 2001-2002. The fund supports the

Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs.

District 3740 (Korea) was first in annual giving per capita with a contribution per Rotarians of \$222.57 in US dollars. In Korea all but one of the country's 17 districts achieved their fundraising goals.

District 5000 of Hawaii was the runner-up on the Foundation's annual giving list, with a per capita contribution of \$218.85. 14 of the top 20 Districts were outside of the United States. In our area, Zones 23 and 24, Districts 5000 (Hawaii) and 5170 (Oakland) set the pace with contributions of \$218.85 and \$137.13 respectively.

Certainly we can meet and exceed this level of giving. These figures represent less than 60 cents per day! It is hoped that the Rotarians of District 5340 will consider the vital work of Rotary worth a minimum of one dollar a day. For your convenience there is now available electronic transfer directly from your account to The Foundation, or you may elect to use your credit card to effect placement of your donation, and you then receive the frequent flyer miles. Either way, we can do better than 60 cents a day.

ROTARY ACADEMY

Rotary International District 5340 "Leadership and Development Academy is now officially underway. At the first International Assembly in Chicago in 1919, district governors addressed such familiar matters as district organization, extension, and the education of Rotarians about Rotary. Now, more than 80 years later, the 529 incoming governors from 164 nations will meet President-elect Jonathan Majiyagbe, the first African elected to lead Rotary International, and discuss global concerns and sustainable development at

the upcoming International Assembly to be held in Anaheim, California. The purpose of the Assembly, RI's largest training event – remain constant. "Enter to Learn - - Go Forth To Serve".

With the introduction of our own Leadership & Development Academy, now Rotarians in District 5340 can have the benefit and opportunity to learn every facet of Rotary, discuss Rotary issues and have an invaluable opportunity to learn about Rotary in order that they will be able to better serve their club, community and Rotary International. This is a 10 month course of instruction, under the leadership of our District Trainer, Dale Bailey, who has devoted many months to development of the course curriculum to ensure the content will provide an optimum course of instruction, in order that we also will "Enter to Learn – Go Forth To Serve." A special note of thanks to, Dale, for his dedication and devotion to the establishment of our Leadership & Development Academy. Good Luck to the Class of 2003.

ROTARY PUBLICATIONS

Rotarians are reminded that there are many informative articles published on the Rotary International Web Page, which can be accessed at: www.rotary.org You may also reach the RI Web Page by linking from District 5340 Web Page located at: www.rotary5340.org If you would like some interesting reading please access "Rotary – Navigating The Global Network". Also available are issues of "Rotary World, and the ability to read the "Rotarian" magazine just in case you misplaced your personal copy. A new resource to help clubs better educate their members about Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation is now available from the RI Secretariat, if you have not had an opportunity to join the Class of 2003 of our District 5340 Leadership & Development

Academy. Entitled "Rotary Basics", this 8-page publication covers Rotary History, programs, principles and structure, as well as some notable service projects. The publication is available in lots of 20 for \$10 from RI Publications. Please contact Order Services at 847-866-4600 or fax your order to 847-866-3276. You may also access the online catalog at: <http://shop.rotary.org/catalog/>.

"Comments from our outbound youth exchange students"

Christina Vanderwerken – Sponsoring Club: Bonsall – Country: Belgium D2170

Went on a kayaking trip (Descent de la Lesse) with other exchange students. Planning to go to Cirque du Soleil with my host mom's sister. I've been to a café with some students in the school, dinner tomorrow. Taking French classes at a school in the evenings, Viola class on Fridays, Instrument ensemble on Mondays, general gym class with other students in my school. I also have begun to tutor children in English at school. Beginning to understand the French a little easier—at least to the point where I can relax at the end of the day without a headache!

Diego Torres – Sponsoring Club: Pt. Loma – Country: Italy D2080

I attend school from Monday to Saturday I was attending fencing classes from Monday through Friday **PLACES VISITED:** Santa Maria Navarrese, a town in Sardinia, about 4 hours from Cagliari. I went with the Rotary Club on the 28 and 29 of October. **STUDIED AT SCHOOL:** Math, History, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, History of Art, Philosophy, Italian(not as a language, but as literature) and English. **PLANNING TRIPS:** My school is planning a trip to Germany on the 13 to the 20 of December. **MY ITALIAN IS GREAT.**

Hilary Clarke – Sponsoring Club: Coronado – Country Sweden D2320

School classes: Swedish, Spanish, French, multimedia, European literature and photography. Language progression: I speak more Swedish now but it is still very difficult. My Swedish teachers and my host mother tell me I am learning very fast. The 10th and 11th of December I will travel to Stockholm to attend the Nobel Prize ceremony. Rotary is also going to organize a party for the exchange students who are attending.

Faylotte Crayton – Sponsoring Club: Coronado – Country Switzerland D1990

I cannot adequately describe to you the great time I'm having here in Geneva. And, I'll never be able to thank you enough for offering me this opportunity. In less than four short months, I have learned more about myself and the world than what I ever dreamt possible. I am growing into a person that my parents hardly know any longer. The person I'm becoming is more mature, more positive, more courageous, more understanding, more worldly, more intellectual, more compassionate, and more of just about everything that is desirable—all in less than four months! I am in Geneva! My high school is older than the United States. My host family has a castle in the Perigord region of France that was built during the Hundred Years War—it even has hidden passages. My next host family has a ski chalet on Mont Blanc. I'm less than two hours (by train) from Milan, one of the world's great opera cities. I'M SOOOO SPOILED!!! It seems unreal. I can't describe how appreciative I am. As much as I believe in the foreign exchange program, in general, I also think that I have chosen one of the best years to be an American exchange student, too. There is so much happening in the world right now, and America is smack dab in the middle of it. Although (maybe because of) I sometimes have to defend American policies, or at least explain its perspective, I think I love my country more than ever. But it is not just a blind sense of patriotism, because now I have a much better understanding of the non-American's position on world affairs. I've learned more about America's blemishes, in Europe, than I learned in America. Part of it is because I've been exposed to those negative aspects of America and

have had to defend/explain or apologize for them, and partly because, back home, I was too insulated from world events. European teenagers are much more in tune with world politics and economics than their American counterpart. When my friends and I go out, we talk about international affairs (not just European, but Middle Eastern, central African, American and Asian as well). It not only teaches me a lot, but it also makes me feel sophisticated and adult like. I like it. It also makes life even more interesting because America is on the brink of war and has more power than any other country. Outside of America, I hear more of the negative aspects of our country. In America, I normally only heard the positive aspects. I think it's important to know both sides. I hope that one day, when I'm grown, I can influence the world by educating people and sharing those things that I have learned here to improve the world. I have developed a passion to try to make the world a better place, and I thank you and my parents and anyone who has ever supported a Rotary exchange student for it. Well, in less than four months, I seem to be pretty impressed with myself. I shudder to think what I will be like when my exchange year is over. Stand by to be bowled over, because that little girl you interviewed last March no longer exists. I promise to write you whenever I can. Thank you so much for everything you've allowed me to experience. All my love.

Madison Tani – Sponsoring Club: Coronado – Switzerland D1980

I hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving. As you know they don't celebrate it over here so I decided to make a Thanksgiving dinner for my host family. I cooked a whole turkey and everything which was a new experience seeing as I have never cooked anything before. It all ended up tasting delicious and my host family enjoyed it. it was a nice dinner and it did not make me miss being away for the holidays as much because I had a family here to celebrate with.
