

R. I. District 5340 Newsletter



THE COMMUNICATOR FEBRUARY 2004



Lend a Hand

“FEBRUARY – Rotary Awareness Month”

NOTICE:

I would like to apologize to all for the lateness of February District Newsletter. My year of 2004 has not been very good with coming down with a major bout with the flu which seemed to have brought other ills and weight loss along with it. I have had some good days but most were not. This has put me weeks behind in work, Rotary, and other daily events of my life.

On the positive side I wish to thank the many of my friends who have brought me meals and offered their help. A special thanks to one lady of our Sister Rotary Club of Waling-Waling Davao, Philippines who on her visit with her sister in LA has made two trips down to Poway and spent her time to nurse, cook, and be a housekeeper for me.

I did find out that I did not miss the computer use every day which seem strange. But it is now filled with hundreds of e-mail!

Bob England
Editor



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Governor 2003-2004



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ROTARY WEEKLY QUICKBITS

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76 years Perfect Attendance

From: Tom Telfer, London, Ontario D-6330, Canada

Earle Frank, will turn 100 in March and I asked him to jot down a few thoughts as he reaches another milestone in his life. I hope that you can share this letter with all your members.

On March 5, 1904 I came into the world at our home in Ravenna, Ohio. Who would have thought that I would see 2004? I joined Rotary on November 7, 1927; two year after the club was chartered. My father, Levi, was a chartered member of the Rotary Club of Ravenna. My family moved to Phoenix Arizona in 1960 and then in March of 1961 moved to Prescott Arizona and became a member of the Prescott Rotary club. In 1990 we moved to Salt Lake City and I became a member of the Sugarhouse Rotary Club, in which my son Dick was a member. After we left those cold winters in Salt Lake City, we returned to Phoenix and I joined the Phoenix Thunderbird Rotary club with my son, Dick. I have been able to keep a perfect attendance record through all of these 76 years 3 months. This coming year, the Centennial of Rotary, I will be the president of the Phoenix Thunderbird club.

I have been very lucky and have enjoyed life. How is it to be 100, unbelievable, I have out lived all my friends and still plan to keep on going? I guess I have to contribute long living by keeping busy with work, hobbies, and my Rotary clubs. Rotary has been the catalyst in keeping young.

Being around many members that are younger and being around good friends, the comradeship and the interactions with so many Rotary International projects has led to my great life.

Advice to you younger and even older members in Canada and even in the entire world of Rotary, live a good rounded life and this means taking care of your own health, your family, and those in need throughout the Rotary world. Keep up the many friendships you have made in life. Don't be afraid to take a risk and even at 100 years old become your club's president.

God be with you.

Earle L Frank,

President-elect 2004-2005

**San Diego North Rotary and
District 5340 Alumni Association
invite you to meet
the Incoming GSE team from Ecuador
for dinner on
Saturday, March 13, 2004
at the home of
S.D. North President & Mrs. Ken Heinz
14173 Caminito Vistana, San Diego, CA 92130
Tele: 858-484-0360
Cocktails at 6 p.m.
Dinner at 7 p.m.
casual attire**

Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share.

**SD North Rotary will provide the main course and
the Alumni Association will provide beer, wine, soft drinks.**

Please rsvp to Kim Muslusky at kimcog@cox.net

Directions to the party from I-15: take I-15 to Ted Williams Parkway; go west on Ted Williams to Camino Del Sol off ramp, turn rt., then turn left on Carmel Country Rd.. The next traffic light turn right on Caminita Vistana. Please note this is a gated community. At the gate, say that you are here for the Rotary district 5340 party. Turn right and proceed up the hill to 14173 Caminito Vistana. It will be approx. 1/2 mile after the second bank of mail boxes. Park on the street.

Directions to the party from I-5: Take the State Route 56 exit off I-5. Stay on that until it ends. It turns into Carmel Country Rd. The next traffic light turn left on Caminita Vistana. Please note this is a gated community. At the gate, say that you are here for the Rotary district 5340 party. Turn right and proceed up the hill to 14173 Caminito Vistana. It will be approx. 1/2 mile after the second bank of mail boxes. Park on the street.

U.S. congressman introduces resolution to issue RI Centennial stamp

U.S. Congressional Representative Brad Sherman (Republican-California) on 25

February introduced a resolution urging the United States Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp in honor of Rotary's 100th anniversary and the organization's efforts to eliminate polio worldwide.

"Rotarians are volunteers who support thousands of humanitarian and educational projects that benefit each of our communities," said Congressman Sherman. "The commemorative stamp will recognize Rotary's first 100 years of public service."

"Rotary was founded 100 years ago in Chicago, and now its influence can be felt not only in the United States, but also around the globe," said RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe, in response to news of the proposed resolution. "It is fitting that the organization is honored in this way."

Congressman Sherman was joined by 31 congressional co-sponsors in supporting the proposal to honor Rotary International's centennial anniversary with a postage stamp.

Nearly one third of Rotary's more than 1.2 million club members are based in the United States.

Source: Rotary News Basket

Four Way Test

Pictured are the winner, finalists and their teachers at the Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Contest conducted by Pete Schiff, Superintendent of our School District, on February 24th, 2004. Left to right: Teacher Janet DeSantis and Student Rupert Cross of Ramona Community School, Teacher Jim Miller and Student Ashley DeCarolis of Montecito High School, Pete Schiff, Student Jenelle Knight, Student Lindsey Foote and Teacher Bill Tamburrino of Ramona High School. Lindsey Foote, the winner, was awarded \$150.00 and will go on to compete at the next level. Each of the three finalists were awarded \$75.00.



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A FAMILY OF ROTARY GATHERING

At the International Convention last June in Sydney, Australia, a District Governor-Elect from Ontario Canada, District 6330, John Van Laar and his Philippine wife Cora Ongvano, took under their wings, Delta M Collins. a member of Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary in District 5340. They became her first “wheel-chair pushers”. They were promised a grand party when they came to Anaheim in 2004 to another reunion and to visit Cora’s sister who resides in Chula Vista. The party theme of Philippine Falls Frolic evolved from their heritage and from Delta’s earlier excursion to the Pagsanjan Falls in the Philippine Islands.

John Van Laar was born in the Netherlands, and emigrated to Canada in 1956 when he was 28 years old. He started his own company and imported stained glass, sculpture, church vestments, bells and carillons. John joined the Rotary Club of Thornbury/Clarksburg in District 6330 in 1990. Later, John’s wife of 40 years died but he remained active in Rotary.

THE LOVE STORY: John and Cora met for only 15 minutes at the San Antonio, Texas, International Convention in 2001; emails began and they both went to the Barcelona Convention and in 2002 they were married.

Cora is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Cebu, the Queen City of the South, in the Visayas Islands of the Philippines, where she had been a club member since 1995. She was there during the first trials of the very successful Rotary Polio Eradication program held in the Philippines. She says, “I am lucky to find John who is more than a father to my children.” Both, John and Cora are Multiple Paul Harris Fellows and benefactors.”

So, back to the Party: More than a hundred guests gathered at the home of Delta M. Collins to partake of the all Philippine food. The highlight and introduction to the meal was when the brown, crisp skinned, charcoal barbecued whole suckling pig (*Luchon*) was shown to the guests. From then on they couldn’t wait to eat but the carving had to be done. The most fun was when some of the guests demonstrated their knack at eating the great Philippine delicacy, “*balut*” (a duck egg with a 17 day old embryo in it). Carlsbad Council woman, Ann Kulchin, Rotary District Administrator, Dale Bailey and William “Bud” Carroll, of Carlsbad seemed to be the bravest. But, they all got prizes for their willingness to experiment.

A Philippine band, singers and dancers kept everyone excited. Many guests felt they just had to get up and trip the light fantastic. The professional dancers, each from a different university, performed the bamboo and the pandango Ilaw dances.

The Rotary Family guest list included Rotarians from Thornbury/Clarksburg, Canada, District Director John Van Laar and his wife Corazon, Rancho Bernardo District

Governor Michael J. Stelman, La Mesa Rotary Administrator Dale Bailey and his wife, Cana, Carlsbad Hi-Noon President Robert Fenner, Carlsbad Hi-Noon Past President David Kulchin and his wife, Carlsbad City Council Woman Ann (Kulchin), San Marcos President-Elect Joan Boughton, Escondido President-Elect Rosa Ruiz, Carlsbad, Robert Murrell and his wife Maybelle. Other Rotarians from Carlsbad Hi-Noon were Mr. and Mrs. William “Bud” Carroll, Mr. Kenneth Khron, Mr and Mrs. Bruce Stewart, and Mr. and Mrs. Emil “Al” Torkar. Past District Governor Randy Mitchell sent his regrets with a tear in his eye as he had planned to attend. Also, Past District Governor Robert G. Ketron CGP, District 7620 in Maryland, called during the party to say how sorry he couldn’t join our Family of Rotary party.



02-21-2004 PHILIPPINE FALLS FROLIC HONORING ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN VAN LAAR FROM CANADA AND HIS WIFE CORAZON ONGVANO, PAST PRESIDENT OF A ROTARY CLUB ON CEBU, L-R MIKE STELMAN, ROTARY DISTRICT 5340 GOVERNOR, ANN KULCHIN, CARLSBAD CITY COUNCILWOMAN, ROSA RUIZ, PRESIDENT ELECT OF ESCONDIDO ROTARY CLUB, JOHN VAN LAAR, DAVE KULCHIN, PAST PRESIDENT OF CARLSBAD HI-NOON ROTARY CLUB, CORAZON ONGVANO, DELTA M. COLLINS, CARLSBAD HI-NOON ROTARY CLUB INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR AND HOST OF THE PARTY

PHOTO ROSEN HRISTOV

District 5340 Rotary Club Highlights

Each month, an Assistant Governor will highlight items of interest from each of his or her clubs. If there is anything you would like to share with your fellow District 5340 Rotarians, please contact your club's Assistant Governor for that recognition.

We want to hear from our clubs Rotarians...

Is there something going in your club that you would like to share with your fellow clubs in District 5340? To get your news into the district newsletter and/or onto the district web site: Send your text items (150 words or less) to **Julie Walker** at julie@wc-ms.com Be sure to include Rotary in the email subject line!

Send photos (jpg only) to **Bob England** at englandb@cox.net

To post items on the web site calendar: go to rotary5340.org and click on the calendar. At the bottom of that page, there is a line regarding submitting items. Click on **Dale Bailey's** name.

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