

# R. I. District 5340 Newsletter



## THE COMMUNICATOR MARCH 2004



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**WELCOME TO D-5340**  
**Here to Serve**  
**Mike Stelman**  
**Governor 2003-2004**



District 5340

California U.S.A

### **A priceless gift**

A priceless gift arrived at the Rotary office from the granddaughter of the late Gordon Gray, Club 33 president in 1913-1914 and a charter member of the club. She had been going through some old boxes in her Chicago home when she found the original roster of the San Diego club, as well as some badges from RI conventions in 1914 and 1918 when Gordon was a delegate. His badge from the 1914 meeting in Houston indicates that he also was a director of Rotary International. Another District 5340 Rotarian to serve on the RI board is Ron Beaubien of Coronado Rotary Club, currently in office.

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### **To the Business Person of the year, PDG Marty Peters:**

**Congratulations on being named 2003 National Republican Congressional Committee Business Person of the year!**

### **That was a nice article and photo in the N. County Times.**

Have been here for couple of weeks doing things like Dr check-ups, Rotary, and Family. We will leave for Aspendell via SF, SAC, & Reno EARLY next Sunday (The LONG way!). Want to do a small Rotary job in Alameda area, and see 2 of our 7 Grandchildren in SF and SAC. We hope that any big storms hold off until we get to our place in the Sierra.

Hope to be back down in a couple of weeks for the Dist Conference. Probably will see you then.

Next Saturday evening will do the keynote talk at Hemet Rotary's 50th Anniversary. A little inspiration about Rotary, mostly about my proposer and mentor..PDG Hi Walker. He chartered Hemet along with 25 other clubs in what was part our District then. I can remember him taking me to that banquet when I was a brand-new Rotarian!

Today at lunch we will do a Rotary Information meeting for 4 new Rotarians in the Vista Rotary club. It is nice at my age to be kept busy with Rotary among other things!

Best wishes and a hug to Mary Alice, PDG Bob TOMKO

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**Summary of Key Board and Trustee Decisions  
Related to Rotary Clubs and Districts  
From the February 2004 Meetings of The RI Board of Directors and  
The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation**

*Key Decisions of the RI Board of Directors*

**No. 180 A New Rotary Fellowship Group**

The Board agreed to recognize the Humanitarian Service Resource Fellowship (HSFR). Their aim is to develop an international network of Rotarians who are involved in organizing humanitarian service projects. Through their fellowship, Rotarians are expected to share their expertise and experience with others engaged in the same type of humanitarian efforts.

**No. 182 Rotaract**

The Board agreed that Rotaractors may attend Rotary club meetings without asking permission and encouraged Rotaract clubs to establish twin club relationships and to get involved with intercountry committees. The Board also encourages district governors-elect to appoint experienced Rotarians to serve as district Rotaract chairs, and to create related training opportunities for them.

**No. 187 Intercountry Committees**

The Board encourages Rotary clubs and districts to create and promote intercountry committees and awareness of their function. It also encourages the promotion of international meetings of intercountry committees, and participation by Rotaract clubs.

**No. 192 The 2006 Rotary Convention**

The 2006 RI convention destination will be known as "Malmö/Copenhagen."

**No. 195 2005 International Institute**

An International Institute will be held from 17-18 June 2005 in Chicago, Illinois, USA. Those eligible to attend the institute are past, current, and incoming officers of RI (including reported governors-nominee), and current RI committee members.

**No. 198 Mailing to New Rotarians**

The Board requested the President of RI to send welcome letters to new Rotarians, starting 1 July 2004.

## **No. 201    Extension to Non-Rotary Countries**

The Board reaffirmed its decision not to establish additional provisional Rotary clubs in the People's Republic of China. The Board also commended District 3450 for its work with the Hepatitis B project, and encourages other clubs and districts to support it.

## **No. 204    Amendments to the Districting Procedure**

The Board added the following four required elements for all future proposals:

- 1) A list of existing clubs with their charter dates, and number of members as of 1 July over the last five years, noting each club's continuous operation and good financial standing with RI for the past five years, and location of growth and extension possibilities in the proposed district(s);
- 2) Charts of the district's(s') existing and new proposals for the districts' leadership plans, a map showing the clubs assigned to each assistant governor, and a description of the assistant governor responsibilities.
- 3) Documentation illustrating that no more than 10% of the clubs in each new proposed district have membership of 20 Rotarians or less; and
- 4) A statement signed by the governor(s) stating the proposal has been referred to clubs in the district(s), and that the governor has communicated effectively the origin of the re-districting proposal and the necessity of each club to carefully consider the proposal for vote by the majority of club members.

*For a copy of the complete text of the updated districting procedure, please consult the Rotary Code of Policies, section 17.010.6, or contact your CDA representative.*

## **No. 209    The Rotary Anthem**

The Board confirmed that the march from Ludwig von Beethoven's Overture to Egmont is the Rotary anthem. Plans are underway to hire an orchestra to record an original version of this anthem, and make it available for sale to Rotarians.

## **No. 212    Best Cooperative Projects Award**

The Board approved the establishment of a Best Cooperative Projects Award to recognize outstanding club service projects done in cooperation with other organizations—such as the Boy Scouts, UN agencies, or local groups—especially those that require hands-on participation of club members. Projects that only involved fundraising are not eligible. Effective 1 July 2004, each district may submit up to five nominations.

## **No. 220    Procedures for Collection of Club Past Due Financial Obligations**

In conjunction with the new dues collection cycle for clubs that goes into effect on 1 July 2004, the Board modified its policy concerning the reinstatement of clubs terminated for non-payment of financial obligations, as follows:

*“When a club is reorganized within 90 days of termination, it must pay the amount of its outstanding obligations at the time of termination, including all semiannual dues payments that continue to accrue during the period between termination and reorganization. A club may only revise its membership list within 365 days (1 year) from the semiannual period due date. When a club is reorganized more than 90 days after termination, it must follow the policy for a newly admitted club and pay a charter fee. In order for a club to maintain its name, history, and charter, it must be reorganized no later than 365 days (1 year) from the termination date. If only partial payment is made by the 90<sup>th</sup> day following termination, that amount will be applied to the club's delinquent financial obligation. However, the club will still have to undergo the admission procedure and pay a charter fee plus all outstanding obligations including the reinstatement fee. Reorganized clubs will be billed semiannual dues according to the schedule for newly admitted clubs.” RCP 9.020.8*

## **Key Decisions of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation**

### **No. 69. Implementation Plan for the Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award**

The Trustees adopted the implementation plan for the Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award, beginning in 2005-06. Nomination forms and brochures will be sent to all Rotary districts in April/May 2005 and will be available on the RI website ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)). Forms will be produced by The Rotary Foundation and sent to RRFCs and FARG members for regional distribution.

### **No. 78 Funding of Centennial Activities**

The Trustees requested the general secretary to identify and to solicit sponsors of centennial activities and events related to The Rotary Foundation. Sponsor contributions may be in the form of cash, materials, supplies, and pro bono services directly related to centennial activities of The Rotary Foundation. Corporate sponsors and cooperating organizations will receive a special centennial recognition certificate and letter of appreciation from the Trustee Chairman and the RI President.

*Summary of Key Board Decisions, February 2004.DOC*

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### **Trustees approve rollout of Children's Fund**

At the February 2004 International Assembly in Anaheim, Foundation Trustee Chairman James Lacy announced that the Trustees had approved the creation of a new Children's Fund within The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund.

The Trustee Chairman reported that the Children's Fund "will be used to support projects that benefit children and offer them hope for a brighter future." Also, he expressed the hope that this fund would encourage Rotarians to expand their help to children through the Foundation's humanitarian programs.

The guidelines outlined by the Trustees include the following:

The Children's Fund shall be established as a pooled sub-account of the Permanent Fund, with the spending portion available to the World Fund for humanitarian projects that address the needs of children. The spending rate of the Children's Fund will be determined by the spending rate of the Permanent Fund.

In the future, Rotary clubs and districts may apply for support from the Children's Fund only through the current Foundation program structure, such as Individual Grants and Matching Grants.

Approved projects can be diverse in nature and scope, as long as they meet established Foundation program policies and assist children effectively immediately, the Foundation is accepting outright contributions of US\$10,000 or more and Bequest Society commitments to the Children's Fund. For more details or further information on contributing to The Rotary Foundation's Children's Fund, contact Eric Schmelling by e-mail or mail: The Rotary Foundation, One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201 USA.

*Source: Rotary News Basket*

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## **ROTARY WEEKLY QUICKBITS**

**Keep Informed of District 5340 Events, Changes, Etc. Sign Up To Receive the Weekly Rotary Quickbits by email. More information: [www.rotary5340.org/quickbits](http://www.rotary5340.org/quickbits)**

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### **THE ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND**

By PDG Larry Scott

Please take a minute to reflect on the mission of The Rotary Foundation. The mission is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's mission and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational and cultural programs.

With your assistance, The Rotary Foundation could be the leading philanthropic organization in the world.

As we celebrate this wonderful program named in honor of our founder, Paul Harris, we-the individuals who accepted the responsibility to provide "Service Above Self," are in a unique position to make a positive impact in our individual communities, and throughout the world.

The most efficient and effective method is for every Rotarian and each Rotary club to take ownership of its Annual Programs Fund goal, set an enhanced goal, and strive to achieve a fundraising progress over and above the \$100-per-capita goal requested by Rotary International.

During Rotary Year 2002-2003, the Rotarians of District 5340 were spectacular in their support of our Polio Eradication Program and The Wheelchairs For Malawi. We now have an opportunity to once again devote our attention to The Annual Programs Fund. Chair Ed Danenhauer and Pete Griffith have developed an outstanding Mentor Program for the district.

The individuals who volunteered for this assignment have a thorough knowledge of the foundation and are ready to assist individual Rotarians and Rotary clubs to achieve a new level of giving to reach a per capita level of 34 cents per day.

This would mean funding for annual GSE awards, funds available for matching Humanitarian Grants and being able to lift the moratorium on the 3-H program.

Like driving a car-it takes gas to keep it going. Our foundation needs fuel to continue our outstanding work. Considering the price of gas today-your 34-cent contribution is a bargain and certainly gives you more bang for the buck than that \$2-per-gallon of gas you are paying for every day.

Please join Ed, Pete and your fellow Rotarians and make that commitment TODAY! Remember: Every Rotarian, Every Year-\$125.

**Have you made your gift to the Annual Programs Fund this year?**

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### **A GATHERING OF A FAMILY OF ROTARY**

At the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia, last June, John Van Laar, a district governor-elect from Ontario, Canada, District 6330, and his Philippine wife Corazon Ongvano, took Delta M Collins, a member of Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club in District 5340, under their wings.

They became her first "wheel-chair pushers," and their bonding was extraordinary. The Van Laars were promised a grand party when they came to a Rotary International Past Presidents' Reunion in Anaheim

in February and to visit Cora's sister in Chula Vista.

The Philippine Falls Frolic party theme 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 at age 28. He started his own company, importing stained glass, sculpture, church vestments, bells and carillons. In 1990, he 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, TX, International Convention in 2001; emails began, and they both went to the Barcelona Convention, where they met again. In 2002, they were married.

Cora is a past president of a Rotary club on the Island of Cebu in the Visayas Islands of the Philippines. Cebu City, known as the Queen City of the South, is where Cora had been a club member since 1995. She was in Cebu during the first trials of the very successful Rotary Polio Eradication program held in the Philippines.

Cora 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 100 guests gathered at the home of Delta M. Collins to enjoy the company and the Philippine food. The highlight of the day and introduction to the meal was when the brown, crisp skinned, charcoal barbecued, whole suckling pig (Luchon) was shown to the guests. From then, they couldn't wait to eat but the carving still had to had to be done.

The most fun was when some of the guests demonstrated their knack at eating the great Philippino delicacy, "balut" (a duck egg with a 17-day-old embryo). Carlsbad councilwoman Ann Kulchin, Rotary District Administrator Dale Bailey and his wife, Cana, and William "Bud" Carroll, of Carlsbad, were the bravest. But, everyone got prizes for their willingness to experiment.

A Philippine band, singers and dancers kept everyone entertained. The professional dancers, each from a different university, performed the bamboo and the pandango Ilaw dances.

The Rotary Family guests included the Rotarians from Thornbury/Clarksburg, Canada, District Director John Van Laar and his wife, Corazon; District 5340 Governor Michael J. Stelman; District Administrator Dale Bailey and his wife, Cana; Carlsbad Hi-Noon President Robert Fenner, Carlsbad Hi-Noon Past President David Kulchin and his wife, Ann; San Marcos President-Elect Joan Boughton; Escondido President-Elect Rosa Ruiz; and Carlsbad's Robert Murrell and his wife, Maybelle.

Other Rotarians from Carlsbad Hi-Noon were Mr. and Mrs. William "Bud" Carroll, Kenneth Khron, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stewart, and Mr. and Mrs. Emil "Al" Torkar. Past District Governor Randy Mitchell sent his regrets; he and his wife had been eager to attend but at the last minute, he had to cancel. 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.



Rotary District 5340 Administrator Dale Bailey and his wife, Cana, bravely try the Philippine gourmet delicacy called "balut" during the Philippine Falls Frolics party honoring Rotary District governor John Van Laar from Ontario, Canada, and his wife, Corazon Ongvano, past president of a Rotary club in Cebu in the Philippines.

**Among those attending the RI Past Presidents' Reunion in Anaheim in February were Delta M. Collins, Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary; and Jonathan Majiyagbe, RI president.**



**Enjoying the Philippine Falls Frolic event were from left, District 5340 Gov. Mike Stelman, Carlsbad councilwoman Ann Kulchin, Escondido East Rotary president-elect Rosa Ruiz; and Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary International Director and party host Delta M. Collins, and second from right, Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club member Dave Kulchin.**

**Co-honorees were Corazon Ongvano, third from right, and her husband, John Van Laar (far right), a Rotary district governor from Canada.**



**District Governor John Van Laar, of Ontario, Canada, is pictured with San Marcos Rotary Club president-elect Joan Boughton at the Philippine Falls Frolic.**



District Governor John Van Laar, of Ontario, Canada, with Delta M. Collins (Carlsbad Hi-Noon) and District 5340 Gov. Mike Stelman at the Philippine Falls Frolic party hosted by Delta.

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## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:englandb@cox.net)

To post items on the web site calendar: go to [rotary5340.org](http://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.

**Bob England, Editor**