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District 5340

California USA

I would like to thank District 5330 Membership Chair, Helene Kalfuss for this contribution

CREATING STRONGER CLUBS

By Helene Kalfuss, 5330 Membership Chair - April 14, 2004

The best way to create a stronger club is by increasing your membership. New members bring **new ideas, new life, new energy and new contacts to your club**. We have until June 30th to bring all of those wonderful "news" to your club. How? Just by **asking potential new members to come and visit your club**. It's that easy!

If your club programs and projects are terrific, potential members easily recognize that this is an organization to which they must belong. **EVERY MEMBER** in your club needs to understand the importance of their seeking out **high quality, ethical business and professional people to invite to the club**. It's easy to do and the benefits to your club are tremendous.

So why don't your members ask qualified people to visit? Perhaps you should have a program on techniques for asking people to come to the club. Your most successful member getters should be the program speakers and questions

from the club should be encouraged every step of the way.

If your club members are particularly shy, your club might want to **sponsor a large event to which you invite all the qualified people in your community** that a search of your yellow pages reveals. You might want to target a certain segment of your community, eg., city hall employees, your local hospital staff, etc. A club membership contest is fun while at the same time benefitting your membership roles. Don't forget to teach your new members that it is their **responsibility as a Rotarian to bring new members** into the club and **make "getting new members" part of any new member red badge or other program you have.**

Getting qualified new members is easy if you just get into the habit of doing it! Teach your members that it must be a habit. Seeking out new members is a way of letting the rest of your community in on the best secret in the world- **ROTARY!**

It has been said over the 100 years of Rotary that it is an elite club. Perhaps it really is after all, because in what other organization can you really get your hands dirty helping those who truly need it throughout your community and the world? That's a kind of "elite" that we should all be proud to be a part of.

Be proud to advertise just how elite Rotary really is by offering new potential members the opportunity to get their hands dirty too!

Yours in Service to Rotary,

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Rotary International District 5340 Nomination of District Governor 2006-2007

Larry J. Scott District Governor 2002-2003

Pursuant to Rotary International Bylaws, Section 13.020.3, I invite all clubs to submit their suggestions for nominations for District Governor 2006-2007. All suggestions for District Governor must be Mailed to:

**District 5340 Nominating Committee
2245 San Diego Avenue, Suite 221
San Diego, CA 92110**

All suggestions for District Governor must be received no later than Monday, June 21, 2004, to be considered.

The suggestion for District Governor must be submitted in form of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the club naming the suggested candidate. The club secretary shall certify the resolution. A club may suggest a candidate for governor who is a member of another club so long as the suggesting club first obtains the consent of the club where the candidate is a member.

The selection of a governor-nominee must be conducted in a dignified, responsible

manner in harmony with the principles of Rotary. (RCP 19.030.1). Section 10.050. of the RI Bylaws provides that any Rotarian who engages in campaigning or canvassing for elective office in RI may be subject to disqualification from election to the office sought.

Pursuant to Rotary International Bylaws section 15.080. a governor at the time of taking office must have attended the International Assembly for its full duration (estimated January 2006), the governor-elect training seminar and be a member of one or more Rotary Clubs for at least 7 years and must be the following:

- A. A member in good standing of the club in the District from which the Rotarian is nominated. (RIB 15.070.1)
- B. The Rotarian must fulfill qualifications for such membership in said club in the strict application of the provisions therefore, and the integrity of the Rotarian's classification must be without question. (RIB 15.070.2)
- C. The Rotarian must be a member in a functioning club in good standing, which has no outstanding indebtedness to R.I. or to the district.
- D. Rotarian must have served as President of a Rotary club for a full year.
- E. The Rotarian must demonstrate willingness to commitment and ability both physically and otherwise to fulfill the duties and responsibilities as governor as provided in RI Bylaws section (RIB 15.070.5).
- F. A Rotarian must demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the Bylaws and must submit to Rotary International a signed statement that the Rotarian understands clearly such qualifications, duties and responsibilities. Such statement shall also confirm that the Rotarian is qualified for the office of governor and willing and able to assume the duties and responsibilities of the office and to perform them faithfully. (RIB 15.070.6).
- G. Posses the esteem and confidence of their own club.
- H. Be of high business or professional standing, with executive ability, demonstrated in the conduct of their businesses or professions.
- I. Have their business or professional work so well organized that they can give time necessary to carry out Rotary work.
- J. Be a person who integrity and conduct of their immediate families is above reproach.
- K. Have a through knowledge of Rotary, its purposes, Object, and constitutional documents, and be Rotarians of recognized loyalty to RI.
- L. Be able to discuss any phase of Rotary in a convincing manner and convey information articulately.

Should you have any questions on the duties, obligations and rewards of being a District Governor, please feel free to call upon any Past District Governor or myself. Furthermore I would be more than happy to speak with any prospective candidate personally prior to their name being suggested.

Selection of the District Governor Nominee, who would serve as District Governor during Rotary Year 2006-2007, will take place on Saturday, June 26, 2004 at the Rotary

District Office located at 2245 San Diego Avenue, Suite 221, San Diego, California.

My personal thanks to Governor Mike Stelman and that of the selection committee for their time and effort in making District 5340 one of the premier districts in Rotary International.

Yours in Rotary Service

Larry Scott

Chairman Nominating Committee

Past District Governor 2002-2003

District 5340

Youth Symphony to Liven Up Rotary Centennial Gala

The San Diego Youth Symphony will be the featured entertainment at District 5340's gala July 18 at the Hotel Del Coronado, celebrating Rotary International's centennial anniversary year. Young accomplished musicians will liven up the festivities with spirited classics. A string quartet will welcome guests as they arrive on the Windsor Lawn for a pre-dinner reception at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Invitations are on the way. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis so don't delay! Discounted Hotel Del rooms, as low as \$220, are available (1-800-HotelDel).

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

Sudan's 'lost boys' find a new home in Rotaract

23 May 2004

By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga

Rotary International

In the late 1980s, 17,000 unaccompanied children, some as young as five, fled civil war in Sudan. As they trekked in small groups across hostile terrain into neighboring Ethiopia, many fell victim to wild animals, brigands, hunger, illness, and other harsh conditions.

After an interminable odyssey spanning thousands of miles and several refugee camps, scores of the "lost boys" of Sudan, as they are widely known, have found a new home in the United States, where some enjoy the friendship and mentoring of Rotarians.

More than 20 of these Sudanese immigrants are now members of the Rotaract Club of Mid-City

Lost Boys, San Diego, California. Chartered earlier this year, the Rotaract club is cosponsored by the Rotary clubs of Rancho Santa Fe and San Diego Mid-City Sunrise.

"We, as lost boys of Sudan, have known much hardship, but upon arriving in America this country has been very good to us," said Benson Deng, president of the Rotaract club, at a 9 May ceremony to officially celebrate the charter. "Now we have the opportunity as part of the Rotary family through Rotaract to give back to the community that has helped us so much. We look forward to this opportunity."

More than 80 guests, including RI District 5340 Governor Mike Stelman and Rotarians from nine San Diego-area clubs, attended. The Rotaractors entertained them with Sudanese music and dance.

In 2000, the U.S. government began a resettlement program for lost boys, bringing 4,000 of them to various communities throughout the country. One hundred lost boys work and go to college in San Diego. Now young men, they remain a tight-knit community. Orphaned or separated from their parents and relatives, they have always had only each other.

The members of the Mid-City Lost Boys club first learned about Rotary at a presentation hosted by the Rotary Club of Rancho Santa Fe. They immediately expressed interest in forming a Rotaract club. For the club's first international service project, some of the new Rotaractors plan to return to Kakuma Refugees Camp in Kenya, where they lived before immigrating to the United States. They want to help prepare lost boys at the camp for resettlement by sharing their acculturation experiences and teaching English as a second language. They will bring 1,000 English dictionaries with them to the camp.

As part of their community service, the Rotaractors want to assist Bantu Somali refugees, arriving in San Diego from Kakuma. Through their own resettlement and acculturation, the Rotaractors have much to offer new immigrants.

Other U.S. cities with significant populations of lost boys include Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Kansas City, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Seattle, and Tucson.

· Steve Brown, past governor of District 5340, contributed to this article.

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.

Small Club - Large Achievement

Vickie Butcher, President of El Cajon Breakfast Club, attended the Presidents Health Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa in 2003, where one in three women is infected with the HIV virus. RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe urged all Rotary Clubs to participate in an HIV Aids project this year. Rotarian Konrad Rosen, founder of Hope Through Knowledge, a project designed to teach infected mothers how to care for their infected babies in rural settings, recruited Vickie to join in this effort to stop the numerous deaths that occur from opportunistic infections in this population. Thus the idea to ask people in California with access to baby toiletries, including waterless antibacterial hand wash and other supplies to fill a "shoe box" as a love gift to be delivered by a team of volunteers to infected moms and babies in hospitals, Aids orphanages and settlements was born.

The first two weeks in April 2004, a diverse team of nine including President Vickie, members of Rotaract, Interact, a Soroptimist president, a prominent businessman, and an engineer carried hundreds of these "shoeboxes" and hand made baby quilts to aids patients and orphans in Johannesburg, Arusha, Tanzania, Nairobi and Machakos, Kenya. The team was hosted by Rotarians in South Africa and Kenya. To further the commitment to safe, sustainable water in rural villages they also purchased water tanks and delivered them to a school district in Mua Hills, the Muchakos Region of Kenya. Hundreds of volunteers were involved in getting the team there. In addition to the club's generous

support many fund raising events, such as yard sales and gospel concerts helped. Shoeboxes and supplies donated by public and private schools, churches and service organizations, helped to make this project one of hope for many who experience both poverty and a life threatening health challenge. This experience is the highlight of Vickie's year as President.

PanAmSchool



middle school.

Juana Santos, principal of the Pan American Institute In Tijuana, and two of her students are pictured with **Ramona Rotary Club member Bernie Kuhn and club president Ken Dower, right, at a recent club meeting.** The club sponsors a student each year, and another dozen individual club members sponsor students at the school, paying their tuition for the year. The Ramona club also provides holiday food baskets for each student's family at Christmas and has helped the school get a Science Lab, Computer Lab, security fencing and bathrooms. Mrs. Santos and the students were the guest speakers at an April club meeting, thanking the club for its longtime support of the school that is equivalent to an American

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.

Bob England, Editor