

# ROTARY

## DISTRICT 5190

Alan Cain \* District Governor

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### *Notes from the Rotary Trail...*

Greetings,

Jeanne and I hope this note finds our Rotary D5190 family well and hitting stride in the New Year. The phrase, "hitting stride" has the connotation of moving forward as in, at minimum, a brisk walk. It easily suggests settling in at an aggressive and even pace, as in running, and infers that a long distance may be in the cards. Now who do you think might be trying to find their stride right now in D5190. You're right, DGE Woody and Woodette Wilbanks!

While Jeanne and I are now getting encouraging remarks like "hey, you only have 5 months to go now" (actually 5 months, 3 days, 15 hours, 19 minutes...but who's counting?), Woody and Woodette are going gangbusters in preparation for their upcoming year. If you are in D5190 territory and see a flash of silver followed by a sonic boom, that's not the Naval Air Station at Fallon, it's Woody hitting stride. Notice I left Woodette's name out of the "silver" reference, as she adds the color to the package. (Did I say it right, Kim?)

DGE Woody is a tremendous leader with great skills in planning, communication, goal setting, collaboration, and team building. Woody is a true "visionary" in the Class of Visionaries. Assistant Governor training is behind now as is International Assembly but with upcoming Pre-PETS,

District Leadership Training, PETS, and District Assembly, there is little idle time at the Wilbanks. Incoming Club Presidents, AG's, and District Leadership have every reason to be excited about the 2012-2013 Rotary

year. And remember, Rule #1 in Rotary, "have fun" as you all hit your stride.

Sometimes life tosses out obstacles that trip up our stride. Jeanne and I have made many dear friends in the last 6 months and when we hear of illness and the loss of loved ones affecting the lives of our friends we are saddened. There is hardly a day passes that we are not thinking of all of you whose circumstances and challenges we are aware of. The one ray of light that touches us deeply is seeing how those in need have such support and encouragement from their Rotary family. To me this is a personal experience of "humanity in motion" in our own lives when we really need it.

February 23<sup>rd</sup> is the 107<sup>th</sup> birthday of Rotary International. The month of February happens to be identified as "World Understanding Month", in the Rotary world. RI President Kalyan Banerjee, in his letter in the February *Rotarian* notes that we need to develop the worlds understanding of what Rotary really is and does. This is very true, but at the same time we need to work toward the peoples of the world developing a better understanding of each other. Only then can peace come about. As Rotary has developed over the past century



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into arguably the world's premier international service organization, international understanding, good will and the resulting peace have become a major focus of our organization. It only makes sense that as we put "humanity in motion" in our service around the world alleviating hunger, and disease, fighting illiteracy, providing clean water and much needed sanitation; all actions which foster peace and understanding at the common man's level, we need also to be involved in promoting peace and understanding within the ranks of those who are in key political, leadership, and influential positions in the world. That's where the Rotary Peace Fellows come into play.

The Rotary Foundation program known as "International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution" delivered at 6 universities around the world, is a scholarship program for students desiring advanced study and degrees in international studies centering around peace and conflict resolution. Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and in service activities. Peace Fellows are chosen from countries around the globe based on their ability to have a significant positive impact on world peace and conflict resolution during their careers.

District 5190, I am proud to say, is a 2011-2012 Peace-builder District, one of 43 (out of 534) districts in the world that sees this as an important program. A Peace-builder District is one that annually supports a Rotary Peace Fellow with a minimum of \$25,000 from District Designated Funds (DDF). This is only one of many programs of the Rotary Foundation that utilize a districts DDF, that 50% of donations to the Annual Programs Fund that comes back to the districts after a 3 year investment by the Foundation. I cannot imagine a clearer picture of the value and importance of our individual and club support of TRF. Many of the Foundation programs administered by the districts: Group Study Exchange, Peace Fellows, Matching Grants, and District Simplified Grants, lend themselves to advancing world understanding. "World Understanding Month", therefore is an appropriate time to consider how we Rotarians and Rotary clubs can best lend our financial support to the Foundation. As the pages of the calendar flip over ever faster during the latter half of the Rotary year we need to do a check-up on

our giving and how it currently measures up to our goal for the year. Remember the mission of the Rotary Foundation "...to enable Rotarians to advance **world understanding**, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty."

Have a great "World Understanding Month!"

DG Alan

**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM HAS FIRST ORIENTATION**

Virginia Haliwell generously opened her home for the first orientation of the GSE team scheduled to go to Brazil on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

This orientation was a weekend retreat at Virginia's Serene Lake home. The team gathered in the late afternoon of Friday and stayed until Sunday at noon.

Team members were responsible for meal preparation for the team and the team leader Dan Halloran, alternate team leader Thom Collins, Martha and Jon Greene, Toni Halloran, Virginia and guest speakers on Saturday.

Orientation topics included discussions of the responsibilities of team members, paperwork to be completed, uniform ideas and gifts to take for host families.



Pictured here are L to R Top Row: Team Leader Dan Halloran, Alternate Team Leader Thom Collins, District Foundation Chair Dave Bianchi. Next row: DG Alan Cain, Team Members Carly Nilson and Robin Krueger. Next row Team Member Lyndsay Bryant, and bottom row: GSE District Chair Martha Greene and Team Member Kimberly Phipps-Nichol.



On Thursday, February 23, Reno and Sparks area buildings and message boards will carry a message known around the world: End Polio Now. “Light Up Reno to End Polio” is the brainchild of Dave Zybert of the Reno Centennial Sunrise Rotary Club. He has asked businesses throughout the Washoe Valley to post the Rotary message wherever they can in order to assist in Rotary International’s worldwide campaign to eradicate Polio.



During Rotary’s 105th anniversary last February land-



marks around the world lit up the same message. Pictured here are the Iguacu Falls in Brazil and the Wrigley Building in Chicago.

### Rotary State of Mind

Be grateful for every day you see a sunrise or sunset,  
 Be thankful for the fellow Rotarians you have ever met,  
 Be thoughtful for the charitable things you do with good cheer,  
 Carry those good deeds from the past and into the New Year.  
 Be mindful for the many lives you continue to touch,  
 To connect with people in so many ways and have it mean so much,  
 Regardless of your politics or Religion, let your acts be kind,  
 You’ll make the world a better place when you’re in a Rotary state of mind.

**By Joanne Barragan, Auburn Gold Country Rotary**

### Rotaract Club of Reno Plans 5k Run/Walk for Polio

The members of Reno’s Rotaract Club are once again putting on their very popular 5k run/walk to raise funds for Polio Plus!

If you missed last year’s event you’ll surely not want to miss this one!



The event will be held on April 1st at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno. Registration is required and you can do this on line at [www.poliiorun.com](http://www.poliiorun.com). They are also looking for sponsors (information for sponsorship can be found on this website as well).

Last year’s event brought a great response, generating \$400 per member to Polio Plus.

### Veteran’s Guest House Receives Donation



The Reno Centennial Sunset Rotary Club made a \$500 donation to the Veteran’s Guest House in order to aid in their facility expansion.

The Veteran’s Guest House serves veterans and their families temporary overnight accommodations while receiving treatment at a medical facility in the Reno/Sparks area.

Pictured here is Club President Rick Lierman and Veteran’s Guest House COO Noreen Leary.

Rotary District 5190 Facebook



Are you on Facebook? Have you join our District 5190 group yet? It's easy to join! In case you missed it, here is what was found on Facebook this month.....

Dana McDonald of Area 8 invited Rotarians to January's "Rotary Means Business" mixer on January 26 at Jones-Vargas. It was hosted by Reno attorney Elizabeth Fielder.



Karen Krisac Grosz posted this picture of International Assembly. She asked the question,

"Where's Woody?" Karen also congratulated John Sullivan and the Jackson Rotary Club for their 100% EREY, Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members.

Ron Largent, a Rotarian from Redding, CA invited all club members interested in going to the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand in May to contact him. He is getting low cost airfare for Rotarians. Email him at ronlargent@yahoo.com.

John Sullivan posted a picture of the Rotary Club of Jackson's Bowlathon. They raised over \$13,000 for local organizations.

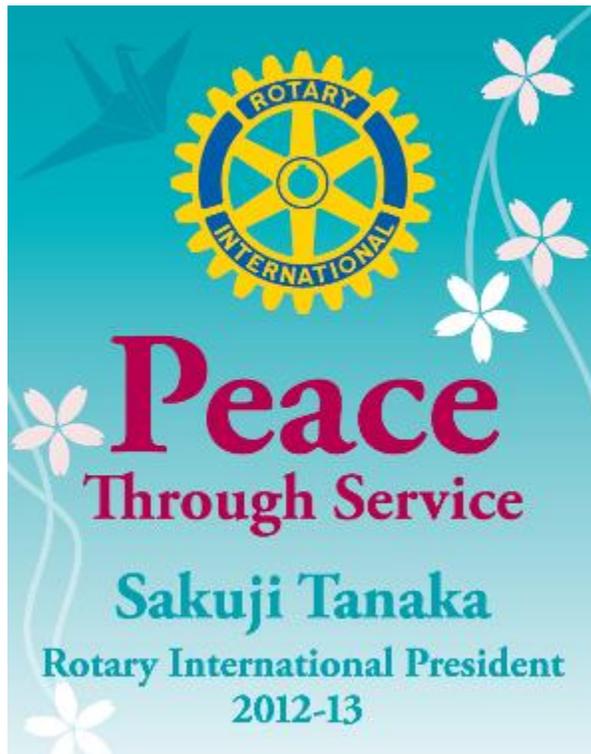


Martha Eisenhour announced that Reno Rotaract found a new home for their meetings. They will be meeting at Washoe County Golf Course with times/dates to be announced. She was also excited about club elections!

Jennifer Johnston Gorohoff announced the Rotary news about India not having a new case of Polio in one year!

Doug McDonald thanked Woody and Ginny for a great Assistant Governor training.

Hillary Murphy invited everyone to Reno Rotaract's Reno Bighorn Fundraiser on February 10. Attend the game at Lawler Events Center at UNR and help them raise money. Call 775-340-7998 for tickets.



RI President Elect unveiled his theme and logo: Peace Through Service, pictured above.

Happy 107th Birthday Rotary!



Early bird pricing for the May 6-9 Rotary International Convention is now over

but you can still [sign up](#) and [see why Thailand is the land of a thousand smiles!](#)

Reno Rotary's Food & Wine Tasting

February 21

Reno Ballroom

6-9 pm

\$50/person



For tickets: visit [www.renorotaryclub.org](http://www.renorotaryclub.org) or call 775-846-3539. Celebrate Mardi Gras with wine and food tasting and a big silent auction.

**Do You Know Where Your Bell Is?**

Our Rotary year is half way over and, if your club is like many around the world, you've not seen your bell present at every meeting. Presidents will go to extraordinary measures to protect the club bell.



Apparently Susanville District Attorney and Rotary Club President Bob Burns no longer trusts his fellow club members, Lassen County Sheriff Dean Growden and Master at Arms Michael Kirack, to protect the club's bell. Shortly and Burns began his Presidential year his bell disappeared. It was recovered only when the President called in his resources, the local SWAT, to assist. Although he retained possession of the bell, the President felt the ever present, ominous tones of continued assaults of his "precious," bell. At the first meeting of the new year, he called in more law enforcement assistance. This time the FBI was his table guest. Undeterred, a club member did abscond with said bell. Alas, the federal agent did his vigilant duty and snatched on the culprit. Bell recovered, this time.

Dave Anderson, Tahoe Douglas Rotary President went to extreme measures to ensure his bell would stay put at club meetings. He wired the bell up to the podium, complete with electricity so that in case a steal was attempted the "thieves" would get a BIG charge out of it.

Alas, it was stolen and the thieves placed the bell in cement. It turned out to be a Polio Plus fundraiser....members paid money to take a swing at the cement and the person that broke through earned half the pot. Members broke through only to find the bell not inside.

Rumor has it that a club celebrating it's 86th anniversary is not in possession of their bell. Rumor also places the bell in a local dry cleaners on hanger #86. Sounds like someone is going to clean up.

Some club bells have been placed on airplanes, gone on vacations, been stowed away on RYE year long trips, been placed on EBAY, been hidden in the woods with GPS coordinates provided (and, sometimes not), auctioned off at charity events and other creative ways of hiding them in plain site.

**Time for New Club Trading Banners?**

Is your club thinking about getting new club trading banners or in the need of a new supply of your current ones?

Charlie from Wasser Graphics is offering a special club discount to all clubs in District 5190. Please contact Charlie at 408-366-2420 or [rotary@wassergraphics.com](mailto:rotary@wassergraphics.com) for pricing information. Mention you are a District 5190 club and would like the "Zone Conference Special Pricing".

***New Interact Club in District 5190***



District Governor Alan Cain presents the Charter to the newest Interact Club in the district. The Shaw Middle School Interact Club in Sparks officially became a club on January 5, 2012.

Pictured here are Interact President Edward Hovore, Secretary Kaitlyn Duvall, Treasurer Andreyia Russell, school Principal Mrs. Gina Leonard and advisor Mrs. Olpheia Wilson. Not pictured are officers Nicole Walsh and Alex Rodriguez. These 5 students are graduates of the Rotary 8th Grade Leadership program. There are currently over 60 students participating in the weekly meetings.

The club may be young and new but they've already raised funds for fire victims in Washoe County and set to volunteer at the SPCA.

*Correction from last newsletter: it was incorrectly reported which countries in which Polio is transmission hasn't been stopped. Polio had still been in (PAIN): Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria, but with one year of India being free on new cases that will soon be known as PAN!*



**Food Bags for the Elko Community**

The Elko Desert Sunrise Rotary Club donated over 80 bags for food for local children and community members in need.

About 10 years ago the club assisted a local center with funds to decorate a tree. That simple effort grew into this year's food bag and food donation program.

Pictured here are John Collett, Lida Stewart, Jean Sloan and Southside Elementary School Principal Steven Cook.

*Club Attendance Report: December 2011*

**John Sullivan**

NR = No Report

Area	Club	Total	Gain	Loss	Attendance	Annual Giving YTD	Restricted Giving YTD	Area	Club	Total	Gain	Loss	Attendance	Annual Giving YTD	Restricted Giving YTD	
12	Alturas	25	0	0	89%	\$1,100	\$3,105	6	Placerville	45	0	0	60%	\$1,246	\$125	
12	Alturas Sunrise*	25				\$1,350	\$0	7	Plymouth-Foothills	26	0	0	54%	\$1,367	\$0	
7	Amador Upcountry (Pioneer)	22	0	1	67%	\$0	\$100	6	Pollock Pines-Camino	13	0	1	89%	\$20	\$125	
5	Auburn	108	3	0	90%	\$8,345	\$200	2	Portola	37	0	1	94%	\$700	\$2,028	
5	Auburn Daybreak*	14				\$1,680	\$100	2	Quincy	45	0	0	79%	\$2,285	\$1,471	
5	Auburn Gold Country	39	1	0	92%	\$3,260	\$2,500	8	Reno	184	6	0	41%	\$27,503	\$7,763	
6	Cameron Park	61	0	2	66%	\$2,009	\$1,950	8	Reno Centennial Sunset	28	0	1	76%	\$2,450	\$500	
9	Carson City*	82				\$3,700	\$347	8	Reno Central	58	1	0	70%	\$3,102	\$0	
9	Carson City - Sunset	22	0	0	63%	\$190	\$70	8	Reno New Generations	25	0	0	70%	\$175	\$300	
1	Chester	27	0	0	62%	\$3,300	\$552	8	Reno South	63	0	3	73%	\$4,280	\$1,330	
11	Elko	78	0	1	52%	\$1,299	\$20	8	Reno Sunrise	52	0	0	79%	\$2,633	\$1,750	
11	Elko-Desert Sunrise	29	0	1	60%	\$3,591	\$3,231	10	Smith Valley*	26				\$130	\$285	
11	Ely*	33				\$100	\$900	9	South Lake Tahoe	50	1	1	67%	\$3,850	\$100	
10	Fallon	47	0	1	52%	\$7,439	\$436	8	Sparks	123	0	0	78%	\$12,490	\$3,124	
10	Fernley*	26				\$1,795	\$329	8	Sparks Centennial Sunrise	28	0	0	95%	\$4,688	\$1,300	
6	Georgetown Divide	28	0	1	37%	\$0	\$125	12	Surprise Valley (Cedarville)	23	0	0	89%	\$0	\$150	
4	Grass Valley	67	1	3	87%	\$11,490	\$600	1	Susanville*	61				\$2,200	\$0	
2	Greenville	11	0	0	78%	\$1,690	\$1,500	1	Susanville Sunrise*	31				\$5,100	\$1,255	
3	Incline Village*	26				\$1,125	\$0	3	Tahoe City*	43				\$900	\$1,050	
7	Ione	28	0	0	60%	\$5,375	\$2,580	9	Tahoe-Douglas	50	1	0	65%	\$12,518	\$1,901	
7	Jackson	46	0	0	83%	\$7,432	\$3,060	3	Tahoe-Incline	39	0	0	100%	\$4,550	\$525	
2	Loyalton	27	0	1	98%	\$585	\$1,020	10	Tonopah	18	0	0	69%	\$300	\$900	
9	Minden	37	1	0	72%	\$541	\$1,043	3	Truckee	91	0	1	94%	\$7,680	\$170	
4	Nevada City	47	0	1	79%	\$0	\$1,134	3	Truckee Sunrise*	25				\$3,070	\$1,287	
4	Nevada City 49er Breakfast	87	1	0	86%	\$12,416	\$1,350	1	Westwood-Lake Almanor	9	0	0	83%	\$1,000	\$0	
4	Nevada County South	31	0	0	95%	\$2,200	\$200	11	Winnemucca	39	0	0	35%	\$0	\$77	
4	Penn Valley*	33				\$6,565	\$1,582	10	Yerington	35	0	0	81%	\$2,560	\$1,230	
								TOTALS				2373	16	20	\$195,374	\$56,779

## Tales from the Trail . . .

February 4th is the date for the **Rotary Club of Grass Valley's** 19th Annual Casino Night! All attendees to the event at the fairgrounds will be treated to a night of gambling for fun, door prizes, dancing to the music of "Runnin' 4 Cover", silent auction and refreshments...not bad for only \$20! Tickets can be purchased from any club member, any Tri-Counties Bank branch or by calling Jack Emery at 274-8720.



The **Minden Rotary Club** invites you to their Annual Beast Feast on March 10. This is a wild game chef's dinner with Chucker and Foi Gras Terrine as an appetizer, Smoked Trout salad, Espresso Seared Elk Loin and Black Tip Shark Au Poivre for main course,

and Cranberry Walnut Bread Pudding with Gran Marnier sauce for dessert. The evening gets underway with 6 pm no host cocktails, 7 pm dinner with wine included, all for \$65. A big silent auction will also highlight the evening. Tickets are available from any Minden Rotarian, by email at [mindenrotary@gmail.com](mailto:mindenrotary@gmail.com) or by phone by calling Fred at 775-782-3681.

**Tahoe Douglas Rotary** hosts their 44th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 16 at Harrah's Lake Tahoe. This fun event includes an Irish buffet, dancing, wine and beer tasting, silent, live and on line auction, and entertainment. This will be the 1st year for the Bagged Wine sale so you don't want to miss it. For tickets, visit [www.tdrotary.com](http://www.tdrotary.com) or email newsletter editor at [tahoepaula@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tahoepaula@sbcglobal.net). Tickets also include an entry into a week in Hawaii Raffle and \$1000. You can also buy raffle tickets for \$5. If you can't make it you can still enjoy all of the silent auction items by visiting [Bidding For Good](#).



The **Rotary Club of Tahoe City** presents the 36th Annual Dick Linkey Rotary Ski Challenge on Friday, March 9. The fun day full of skiing and fellowship is one not soon forgotten so sign up today on their website [www.tahoecityrotary.org](http://www.tahoecityrotary.org) and [fill out this form](#). The event takes place at Vail Resort's Northstar at Tahoe.



The **Ely Rotary Club** hosted their Annual Cave Lake



Fishing Derby on January 28, \$5,000 in prize money was given out..

The **Yerington Rotary Club** has two events coming up in February: The Super Superbowl Party on Feb. 5! \$100 admission for 2 people and it includes one square on a cash board, tri-tip dinner and drinks and an entry into the giveaway of 2-51" plasma TVs! Call Jay at 775-463-9070 for tickets and information. On Feb. 11 they will host a Sweetheart Barn Dance! \$30 for dinner and dancing "until you drop!" Call Jay for this event information as well.

The **Rotary Club of Loyalton** is having "Monte Carlo Night" on February 18th at the Vinton Grange. This is one wild night of chance you don't want to miss out on. They'll have Blackjack, Poker, Roulette, Craps and Bingo. Tickets are \$10 and will gain you access, script for games, door prize entry and a drink of choice. Additional script is available for purchase as are drinks and food. Call 530-993-4098 for more information and ticket purchase.



**International Assembly**

Incoming District Governors left the 2012 International Assembly in San Diego equipped with new skills and ideas to develop stronger districts and clubs in Rotary year 2012-13.

RI President-Elec Sakuji Tanaka began the weeklong training event by asking the 530 governors-elect to build **“Peace Through Service.”**

“Peace Through Service” will be Tanaka’s theme during his year. [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) has [an article](#) detailing all the speeches and pictures from the week.



**Rotary Receives 2.5 Million United Airlines Miles For Humanitarian Projects**

United Airlines has given Rotary 2.5 million airline miles as part of their 10 Million Charity Miles Giveaway program for use in humanitarian missions, such as transporting sick children to hospitals.

Rotary earned second place in the giveaway, rising from 18th place due to a huge last minute effort through social media to get enough votes. Shriners came in first.

**Rotary Clubs Worldwide Meet \$200 million Fundraising Challenge**

What seemed like a huge undertaking, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s \$200,000,000 challenge in funding for polio eradication has been met! The Gates Foundation’s \$355,000,000 in challenge grants is now adding another \$50,000,000 to extend their partnership with Rotary.



“In recognition of Rotary’s great work, and to inspire Rotarians in the future, the [Gates] foundation is committing an additional \$50 million to extend our partner-

ship,” said Jeff Raikes, chief executive officer of the Gates Foundation. “Rotary started the global fight against polio, and continues to set the tone for private fundraising, grassroots engagement, and maintaining polio at the top of the agenda with key policymakers.” Raikes also addressed Rotary leaders at the International Assembly:

**Rotary Officers**

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