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Rotary convenes in LA

by *Art Harrington*

RI Convention begins Sunday



The Rotary family from around the world will be driving, flying and sailing into Los Angeles this week in preparation for Sunday's opening ceremonies for the 2008 Rotary International Convention. That is always a thrilling and impressive presentation of the internationality of Rotary.

The gigantic House of Friendship, with its enormous number of Rotary exhibits, vendors, performing stages and food services will be open and operating by Saturday. It is a place like nothing else in the world to make connections and to learn about the incredible work and accomplishments of Rotarians around the world.

The convention sessions and workshops will continue through Wednesday. Special events are planned each evening, including a fabulous concert under the stars at the Hollywood Bowl.

So many special meetings and reunions take place in conjunction with each of these conventions that one needs to be cloned several times to participate in all of them.

It's all a part of the grand experience any Rotarian will find who attends an Rotary International Convention. This year LA. Next year, Birmingham, England. After that Montreal (2010), New Orleans (2011), Bangkok (2012), Lisbon (2013) and Sydney (2014).

Last week's program

by *Art Harrington*



Thanks, Larry!

Our thanks to **Larry Thornton** for his energetic and enthusiastic presentation on the Rotary Foundation at last week's club meeting. He reminded us of the tremendous things our club is being able to accomplish through the power and assistance of Our Foundation - and why we all need to be supporting it through our contributions. Larry is the President of the Route 66 Rotary Club in Kingman, and has been chairing the fundraising for the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund in our district this year.

Larry also reminded our club that there are only a very few seats still available for Charlie Tegarden's Installation as District Governor. That event is being held at the Brunswick Hotel in Kingman on Saturday evening, June 28. That event is filling up fast, and space is limited.

Changing of the guard dinner

by Art Harrington

Club installation & awards dinner is June 26



The annual Installation and Awards Dinner is being held this year at the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce building on **Thursday, June 26**. Fellowship & refreshments get underway at 6:00, with dinner at 7:00. The decor and music for the evening will be Caribbean. Crystal Wyncoop is chairing this year's gala event.

Sign-up sheets for the dinner will be passed around at the club meeting this week, and again next week. The cost of the dinner is traditionally covered for members in their quarterly dues, with the charge for spouses and guests being \$30.

Another grant approved

by Art Harrington



Cuernavaca school for handicapped to benefit

We are thrilled to report that our club's reciprocal matching grant with the Rotary Club of Valle de Cuernavaca has been approved by The Rotary Foundation!

This Major Matching Grant #66251 leverages our club's \$3,000 contribution, along with the \$1,500 contribution from the Cuernavaca club, into a total of \$16,584. These funds will be used to purchase badly needed therapeutic equipment that this most remarkable school can use to help develop the potential of these children who are born with physical and mental disabilities.

The capable trained staff of this school works with both the children and their parents to achieve the greatest possible progress from the children, and to help the parents know how to more effectively work with them at home.

Along with the funds provided by the two Rotary clubs, Districts 5490 and 4180 have contributed matching funds, and The Rotary Foundation is awarding \$7,167 toward the project.

We are helping the club in Cuernavaca to meet this important need in their community, and they are helping us to launch our Backpack WeekEND Hunger Program at the Coyote Canyon School in our community. We are looking forward to further cooperation and fellowship between our two clubs in the future, and will be meeting with leaders from that club at the LA Convention that begins this weekend.

Through the magic of Our Foundation and its Matching Grants, Bullhead City Rotary is making a difference this year in our own community, in Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico and in communities in Niger, West Africa.

[New Rotary Action Group](#)

Introducing DRRAG

[ROTARIANS TUNED INTO SERVICE - TO RESPOND, RECOVER AND REBUILD](#)



DISASTER RELIEF is one of the newest Rotarian Action Groups (RAG) and meets a need that Rotarians have asked for over many years. Rotarians want to respond and to work in humanitarian endeavors with Rotarians.

Assume that a disaster hits your area: Your club location is destroyed; communications among your membership is spotty at best; and, it's hard to locate your leadership and hold meetings. In the meantime: your members want to help respond to the

disaster; your club wants to be a relief participant not a victim; other clubs want to offer assistance, but can't find anyone; and, people from around the world want to make donations to or through your Rotary club to help in the relief and recovery, but there is no one to call.

THE DRRAG MISSION

- assist local Rotary clubs in assuming a leadership role in the directing of relief and development efforts within their communities of interest;**
- assume a greater, coordinated role in making the Rotary international relief and development efforts more coordinated with the international relief and development community as a whole and more compatible with and better linked to the economic, political, funding and business dynamics of the locales in which the relief and development programs are occurring.**
- provide an efficient resource and capacity building mechanism to bring the specialized skill and knowledge resources resident in Rotary as an international organization to the local and international level to help in shaping rebuilding after the disaster and responding to their local needs.**

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