

THE ROTARY CLUB OF OJAI  
THE ROTARY CENTENNIAL YEAR  
2004-2005



CLUB YEAR BOOK  
and  
Awards Application

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF OJAI

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**THE ROTARY CLUB OF OJAI  
2004-2005**

**20 CLUB SERVICE PROJECTS**

**15 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS**

**15 INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS**

**12 VOCATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS**

**FOR A TOTAL OF SIXTY-TWO  
(OR 1.2 PROJECTS PER WEEK INCLUDING HOLIDAYS)**

**THIRTY-SEVEN OF THESE PROJECTS WERE YOUTH ORIENTED**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

## 2004-05 PRESIDENTIAL CITATION CERTIFICATION FORM



# Celebrate Rotary

Rotary Club of Ojai, District 5240

I, District Governor Jan Lindsay, certify that the above named Rotary club has completed the necessary activities below to qualify for the 2004-05 Presidential Citation.

I further certify that the club had 86 members as of 1 July 2004.

### Celebrate Rotary in your club

1. We have a membership retention plan to hold our attrition to less than 3 percent annually.
2. Partners and children invited to Taste of Ojai; Rotary Centennial Celebration; December Holiday Concert, Special Noon Program, Paul Harris Award Ceremony, May 1 Basketball Show.
3. We have a Family of Rotary Committee to assist with projects and support members, spouses, widows and widowers with cards, letters and doctor visits, etc.
4. Committees were formed to plan a Centennial Meeting on Feb 23 and to promote attendance at the RI Convention in Chicago.

### Celebrate Rotary in your vocation

1. We present all new members with the Four-Way Test and "Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions"
2. 23 Rotarians signed up to support the Nordhoff High School Job Shadow Program and to mentor young people in the workplace.
3. Designed a Business Ethics Workshop and have secured a respected leader (new project)
4. "Caring for Education" provided starter packets to Kindergarten Students to help ensure success at an early age in school to provide a jump start on literacy issues.

### Celebrate Rotary in your community

1. Held a social event for families and guests by meeting jointly with Ojai West Club on Feb. 23 to celebrate the Rotary Centennial. District Governor also attended.
2. Centennial Project -- Partnering with School District to construct 250 seat amphitheater (a \$60,000 project total). Nearing completion.
3. Support a "Portfolio Review" (job like interview) of 8th grade students at Matilija Jr. High. Program has been very successful in the community to help address literacy.
4. Sponsor several health initiatives -- provide AED devices in the Community; Health Lecture Series in conjunction with local hospital; sponsor Memory Retention Workshop.

### Celebrate Rotary in our world

1. Hosting a Youth Exchange student from Thailand.
2. Submitted Rotarian Bliss as candidate for GSE Team Leader
3. Sponsoring two health/vocational training projects in Ghana. Recognized in Rotarian Magazine and at UN session on Women's Issues in Feb. 2005.
4. Club President, Incoming President and 26 other members and spouses are registered to attend RI Convention in Chicago.

Governor's signature (mandatory) Date

To qualify for the Presidential Citation, each Rotary club must complete activities according to the number of members in the club. The district governor must sign this form to certify the club's achievement and mail or fax the form to:

Recognition Section (PD230), Rotary International, One Rotary Center,  
1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201-3698, USA

Fax: (847) 328-8554, (847) 328-8281 or (847) 866-6116

District governors will qualify for a 2004-05 Presidential Citation if 50 percent or more of the clubs in the district qualify for a citation and the governor appoints a district family of Rotary committee.

Please indicate if a district family of Rotary committee was established: Yes No

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Submitted prior to the deadline of April 15, 2005

## THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



Our club traditionally has generously supported the work of The Rotary Foundation, which funds much of the good works of Rotary internationally. With an active International Service Committee taking advantage of matching grants to fund projects in Ghana and India, we have maintained a strong and mutually beneficial relationship with the Foundation.

This year, our club set a goal of \$15,000 for the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation, or an average contribution of \$175 per member. We will meet or exceed this commitment. Individual members have donated almost \$9000 to TRF in this club year, and a club donation will complete our commitment.

In addition to our Annual Program Fund contribution, our club has given to TRF to fund matching grant projects. This includes \$5,500 to an approved matching grant to furnish a House of Refuge and equip vocational training centers for pregnant teenage girls living on the streets of Accra, Ghana, in West Africa. A member also donated \$2500 to TRF for a matching grant to purchase an ambulance for the poor patients in Bijnor, India. (This grant was approved in 2003-2004, but was put on hold until 2004-2005, because of a TRF moratorium on funding matching grants to the district in India, which has now been lifted.) Members also donated \$700 to RI Solidarity in Southeast Asia through TRF. *For additional information about these matching grants, please refer to the section on the International Avenue of Service.*

The Rotary Club of Ojai achieved 100% Paul Harris status in 2003-2004. Donors are recognized with Paul Harris Fellowships, and some donors have honored family members or others who contribute to the spirit of Rotary with a Paul Harris Fellowship. The partnership between our club and the Foundation has contributed to world good and club pride as we have met some needs in developing countries.



RI Foundation, cont.



*Just a few days before undergoing surgery for throat cancer, Otto Austel handed out 5 Paul Harris awards to Club members Craig Edwards, Marc Larson, Bill Seachrest, Andrew Bassett, and Todd Beatty.*



*Chungsam Doh presented our own past president Shari Skinner with an award for including The Rotary International Foundation Benefit in estate planning. He led the club in a patriotic rendition of the America the Beautiful. We were gratified that the good singers in our Club were able to compensate for those who are singing-impaired.*

## OUR CENTENNIAL UNDERTAKINGS



### CENTENNIAL PROJECT



*This 275 seat community amphitheater is located on the grounds of the San Antonio Elementary School at the east end of the Ojai Valley. Completion of the project is expected by the time of the Centennial Convention in Chicago. It was sufficiently complete on Arbor Day, April 29, that we held a regular meeting of our Club in the amphitheater including a tree-planting event with the students from San Antonio School.*

## CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



*An enthusiastic District Governor Jan Lindsay, D5240, presided over a Centennial Celebration Party that was jointly coordinated by the Rotary Club of Ojai and the Rotary Club of Ojai West.*

## CENTENNIAL CONVENTION PROMOTION



*The Chicago skyline – it's our kind of town. Seventeen members and 11 family members have registered for this very special event. We are truly excited.*



DISTRICT 5240



## **GOVERNOR'S CITATION AND SUPER CLUB AWARDS 2004-2005**

I, Club President Terry Beckett, certify that the **ROTARY CLUB OF OJAI** has completed the activities as indicated below to qualify for the 2004-2005 Governor's Citation and the Governor's Super Club Awards

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Terry Beckett

# 2004-2005 GOVERNOR'S CITATION AND SUPER CLUB AWARDS



## **GOVERNOR'S CITATION**

**Requirements must be fulfilled between July 1, 2004 and May 1, 2005**

**Complete 8 of the following:**

1. Complete RI Presidential Citation requirements and submit certification by April 1, 2005
2. District Conference Attendance - 10% of Members, members to include Spouses, significant others, Rotaractors and Interactors
3. Membership increase - 5% Net **10% Counts as 2 requirements**
4. Club Meeting Attendance - 80% average
5. New PRLS and / or new Master PRLS Graduates - 5% of Club
6. Rotary Foundation giving per member \$100.00 average **in total annual giving**
7. New Benefactors - 5% of club. **10% of club or above counts as 2 requirements.**
8. New Bequest Society Member or Major Donor or Paul Harris Society - (One from each category or more counts as two requirements)
  9. New Club Service Project
  10. New Vocational Service Project
  11. New Community Service Project
  12. New International Service Project
  13. New Youth Service Project
  14. Documented Retention Program
  15. A "Family of Rotary" project or activity
  16. Publish a Weekly Bulletin.

## **GOVERNOR'S SUPER CLUB**

**Requirements must be fulfilled between July 1, 2004 and May 1, 2005**

**Complete 9 of the following:**

**(Completion of #10 is mandatory to attain Super Club status)**

1. Complete RI Presidential Citation requirements and submit certification by April 1, 2005
2. District Conference Attendance - 15% of Members, members to include Spouses, significant others, Rotaractors and Interactors
3. Membership Increase - 10% net (above 10% counts as two requirements)
  4. Club Meeting Attendance - 85% average
  5. New PRLS and / or new Master PRLS Graduates - 10% of Club
6. Rotary Foundation giving per member \$200.00 average in total annual giving
7. New Benefactors - 15% of club. (Above 15% counts as two requirements)
8. New Bequest Society Member or Major Donor or Paul Harris Society- Two (More than two counts as two requirements)
  9. Sponsor a new Rotaract, Interact, Youthact club or Club Extension (Forming a Youthact Club counts as two; Forming a new Rotary Club counts as three)
- \*10. **One New International Service Project is required for "Super Club" recognition**
  11. Complete (4) Community Service Projects
  12. Complete (4) International Service Projects
  13. Complete (4) Vocational Service Projects
  14. Documented Retention Program
  15. A "Family of Rotary" project or activity
  16. Two members to International Convention



## GOVERNOR'S CITATION

### Qualifying Activities (eight required)

1. The RI Presidential Citation requirements were completed and submitted before April 1. (1)
2. Rotary Foundation giving per member will exceed \$100.00 average in total annual giving. (6)
3. We established an Online Club Calendar and kept it up to date with schedules of meetings, programs and special events. (access via [www.ojairotary.org](http://www.ojairotary.org), "Calendar" button) (9)
4. We formed a committee to promote attendance at the RI Centennial Convention in Chicago and have 28 attendees (Rotarians, family) registered to attend. (9)
5. We designed and completed plans for an Ethics Conference for Businesses to be held 4/30/05. It had to be postponed because the District Assembly in our area was moved to that date. (10)
6. The Club sponsored a community and family basketball program with the Harlem Ambassadors on May1. (11)
7. Our new Orphanage, Infirmary and Well Women's Clinic project will fund a health facility in Ghana. (12)
8. We have an after-school support program for the young people at Matilija Junior High School. (13)
9. We have a documented membership Retention Program that has allowed us to maintain low attrition rates. (14)
10. We sponsored a Holiday party at the Ojai Valley Inn featuring the "Forgotten Carols" by Glenn Yarbrough. The famous folk singer was accompanied by the Thatcher School Chorus. (15)
11. Our bulletin, *The Reminder*, is published weekly and distributed via the Web (access via [www.ojairotary.org](http://www.ojairotary.org), "The Reminder" button). (16)

### Comments:

Eleven of the qualifying activities were organized. Details of the above appear in the accompanying SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION under Avenues of Service.



## **GOVERNOR'S SUPER CLUB**

### **Qualifying Activities (eight required)**

(\*Number 10 is mandatory: must have one new international service project to qualify as a "Super Club".)

1. The RI Presidential Citation requirements were completed and submitted before April 1. (1)
2. New Bequest Society Member and Paul Harris Society Member (8)
3. \*Our new Orphanage, Infirmary and Well Women's Clinic project will fund construction of a health facility in Ghana. (10)
4. More than four Community Service projects were completed. (11)
5. More than four International Service projects were completed. (12)
6. More than four Vocational Service projects were completed. (13)
8. We have a documented membership Retention Program that has resulted in very low attrition rates. (14)
9. We sponsored a Holiday party at the Ojai Valley Inn featuring the "Forgotten Carols" by Glenn Yarbrough. The famous folk singer was accompanied by the Thatcher School Chorus. (15)
10. Twenty-eight club members/family are registered for the RI Convention in Chicago. (16)

### **Comments:**

Nine of the qualifying activities were organized. Details of the above appear in the accompanying SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION under Avenues of Service.





## **CLUB SERVICE AWARD**

Requirements must be fulfilled between July 1, 2004 and May 1, 2005

Complete 6 of the following:

1. Form a Committee for Club and District Awards
2. Club Meeting Attendance - at least 80% (85% counts as two)
3. Form a Committee to Promote Attendance at RI Convention, District Assembly and District Conference.
4. Hold three fellowship events for club and family members outside of regular meeting.
  5. Publish a Club Bulletin - Weekly
  6. Maintain a Club Website (new one counts as two)
7. President, President Elect and President Elect Nominee attend Mid-Term Seminar and District Assembly.
  8. Establish and maintain a Club Personnel Committee

### **Qualifying Activities (six required)**

1. Awards (1)
2. Rotarian-of-the-Year (1)
3. Centennial Convention Promotion (3)
4. District Events Attendance (3) (7)
5. Fellowship Events (4)
6. The Reminder (5)
7. Web Site (6)
8. Attendance at Mid-term Seminar and District Assembly (7)

### **Additional Club Service Projects and Activities**

9. Club Calendar
10. Taste of Ojai Fundraiser
11. Holiday Concert Fundraiser
12. Centennial Anniversary Celebration Fundraiser
13. Harlem Ambassadors Basketball Fundraiser
14. Fining
15. Program
16. Insurance
17. Club History
18. Sergeant-at-Arms
19. Membership
20. Publicity

### **Comments:**

Our Club has completed the required six qualifying Club Service projects, two of them twice. We have twenty total Club Service projects this year. All of these projects are described in the Supporting Documents below.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

**Jim Anderson, Club Service Director**

#### **1. AWARDS**

Ian MacLean

This committee works with the Club's Board of Directors to solicit the details of the Club's activities for the year. The Chair will then use this information to compile a Year Book to be used in applying for District awards. The committee will also advise the President as requested regarding individual awards of club members.

#### **2. ROTARIAN-OF-THE-YEAR COMMITTEE**

Frank Finck

This committee selects the Rotarian who best represents involvement in our club during the past year. The award is presented at our demotion party.

#### **3. CENTENNIAL CONVENTION PROMOTION**

Larry Simpson

This committee was formed to promote interest in and encourage attendance at the Centennial Convention in Chicago. The Committee enticed several members to register for the meeting who had not considered attending previously. Seventeen of our members are registered along with eleven more family members.

#### **4. DISTRICT EVENTS ATTENDANCE**

Terry Beckett

This committee encourages attendance at the Mid-Term Seminar and District Assembly plus the District Conference. Our President, President Elect and President Elect Nominee attend Mid-Term Seminar; our President, President-Elect, and President-Elect Nominee, most members of our Board of Directors and a number of newer members attended the District Assembly; our President, his spouse and one other member attended the District Conference.

#### **5. FAMILY OF ROTARY**

Lerie Bjornstedt

This committee unfortunately had much work to do this year as a result of illnesses. Also, death took two of our outstanding members: Gil Lowry and Bob Considine. The Committee did an outstanding job of providing meals,

transportation and other forms of assistance. In addition they maintained relationships with widows through communication, invitations to meetings and subscriptions to *The Rotarian* and our club bulletin, *The Reminder*. Somehow, they also found time to track birthdays, anniversaries, family changes, etc.

## **6. THE REMINDER**

Carl Gross

Our weekly club bulletin, *The Reminder*, has remained one of the best in the District.

## **7. WEB SITE**

John Mothershead, Carl Gross

This committee not only maintained but improved our web site to make it even more usable for disseminating information to Rotarians.

## **8. ATTENDANCE AT DISTRICT EVENTS**

Terry Beckett, Nic Frank

Our President, President-Elect, President-Elect Nominee and three other Members of our Club attended either the Mid-Term Seminar, the District Assembly or both.

## **9. CLUB CALENDAR**

Terry Beckett, John Mothershead

President Terry Beckett functioned to maintain our Club's master calendar. John Mothershead provides the technical facility and expertise.

## **10. TASTE OF OJAI FUNDRAISER**

Victoria Alexander, Frank Finck

This Event was held again this year at the Ojai Valley Inn. A change of location to the golf course area made this one of the most successful events to date. There were nearly 500 attendees including members of both Rotary Clubs in Ojai as well as many residents in the community. Over twenty club members were active in the planning and running of the event.

## **11. HOLIDAY CONCERT (GLENN YARBROUGH) AND FUNDRAISER**

Bob Davis

This was a special holiday event planned primarily as a social event, but also as a fundraiser. Glenn Yarbrough, a well respected folk singer, presented his "Forgotten Carols" musical. The Thacher School Chorus provided accompaniment. The event was well attended by members of the clubs and their spouses, widows of former members, and members of the community.

## **12. CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND FUNDRAISER**

Tony Thacher / Larry Simpson plus Alice Gardner / Jane McClenahan

This was a joint event between the two Rotary Clubs in Ojai and held on February 23, 2005 to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rotary International. Jan Lindsay, our District Governor, presented the keynote speech. The event was well attended by members of both clubs and the celebration included the history of RI, the history of each club, and the status of the Centennial Projects of each club.

## **13. HARLEM AMBASSADORS BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER**

Jim Anderson, Bill Menot, Leland Hammerschmitt, etc.

The Club presented a touring basketball troupe in the humorous Globetrotter tradition to entertain whole families, children in particular. The successful fundraiser made money for the Club, entertained 600 people including more than 40 Rotarians, and positively promoted Rotary to the entire Ojai Valley.

## **14. FINING**

Victoria Alexander

This innovative committee used all its skill and guile to extract money from our members and still leave smiles on our faces.

## **15. PROGRAM**

Jack Jacobs

Jack, who has presented talks on *How to Develop an Effective Program Committee* at District Assemblies for 10+ years, has been our Club's Program Chair this year. He also wrote a 'how-to-do-it' article for the District newsletter. His committee did its anticipated great job.

## **16. INSURANCE**

Bob Daddi

We established this committee to advise our various service groups on how to protect themselves, our Club and Rotary from liability claims.

## **17. CLUB HISTORY**

Tony Thacher

Tony has updated our historical file for this centennial year. He also maintains our memorabilia collection.

## **18. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**

Susan Collingsworth, Smith

This committee arranges for setting up all our meetings and dismantling afterward. It also makes arrangements for collection of lunch money at our meetings.

## 19. MEMBERSHIP

### Bret Bradigan

In our club, the Chair of the Membership Committee is a Director with a seat on our Board. The role of the committee is to assign mentors, set up training programs, etc. Its mission is to be an ongoing stimulus for bringing in new members and to create a milieu within the Club that will retain members.

## 20 PUBLICITY

### Bret Bradigan

We are fortunate to have the publisher of the *Ojai Valley News* as an actively enthusiastic member of our Club. His pre- and post-event coverage of our activities, as well as those of the Ojai West Club, keeps the entire Valley informed. Few Ojai residents are unaware of Rotary.



*Frank Finck, Finemaster, in his signature red hat enticing members to cough up those dollars.*



*Ellis Hall, celebrated singer/songwriter, entertained our Club in his own inimitable style.*







## **COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Requirements must be fulfilled between July 1, 2004 and May 1, 2005

Complete 4 of the following:

1. Have a new or Continuing Community Service Project which involves significant participation (50% of members), and which is documented to meet needs of the community (percentage will vary with club size)
2. Send at least two students to RYLA or Interact Symposium
3. Have a new Community Service Project which involves service to the youth of your community
4. Publicize your Community Service Projects in local newspapers or informational booth at community sponsored event.
  5. Sponsor or participate in a new or on going senior citizen project
  6. Participate in a literacy program, selecting the "Reading by 9 Program" counts as 2.
  7. Participate in a project with another club
  8. Participate in community CPR Project

### **Qualifying Activities (four required)**

1. Arbor Day Tree Planting (1)
2. Buff the Condor (1)
3. RYLA and Interact Symposium (2)
4. Monetary Awards (3) (4) (6)
5. Harlem Ambassadors Basketball (3)
6. Community Health Forums (4)
7. Living Treasures (4) (7)
8. Memory Enhancement Seminars (5)
9. Adopt a Grandparent (5)
10. Young at Heart (5)
11. Caring About Education (1) (6)
12. Cemetery Clean-Up (1) (7)
13. Citizens Heart-Emergency (8)

### **Additional Community Service Projects and Activities**

14. Help the Homeless Help Themselves
15. Children First
16. CENTENNIAL AMPHITHEATER PROJECT

### **Comments:**

Our Club has completed all eight of the qualifying Community Service projects, some more than once, utilizing thirteen separate club activities. We have fifteen total Community Service projects this year. All of our Community Service projects are described in the Supporting Documents below.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

**Tony Matzdorf, Community Service Director**

#### **1. ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING**

Al West

Arbor Day is a day set apart by most states in the United States and most of the provinces of Canada for planting trees. It is observed especially by schoolchildren. The Rotary Club of Ojai annually holds a tree-planting ceremony in conjunction with one of the schools in our Valley which takes the place of a regular meeting and involves the entire club. This year it was held April 29 at San Antonio School, site of our Rotary Centennial Amphitheater, where the Club and the students gathered for the ceremony.

#### **2. BUFF THE CONDOR**

Terry Twichell

The Ojai Valley Museum has a sculptured condor as its signature piece. The sculpture requires hand-buffing periodically. This is done at least once a year by volunteers from the Rotary Club of Ojai, and was just completed by more than ten club members this past March 12, 2005.

#### **3. RYLA AND INTERACT SYMPOSIUM**

Kay Bliss

We sponsored 3 students from Nordhoff High School to attend. The students chosen were from the Interact Club scheduled to go on Youth Exchanges next year or current students here from other countries, specifically Thailand and Brazil. This project, in our Club, is handled under Vocational Service.

#### **4. MONETARY AWARDS**

Dick Weirick & Marty Pops

Each year, the Rotary Club of Ojai provides grants to support worthy, nonprofit organizations within the Ojai Valley. In January, solicitation of grant applications is announced in local newspapers and other media. Grant requests are due in early March. The awards for the current year are presented in May and June at our weekly Rotary meetings. In 2004 our club gave out almost \$28,000 in awards, almost \$11,000 of which was in grants specifically for youth education programs in our high school, middle school and library. This does not include scholarships awarded through the Ojai Rotary Educational Foundation.

<b>OJAI ROTARY 2005 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS</b>		
<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>\$</b>
American Heart Assoc.	Heart and Sole Running Event Booth	\$500.00
Boy Scout Troop 504	Irish Scout Visit ( Transportation and Misc )	\$2,800.00
C. R. E. W.	General Support	\$2,000.00
Girl Scouts	Local Activities	\$750.00
Help of Ojai	Senior Meals	\$2,000.00
Matilija Junior High School	Intervention Class	\$1,500.00
Matilija Junior High School	Incentive Program for Underachieving Students	\$1,000.00
Meiner's Oaks Library	Refinish Library Chairs	\$500.00
NHS Academic Decathlon Team	Program Costs	\$1,500.00
Nordhoff High School	5-day College Symposium	\$900.00
Nordhoff High School	SAT Prep Scholarships (4)	\$1,000.00
Nordhoff High School	Upgrade Banners and Boards in Gym	\$1,000.00
Nordhoff High School	Music Library Supplies and Materials	\$300.00
Nordhoff High School	"Premier Go" Curriculum for 50 At-Risk Students	\$1,000.00
Nordhoff Music Dept.	Stage Scrim	\$635.00
Ojai Hospital Foundation	Emergency Dept. Stretchers	\$4,000.00
Ojai Hospital Foundation	Lobby Project	\$2,000.00
Ojai Valley Museum	Folding Tables	\$1,000.00
Ojai Valley Youth Foundation	General Support - OYES	\$4,000.00
Smart Start	Electric Ranges and Hoods	\$2,252.00
	Total	\$30,637.00

## **5. CHILDREN FIRST**

Caryn Bosson

This project involves both our club and Ojai West along with the Youth Foundation of Ojai. The mission is to get the citizens of the Ojai Valley to focus on the needs of the youth of our community. The Minnesota-based Search Institute, in a study of over 400,000 children, recognized '40 core assets' that lead to success in life, and it is this set of assets that is at the heart of the project. One of the goals is to communicate with the many organizations in our Valley that deal with youth issues so that a coordinated access to these available services can be developed and offered to young people and their families. Although Children First was officially on our books last year, it is only now that it's work is beginning to hit stride.

## **6. COMMUNITY HEALTH FORUMS**

Marty Pops

Co-sponsored with the Ojai Valley Community Hospital, this program offers wellness lectures twice a year to the community at no charge. These programs highlight nationally-known health experts at Saturday morning educational sessions. This project is widely publicized in our local newspaper.

## **7. LIVING TREASURES**

Fred Fauvre

Living Treasures is a process that seeks out caring individuals in the community and recognizes and empowers them to share their knowledge, wisdom, and vitality with others through such things as lectures and one-on-one mentoring. Annually, nominations are solicited from the public. Our current group of 'treasures' was recognized April 26, 2005. This is another project done in conjunction with Ojai Rotary West. It is widely publicized in the local newspaper, is promoted through a web site and with a large banner stretched across Ojai's main avenue.

## **8. MEMORY ENHANCEMENT SEMINARS**

Marty Pops

Under this new program, the Rotary Club sponsored the training of two people at UCLA's Center on Aging in techniques to enhance memory, particularly among seniors. The two trainers, with Rotary's support, are running a series of five-session seminars to teach these techniques to interested members of the community. The interest has been so strong that we are considering sponsoring a second set of trainers.

## **9. ADOPT A GRANDPARENT**

Suzanne Collinsworth-Smith

This project connects elderly, infirm residents of nursing homes who lack family support and do not have visitors with volunteers who commit to weekly visits for a

period of 6 months. It is an inter-generation effort involving students from local high schools as well as Rotarians and their spouses. Each volunteer receives an orientation session, is assigned to a specific nursing home resident and is given instructions specific to that person.

#### **10. YOUNG AT HEART**

Bret Bradigan

This is a project that is teaching the elderly how to use email to communicate with their grandchildren and others with text and pictures. This is run in conjunction with Help of Ojai.

#### **11. CARING ABOUT EDUCATION**

Jim Berube

This program provides books, pencils and other basic school supplies for every child in the Ojai Valley entering kindergarten in the fall each year. This past September, 250 children received these supplies in a packet with a Rotary seal attached. The concept is to have the children – whether less or more privileged – start school together on the first day on equal footing, specifically with the same school supplies.

#### **12. CEMETERY CLEAN-UP**

Marc Larson

Members of the Rotary Club of Ojai, in conjunction with the Rotary West Club, and the Ojai Garden Club roll up their sleeves and perform their annual weeding and digging and otherwise re-beautifying of our very significant local cemetery. This was done April 16, 2005. More than ten club members participated.

#### **13. CITIZENS HEART-EMERGENCY**

Colin Jones

This ongoing project now formally known as the "Citizens Heart Emergency Committee" is done in conjunction with the Red Cross, the Ojai Valley Community Hospital and the local ambulance service. We hope, also, to involve the police and fire departments. The purpose is to purchase Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machines and to train people in their use. An AED is a life-saving device that can convert an absent or abnormal heart rhythm to a normal one. These devices are currently in use in commercial airplanes and many other public places around the country. So far, through fund raisers and donations we have purchased five (at a cost of about \$2,500 each). They have been placed strategically in the community and a large number of people have been trained in their use. An AED unit was recently donated and installed at Nordhoff High School, an overlooked need area, where students can be trained in its use.

#### **14. HELP THE HOMELESS HELP THEMSELVES**

Terry Twichell

The Rotary Club of Ojai collects items from its members – new or used-in-good-condition – that are needed by homeless people and families who reside at the

RAIN transitional living center. RAIN is a full-time residential facility that provides a variety of services to aid the homeless in achieving self-sufficiency.

## **15. CHILDREN FIRST**

Caryn Bosson

This project involves both our club and Ojai West along with the Youth Foundation of Ojai. The mission is to get the citizens of the Ojai Valley to focus on the needs of the youth of our community. The Minnesota-based Search Institute, in a study of over 400,000 children, recognized '40 core assets' that lead to success in life, and it is this set of assets that is at the heart of the project. One of the goals is to communicate with the many organizations in our Valley that deal with youth issues so that a coordinated access to these available services can be developed and offered to young people and their families. Although Children First was officially on our books last year, it is only now that it's work is beginning to hit stride.

## **16. CENTENNIAL AMPHITHEATER**

Braden Sterling

The Club adopted as our Rotary Centennial project the building of a 275 seat community amphitheater which is located on the grounds of the San Antonio Elementary School at the east end of the Ojai Valley. The construction is nearly complete now and we have held our first event. Participation by the Ojai Unified School District and the local PTO has been a significant part of the success of this project. The agreed formal name of the structure will be "Rotary Centennial Amphitheater at San Antonio" (acronym, RCASA -- or, "Our Casa", "Our House").



*Members gathered at the Rotary Centennial Amphitheater to hear Al West tell the history of Arbor Day. It was started in 1872 in the Nebraska Territory. On the very first Arbor Day, over 1 million trees were planted. Today, every state has a designated Arbor Day, each day suited for its individual climate.*



## **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD**

Requirements fulfilled between July 1, 2004 to June 1, 2005

Complete 4 of the following:

1. Participate in a GSE as either a sponsoring club of a team member, team leader, host of incoming GSE team member or host a GSE Team at a club meeting or function.
2. Display or showcase any International Project, which the Club has participated in the last two years, at the District Conference or other Community event
3. Present a Rotary Foundation Program concerning International Projects to the entire Club
4. Club attains Rotary Foundation total annual giving of \$100.00 per member (\$200 per member counts as two requirements)
  5. Sponsor an Ambassadorial / Peace Scholarship candidate
6. Club participation in at least one new International Project. (Each additional new projects counts as another requirement)
  7. Participate in an international project with another club
  8. Sponsor a Joint International Project / Conference with Youth
  9. One member to RI Convention (either Osaka or Chicago)
10. One member to attend San Diego Poverty Conference ( "Education of the Girl Child" ) / San Carlos Projects Fair

### **Qualifying Activities (four required)**

1. GSE Participation (1)
2. Display or Showcase International Projects (2)
3. Rotary Foundation Program (3)
4. Annual Giving to TRF (4)
5. Capital of Ghana (6)
6. Teshie Orphanage, Infirmary And Well Woman's Clinic (6)
7. Ambulance for the Poor (6)
8. Tsunami Relief Fund (6)
9. Low-Cost House in The Philippines (7)
10. Social Scholarship Program (7) (8)
11. Books for Community Library in India (7)
12. Joint Rotary/Youth Orphanage Project, Tecate, Mexico planned for June (8)
13. RI Convention Participation (9)
14. Poverty Conference Attendance (10)

### **Additional International Service Projects and Activities**

15. Our Club sponsored two out-bound, year-long Youth Exchange students to Thailand and Japan; hosting one in-bound YE from Thailand.

### **Comments:**

Our Club has completed nine of the ten qualifying International Service projects, some more than once, utilizing fourteen separate club activities. We have fifteen total International Service projects this year. All of our International Service projects are described in the Supporting Documents below.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

### **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

#### **Kay Bliss, International Service Director**

#### **1. GSE PARTICIPATION**

##### **Kay Bliss**

Our Club hosted a GSE Team from South Africa October 8, 2004. In February 2005, Greg Bayless, a 2004 Romania GSE Team member (nominated by our Club) made a program presentation at one of our regular meetings. Also, our Club submitted Rotarian Kay Bliss as a candidate for GSE Team Leader to South Africa but was not selected.

#### **2. DISPLAY OR SHOWCASE INTERNATIONAL PROJECT**

##### **Kay Bliss**

We promoted several international projects in multiple settings during the 2004-2005 year. These settings included (a) the RI International Assembly on February 21, 2005, (b) the Education of the Girl Child Conference in November 2004 and (c) the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York. The latter was at the invitation of RI President Glenn Estess. Kay Bliss from our Club was the sole person representing Rotary International, speaking on a panel February 28, 2005 about the Street Girls project. The topic was "Outstanding Examples of Non-Government Organizations Implementing the Platform for Action."

In addition, programs were presented about the Ghana Street Girls project at seven D5240 clubs in 2004-2005.

Poster displays:

- Ghana Street Girls
- Teshie Orphanage / Infirmary / Community Well Woman's Center

#### **3. ROTARY FOUNDATION PROGRAM**

##### **Suzanne Collingsworth-Smith**

PDG Otto Austel spoke to our Club about Polio Plus and other international projects in January, 2005

#### **4. ANNUAL GIVING TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION**

##### **Suzanne Collingsworth-Smith**

Our Club's donation to the Annual Fund as of May, 2005 is \$15,000. This represents an average contribution of \$175 per member. In addition to our Annual Fund contribution, our club has contributed \$8000 to TRF to fund matching grant projects, and \$700 to RI Solidarity in Southeast Asia through



TRF. *See sections 5 and 6 below for additional information about these matching grants.*

## **5. HOUSE OF REFUGE FOR STREET GIRLS OF GHANA**

Kay Bliss

This project helps homeless teenage mothers raising their babies by furnishing a House of Refuge and Vocational Training Center for Street Girls, Accra, Ghana where they can stay for four months during their babies' births, and equip 4 vocational training centers so the girls can gain skills to support their babies. This \$43,289 matching grant (MG#54857) is supported by ten clubs. The clubs in District 5240 include the Rotary Clubs of Ojai, Montecito, Newbury Park, Santa Maria, Ojai West, Santa Barbara Sunrise, and Pismo Beach/Five Cities. The clubs from District 5960 are the Rotary Clubs of Austin and New Richmond. Finally the Rotary Club of Accra-Labonne of District 9100 in Ghana is providing financial support. In addition, the four districts have also provided supplemental funding. The grant is expected to fund in May, 2005.

## **6. ORPHANAGE, INFIRMARY AND WELL WOMAN'S CLINIC IN GHANA**

Kay Bliss

This project will fund the construction of an Orphanage Infirmary / Community Well Woman's Center on the premises of the Teshie Orphanage, Accra, Ghana, at an estimated cost of US\$14,000. The facility will serve the medical needs of the orphanage and those of needy women and children in the community. RC of Ojai will fund \$11,000, with donations from RC of Coronado, CA and RC of Geneva, IL. Funds for the first stage of construction will be sent in May; Rotarians from RC of Accra will meet with Ojai Rotarians at the International Convention in Chicago to share plans and photos of progress to date.

## **7. AMBULANCE FOR THE POOR**

Shari Skinner

Bijnor, India, is a city of 250,000 that has no ambulance to transport poor patients the 2-hour ride to the nearest hospital. This \$30,000 grant will purchase an ambulance. The Rotary Club of the Industrial Area of Bijnor has committed to operating and maintaining it. Funding included commitment of \$5,250 from D5240, \$4,000 from private donors, \$2,000 from other Rotary Clubs in D5240, and \$3,000 from the Industrial Area Bijnor RC, leaving \$5,000 for our club to contribute. This matching grant was approved in 2004, but was delayed because the Indian district was out of compliance re: final reports. The grant will be funded this spring, 2005.

## **8. TSUNAMI RELIEF FUND**

Tony Thacher, Bob Davis

Our Club raised \$6295. Of this sum, \$5595 was sent to Direct Relief International and \$700 to RI Solidarity in Southeast Asia.

### **9. LOW-COST HOUSE IN THE PHILIPPINES**

The Rotary Club of Ojai is contributing \$1,000 for construction of a house in Bacolod, Philippines, to be use to relocate families from slums. It will be part of a Centennial Village of 25 homes, built so that the squatters in the slums will have a safe place to live, and have an opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and provide hope to improve their lives. This international project is the Centennial Project for eight Filipino Rotary Clubs, and is spearheaded in D5240 by RC of Montecito, and will be supervised by Rick Zander, Rotary volunteer from Los Olivos.

### **10. SOCIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Judy Gabriel

The RC of Ojai worked with our Youthact Club and the RC of Newbury Park to help sponsor a child for a Social Scholarship Program for needy students in Braila, Romania. The Rotary Club of Braila, Romania district 2241 grants scholarships to children coming from very low income families so that the families are able to keep the children in school and not pull them out. Cost: \$350/year.

### **11. BOOKS FOR COMMUNITY LIBRARY IN INDIA**

Shari Skinner

The RC of China Lake has put together a \$24,000 matching grant that will provide tables, chairs, reading material (in Hindi, English, and Urdu), a generator, and a computer for a new library in Bignor, India. It is a town of 250,000 that currently has no public library. The land has been purchased and the funds for the building have been raised. Our club will contribute \$2500.

### **12. JOINT ROTARY / YOUTH ORPHANAGE PROJECT, TECATE, MEXICO**

Judy Gabriel

Our Club is partnering with the Nordhoff High School Interact Club and the Matilija Junior High School Youthact Club ("Club MAD," Making a Difference) on a weekend trip, June 2-5, 2005, to an orphanage in Tecate, Mexico. This service project will be similar to the one we did last year. (See attached article from *The Rotarian*, September, 2004) We will be hosted by the Tecate Rotary Club, and will also explore a matching grant project to equip a public health clinic. There will be six Rotarians, three adult club advisors from the schools and twenty-five junior high and high school students.

### **13. RI CONVENTION PARTICIPATION**

Larry Simpson

Our Club has a Centennial Convention Promotion Committee (Club Service) that has been creating excitement among our members about this unique event. To date, 17 members and 11 family members have registered for the Chicago Convention.

#### **14. POVERTY CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

Four members from our Club attended the Poverty Conference, "Education of the Girl Child," in San Diego.

#### **15. YOUTH EXCHANGE PARTICIPATION:**

During this Rotary year, our Club was involve in the following Youth Exchange projects: (a) sponsored two out-bound year-long Youth Exchange students to Thailand and Japan, (b) hosted one in-bound YE from Thailand, (c) one Short-Term Exchange Program student match to Italy in summer, 2004, (d) recruited two YE candidates for 2005-2006 who will be hosted in Belgium and Turkey.



*Kay Bliss tells our Club about her presentation in New York to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. She was the sole person selected to represent Rotary by RI President Glenn Estess.*

## Field Reports

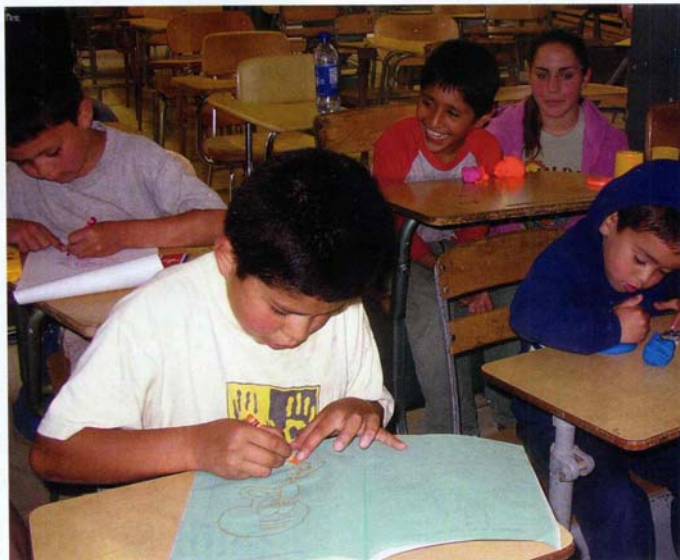
### Mexico

Hands-on service unites volunteers of all ages

**W**hen the Interact Club of Nordhoff High School traveled from Ojai, Calif., USA, to Ensenada, Mexico, last year, they were disappointed to find that the orphanage they planned to help didn't really need any assistance. So when they started planning a similar trip last spring, they were careful to avoid the same mistake.

Finding a suitable destination was important to the Interactors, who worked with Club Make A Difference (Club M.A.D.), a newly formed youth service club in Matilija, Calif. They wanted an orphanage that would truly benefit from their help. With guidance from the Rotary Club of Tecate, B.C.N., Mexico, they found two.

In April, a group of about 50 that included the Interact and M.A.D. clubs as well as members of the Rotary clubs of Ojai and Ojai West and representatives from District 5240 and the Rotaract Club of Bakersfield, Calif., traveled to Tecate to assist the Rancho San Juan Bosco and Rancho de Nazareth orphanages. After dividing themselves up between the two sites, volunteers started work on a variety of assignments that ranged from painting buildings and weeding the grounds to



**Supervised by Interactors, Tecate orphans make an art project. Below: Ojai Rotarian Shari Skinner.**

playing games with the children and facilitating art projects.

"It was a wonderful growing experience for our kids," says Shari Skinner, 2003-04 president of the Ojai club. She says the trip helped show the Interact and M.A.D. club members how working through Rotary can increase the impact they have in the community. "Reaching out and doing service is just good for our young people," she says.

The Interactors agree. Andrew Hartmann, 16, spent his time in Tecate painting buildings and playing games with the orphans. He feels that the effect of their service was apparent right away. "You felt like you were doing something that wasn't temporary," he says. "We were actually doing something helpful."

Kelly Leech, 2003-04 president of the Interact club, did most of the planning for the trip. She says the effort was well worth it. "It's really cool [to get a chance to] see all of your work in action," she says.

To prepare for the trip, Leech worked with Alex Mora, a member of the Tecate club. Mora provided a list of items each orphanage needed, and the Interact and M.A.D. clubs raised US\$2,000 to purchase them. The Ojai club put in

\$500, and District 5240 matched the entire contribution to bring the total to \$5,000. To Leech's surprise, it was even more money than needed. They used the surplus to establish grocery funds to cover future expenses at both orphanages and to purchase a water pump for one.

Despite the fact that many of the Californians could not speak Spanish, they knew the children appreciated their visit. "You could see (it) in their faces," says Rotaract member Je'Anna Brumfield. "They were excited that we were there." The nuns who ran the orphanages were grateful, too. "Every little bit of help makes a big difference to them," says Leech.

According to Mora, the April trip was well timed. He says that many people volunteer during the holiday season, around Christmas, but aid is harder to come by the rest of the year.

As its first major project, the trip helped galvanize the M.A.D. club, which formed in September 2003. Brumfield notes that with the older members of Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs there to guide



*An article in the September 2004 issue of The Rotarian highlights a "Youth Orphanage" joint project in Tecate, Mexico of the Rotary Club of Ojai with the Nordhoff High School Interact Club and the Matilija Junior High School Youthact Club ("Club MAD," Making a Difference).*



## **VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD**

Requirements must be fulfilled between July 1, 2004 to May 1, 2005

Complete 4 of the following:

1. At least one official visit to a place of business ( held as a regular club meeting)
2. Employer / Employee Relations Program where Rotarians bring their employee of the year for special recognition
  3. Organize or conduct a Four Way Test essay program
  4. Organize or conduct a mentor program
  5. Organize or conduct a High School Career Day program
6. Sponsor a high school or vocational scholarship (over \$1,000 counts as 2)
7. Presentation of a Vocational Service Award which includes an ethics award, teacher of the year, public service award honoring those that serve the community. (Completion of each award counts as completing a requirement)
8. Sponsor an ethics / leadership conference for high school students

### **Qualifying Activities (four required)**

1. Ojai Valley Inn, Jan 7th meeting. (1)
2. Four-Way Essay Test Contest. (3)
3. Matilija Junior High School Community Interviews (4)
4. Nordhoff High School Majors Program (5)
5. Two Vocational Scholarships of \$1,000 allocated through the Club's Educational Foundation (6) (6)
6. Fred Clapp Ethics Award (7)

### **Additional Club Service Projects and Activities**

7. RYLA and Interact Symposium
8. Physical Education Participation (PEP)
9. Academic Student of the Month
10. Student Athlete of the Month
11. Youthact (Club MAD, Making a Difference)
12. RYLA

### **Comments:**

Our Club has completed six of the qualifying Vocational Service projects one of the projects twice for a total of seven. We have had twelve total Vocational Service projects this year. All of our Vocational Service projects are described in the Supporting Documents below.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

### **VOCATIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

#### **Bruce Brockman, Vocational Service Director**

##### **1. Official Club Meeting at a Place of a Rotarian's Business**

Allan Jacobs

Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, we held a meeting at the Ojai Valley Inn and Spa. Club member, Thad Hyland hosted our Club and Ojai Valley West for a lunch meeting. The newly remodeled facility was show-cased. The speaker was the District Attorney from Ventura County who prosecuted the Shari Dally murder case. This was a riveting tale of the actual events of the murder which was investigated by a member from the Ojai Rotary-West Club.

##### **2. Four-Way Essay Contest**

Marc Larson, Steve Goldman, Alan Rains

All schools, public and private, from the Ojai Valley were invited to submit entries for District 5240's 4-Way Essay Contest. A committee of Rotarians read and judged the essays submitted. Local winners were invited to read their essays at a regular meeting of the club. Their essays were forwarded to the District for further adjudication.

##### **3. Matilija Junior High School Community Interviews**

Jim Berube, Roy Bennett

This is the 7th year of this Vocational Service Project. Thirty eight Rotarians, (19 each day) interviewed the 350 junior high students on portfolios of work they compiled over their 2 years at the school. The students, dressed in "Sunday best" with resume and letter of introduction in hand, sat with a Rotarian one on one to discuss their student work, goals, aspirations, and spend quality time with an adult. Alumni of this project have reported the help this experience gave them for college applications and job interviews. Our Rotarians often say how uplifting this experience is for them as well.

##### **4. Nordhoff High School Majors Program**

Jim Berube, Bruce Brockman

As an alternative to Career Day, this new program had Nordhoff student from grades 10-12 interested in different fields or careers connect with Rotarians through the counseling office. Twenty nine Rotarians volunteered to serve as lecturers, mentors, job shadow hosts, or offer internships to students interested in their particular professions.

## **5. Vocational Scholarships**

### Ojai Rotary Educational Foundation

Two \$1,000 scholarships have been allocated to students' for their pursuit of careers in their chosen vocations. Our club began to offer these scholarships 2 years ago through the Ojai Rotary Education Foundation. The amounts have varied, but continue to rise as the Foundation grows.

## **6. Fred Clapp Ethics Award**

### Bruce Brockman

This award is given annually to a non-Rotarian business owner in the Ojai Valley who exhibits high ethical standards in his or her professional and personal life. Awardees serve in their businesses and our community in the spirit of Rotary. Fred Clapp was a faithful, active member of the Ojai Rotary Club. After Fred passed away, his wife Jimmi, became an honorary member of our club, supporting many of our community projects, financially. When Jimmi died, her estate left a substantial donation to the Ojai Rotary Education Foundation.

## **7. Ojai Rotary Ethics Conference**

### Bruce Brockman

Our ethics conference is an outreach to businesses in our valley and county introducing the tenets of Rotary with and emphasis on how service in business and community make for success both professionally and personally. Originally scheduled for April 30th, the date has been moved to August 2005 to accommodate the District Assembly. Participants will have breakfast, an introduction to Rotary and a speaker who will conduct a workshop with questions and answers.

## **8. Physical Education Participation (PEP)**

### Fred Fauvre, Bob Skankey, Bob Considine, Todd Beaty, Dana Huffman

This is an award given to grade school students for enthusiasm and participation. Each student receives a \$50 savings bond at a regular meeting with recognition for his/her achievements.

## **9. Academic Student of the Month**

### Craig Edwards, Dana Huffman, Leland Hammerschmidt

This is an award given to high school students for excellence in academics. Each student receives a \$50 savings bond at a regular meeting with recognition for his/her achievements.

## **10. Student-Athlete of the Month**

### Grant Kemp, Colin Jones, Andrew Bassuk

This is an award given to high school students for outstanding athletic ability and sportsmanship. Each student receives a \$50 savings bond at a regular meeting with recognition for his/her achievements.



## **11. Youthact (Club MAD, Making A Difference)**

Judy Gabriel, Larry Beckett

This project is a community outreach program involving junior high students who are mentored by our high school's Interact Club. These enthusiastic students meet weekly after school. With two Rotarians and a teacher serving as advisors, Club MAD raised money for an international trip to aid Mexican orphanages and tsunami victims, visited and decorated assisted-living facilities, and volunteered at the Humane Society. Other activities are described in the Youth Services section of the Yearbook. What makes MAD so exciting is the interest it generates for service and Rotary. Also, these kids are keeping the high school Interact Club alive with enthusiasm.

## **12. RLYA**

Kay Bliss

We sponsored 3 students from Nordhoff High School to attend. The students chosen were from the Interact Club scheduled to go on Youth Exchanges next year or current students here from other countries, specifically Thailand and Brazil.



*Rotarian Craig Edwards introduced our Student of the Month, Jose Maldonado. Jose is a Peer Mediator at Nordhoff High School, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade girl's soccer coach for AYSO, a member of Future Leaders of America, and a Board Member of the Ojai Valley Youth Foundation. Jose manages to do all this and maintain a 3.9 grade point average!*





## **YOUTH SERVICE AWARD**

**Requirements Must be fulfilled between July 1, 2004 and May 1, 2005**

**Complete 6 of the following:**

(Some requirements also count in other Avenues of Service)

1. Conduct a new Youth Service Project
2. Sponsor a new Rotaract, Interact, or Youthact Club (See Club Service) (Sponsoring a Youthact Club counts as two)
  3. Participate in a joint Centennial Project with a Rotaract, Interact or Youthact Club
  4. Participate in a literacy program. (See Community Service)
5. Send at least two students to RYLA or Interact Symposium. (See Community Service)
6. Sponsor an Ambassadorial Scholarship candidate (See International Service)
7. Organize or conduct a Four Way Test essay program. (See Vocational Service)
8. Organize or conduct a mentor program (See Vocational Service)
9. Organize or conduct a High School Career Day program (See Vocational Service)
10. Sponsor a high school or vocational scholarship (over \$1,000 counts as 2).
11. Sponsor an ethics / leadership conference for high school students.
12. Participate in the "My Stuff Bags" Program through donations or contributed goods.
  - \$1,000 to \$4,999 counts as one requirement
  - \$5,000 to \$9,999 counts as two requirements
  - \$10,000 or over counts as three requirements

### **Qualifying Activities (six required)**

1. Our Youthact Club's has organized a trip to help orphanages in Tecate, Mexico (in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Tecate, Mexico) which is scheduled for June 2-5 (1)
2. After-school tutoring for elementary school students (4)
3. After-school tutoring for junior high school students (4)
4. Strategies for Success for high school students (4)
5. We sponsored three students to RYLA (5)
6. We sponsored a Four Way Test essay program (7)
7. Our Matilija Junior High School Community Interviews program (8)
8. Nordhoff High School Majors Program (9)
9. We allocated two vocational scholarships of \$1,000 each. (10) (10)

### **Additional Youth Service Projects and Activities**

10. Rotary Centennial Amphitheater at San Antonio School
11. Bravo Music Education Program
12. Kindergarten Playground Toys
13. Garden Supplies
14. Decorating Assisted-Living Homes
15. Youthact Fundraisers Planned and Completed
16. Humane Society

Youth Service Award, cont.

17. Braille Project
18. Nordhoff Music Department
19. Physical Exams by Rotary Physicians
20. Safety Mouthpieces for Football Team
21. Group Study Exchange Teacher
22. Upgrade Nordhoff High School Athletic Field
23. Scholarships
24. High School Counseling
25. Ventura County Science
26. Conflict Resolution Training
27. Students of the Month
28. Ojai Neighborhood for Learning (NfL)
29. Boy Scouts Of America
30. Children First
31. CREW
32. Freedom Run
33. Interface Services
33. Ojai Valley Public Library
35. Ojai Valley Youth Foundation (OVYF)
36. Youth Exchange
37. Caring about Education

**Comments:**

Our Club has completed seven of the qualifying Youth Service projects, one of the projects twice (for double credit) and one of the projects three times, for a total of ten. We have had a total of thirty-seven Youth Service projects this year. All of our Youth Service projects are described in the Supporting Documents below.

Responsibility for individual youth activities falls to the various Avenues of Service. MARTY BABAYCO, in his role as Chair of Youth Services, acts to coordinate all these youth activities within our Club.

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

### YOUTH SERVICE ACTIVITIES

#### Marty Babayco, Youth Service Coordinator

The Rotary Club of Ojai excels at celebrating Ojai's youth. Our monthly awards at our meetings showcasing elementary physical education students, athlete, and academic Students of the Month programs, our Boy Scout troop, our Matilija Junior High school Portfolio Interview Project, and our active and enthusiastic Youthact Club (Club MAD) attests to our commitment to Ojai's youth. We are major supporters of the Ojai Youth Foundation, provide mentors and funding, provide direct intervention and involvement with our junior high Portfolio Interview Project, and provide help to at-risks youth who need the most help in securing tutoring, counseling, and guidance. We improve literacy with after school programs at our local library and schools. The Youthact Club that we sponsor also reaches out internationally, (See International Service) providing support for young teenage mothers in Ghana (See write ups in *Rotarian Magazine*, November 2003, and September 2004), providing funds for an orphanage in Ghana, and a planned trip to an orphanage in Tecate, Mexico to help with facility repairs. The Rotary Club of Ojai has a forty-year tradition of academic and vocational scholarships. In the last 12 years, the club has given 102 individual scholarships totaling over \$144,300. The club's funding for each project listed below is listed in parentheses.

#### **Qualifying Activities (six required)**

1. **Youthact Club's trip to help orphanages in Tecate, Mexico** Our Club is partnering with the Nordhoff High School Interact Club and the Matilija Junior High School Youthact Club ("Club MAD," Making a Difference) on a weekend trip, June 2-5, 2005, to an orphanage in Tecate, Mexico. This service project will be similar to the one we did last year. (See attached article from *The Rotarian*, September, 2004) We will be hosted by the Tecate Rotary Club, and will also explore a matching grant project to equip a public health clinic. There will be six Rotarians, three adult club advisors from the schools and twenty-five junior high and high school students.
2. **After School Tutoring** Provided funds for a teacher at San Antonio Elementary School to tutor at-risk students. (\$500)
3. **Junior High School After-School Program** Provided funds for after-school teachers at Matilija Junior High School to tutor at-risk students. (\$1,000)
4. **Strategies For Success** Our Club provided funds for a career counselor to make available strategies for at-risk students for beyond high school success

- for those furthering their education and those going into the job market. (\$1,700)
- 5. **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** Our Club provided funding to send two students to RYLA (\$1,458)
- 6. **Four Way Test Essay** Sponsored Ojai Valley-wide Four Way Test essay contest. Provided prizes. (\$100)
- 7. **Portfolio Interviews Project** One of the most successful youth mentoring programs the club has ever accomplished, the Portfolio Project brings over 350 eighth grade students to a formal interview with Rotarians, discussing their school work and interview skills, their career aspirations, and provides the students with excellent career advice and encouragement on continuing their education. Last year, nearly 30 club members devoted a day to reviewing the portfolios of students. This two day event has students “dressing up” and learning interview skills, writing a formal resume, and preparing a portfolio of their best work to present to local Rotarians. (\$1,656)
- 8. **Nordhoff High School Majors Program** The Rotary Club of Ojai has sponsored a large College and Career Day for the public high school. Major universities, small colleges, local community colleges, armed services, and major employers were present to share information with perspective graduates. (\$1,133)
- 9. **Vocational Scholarships** Awarded to graduates of public or private high schools who chose a vocational school or technical program.

### **Additional Youth Service Projects and Activities**

- 10. **Rotary Centennial Amphitheater at San Antonio School** Designed and constructed the San Antonio Elementary School Amphitheater. This beautiful amphitheater, located in the beautiful East End of Ojai, is an all-rock outdoor theater, capable of seating 250 for school and community events. Developed as the club’s Centennial Project, a brass plaque commemorates Rotary’s lasting commitment to the youth of our valley. (\$40,000 - Cash or equivalent work/supplies)
- 11. **Bravo Music Education Program** Our Club provided funding through the Ojai Music Festival Education Division for a professional musician-in-residence program at several elementary schools. Lasting eight weeks, the program provided students with music education, introduction to orchestral instruments, and classical music history and appreciation. (\$1,000)
- 12. **Kindergarten Playground Toys** Provided appropriate kindergarten toys for a new kindergarten playground that was constructed this year at Topa Topa Elementary School. (\$1,000)
- 13. **Garden Supplies** Provided funds for Topa Topa Elementary School to purchase garden supplies for their organic garden and journals for students to keep a running record of plantings, harvest and labor maintenance to help teach about the environment. (\$1,500)

14. **Decorating Assisted-Living Homes** Part of our Youthact Club. Done for Halloween and Valentines Day. Allows students to spend time with senior citizens.
15. **Youthact Fundraisers Planned and Completed** Penny Wars for tsunami victims; dye scarves to sell and raise money for Tsunami victims (with Nordhoff High School Interact Club); bake sale to raise funds for Club MAD trip to Mexico; sponsoring trivia tournament to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital
16. **Humane Society** Youthact students received training to become volunteers.
17. **Braille Project** Youthact students co-sponsored (with Newberry Park Club) a Romanian student through the Braille project.
18. **Nordhoff Music Department** Nordhoff High School is blessed with an outstanding music department. They have won regional, state and national awards for excellence in music. The Rotary Club of Ojai has helped provide funds for needed musical instruments and funds for scholarships for students to compete in state and national competitions. Last year they were invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York and this year traveled to Europe to perform in Vienna, Salzburg and Heidelberg. (\$2,250)
19. **Physical Exams by Rotary Physicians** To insure that our youth are physically prepared to participate in high school sports, Rotarian physicians provide low cost exams several times a year. The proceeds are then donated back to the high school booster club. It is estimated that over 500 physicals are given each year.
20. **Safety Mouthpieces for Football Team** A Rotarian dentist provides free mouthpiece fittings and free mouthpieces for the high school football team.
21. **Group Study Exchange Teacher** Sponsored Nordhoff High School history teacher, Greg Bayliss, to be part of District 5240 Group Study Exchange that went to Romania in July 2004. Mr. Bayliss provided special classes for high school students, gave many Rotarian talks, and is using his experiences as part of his world history curriculum.
22. **Upgrade Nordhoff High School Athletic Field** Rotarians provided support and expertise to obtain a major state grant to upgrade the school's athletic field. This grant included preserving wetlands and improving the antiquated athletic field.
23. **Academic Scholarships** A total of \$30,000 will be awarded this year (\$14,000 new; \$16,000 for 2004 students) to our Ojai Valley high school graduates.  
Eleanor Rupp Memorial Scholarships Awarded only to Nordhoff High School graduates who are planning a career in education. These students must have strong recommendations from their teachers and be of high morale character. We have had two Eleanor Rupp Scholarship awardees come back and are now teaching in the Ojai Unified School District.  
Educational Scholarships Awarded to Ojai Valley residents graduating from high school, both public and private, and have been accepted to a college or university.

- SAT Preparation Provided scholarships for students to attend SAT preparation classes. (\$1,000)
24. **High School Counseling** Provided funds to extend high school counseling during the summer. (\$980)
25. **Ventura County Science Fair** Donated funds for public and private school students to pursue scientific excellence at the Ventura County Science Fair. (\$1,000)
26. **Conflict Resolution Training** To resolve and curb youth violence and promote prevention, the club donated funds for professionals to give recognized training in conflict resolution through the Ojai Youth Foundation. (\$1,000)
27. **Students of the Month** The Rotary Club of Ojai has a long standing tradition of honoring elementary, junior high and high school age students for their academics and sportsmanship. With a \$50 savings bonds, an article in the local paper, and a lunch at our club, we honor students for Athlete of the Month, Physical Education Student of the Month, and Academic Student of the Month.
28. **Ojai Neighborhood for Learning (NfL)** The *California First Five* Initiative provides state funds and organization to insure that all preschool-aged children receive the medical, education, and family support they need before they enter kindergarten. The club supports our local NfL by providing funds for preschool grants for low-income families. (\$2,000)
29. **Boy Scouts Of America** The Rotary Club of Ojai has supported the local Boy Scout Troop 540 for the last twenty-five years. Once a year the Boy Scouts join Rotarians for lunch and give a talk about their previous events and activities. Last year we helped support their trip to Ireland to partner with another Boy Scout Troop. (\$2,000)
30. **Children First** The Rotary Clubs of Ojai and Ojai West joined in partnership with the Ojai Valley Youth Foundation to bring Children First to the Ojai Valley. All three organization's boards have passed resolutions committed to spearheading the Children First initiative in the Ojai Valley. Children First is a call to individuals, families and organizations to reclaim their responsibility for young people and provide the guidance, support and attention young people need to be successful. Children First is based on the 40 Developmental Assets. These markers of support for children and teens are already alive and well in the Ojai Valley. Child First Initiatives can help us strengthen and extend our commitment. (\$8,508)
31. **CREW** Supports CREW, a statewide model program serving at-risk youth. CREW provides training and skill training while creating and clearing trails in the State Parks. (\$3,500)
32. **Freedom Run** Provides sponsorship for children's run during Ojai's 4th of July (\$2690)
33. **Interface Services** Provided support for a Youth Program Store Front Center which provides mental health services for families and youth in the community of Oak View. (\$500)

34. **Ojai Valley Public Library** Supported our local library to provide after school tutoring and reading programs for children. (\$2,000)
35. **Ojai Valley Youth Foundation (OVYF)** The Rotary Club of Ojai proudly supports the Ojai Valley Youth Foundation. We have been partners since its inception, helping with funding, providing mentoring, and program development. The Ojai Valley Youth Foundation is a non-profit organization that was formed to address youth issues through connecting community resources and involving teenagers in positive opportunities -- to make a difference with their lives, influence their future, and benefit the entire community. OVYF, in conjunction with our club, offers after school programs in employment, leadership, career training, mentoring, and community service. (\$9,000)
36. **Youth Exchange Rotary Club of Ojai** sponsored two out-bound year-long Youth Exchange students to Thailand and Japan, and is hosting one in-bound YE from Thailand. Unfortunately the student to Thailand had to come home in October after some serious medical problems and a 6 day hospital stay. One Short-Term Exchange Program student match was made this past summer in Italy. We have recruited two good outbound YE candidates for 2005-2006, who will be hosted in Belgium and Turkey.
37. **Caring About Education** Dispensed over 250 Kindergarten Supply Packets containing basic school supplies, parent tips and information on education, reading and discipline, and the Rotary Four Way Test. Each bag is hand delivered to each kindergartener in our local school district by a Rotarian on the first day of school. Packets are in English and Spanish. (\$1691)

## OVERVIEW OF OUR YOUTHACT CLUB

**Making A Difference (Club MAD)** The Rotary Club of Ojai sponsors a vibrant Youthact club at Matilija Junior High. With Rotarians providing monthly guidance, this Youthact Club has exploded with energy and enthusiasm to learn and provide community service. Matilija Youthact (MAD) Club along with Nordhoff Interact Club has been active in community and international (Mexico & Ghana) service programs. A unique feature is the involvement of the Nordhoff High School Interact Club providing leadership and co-sponsoring many of Club MAD's events and fundraisers. Our Youthact club provides Rotarians a hands-on interaction with youth, in a positive, life-affirming context, that will deliver experiences that build independence, self-esteem, trust, and positivism; while having fun, learning important life skills, and providing services to the community. List of Club MAD Activities for this year: 1) Decorating assisted-living homes for Halloween and Valentines Day and spending time with senior citizens; 2) Planned and completed several fundraisers (Penny Wars for tsunami victims, bake sale to raise funds for Club MAD trip to Mexico, sponsoring trivia tournament to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital); 3) Received training at Humane Society to become volunteers; 4) Co-sponsored (with Newberry Park Club) a Romanian student through the Braille project; 5)

Youth Service Award, cont.

Participated with Nordhoff High School Interact Club to dye scarves to sell and raise money for Tsunami victims; and 6) Planned a trip to orphanages in Tecate, Mexico this June with Nordhoff High School Interact Club and with the cooperation of the Rotary Club of Tecate, Mexico, to provide hands-on help in repairing and building needed facilities. (\$500)

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*The Harlem Ambassadors, based in Fort Collins, Colorado, regaled us with an exciting display of basketball skills. It was a family event. Halftime activities including an impromptu song-and-dance performance that included children, adults and even referees. Local celebrities and basketball enthusiasts took to the court against the Ambassadors as great fun was had by all. Approximately 600 fans attended.*



## **THE OJAI ROTARY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

### **David Watson, DDS, President**

The Ojai Rotary Club Educational Foundation is a non-profit corporation that is managed by volunteer club Rotarians. The Foundation purpose is to advance educational opportunities for students and teachers in the Ojai Valley.

This past year has seen the Foundation grow in many aspects. Donations by many of the club and non-club Rotarians as well as non-Rotarians are building different endowments and helping to fund this year's scholarships as well as continuing scholarships from the previous year.

These generous efforts are enabling the Foundation to fund academic and vocational scholarships. We are helping these students to best utilize their time and talents in advancing their education and gain an insight into the workings of Rotary. Our scholarships are available to all students living in the Ojai Valley and attending one of the many Ojai Valley schools. Applications are available each year from the Foundation and from the high school counselors.

Our scholarship committee reviews all of the applications and grades them according to a scale of three parts; academics, out of school activities, and financial need. A Rotary four way test essay is used for tie breakers. Then, selected students are interviewed by the committee and the scholarships are awarded at an upcoming Rotary meeting. The club also goes to the schools' awards ceremonies to present the students with the academic or vocational scholarships. This year we will be providing \$30,000 in new and continuing scholarships. The academic scholarships are for \$2,000 per year and the vocational scholarships are for \$1,000 per year.

The interview process is the most enjoyable and the hardest part of the selection process.