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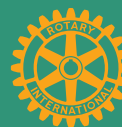


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From Governor DJ...

Every month, we receive the updated Polio virus breakout report for the world. The most recent report shows 52 new cases: 13 from Afghanistan and 39 from Pakistan. This is a great improvement from this time last year, when 253 new cases were reported. What an accomplishment! When I visited each club, I really appreciated the universal commitment to the Polio Plus fund. My hope is that these improvements indicate that we will meet our goal for the eradication of this deadly virus by 2018.

When I visited each club, I encouraged initiating service projects that can impact our communities. I am happy to see that a lot of clubs have come forward with ideas and proposals. Even though the application process sometimes looks daunting, don't be discouraged. We can work through it. Think beyond the resources at the club, district, and foundation level. We have the credibility and manpower to attract others to our service projects, including nonprofits, NGOs, foundations, businesses, and local governmental entities.

December is Family Month.

The family unit is the most basic and vital component of a community. The family is the foundation and pillar of a strong society. The family is the place to rest and heal pain. The family is the place to raise and nurture our children so they take their proper places in society. The family is the place for harmony and sanctuary. We work hard and do our best so that we can treasure our families and have happy lives.

This December, let's remember how important and precious our families are. Let's involve our families in Rotary activities. Rotary brings families together, leading to personal development and better lives. As a Rotarian, your family is bigger than you might think.

To quote John Kenny, RI President 2009-2010: "The idea of the family of Rotary is a simple one, and one that we celebrate every December during Family Month. Every Rotarian is part of the Rotary family-- but our family is much larger than just our 1.2 million members. The family of Rotary includes every one of the men, women and children who are involved in our work: the spouses and children or our members, our Rotary Foundation program participants and alumni and all of those who are part of our programs in the tens of thousands of Rotary communities around the world."

On November 14th we had a successful Rotary Foundation celebration dinner and raised a lot of money. I want to

thank the event Chair, Cindy Williams, as well as her committee members, for such a great event. I also want to thank the clubs and members for donating gift baskets, purchasing raffle tickets, and providing auction items.



On December 2nd and 3rd, we are supporting the Braille Institute's Holiday Party. I hope many Rotarians will participate as volunteers. This is a great event for a great organization with a great cause which Rotary has supported for the past 43 years.

On December 12th, Rotary is working with the Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department in gifting toys to underprivileged children. I hope you are able to share the holiday spirit by volunteering.

Please note that the Rotary International Peace Conference will be held at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, California on January 15th and January 16th, 2016. Our district is one of the six host districts for this conference. RI President Ravi Ravindran and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klingensmith will be attending. I ask that you register as many members as possible for this important conference. The district website has registration information.

2015 is almost over. I hope you use the remaining time to complete everything that you aspired to achieve this year. I wish you and your family a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2016.

*Let's be a gift
to the world.
DJ Sun*



Creating a Ripple Effect in Your Community

By Michael Turner, SAG Communications, Rotary Club of Woodland Hills

The ultimate viral element is giving of yourself or your resources because it creates a ripple effect, said Brady Connell, who was the keynote speaker at the District's Foundation Dinner November 14. "It is a great feeling to learn how volunteering affects you when you change the lives of other people. In fact, there is a double win: as you change others your life is changes as well."

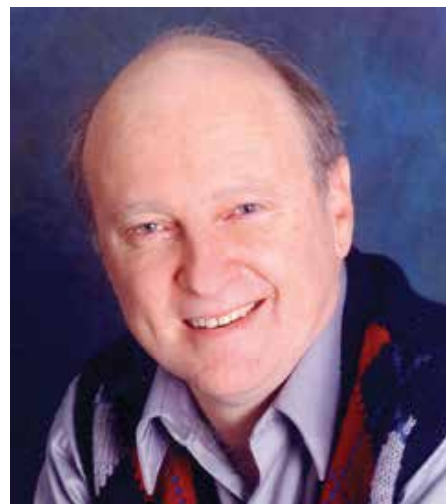
Connell is a Rotarian and was the executive producer of *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* on ABC. The program ran for nine seasons and each show attracted 500 to 13,000 volunteers in the communities they visited to participate the Makeover projects as his team moved across the country. The largest number of volunteers was in Joplin, MO, shortly after the 2011 catastrophic EF5 multiple-vortex tornado devastated the city.

In seven days his team of volunteers built seven homes from the ground up. People came from 42 states to lend a hand. Materials and labor for this and all the homes built by Extreme Makeover were donated. In demonstrating the impact of the ripple effect, Connell said that today 350 homes surround those seven. "All we did was plant a small seed of hope and others took action based on what we did."

Over the programs run, 212 homes were built and 204 of the original owners still live in them. The mortgages of nearly half of the homes have been paid in full. One of the homes that was remodeled was for Matt Kiefer, a gymnast who broke his neck and was paralyzed from the neck down and was dependent on others for his care. Now he is able to move around the home in his wheelchair and do many activities himself, which gives him a sense of independence. In addition to building homes, Connell established a \$2 million scholarship fund to assist those who do not have the resources to attend for college.

Connell's interest in Rotary was sparked when he read a story in Marina del Rey's the *Argonaut* about the Westchester Club's makeover projects. "I knew I found a home for myself and joined the club."

Currently, the club is working on its fifth project which is renovating the Westchester Senior Center. "This creates a hands-on project that will bring our entire community to-



gether work shoulder to shoulder to improve the lives of our seniors," said Heather Martillo, the club's immediate past president. We would like to see the Westchester club's efforts duplicated across the 62 other clubs in District 5280. Connell is planning to hold a workshop in January about how to do makeover projects. There also will be a workbook that will show all the necessary steps.

"Helping one person or family serves as a focal point for your club," said Connell. "It is a story about hardships and how your club helped the people to overcome them by addressing their needs." Once the club decides on the type of project it will do the next steps are to recruit volunteers and solicit donation of materials. "You'll be surprised how you can galvanize the energy of your community." It will be a story that would be fitting for your local newspaper to cover.



Brady Connell, Rotarian & Executive Producer of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" & Cindy Williams, Foundation Celebration Chair.



President Lt. Christopher Golden, Inglewood: \$501.33 per Rotarian donated to the Annual Program Fund



President Marcela Perez, Lawndale: \$456.17 per Rotarian donated to the Annual Program Fund



Dan Hodgekiss, Wilshire: \$452.79 per Rotarian donated to the Annual Program Fund



President Laine Crespi, Granada Hills



Aaron Weiner, Downtown Los Angeles



President Valerie Lord, Hollywood



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James Chen (l) from Redondo Beach donated \$10,000 to TRF PDG Rick Mendoza (r)



Brad Robinson, District Rotary Foundation Chair & Valeria Velasco



Connect with Korea – Touch the World

The Rotary International Convention travels to Seoul, 28 May-1 June 2016.

Explore this world-class city and discover the rich culture that connects the latest trends with time-honored traditions.

Taste eclectic cuisine and shop for the newest fashions and electronics.

Meet new friends, share ideas, and interact with new technology at this dynamic, unforgettable convention. Connect with the thousands of Rotarians who will come together in friendship and peace.

Register Now and Save!

Take advantage of your opportunity to save.

Be sure to register before 15 December for early registration savings.



Tour of Korea with DG DJ Sun –2 June – 5 June, 2016

Day 1 – Thursday, 2 June - Seoul

- ❖ Meet with the tour guide at Lotte Hotel Lobby (Jam Sil)
- ❖ Yong In Korea Folk Village
- ❖ Lunch
- ❖ Gyeong Bok Gung palace
- ❖ In Sa Dong Antique shop Alley
- ❖ Deak Su Gung Palace
- ❖ Board boat for Han river Dinner Cruise
- ❖ Proceed to Hotel - Grant Hyatt Hotel in Seoul or similar



Gyeong Bok Gung palace

Day 2 – Friday, 3 June – Seoul and Gyeong Ju

- ❖ After breakfast at hotel meet with tour guide in the hotel lobby
- ❖ Drive by motor coach to Gyeong Ju (5 hrs.)
- ❖ Lunch
- ❖ Dea Reung Won King's Tomb
- ❖ An Nap Ji pond
- ❖ Bui Kuk Sa Temple
- ❖ Dinner
- ❖ Proceed to Hotel - Gyeongju Hilton in Gyeongju or similar



Deak Su Gung Palace

Day 3 – Saturday, 4 June – Seoul

- ❖ After breakfast at hotel, meet with tour guide at hotel lobby
- ❖ Tae Jong Dae
- ❖ Lunch
- ❖ Ja Gal Chi fish market
- ❖ Yong Du San Park
- ❖ APEC Nurimaru House
- ❖ Dinner
- ❖ Hae Un Dae Beach night scene (free and easy)
- ❖ Proceed to Hotel - Westin Chosun in Busan or similar



Busan

Day 4 – Sunday, 5 June – Seoul

- ❖ After breakfast at hotel, meet with tour guide at hotel lobby
- ❖ Nam Po Dong Traditional Market
- ❖ Lunch
- ❖ Arrive at GimHae International Airport (departure to LAX)

❖ **Tour Includes:**

- ❖ Private Charter Limousine Bus
- ❖ English speaking tour guide (4 days)
- ❖ Tip for driver & tour guide (4 days)
- ❖ Entrance fees
- ❖ Traveler's Insurance
- ❖ Accommodation with daily breakfast as well as 4 lunches, 2 dinners, and dinner cruise



Nam Po Dong Traditional Market

Note: You must register for the RI Convention prior to booking this tour with DJ. The deadline to sign up for this trip is **December 18**.

Angel City Celebration, December 12, sponsored by LA5

by Lorine Parks – Rotary Club of Downey

Last year on December 6, if you had driven past South Park Recreation Center you would have seen families laying or sitting on the ground in sleeping bags, heavy blankets or many layers of clothing. That's because they were waiting anxiously for LA5's annual Angel City Party to begin at 8:30 a.m. Twenty hours before the actual giveaway began, parents who wanted to be sure their children received toys and other gifts for the holiday season, began lining up.



Photo courtesy Nathan Wolfstein

To ease the long wait, the young members of the First AME church handed out snacks to the kids in the line. LA5's Matt Ball of the LDS Church arranged a choir of Church "Elders" who sang Christmas carols for those standing in line. They brought laughter and smiles to the families and volunteers who shared the holiday spirit in this most rewarding way. A sea of golden shirts with the message "Rotary Cares" on the front appeared as LA5 volunteers and Rotarians from other District 5280 came into the park to prepare and serve a pancake breakfast along with pastries, juice, and coffee.

This year's celebration starts this year at 8:30 a.m. on December 12 at the Ted Watkins Memorial Park at 1335 E. 103rd St., Los Angeles. There will fun activities for the 4,000 under-served young children and their families from South L.A. who will be attending.

This is the largest service project Rotary District 5280 Rotarian volunteers undertake. LA5 is the lead club for

the project, and this is but one of at least six community service projects in Los Angeles it partners with other



Photo courtesy Nathan Wolfstein

Rotary clubs from the district The project started five years ago and it has evolved from a simple toys and food giveaway in a church parking lot to an event featuring many activities intended to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged families and their children.

Dodger General Manager Ned Colletti was on hand for the LA Rotary's Angel City Toy Giveaway last year. The Dodgers donated blankets and other items in the past and this year will be providing backpacks, t-shirts and hats.



Photo courtesy LA Dodgers



Last year more than 3,000 people participated in the “Angel City Giveaway,” served by over 200 volunteers. “We gave away 2,500 toys, 50 pallets of toiletry/beauty products, over 3,000 books, in addition to school supplies and clothing,” says Marjorie Heller, LA5’s Chair for the event. “Donations and grants enabled us to purchase and distribute food gift certificates to 1,000 families.”



Photo courtesy Nathan Wolfstein

Project Partners and Sponsors include AT&T; Bryant Temple AME Church/Chosen, Inc.; First AME Church; Fred & June MacMurray Foundation; Golden Poppy Grand Chapter Order Of Eastern Star; Hiram of Tyre

Grand Lodge; JW Marriott; LA City Police Department; LA Dodgers; LA Kings; LA Shares; Los Angeles City Mayor's Office; Mattel; and Rotary Clubs of Hollywood, Inglewood, Los Angeles and Rotary Interact Clubs. Marjorie gives Special thanks to LA City Department of Recreation and Parks. “The event would not have been nearly as successful without their support.”



Photo courtesy Nathan Wolfstein

Volunteers will be needed from 6:30 a.m. until the end of clean-up at 4 p.m. in two shifts (6:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.). Volunteers need to register in advance and can do this by visiting the Rotary District 5280 website, click on Angel City under the Upcoming Events tab and there will be a link on the left for member and guest registration.

District Calendar

December 2015

- 12 Angel City Celebration
- 18 Deadline To Register for Seoul Tour Guided by DJ

January 2016

- 15-16 RI Peace Conference
- 27 - Feb.1 District Humanitarian Trip (Panama)

February 2016

- 11 District Breakfast
- 19-21 PETS (LAX Marriott)
- 23 Viral Day
- 17 President's Dinner

March 2016

- 5 Rotary Pageant of the Arts
- 12 3-2-1- Go
- 26 New Member Orientation

April 2016

- 5 District Breakfast
- 9 Rotaract Ethics Forum
- 16 Rotary Day of Service
- 28 - May 1 District Conference (San Diego)
- 29 - May1 RYLA

May 2016

- 4 -10 RI Convention (Seoul Korea)



Rotary District 5280
and Vocational Services
Presents



ROTARY PAGEANT OF THE ARTS
(FORMER ART, DANCE, MUSIC, AND SPEECH CONTEST)

- A presentation by high school youth performing individually in art, dance, music, and speech.
- Open to all high school youth in the District.
- Clubs sponsor and select youth to participate in The Pageant.

March 05, 2016
Loyola Marymount University

Late afternoon program with a wine and cheese reception.

See District web site for information.

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RI President 2015-16



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CEO of Khan Academy



FATHER GREG BOYLE
Exec Director of
Homeboy Industries

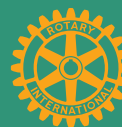


CARRIE HESSLER-RADELET
Director of the Peace Corp

January 15-16, 2015 Ontario California

More information and Registration:

www.peaceconference2016.org



A Special Invitation Just For You From President Ravi

Dear Friends:

Today, an estimated 51 million people are displaced by armed conflict. Countless more are subjected to conflict and violence in the form of child abuse, domestic abuse, sexual abuse, bullying, harassment, and other violations of human rights. Rotary is committed to strengthening peace efforts, training local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and supporting long-term peace building in communities affected by conflict.



Join us in Ontario, California, USA on 15-16 January for the 2016 Presidential Peace Conference. Hosted by Rotary districts in California, this conference will bring together Rotary members, business leaders, and representatives from the public and private sectors to explore ideas and solutions on conflict prevention and resolution. This will be the first of a series of five Presidential Conferences highlighting Rotary's areas of focus, which encompass some of the world's most critical and widespread humanitarian needs.

The conference will feature world-class keynote speakers, informative plenary sessions, and multiple breakout session tracks. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with fellow leaders and take away new ideas and strategies to put into action. Visit the conference website, www.peaceconference2016.org, for details on the conference program and information on how to register.

If you are working locally or abroad to alleviate conflict, or would like to learn how to do so, you will not want to miss this unique opportunity to join fellow leaders, exchange ideas, and take action. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

President, Rotary International, 2015-16

Ray Klinginsmith

Chair, The Rotary Foundation Trustees, 2015-16



SAVE THE DATE!

PREP 2015



Join your fellow Presidents-Elect and District Leaders
to prepare and train for the 2016-17 Rotary year

Saturday, December 12 | 8:00am-12:00pm

Carson Community Center | 801 E. Carson St. | Carson, CA 90745

Cost is \$40.00 | Includes full buffet breakfast



Greg D'Brien

District Governor 2016-17

Who should attend?

All Presidents-Elect
District leaders for the 2016-17 Rotary year

How to register:

Register at www.rotary5280.org

RSVP by Monday, December 7, 2015

Payment:

Via credit card: Contact the District Office at 310-670-9792

Via check: Checks payable to "Rotary District 5280"

Mail to: 8939 S. Sepulveda Blvd., #210, Los Angeles, CA 90045

Questions:

Contact the District Office at office@rotary5280.org or 310-670-9792



Bellflower Rotary: 90 Years of Service to the Community

By Lorine Parks, Rotary Club of Downey

Congratulations to the Bellflower Rotary Club on its 90th birthday. Rotarians are celebrating on December 6 at Queensview Steakhouse/Parker's Lighthouse on Shoreline Drive in Long Beach. Talk about a 5 star experience! Food, service, atmosphere, location, view, to match the 5 star services to the community of Bellflower

that Rotary has provided.

In September the Club sponsored a Back to School Shopping Spree at Bellflower's K Mart



for 50 Bellflower Unified School Students who were selected to participate by the case managers of the nonprofit organization,

Caring Connection. Each student was provided a \$100 gift card funded by the Bellflower Rotary Foundation. They were guided to pick their own clothes, shoes, and school supplies (above photos).

Bellflower Rotary has served the community of Bellflower since 1925. "We are proud to remember that our neighbor, Rotary Club of Downey, was our sponsor," says President Connie Hui. Some of the Funds are raised at the long-running annual

September Golf Tournament at Coyote Hills Golf Club.

Through the Bellflower Rotary Foundation, funds are provided for eyeglasses for school children.

A recent Bellflower Joint Service Club Luncheon was a big success, inviting clubs which, like Rotary, bring together dedicated individuals to exchange ideas, build relationships, and make a positive impact. Many service clubs and organizations were represented as well as the sheriff, city council, and supervisor's office. Past District Governor Doug Baker was the scintillating speaker.



Lorine Parks

As one of the of the oldest service clubs in the city, the Club wants to bring in new members and encourage and retain the old. An evening social at A'Roma's Restaurant is always popular. At Hospitality night at the last district conference, "strawberries were a hit," says Connie. "Rotary International and District 5280 awarded us a 2014-15 VIBRANT Club Award" (see photo below).

Over the years Rotary and the Bellflower Club





have changed. In the 1946 photos below, women were not members and were affectionately called "Rotary Anns." Below are two photos of the club in 1946. In the first one, many of the women are wearing hats and furs. In the other picture, you can see the motto on the banner, "He profits most who serves best." The only woman in the picture was either the piano player or the speaker, certainly not a member in 1946. At that time, Bellflower was a big club with more than 60 members. After 90 years the Rotary Club of Bellflower is still going strong.



Other Club News

The *Argonaut Newspaper* in Marina del Rey named the **Rotary Club of Westerchester**, first place, in the Best Social or Community Club Category. The Rotary Club of **Playa Venice Sunrise** was honored with second place.

90th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Rotary Club of Bellflower • Dec. 6, 2015 • 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Winn Ribs Luncheon Rotary Club of Culver City • Dec. 9, 2015 • 11:30 a.m.

Holiday Bazaar & Family Faire

Rotary Club of Woodland Hills • Dec. 12, 2015 • 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Santa Tour

Rotary Club of Playa Venice Sunrise • Dec. 15, 2015 • 4 - 8 p.m.

Christmas Fundraiser

Rotary Club of Rio Hondo-Vernon • Dec. 17, 2015

For additional information on these events, visit each club's website.



Be a gift to the world

DJ's Last Visit: Rotary Club of Korea Town

Photos by Linton Morgan, Rotary Club of Inglewood





Rotary Club of Korea Town

Photos by Linton Morgan, Rotary Club of Inglewood



2015 Youth Conference

Bette Hall, SAG Youth Services – Rotary Club of Calabasas

On one of those beautiful October days we have here in our part of the world, Interactors, Rotaractors, Advisors, and Presenters descended upon USC to attend the 2015 Youth Conference. Despite all the odds against it, including road closures due to the Rock and Roll Marathon and conflicting Rotary events, a very successful Conference took place.

With a variety of workshops and programs available for our Interactors, from Rotary opportunities to life skills for our Youth, there was much to choose from when deciding what workshops to attend.

Youth Exchange was a popular choice with Warren Bobrow and Katie Butler Litsey giving an enlightening explanation on what it is all about, and Elyse Rothstein and Joe Harding offering a taste of what is to come if they are lucky enough to attend RYLA. A big topic of conversation right now is the opportunity to attend the Peace Conference, coming up January 15 and 16 in Ontario, CA. Steve Goldsmith was on hand to explain the Interact section of the Peace Conference. Following this was a SAG Community Service session, “What’s Rotary?” with Melody St. John. She answered questions about Rotary and also the volunteering opportunities available at District Community Service events.

Life skills workshops were also included in the schedule, with the valuable “Transitioning from High School to College” being very ably presented by President of the Lomita Torrance Airport Rotary Club, Christopher Yco, and Rotaractors Christopher Reyes and Manny Ramirez. The Interact District Board team shared their knowledge of “Running Club Meeting.” As most of us know, one of the hardest and most feared things to do is speaking in public and Jermaine Ee, Big West MDIO General Secretary and Past District Rotaract Representative, tackled this issue with his “Speaking Under The Spotlight” workshop, and current District Rotaract Representative Victoria Perez imparted sound advice to the Interactors in the “Social Media Marketing” workshop. Ideas on “How to Stand Out From the Crowd” when interviewing for a job were offered by me.

Our keynote speaker, Rini Sampath, USC Student Body President, was a huge success with her presentation. There were inspirational messages to the Interactors from a panel of USC experts: Dinesh Seemakurty, co-founder of Statis Labs; Varun

Dhaon, Trojan Investing Society; Alexis Cotton, Director/VP of Marketing for Motivate and Empower; and Antauwn Woods, USC football player. The Interactors had the opportunity to pose questions to the panel who spoke freely, giving advice and motivation in return. Antauwn was also mobbed after the session with questions on USC team’s big win the day before. All were so gracious, answering questions and so willing to share their knowledge and experiences with the Interactors.

Events such as this do not happen without a great deal of work and support from many people, and with that being said, many thanks go out to all who worked on this, in particular, Victoria Perez, District Rotaract Representative, Wallace Liew, District Interact Representative - oh those late night emails and conversations, ensuring that every I was dotted and every t crossed - and their respective teams!

Special thanks also to Jermaine Ee and Isabella Gradney for all the work they did in obtaining USC as a venue to hold the conference, with an extra thank you to Isabella for securing the keynote speaker and the panel! To all of our presenters who gave up their time and spent a Sunday giving back to our youth, all of the advisors who again took the time, many of them driving our attendees and spending the full day at the Conference - we cannot say thank you enough.

Last but by no means least, recognizing our District Governor, DJ Sun who not only helped open and close the conference, staying all day. He was also there a proud parent of an Interactor and was one of those who drove Interactors to and from the conference. Thank you DG DJ for being there and helping making the day extra-special!

When driving the Calabasas Interact Club members home, the car was full of excited chatter for the whole journey, and if their comments were a sample of other Interactors, they left enthused, excited and full of ideas! Let’s plan on making the Youth Conference bigger, better, and bolder next year with even more of our Interactors taking advantage of this opportunity to expand their knowledge and to continue to grow - they are our future and a “Gift to the World.”

A huge thank you to all involved!





Rotary Youth Outreach & The Lion King



Sunday, October 18, was filled with fun and Roars! **Rotary Youth Outreach**, a new program under Vocational Service, hosted a day at the Segerstrom Center in Orange County for children selected by Rotary Clubs in District 5280. The children and their chaperones, made up of teachers, caseworkers, parents, and Rotarians, enjoyed lunch and a visit from two of the actors from Disney's **The Lion King**. Following the Q & A with the actors, the group of 100 enjoyed the very colorful stage production of **The Lion King**. Gratitude goes out to the Rotarians who generously underwrote the event to make it more affordable for the Rotary Clubs. Thanks to Chair Diane Davis, a member of the Downey Club, and a team of helpers for planning this event. Please stay tuned for more information about further opportunities to participate in Rotary Youth Outreach.

Westchester's New Members and Their Sponsors



Devin Carillo
Marketing, and his sponsor Rowena Ake.



Xander Phoenix
Young Professional, business analytics, and his sponsor Cindy Williams.



John Loussararian (second from left) **SP Andrade** (second from right).
Ted Grose (l to r), sponsor of Loussararian, Club President Mary Tabata,
Nora MacLellan sponsor of Andrade, and District Governor DJ Sun.

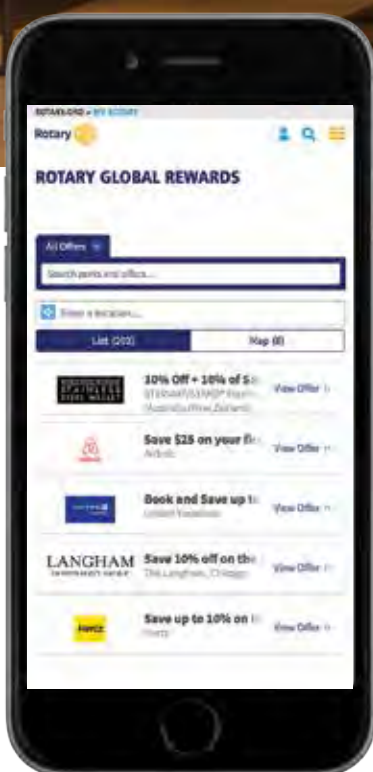
Editor's Note: On the following pages is information about programs that are offered by Rotary International or District 5280 that would be of interest to clubs as well as their members.

Rotary Young Professionals

Young professional Rotarians, ages 20 to 35, are already leaders in their communities. They come together to exchange ideas and take action. They energize their clubs and are catalysts for change. Currently, District 5280 has Young Professional members in the Rotary clubs of Beverly Hills, Los Angeles 5, Santa Monica, Westchester, and Westwood Village. Stay tuned for more information regarding our District's Young Professionals. We have plans to develop and expand this group to other clubs across the District.

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ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS: THE GOOD YOU DO COMES BACK TO YOU

Rotary Global Rewards gives you discounts on travel, hotels, vehicle rentals and others, all designed to help you get more good work done.

Our rewards program is unique because you're invited to help build it. Create an offer for your own business to enhance our growing portfolio of Rotary Global Rewards.

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- ❖ Promoting Peace
- ❖ Fighting Disease
- ❖ Providing Clean Water
- ❖ Saving Mothers & Children
- ❖ Supporting Education
- ❖ Growing Local Economies



TAKE ACTION: www.rotary.org



District 5280 SMART GOALS

DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN
July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2018

Promote Greater Awareness of Rotary

Invite & Retain Quality Members

Assess Community & International Needs & Implement Projects

Develop Club & District Leaders

Promote Greater Awareness & Understanding of the Rotary Foundation

Promote & Support Youth in Community Service & Leadership Development

Promote & Guide Individual Club Strategic Planning