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## EDITOR'S NOTES:

No doubt Confucius would have a smile. This year, members of Rotary District 5280 lit candles and as a result, our communities, both near and far, were not left alone in the darkness. RI President Gary C.K. Huang and Governor Elsa made known the challenge at the beginning of the year. Each of us would light a Rotary candle and together, we would Light Up Rotary.

June may be the last month of the Rotary year, but that doesn't matter. Rotary work remains. We have youth scholarships to hand out, an Interact Lunch to support, and a District Assembly to attend. In this issue you will learn about these events and what you need to do to attend and how you can support each of these. And then there are 63 club Demotions!

Have you ever wondered why it is that the Rotary year begins on July 01 and ends on June 30? In this issue you will learn how this came to be. As the Rotary year draws to an end, it seems appropriate we reflect on both Rotary and our future in Rotary. To this end, we asked three Rotarians from around the District to each share their personal perspective. Let's tune in.

A Rotary District Newsletter is not a newsletter without a Newsroom comprised of resourceful and dedicated Rotarians. All of them working together to bring you a newsletter that is informative, entertaining, and worthwhile reading. This year was no exception. From PRIP Cliff Dochterman, PRIP Ray Klingensmith, PRID and Foundation Trustee Paul Netzel, PRID Jose Antonio Salazar, and to the many others who made a mark on the newsletter this year in one fashion or another, we thank you.

And what can we say about Rotarian of the Year Mike Thomas, a member of the Santa Clarita Valley Club! Amongst his many contributions to our District this year, included was setting of the presses each month to create our newsletter. Thank you Mike!

It was a goal of this District Newsletter to reveal and share the many acts of Service Above Self, the moments of fellowship, and the merriment had, by our members. Let's give ourselves one last "happy clap" and enjoy looking at photos of happy Rotarians at the Conference and elsewhere. Thanks to volunteer photographers Gidas Peteris and Linton Morgan, members of the Beverly Hills Club and the Inglewood Club respectively.

Summer is here! But first, Governor Elsa has something to say. Let's all gather around and listen-in.

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**Cover Photo: Angie Ma Wong, a member of the Palos Verdes Sunset Club, receives the Rotary District 5280 Hall of Fame Award from Governor Elsa at the District Conference. Photo by Gidas Peteris.**

*From Governor Elsa...*

**Thanks for the memories of a VIBRANT year!**

Of breakfasts with Kareem,  
inspiring to reach for the rim.  
Of Austin Beutner's vision of glasses for free,  
so kids can learn as they see.  
Of Jackie Lacey's scam story of her mother,  
taught to us to prevent happening to another.  
  
Of Presidents' dinners flying with the Proud Bird,  
beached at Castaway's, wined at San Antonio  
Winery, and sailed at the Yacht Club of Del Rey.  
  
Seminars for members where no one could snore,  
with opportunities for all to learn so much more.  
One hundred and fifty new members, said I with a wink,  
never guessing my hair would soon be pink.

**Thanks for the memories and all we did!**

**We can never forget.**

Stepping back in time,  
for a Foundation Gala so fine.  
We raised funds from generous souls,  
we surpassed our Foundation goals.  
  
Service above self through meeting others' needs,  
Angel City for kids, planting gardens, and supporting  
mothers-to-be, were among such deeds.  
  
Through contests, forums, and leadership camp,  
we saw how our youth can keep lit the Rotary lamp.  
  
Sharing books, building stoves, and giving mobility to  
those unable to walk, in Guatemala we delivered and  
did more than just talk.  
  
Goodwill and better understanding was had by all,  
as our Rotarians traveled to Cuba and Tikal.  
  
We raised money for polio by stepping up to the mark,  
we ran and strolled while having In and Out at  
Griffith Park.



**Mike Thomas, a member of the Santa Clarita Valley Club, receives Rotarian of the Year Award from Governor Elsa. Photo by Gidas Peteris.,**

Cardboard boat races, hula dancers, and roasted pig,  
brought smiles to faces oh so big

**Thanks for the memories.**

Celebrating successes, we met in Coronado Bay,  
beginning with the harbor cruise we sailed away.  
Plenaries, awards, hospitality night, the Ball,  
and turning over to DJ the Governor's role.

**Thanks for the memories.**

Of projects so big and so bold,  
memories more precious than gold.  
District leaders and presidents all were grand,  
in giving our District a VIBRANT brand.

**Thank you all so much!**

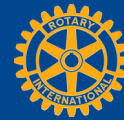
*Light Up Rotary  
and Be Vibrant!  
Elsa Gillham*



# DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



## AN EDUCATION FORUM



# SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015

ALL CLUB OFFICERS, DISTRICT LEADERS AND ANY INTERESTED ROTARIANS ARE  
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

CARSON COMMUNITY CENTER | 801 E. CARSON ST., CARSON, CA 90745

REGISTRATION | 7:00AM-7:30AM

BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP | 7:30AM-8:00AM

PROGRAM | 8:00AM-12:00PM

LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON (PEs, AGs, SAGs) | 12:00PM-1:00PM

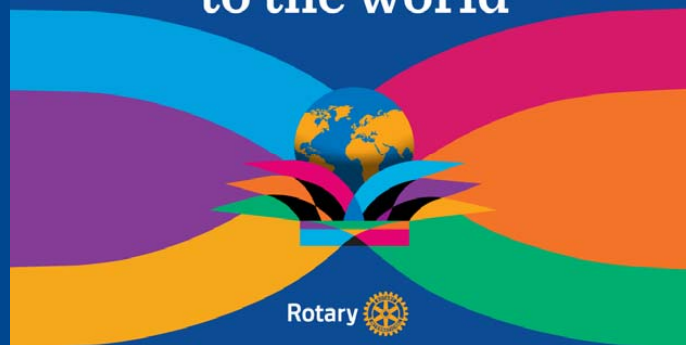
COST | \$38/PERSON BY JUNE 15 | \$43/PERSON AFTER JUNE 15

CHECKS PAYABLE TO | "ROTARY DISTRICT 5280"

MAIL TO | 8939 S. SEPULVEDA BLVD., SUITE 210, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045

RSVP | [OFFICE@ROTARY5280.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@ROTARY5280.ORG) OR 310-670-9792

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to the world



Rotary

K.R. Ravindran  
2015-16 President, Rotary International

## WHY THE ROTARY YEAR BEGINS 1 JULY



**Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended. The convention of the Rotary Clubs of America was held in Rotary's birthplace, Chicago, in 1910.**

**E**ver wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July? The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even *The Rotarian* changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in *The Rotarian* that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signalized by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently." Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained June 30

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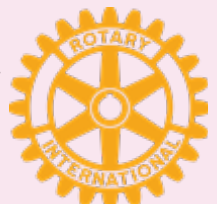


L to R: John Ramey,  
Westchester Club, Gerardo  
and Brenda Jaramillo, Latinos  
Unidos Club, Bill Wishard,  
Malibu Club, Christa Ramey,  
Westchester Club, and Vicente  
Ching, Historic Filipino Club,  
at District Conference on  
Coronado Island.

## Nepal Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund



As you are well aware, on April 25, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake hit Nepal. Our Rotary District 5280 fully understands the urgent need and is organizing a relief effort. Both immediate and long-term action plans need to be enacted. For immediate action, together with RI's endorsement, any club-generated financial support can be channeled through either 1.) The D5280 Disaster Relief Fund or 2.) Disaster Aid USA (provider of ShelterBox, etc.). Please go to District web site for more information.



## World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update

### Week ending 20 May

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	24	0	82	14	359	55
- in endemic countries	24	0	73	14	340	52
- in non-endemic countries	0	0	9	0	19	3

**Afghanistan:** No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) have been reported in the past week. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 21 January in Reg district of Hilmand province. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2014 remains 28, and 1 for 2015. Most of the cases from 2014 were linked to cross-border transmission with neighboring Pakistan.

**Nigeria:** No new case of WPV1 was reported in the past week. Nigeria's total case count for 2014 remains 6. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 24 July in Sumaila Local Government Area (LGA), southern Kano state.

**Pakistan:** One new case of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) was reported this week, with onset of paralysis in Charsada district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. This most recent case had onset of paralysis on 20 April. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 23 (and remains 306 for 2014).

Countries	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014		Onset of paralysis of most recent case	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Pakistan	23	0	66	10	306	22	20-Apr-15	13-Dec-14
Afghanistan	1	0	4	0	28	0	21-Jan-15	N/A
Nigeria	0	0	3	4	6	30	24-Jul-14	16-Nov-14



# Youth Scholarships

**Interact**  
Rotary Sponsored Club



**Rotaract**  
Rotary Club Partner



It is that time of year for you to select candidates for the youth scholarships we award in conjunction with the California Community Foundation. The deadline for receipt of application is June 15, 2015. There are three types of scholarships:

**DEADLINE:**  
**JUNE 15, 2015**

- **Patricia Kim Scholarship**– one \$1,000 scholarship awarded to an exemplary Interact member; the sponsoring Rotary Club does not match these funds; (winner will be selected by the District Scholarship Committee)
- **Meredith K. Olson Rotaract Award**– two \$500 awards to active Rotaract members; the sponsoring Rotary Club does not match these funds; (winners will be selected by the District Scholarship Committee)
- **Approximately 25 Jules Zentner Scholarships**- \$500 each awarded to either Interact members or other outstanding youth in your local high school. These awards must be matched by at least a \$500 award from your Rotary Club.

**LEARN MORE:**  
**WWW.ROTARY5280.ORG**

**\*Note:** As it is the responsibility of each club to determine the financial eligibility of each student, the District Scholarship Committee will accept any student the club says is following the guidelines. The suggestions of various state or federal forms is just that– a suggestion to help you as a club find your financially eligible students.

**DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR:**

Rahla Frohlich, rlhlindsey@aol.com or 818-790-6643





**INTERACT**  
**DISTRICT 5280**  
**ALOHA LUNCH**

Sunday, June 14th, 11 am - 2 pm

El Segundo Masonic Lodge

520 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

Interactors: \$15, Rotarians: \$25

Send your RSVPs to District Rep. Tim Fuentes  
at [scottfuentesftw@gmail.com](mailto:scottfuentesftw@gmail.com)! RSVPs are  
due no later than Wednesday, June 10th.

Space is limited!

Lunch and fun are guaranteed!

**Interact**

*Rotary Sponsored Club*





**Ryan Porteous receives adaptive hand cycle from Interact Club of Rollings Hills Prep and Renaissance School. Interactors shown here with Ryan posing on cycle.**

## Interact Club's First Project

**T**he Interact Club of Rolling Hills Prep and Renaissance Schools, a new club, initiated a school-wide fitness challenge to raise money to purchase an adaptive hand cycle for Ryan Porteous who was paralyzed in a sailing accident when he was 19. The Interact Club, sponsored by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Club, was newly founded on the campus this school year. The club partnered with IM

ABLE Foundation for its first project.

The mission of the IM ABLE Foundation is to remove obstacles that prevent people affected by disabilities from being physically active by providing grants, resources, fitness opportunities and motivation. This is the Foundation's first project on the west coast.

The Interact Club set a goal of \$2,500, the cost of a hand cycle, but the total raised was \$4,200. On May 21, 2015, the Interact Club and the students at RHP and Renaissance presented Ryan with his new cycle. Ryan will use the cycle to compete in his first triathlon. The remaining funds were donated towards another bike for a recipient to be decided by the Foundation.

## Rotary and Our Future

By PDG John Nugent, a member of the Westchester Club

**I**t has been 31 years since my former business partner took me to a Rotary meeting. He got me there by promoting the noon program. The program was excellent. More than anything else it got me into Rotary. After a couple months I was getting ready to leave Rotary. I traveled a lot and felt the meetings were an inconvenience I could do without. I had not yet learned the value of make-up meetings.

Fortunately, before I could resign, I was asked to serve on our clubs social committee. It was at that first committee meeting where I met three senior Rotarians who would become my Rotary mentors. Most of the twelve Rotarians who were at that meeting have passed away, but I remember them well. Over the years I have made many new Rotary friends from all over the world. Many wonderful things have happened to Nancy and me because of Rotary.



PDG John Nugent and wife Nancy

Many years ago I read a quote contributed to Albert Einstein, referencing atomic weapons, he said: "It has become appallingly clear that our technology has surpassed our humanity." I believe our work together, as friends in Rotary, is helping to preserve that humanity.

## Rotary and Our Future

By Sylvia Saverson Hill, President and member of the Crenshaw-Watts Club



**I**am proud to be a Rotarian because Rotary is a very special organization and will be the model for how service organizations operate in the future. As I gaze into my "Crystal Ball" I see Rotary leading the way because of its emphasis in four major areas.

- Youth - The future is bright and vibrant because of our highlight youth programs. Our Rotaract

Clubs are taking the lead in colleges and universities and our Interact Clubs are bringing energy and creativity while still in high school. We are expanding our boundaries to middle and elementary schools. I predict pre-school will not be far behind. Youth is our future and we have recognized that and we are mentoring them to acknowledge the importance of service both locally and around the world.

- Service Projects - We have undertaken an almost impossible task of eradicating polio in the world. We will reach that goal very soon and we must brainstorm to include another goal just as significant.

People will see the power of Rotary to problem-solve. I predict that our future goals will be so impressive and challenging that the world will have to recognize how serious and dedicated we are in being the leader in service to mankind.

- Public Relations Outreach - We are encouraging everyone to have a FaceBook page and web-site. In addition, our local events have enjoyed newspapers, magazines, radio and even television coverage. I predict that we will continue to blitz the media to include new ideas for media coverage such as sky writing, our Good Year blimp, talk shows, and games. We could even make a movie about Rotary. The possibilities are limitless.

- Ambassadors of Peace - We, as Rotarians, understand the possibility of how our influence can affect the process towards "World Peace". We reach so many people in some many countries. We have dappled in this process by sending ambassadors to participate in peace talks with various nations. I predict this process will continue and expand. We are becoming a major player in the ultimate goal of achieving "peace on Earth, good will to men." Now that's a giant leap forward for mankind. And in the future.....we can do all that and more.



# Rotary and Our Future

By Kathleen Copus, a member of the Downtown Los Angeles Club



**M**y name is Kathleen Copus, and I'm a member of the Rotary Club of Downtown Los Angeles. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday

evenings of the month; alternate Thursdays will often see us at happy hours throughout the downtown core. Add in service opportunities, board meetings, and District events/planning meetings, and it seems like there's always something good going on Rotary-wise.

The downside is, there's always something going on Rotary-wise. The risk of Rotary fatigue is real. Rotary members everywhere are such passionate people, they care and give so much, because that's who they are and mostly because there is such a strong need for what we do in the world. The world needs Service

Above Self. Always and forever. But I think our organization needs flexibility in order to continue to respond to that need, and to deliver the power of Rotary to prospective and new Rotarians (and to keep the experienced Rotarians).

As we look to the future, I hope we can realize that the traditional once a week meeting structure may work for some clubs and some Rotarians and their supporters. Fantastic! But for others, we need to support the option of meeting less while encouraging doing more. In my "perfect world," we don't need to talk about alternate meeting formats and pilot programs for twice a month meetings. We simply have a menu option of different meeting schedules, and none is better or worse than the other.

Rotary's impact ranges from influencing behavior (how volunteers feel when they experience a Rotary Moment, or simply sharing joy and a sense of purpose with your Rotary colleagues and friends at any Rotary gathering), to actually saving lives (polio eradication, maternal and child health, water and sanitation,

etc. etc.). Either way, this is powerful. And it takes a myriad of skills – those with time, those with resources, those with energy and ideas. Let's do all we can to make Rotary an inviting place, and a nimble place, open to creative ways to do good work.

But because it all takes work, we need to ask the questions – How do we balance giving a job to a busy person because you know they'll get it done, and relying too much on that busy person to where it becomes unsustainable for him or her? How do we balance sharing the strength of our organization's history with the need for innovation? I always enjoy reading articles in *The Rotarian* for how Interact and Rotaract clubs are serving Rotary, and encourage others to take a moment and think how these younger clubs are making a big impact on lives and their communities in a very positive way.

So, what's important for the future of Rotary? Flexibility. High standards for volunteers. Fewer meetings and more fun. Welcome to the Future of Rotary!

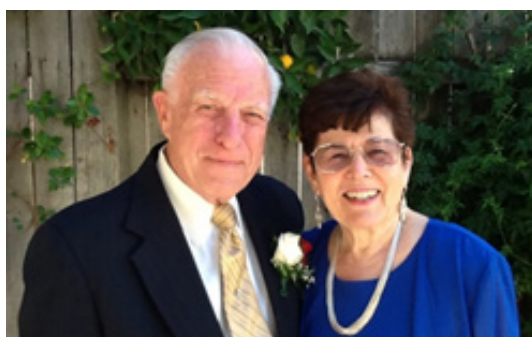
## Rotary International Dues

Clubs are reminded that, in preparation for the July 2015 invoice, all membership updates must be reported to Rotary directly or through ClubRunner on or by 1 July. Invoices are calculated based on the 1 July club membership reported to Rotary on or by that date. No adjustments will be made to your invoice once it has been issued, so

submitting membership data promptly will ensure you receive an accurate invoice. Club officers have been sent complete notice.

Visit [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) to learn more about the new club invoice. If you have any questions, please contact [clubinvoice@rotary.org](mailto:clubinvoice@rotary.org).





Correction: PDG Drew and Rahla Frohlich are both members of the Granada Hills Club.



### ***Congratulations to the Westchester Club!***

At our recent Conference the Westchester Club was mistakenly omitted from mention in the group of District 5280 clubs that received the VIBRANT Club Award. The diversity and breath of projects by the club year after year, are beyond admirable.

## *District Calendar*

*June | Rotary Fellowships*

*6-9 Rotary Intl Convention-Sao Paulo*

*14 Interact Aloha Lunch*

*20 District Assembly*



## Photos from Gillham's Island





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Bonanza members successful in the hunt.

