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IMAGINE: Our District Conference
Pictured: Rotarians of the Year Melody St. John (Hollywood) - *left* and Bette Hall (Calabasas). See page 12.

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DISTRICT CALENDAR

June

- 3 District Leadership Assembly,
Carson Community Center ([Pg. 4](#))
- 10-14 RI Convention, Atlanta

- 12 District 5280 Reception, Noon,
Ritz-Carlton Atlanta, Plaza Ballroom.
RSVP to the [District Office](#) by June 5.



A WORD, A BOY A KITE, AND ROTARY

—by District Governor Greg O'Brien

Last June, I called my fellow club member Christine Barnicki for some artistic assistance. Christine had agreed to be the editor of this publication for 2016–17. She had won the title of the District's "Best Club Editor" three times in the past, including my year as president of Palos Verdes Peninsula in 2012–13. I told Christine that my favorite logo is the DreamWorks boy fishing from his perch on the point of a crescent moon. I wanted something similar incorporating the word "imagine." My artistic ability has been stunted since the first semester of third grade. Even my stick figures are out of proportion and the smiles are always crooked.

There were reasons I selected the word "imagine" as the District theme for the past year. My reasons are represented by a boy and a kite. I explained my idea to Christine, but told her that the revelation to our members must come later. She agreed to keep my secret. At my club visits I promised to explain the full meaning of our logo at the District Conference. I have done that. Now at the request of a number of listeners who were there, I will do it here for a wider audience.

There were reasons I selected the word
"imagine" as the District theme
for the past year.

In the movie *Field of Dreams*, Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella (Kevin Costner) imagined a ballpark in his cornfield. A voice told him, "If you build it, they will come." He built it and they came. Walt Disney imagined a castle in an orange grove. He built it and they came.

So, what about that boy and his kite? I'm glad you asked. The boy represents the exuberance of youth. It is still there in each of us if we will reach down and discover it. The boy is running through the word "imagine." He is obscuring a letter. Not just any letter, however. His figure replaces the letter "i." You can see that letter in your imagination, but here it is more than just an ordinary letter. It is "I," the pronoun meaning "me, myself." The boy doesn't just hide the "i." The boy is the "I." Imagination cannot exist without someone to do the imagining. Each of us is that exuberant lad. Flying at the end of the string in our clutched hand is not just any kite, but a kite with the word "Rotary."

Kites may seem independent. They dance, dip, curtsy, bow, circle, and tug. Let go of the string, however, and our kite will go into a tailspin and crash back to earth. Kite making and kite flying take skill. Like our Rotary projects, their sustainability depends upon someone holding the string.

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Both to the word “imagine” and to the kite, the exuberant boy (the “I”) is indispensable.

Kites cost little, but their value can be priceless. Benjamin Franklin imagined that a kite string might conduct electricity, and it did. Mary Poppins imagined that a kite might unite a family, and it did. Walt Disney imagined that Mary Poppins might be loved by generations of moviegoers, and she is:

*With tuppence for paper and strings,
You can have your own set of wings.
With your feet on the ground,
You're a bird in a flight...
With your fist holding tight
To the string of your kite!*

Walt Disney said, “Disneyland will never be completed. It will continue to grow as long as there is imagination left in the world.” The same is true of Rotary. This past year clubs have used their imagination to create so many wonderful new projects and events, some of which we recognized at the District Conference. With imagination and effort, there is no end to the help we can give, the good we can do, the youth we can inspire and the better world we can create.

It has been one of the great honors of my life to serve as your District Governor. Thank you for a wonderful year. *And now, let's go fly a kite!* ■



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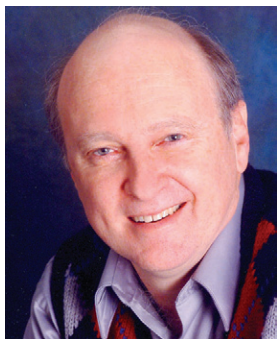
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IDEAS TO ATTRACT YOUNGER MEMBERS

—by Michael Turner (Woodland Hills), SAG Communications

One of themes at the District Conference was attracting and retaining young professionals who will become the next generation of Rotarians and who will perpetuate the value and purpose of Rotary.

According to Rotary International these are the countries with the largest membership declines between 2003–2013:

- Japan -23,248 (-21%)
- England -7,743 (-16%)
- United States - 58,481 (-15%)**
- Australia -5,260 (-14%)
- Canada -4,167 (-14%)

The United States is number three on the list. Here are some ideas for recruiting young professionals.

Target Recruiting

- Ask younger Rotarians to recruit their peers rather than putting the onus for recruiting younger Rotarians on older Rotarians who may not interact all that much with their younger peers.
- Recruit former Rotaractors, RYLA, Peace Scholars, and other Rotary alumni. Their past participation in RI programs shows they already know about Rotary's ideals and are interested in pursuing its mission.

- Recruit "up-and-comers," such as managers on their way to becoming key business and professional leaders. Getting them invested in Rotary now can help ensure their dedication when they reach top-level management or ownership positions.

Assure that Projects and Meetings Provide Value

- Have some club programs focus on professional or leadership development topics.
- Conduct service projects that are likely to appeal to younger members. Younger volunteers are more likely to focus on areas such as education, sports, and family matters.
- Make Rotary FAMILY FRIENDLY by holding activities which can involve their families.
- Make sure meetings are efficient and productive. Younger members, who often have competing priorities, are more interested in attending meetings that are conducted efficiently with an appropriate balance of hands-on projects.

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Provide Leadership and Professional Development Opportunities

- Get younger Rotarians involved immediately. Put them in positions of responsibility where they can pursue their passions and make an impact. Younger Rotarians usually get involved in Rotary to make a difference in their community or the world
- Establish two-way mentoring. Rotary includes business and professional people of all ages and genders. Link them together with the express purpose of exchanging ideas and helping each other?
- Be open to the new ideas of younger members. Maintaining the status quo in your club may bore and discourage them. ■



Tips for Engaging Members

Peter Smyth, pictured left, president of Playa Venice Rotary, offers these tips for engaging members in the full Rotary experience:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be involved in the club activities • Chair or join a committee • Follow the District's activities by reading the Weekly e-Newsletter and monthly e-Newsletter • Attend the District events and projects like the District Leadership Assembly, Foundation Dinner, and | <p>Literacy Breakfast, among many other activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donate to the Paul Harris Society • Read the monthly Rotarian magazine to discover what other clubs around the world are doing • Give back to the community • Enjoy the Rotary moment |
|--|---|

100% PARTICIPATION IN POLIO PLUS BY DISTRICT ROTARIANS

—by Shirley Giltzow (Lawndale), District Polio Plus Chair

Well, we did it again!! Every Rotarian, in every Rotary club in our District has donated to the Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus this Rotary year! This is the second consecutive year this has been accomplished. In 2015–2016, we became the first Rotary District in the world to achieve this major fete, and we are now the only Rotary District in the world that has accomplished this two years in a row!! Please congratulate every Rotarian you see on being part of this effort, as it took every Rotarian's commitment to Polio Plus to make this happen.

And what is happening with polio today? There have only been five cases in the world reported since January 2017. These cases occurred in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and there have been no new cases reported for the past several months. Melinda Gates, from the Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation, has said that these just may be the last five cases in the world. This would be a wonderful milestone in the consistent efforts by Rotarians around the world to eliminate polio, a project begun in 1986.

Keep up your efforts and commitment to End Polio Now! This branding of our efforts has never been more true. *We are ending polio right now!* ■

District Conference:

A TIME TO BE INSPIRED

—by Shirley Giltzow (Lawndale) and Freddi King (Inglewood), District Conference Co-chairs

The Cinco de Mayo-themed District Conference was a wonderful experience for Rotarians and guests, and the Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa was a beautiful setting for the event, held over Cinco de Mayo weekend.

Festivities began Thursday afternoon with a narrated paddle-wheel boat tour of the lake, under blue skies, and with balmy weather. Appetizers and beverages were enjoyed on board, and afterward we had dinner.

Lake Arrowhead Resort and Spa was a beautiful setting for the conference.

Friday morning the conference opened with the posting of the colors by three District 5280 Rotarians who are retired military servicemen. Next began two days of exciting and

informative presentations by a number of clubs, sharing their best practices and motivating audience members to consider replicating these projects.

At Friday's luncheon, RI President's Representative Bruce Goldsen, from Michigan, inspired us with his message about keeping Rotary vibrant and active by involving everyone, especially young professionals. At the Saturday luncheon, District 4195 Governor Xochitl Arbesu, from Mexico, spoke eloquently about Rotarians being different but equal.

Our Saturday afternoon's community service project included preparing blankets for the Twin Peaks Sheriff Station and teddy bears for the CHP and San Bernardino Fire Department. The more than 350 bears and blankets were donated. Rotarians labeled and packed the items, which are intended to provide warmth and comfort for children encountered by first responders.



Clockwise from top left. • Wilson and Amada Benitez (Torrance Del Amo) munching on appetizers while touring Lake Arrowhead aboard a paddlewheeler. • Three amigos: Warren Bobrow, exchange student Javier Pineda, and RI President's Representative Bruce Golden. • San Fernando Valley Rotactors Daniel Castro and Nataly Ruiz helped package cute teddy bears during a community service project. • Yucatan District 4195 Governor Xochitl Arbesu was a special guest.

About 120 teddy bears were taken the following week to the North Park School in San Bernardino, where a teacher and student were recently killed and others were injured.

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Six inches
of snow fell,
a District
Conference first
that added to
the memorable
weekend.

Not only did we learn and become inspired during the conference, but we ate well! Friday's lunch was a delicious Mexican buffet, and that night the hospitality room was filled with celebrating Rotarians and guests imbibing and enjoying a variety of delicious foods provided by the clubs. A Mariachis band, salsa dancing, and a piñata, which looked like DG Greg, added to the festive evening.

Saturday evening's hoedown featured tender steaks and salmon, with chocolate lava cakes and cheesecakes putting a finishing touch on the meal! A rustic atmosphere was created with bales of hay, and many city slickers donned western attire. Following the moving presentation of major awards, there was line dancing.

Sunday morning began with an inspirational service, and during breakfast there was a lovely Celebration of Life for our lost Rotarians. DG Greg spoke eloquently of his experiences and his appreciation to individuals during his year. The passing of pins from DG Greg to DG-elect Cozette followed. In addition, banners were exchanged between the Palos Verdes Peninsula (DG Greg) and the Westchester Clubs (DG-elect Cozette). Incoming governor Cozette shared her enthusiasm in beginning her service in the coming year. She outlined some of the important goals she would like the District and its clubs to achieve. *She would like us to make a dream come true.*

There were smiles on every face as we departed this beautiful mountain setting and tramped through six inches of snow deposited Saturday evening!



Clockwise from above. • DG Greg O'Brien with look-alike piñata. • Sue Baillie, Calabasas President Sally Goya, Sherry Keowen, Lulu Kamatoy. • DG Greg O'Brien, soon-to-be DG Cozette Vergari, Palos Verdes Peninsula President Allen Bond, and Judy Delavinge (Westchester) • DGD Melody St. John (Hollywood) making a snow angel.

This was a first for a District Conference, making for a memorable tableau for the weekend! The conference was another inspirational, educational, fun-filled, and exhilarating weekend, never to be forgotten by those who attended. ■

District Conference:

A SHOWCASE FOR CLUB PROJECTS

—by Lorine Parks (Downey), Senior Correspondent

Blue skies, whispering pines, and clean mountain air. Another beautiful District 5280 Conference, this time at Lake Arrowhead from May 4–7. With a chance to celebrate fiesta fun on Cinco de Mayo weekend at the Lake Arrowhead Resort & Spa, about 300 Rotarians converged on this lakeside setting.

One household, two club presidents

In an unusual combo, possibly a District first, both spouses from one household attended as presidents-elect, but from different clubs. Dickie VanBreene represents the El Segundo Club, while her husband, Mark Burton, is the new leader for Manhattan Beach.

Together they co-hosted a hospitality table for their clubs, with a Cinco de Mayo-themed tequila tasting. “We had a lot of fun,” commented Dickie. “The best memory was meeting attendees,” Mark added. “It was so much fun talking to everyone that visited our table.”

Informal conversations with fellow Rotarians were great learning experiences,” said Dickie, who has concluded a successful career as a teacher and principal at Richmond Street Elementary in El Segundo. “I learned about ideas for branding and getting the Rotary name out there. Rotary does so many amazing international projects. All of them are outstanding initiatives!”

Mark, a Manhattan Beach city councilman and realtor, attended his first Rotary Club meeting five years

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In coming club presidents Dickie Van Breene (El Segundo) and Mark Burton (Manhattan Beach) at their joint clubs' Tequila Tasting Table at the Conference's Hospitality Night.

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ago and was so impressed with the members of the Manhattan Beach Club, “that I knew I wanted to become a member. What really moved me was the compassion I saw in the members’ eyes as they watched a Rotary International video.”

Mark saw that same commitment with Rotarians at the District Conference in many of the clubs’ humanitarian projects. “The one thing I learned informally in talking with fellow Rotarians was how ‘authentic’ each member is in his or her Rotary commitment,” said Mark.

“Rotarians are just ‘good people,’ and my take away was that I am very proud to be a Rotarian, because I was inspired by the work Rotary does to make the world a better place,” commented Dickie.

Wells Bring Hope is one impressive club project

What impressed Dickie about the conference was the Global Grants showcase. An example was the presentation of the project Wells Bring Hope by Larry Johnson, a past president of the Manhattan Beach Club, “This really defines what Rotary is all about,” said Larry.

“I was honored to share with the conference my experiences in Niger and our Million Dollar Global Grant. We successfully raised the necessary funds to bring a clean water and hygiene system to 25,000 residents of the poorest country in the world, Niger, which is in sub-Saharan West Africa.”

Larry, a board member and treasurer of Wells Bring Hope, began this project by creating a million dollar global grant for water, sanitation, and hygiene, known as WASH. To complete the project, Larry worked with a number of Southern California organizations and Rotary, including clubs from South Korea and Niger.

“I got involved in Wells Bring Hope almost seven years ago, Larry said.



Larry Johnson visits the Wells Bring Hope project in Niger.

Former Los Angeles District Attorney Gil Garcetti, who spoke to his Rotary Club a few years ago, drew me to the organization after hearing his presentation. Gil displayed a number of very compelling photographs he took of women and young girls getting water from the same polluted watering holes that the animals bathed in. At the time, my granddaughter was seven years old, and I pictured her face on one of those little girls carrying a 50-pound pail of water on her head. It was soon after I met Gil that I was offered a position on the Wells Bring Hope Board.”

With funds raised matched by The Rotary Foundation and World Vision, the project’s implementation team included Niger locals to drill wells, some of which were powered by solar energy.

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The project educated the people on proper sanitation and hygiene. An estimated 25,000 people were able to achieve direct benefit from the project.

“The most satisfying thing about the project was being able to help thousands of young girls go to school, making it possible for their mothers to farm and make handicrafts for sale in the market, thus improving the economic viability of their village,” commented Larry.

Annual Fishing Derby in Wilderness Park

Ray Brown presented the Downey Club’s annual Fishing Derby that benefits clients at the Arc of Los Angeles and Orange Counties. “Arc clients, who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, joined us in catching fish in Wilderness Park, an oasis of 26 green acres,” said Ray. “The lake was stocked the night before with fish by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. After fishing, everyone enjoyed a pizza lunch.”

As Rotarian Mario Guerra put it, “The joy that is visible when clients realize that they were able to not only catch a fish but reel it in on their own, is something that stays with you and fills your heart and brings a permanent smile.”

Lots of other great ideas and a surprise ending

During the conference there were presentations of projects from each Area of Service. In addition, there were sessions on membership recruitment and retention, which is receiving a big push from the District and RI.

The conference’s coda was six inches of snow on Saturday arranged by conference co-chairs, Shirley Giltzow (Lawndale) and Freddi King (Inglewood). In addition, the thermometer took a nosedive from 85 degrees on Thursday to 26 degrees on Saturday.

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An Arc client holds a rod, reel, and catch with the assistance of Downey Rotarians Larry McGrew, center, and Manny Castro, right.

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During the Conference, awards were presented to these Rotarians and clubs

❶ PDG Doug Baker, left, received the Rotary International Service Above Self Award, RI's highest honor, with only 150 are presented annually. A Rotarian since 1992, Doug was DG in 2010–2011 and again in 2013–14. Doug is pictured with DG Greg O'Brien.

❷ PDG Rick Mendoza, left, received the End Polio Now Regional Service Award. The District Polio Committee, since its inception in 1995 and when Rick was DG, has raised \$125,000 for PolioPlus. Rick is pictured with PDG DJ Sun.

❸ PDG David Moyers received the Rotary International Distinguished Service Award, the RI Foundation's highest service recognition presented to up to 50 Rotarians annually. David raised more than \$1 million in 2008–2009 and was DRFC from 2012–2015. During his tenure there were 30 successful grant projects. He is shown with PDG DJ Sun.

❹ The Lawndale Club received the District Small Size Club of Excellence Award. Mindy Stogsdill, pictured with DG Greg O'Brien, accepted on behalf of President Lucy Tseng.

❺ The Bellflower Club received the District Medium Size Club of Excellence Award. It was accepted by President Connie Hui, who is pictured with DG Greg O'Brien.

❻ The Woodland Hills Club was named District Large Size Club of Excellence. President Diane Nelson accepted the award. She is pictured with DG Greg O'Brien.

❼ The PR Award for Small Clubs went to LA Cedars. AG Wilson Benitz, left, pictured with SAG Communications Michael Turner, accepted on behalf of President Sean Haddad.

❽ The PR Award for Large Clubs went to Santa Clarita Valley. President Wendi Lancy accepted the honor from SAG Communications Michael Turner.

Also honored but not pictured here. • PDG Elmer Jordan received the Hall of Fame Award. Elmer has been a Rotarian since 1972, was on the 1991–1992 RI Board and has 42 years of perfect attendance. • District Rotarians of the Year were DGD Melody St. John, left, and SAG Youth Services Bette Hall, pictured on the cover. ■

The RYLA Story:

WHERE LEADERSHIP SKILLS ARE REFINED AND FRIENDSHIPS MADE

—by Lorine Parks, Senior Correspondent, Downey



The Alpine Camp and Conference Center in the San Bernardino Mountains was the setting for District 5280's RYLA, held during the weekend of April 21–23, 2017.

Campers and colorful T-shirts melted into one harmonious picture under the trees. The camp is breathtaking and completely private, giving the students a peaceful environment in which to learn about themselves and each other. “By far the most memorable camp that I’ve had as a counselor,” said Chris Reyes, executive director of District 5820’s RYLA Camp.

What happens at RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly)? Each spring, between 180 and 200 high school students from the greater Los Angeles area spend 2½ days participating in a variety of activities, including leadership workshops, team-building exercises, an Olympics-type event, and talent show.

Who goes to RYLA? Each club nominates students, and their expenses are paid by the club. Each club is assigned a RYLA liaison, who is responsible for facilitating the signup process.

RYLA is not a camp intended to teach

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Angie Vargas, left, and Crystal.

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leadership skills. It is assumed students in attendance already possess those skills. However, the following topics naturally arise in the course of RYLA activities and discussions:

- Fundamentals of leadership
- Ethics of positive leadership
- Qualities of a “servant leader”
- Importance of communication skills in effective leadership
- Conflict management and problem solving
- Building self-esteem and self-confidence
- Elements of community and global citizenship
- Rotary’s purpose of service to the community and world

Counselors train yearlong
to create the magic of the
RYLA weekend.

In creating an effective environment during the weekend, cell phones are not allowed so that students can leave behind the distractions of the outside world.

They also accept responsibility for their active involvement during the camp as a way to establish a basis for personal success and community engagement.

Counselors train yearlong to create the magic of the RYLA weekend. They are previous RYLA participants who wish to pass on what they have learned.

“To ensure that everything runs smoothly, I like to bond with the counselors individually. This way I get to know and understand each one and what he or she can contribute to RYLA,” commented Chris. “During their training, we tell stories, relate our experiences at RYLA and other



From the left: Danilo Flores, RYLA Camp Executive Director Christopher Reyes, Kyle Viramontes, and Evan Eguchi.

organizations, and learn about each other. Counselors want to give back to their community and many of them go the extra mile to make the experience unforgettable for the students.”

“In addition, we like to anticipate what may go wrong and prepare backup plans,” Chris said. “However, this year everything went according to the agenda, and nobody had to stress out.”

“The group of students this year was very energetic and compassionate. They were supportive, attentive, and fun to be around. I know these kids have the creativity and potential to be the leaders of the present who will secure the future for us,” said Chris.

Plans are in the works for a reunion of past RYLA participation. This is proof that many lasting friendships develop during the weekend. Some of them will be carried forward as the students grow and mature. ■



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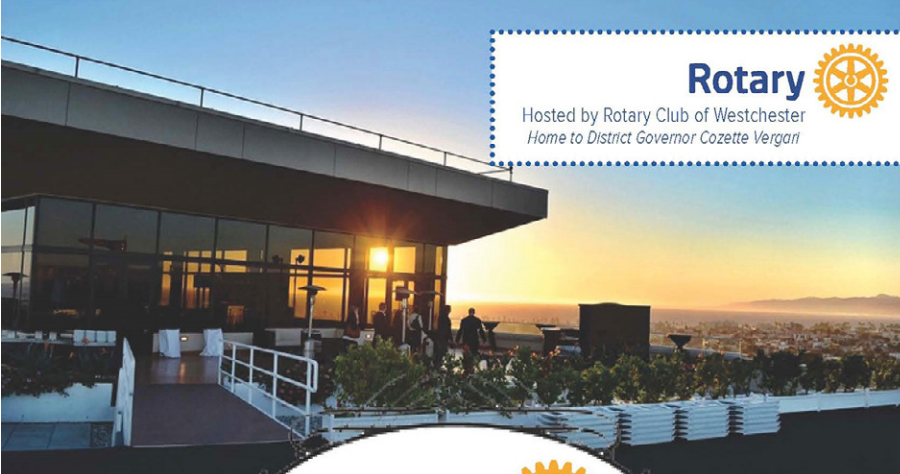
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Imaginative Club Project:

NIGHT IN NEVERLAND FOR SPECIAL-NEEDS ADULTS

Compton, Latinos Unidos, San Pedro, and Wilmington Clubs sponsored a *Night in Neverland: Special-Needs Prom*. The event was held at the Banning's Landing Community Center in Wilmington.

"The prom was awesome!" said Margie Hernandez (Wilmington). "It was a huge success because of the tireless dedication of Rotarians from the four clubs."

The clubs' efforts included beautiful decorations, wrist corsages and boutonnieres, special makeup, delicious food, an upbeat DJ, and photographers to record the experience. Even Captain Morgan and his band of pirates, along with their ship, made an appearance! Here is a comment from a parent, whose son attended the event:

The Prom was fantastic! The theme, decorations, food, and the happy volunteers made the event extra special! My son, Sean, and his buddy, Frank, had a blast. As Sean's mom, I sincerely appreciated all the kindnesses from the lovely volunteers who wanted to get the guys up and dancing!!! I recognized a dozen or so HRC clients in the crowd. It was nice to know there were more than two or three clients from HRC!!!

The slide show was terrific and really showcased how much fun everyone was having! I have shared it with some folks here at HRC!

I personally and professionally appreciate all the hard work and determination from all of you in hosting this terrific Prom!!!

With gratitude, Kerry R. ■



(Top) Happy prom-goers.

(Center) DG Greg OBrien, far right, joined in the shipboard festivities, along with Captain Morgan, center in red, and his two female pirates.

(Left) The men received boutinniers as they arrived. Women received corsages.

CLUB 62

News for and about District 5280 clubs



Inglewood and Santa Clarita Valley Rotarians working together! The Inglewood Club came out to assist the Santa Clarita Valley Club in preparing and selling peach cobbles and tri-tip sandwiches at the Newhall Cowboy Festival. Pictured from the left are: Tom Cole (Santa Clarita Valley); Robert Ryans, AG (Inglewood); Dexter Hall, past president (Inglewood), who volunteered from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday; and Louis Esbin, AG and past president (Santa Clarita Valley).

Rotary Spouse Receives RI Award!

Congratulations to Sheila Murrin, who was selected to receive the RI Spouse/Partner Service Award. Only 50 individuals, internationally, were selected to receive this prestigious award for 2016–2017. Her husband, James, is a member of the Bellflower Club.



Glendale Sunrise sponsored the flying of 1,000 flags during Memorial Day weekend at Forest Lawn Cemetery–Hollywood Hills. The Field of Honor and Gratitude was a communitywide event designed to celebrate patriotism and recognize those who have made an impact in our lives. Funds raised through flag sponsorship support programs such as Books and Coats for Kids, veterans housing, Operation Gratitude, the Salvation Army, and the Literacy Garden.



Redondo Beach Club presents scholarships.

Pictured are Terry Bichlmeier, left, president of the Redondo Beach Club Community Foundation, who presented \$1,000 vocational scholarships to Lizbeth Garcia and Drew Haberman from El Camino College to further their studies in nursing and firefighting, respectively.

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L.A. 5 enjoyed a fantastic President's Party at the home of Harry Barseghian. It was a perfect evening for honoring the current president, Todd Johnson, and Paul Netzel, who is PDG and chair-elect of the RI Foundation. Pictured from the left are: Alan Bernstein, SAG Community Service; Paul Netzel; and Arthur Kassel.

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Inglewood Club is appreciated! Gina Chan, director of the Los Angeles County Fire Explorer program, presented the **Inglewood Club** with a Certificate of Appreciation for members’ dedication and support. Pictured from the left are: Dexter Hall, **Inglewood’s** president-elect; Robert Ryans, AG; Gina Chan, Explorer Scouts, Inc; Ronald Tomsick, Sr., **Inglewood Rotary** president; Ronald Banks (**Inglewood**); and Henry Rodriguez, Battalion Chief LA County Fire Dept. ■

IN OTHER DISTRICT NEWS



RI Foundation Is AFP’s Outstanding 2016 Foundation

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) recognized The Rotary Foundation with its annual Award for Outstanding Foundation at its 2017 conference in San Francisco. The award honors organizations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Paul Netzel, pictured left above accepted the award on Rotary’s behalf. “With the generous support, we’ve taken on some of the world’s toughest humanitarian challenges, none more so than the devastating disease of polio,” said Paul. “We will defeat polio, and it will be a landmark achievement for global public health.” ■