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From Governor DJ...

The first quarter of the Rotary year has passed with many memories and achievements. During the first quarter, I visited more than 40 clubs in the District and met many Rotarians. I am amazed to see that each club, each member is working in his or her way to serve the community and the world.

October is Rotary Vocational Service month.

Vocational service focuses on:

- Developing professional connections by bonding with others through service
- Promoting high ethical standards in business, appreciating the value of all useful occupations, and recognizing the opportunity for Rotarians to use their occupational skills to serve society

During October, encourage your club to focus on this important component of Rotary. Vocational service allows your members to utilize their unique and valuable skillsets and fosters enthusiasm and engagement. Below are examples of suggested activities:

- Devote the first meeting in October to examining vocational service, including the values outlined in The Four-Way Test and The Declarations of Rotarians in Business and Professions. After expanding members' awareness, solicit their input in planning projects for the rest of the year.
- Introduce a "classification talk" series in which each member gives a five-minute talk on his or her job. These talks allow members to learn the inner-workings of other fields and broaden their inner-perspectives.
- Present a vocational award to someone in the community who has exemplified outstanding professional achievement and high ethical standards. Promote the presentation to the local community and consider making it an annual event in October.
- Help local youth prepare for professional careers by sponsoring a career day, professional workshop, mentorship program, or job-shadowing day.
- Support professional development in the community by sponsoring a professional networking event or workshop, or start a career-counseling program to help unemployed and underemployed adults in your community compete in the job market.
- Have club members volunteer their vocational skills in a community or international service project. Many volunteer opportunities can be found on ideas.rotary.org, an online database that allows Rotary clubs to publicize projects in need of assistance.



The District Picnic at the Seaside Lagoon in Redondo Beach was a smashing success. Many Rotarians, their family and friends, as well as Interact, and Rotaract members participated. It was great fellowship and a lot of fun. The Crenshaw-Watts club won the Governors Trophy in the Chili Contest and the Playa Venice Club won the Governors Trophy in the Cardboard Boat race. Congratulations!

Upcoming Events:

October 20 is the 2nd District Breakfast meeting at the Western LAX Hotel at 7:00 a.m. Gil Garcetti will be the keynote speaker. He will talk about his work in documenting the water crisis in Africa. This will be the kick off for the water project sponsored by the Manhattan Beach club and supported by the District. Many clubs in our District are supporting this project. (See story on page 9)

October is a good time to carry club projects into realization. The District has been working on making communications between the DG, SAGs, AGs and Club presidents more efficient and productive. This will allow us to better serve the community and the world.

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



**Congratulatory Message from 2012-13 RIP, Sakuji Tanaka
in Honor of the Chartering of the Rotary Club of Little Tokyo**

お祝いのメッセージ

元RI会長 田中 作次

リトル東京RC設立記念パーティの開催誠にありがとうございます。ロータリーの歴史を振り返ってみますと1945年、国連の創設時には多くのロータリアンが協力されたことが伝えられています。現在でも毎年11月上旬にはロータリーの国連日が設けられ、世界から多くの会員がここに集まりRI会長のスピーチも含めて参加者と共にこの日を祝っております。

またロータリーは青少年交換プログラムなど未来を築く青少年のための育成にも力を注いでおります。2002年から始まった平和フェロー育成のための素晴らしいプログラムも順調な経過と共に力強い実績を示しています。

皆様はすでにご存じのとおりロータリーが力を入れて行っている6つの重点分野は次の通りです。

1. 平和と紛争解決 2. 水と衛生 3. 基本教育と識字率の向上
4. 母子の健康 5. 疾病予防と対策 6. 社会と地域の発展 です。

1988年から公式に開始されたポリオ撲滅のためのプログラムは世界のロータリアンの絶大なご支援の下に当初年間30万件ものポリオ症例が、現在では数百件にまで減少しており、間もなくポリオ撲滅の夢がかなえられる可能性が高まって参りました。

ポリオ症例が世界からなくなった日から3年間を経た場合にはじめてポリオの撲滅が宣言されることになりますが、その間に1症例でもあれば、その日から3年間待たなければなりません。このためには世界の各地域における完璧な予防接種やワクチンの投与が必要となります。

ロータリーのこのようなポリオ撲滅に対する力強いご努力がビルゲーツ財団の資金協力に繋がったものといえます。今後とも引き続き皆様のご協力をよろしくお願い申し上げますと共に貴クラブの益々のご発展と会員各位のご健勝をご祈念申し上げお祝いのご挨拶いたします。



District 5280 Governor DJ Sun (r), placing a Rotary pin on the jacket of Japanese Consul General Harry H. Horinouchi, who is an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Little Tokyo.

Big congratulations for the chartering of the Rotary Club of Little Tokyo.

When we look back, many Rotarians contributed in the formation of the United Nations in 1945. And every mid-November, Rotarians from all over the world gather at UN and celebrate the day with RI President and world leaders.

Rotary makes great effort in supporting the youth, providing various programs for them. Peace Fellow program, which started in 2002, is one of them.

As many of you already know, Rotary has six areas of focus:

- 1) PROMOTING PEACE, 2) FIGHTING DISEASE, 3) PROVIDING CLEAN WATER, 4) SAVING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 5) SUPPORTING EDUCATION, 6) GROWING LOCAL ECONOMIES.

Polio eradication has been supported by Rotarians all over the world since 1988. Compared to about 300,000 Polio cases annually then, we now have only about several hundred. Our dream of total eradication is near. In order for us to declare complete eradication of Polio, however, there cannot be even one case for three years. For that we need to provide vaccines all over the world.

I believe Rotary's steadfast commitment to Polio eradication has led to the financial contribution by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Please continue to support the Polio eradication programs.

Rotary Club of Little Tokyo, congratulations again. I wish you much prosperity and good health of each member.



ROTARY DISTRICT 5280 FOUNDATION CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 14, 2015

On Saturday, November 14 Rotarians and guests from District 5280 will come together to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the longest uninterrupted Foundation Celebration throughout Rotary International at the beautiful Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, 1700 Ocean Avenue. This year's theme is "Seaside Serenade."

Our guest speaker will be fellow Rotarian and Emmy-winning Producer/Director Brady Connell. Brady was Executive Producer and showrunner of ABC's long-running television series *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. Brady supervised the television production and construction of over 100 new homes for deserving families. The show traveled to all 50 states, and also built community centers, businesses, dorms, homeless shelters, and even a fundraising Haunted House.

In addition to helping individual families, *Extreme Makeover* inspired entire

communities to give back to their own, often resulting in the revitalization of whole neighborhoods, including a struggling district in Buffalo, New York, multiple structures and organizations in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and in Joplin, Missouri, in the middle of the devastation following their massive 2011 tornado, the show inspired 13,000 volunteers to build 7 homes in 7 days, jump-starting a building spree in the community that still continues.

The show and its strategic partners were also responsible for paying off over 60 mortgages, starting dozens of businesses for homebound families, and distributing over one million dollars in scholarships to students of all backgrounds and ages.

The deadline for ads in the Foundation Celebration program is October 9, so if you have a club event you would like to promote or you would like to promote your business, please contact Nora MacLellan at dougnora@aol.com or Alan Bernstein at

Alan.Bernstein@engagepace.com.

We are looking for silent auction items for the event. In addition to club contributions when the District Governor visits, we encourage individual Rotarians to donate items to help make this event successful. The Rotary Foundation really benefits and it provides more Paul Harris Foundation credits for you. We would love to have gift certificates to a favorite restaurant, a gift basket, entertainment we would all enjoy, wines and spirits, unique items, relaxing getaways and other auction items you might be able to obtain. Be creative! Use your imagination! If you have any questions, contact Helene Pizzini at pizzini3@cox.net or Carmela Raack at carmraack@aol.com.

Let's all come together and do whatever we can to help raise money for The Rotary Foundation!

District Calendar

October 2015

- 3 New Member Orientation*
- 13 District Governor's Club Visit
(Little Tokyo Club)*
- 17 President-Elects
Get Acquainted Breakfast*
- 17 Potential District Governor Seminar*
- 18 Disney's The Lion King*
- A Rotary Youth Outreach opportunity*
- 20 District Breakfast*

November 2015

- 14 Rotary Foundation Celebration*
- 18 President's Dinner*

December 2015

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

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 - May 1 RYLA*

May 2016

- 29 - June 1 RI Convention (Seoul, Korea)*



ROTARY DISTRICT 5280

DISTRICT BREAKFAST**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015****KEYNOTE SPEAKER: GIL GARCETTI**

Former LA County DA; Internationally renowned photographer and published author; and UNESCO-IHE Cultural Ambassador



Since leaving the District Attorney's office in 2000, Gil (father of Mayor Eric Garcetti) has become a full time photographer with seven published books and exhibitions and presentations around the world. His topics range from career change, the death penalty, and the subject matter addressed in his photographic essays.

Perhaps his most consequential book, *WATER IS KEY*, focuses on the rural villages of West Africa where millions do not have access to safe water. With his photographs, essays, and stories from six trips to West Africa, Gil is able to motivate

his audiences to help the rural villagers by bringing a bore hole well to their village, dramatically improve the sanitation, and provide resources for micro-credit entrepreneurs. As such, Gil is the perfect person to help us officially launch the effort in our District to raise a ONE MILLION DOLLAR Global Grant to improve the lives and health of over 25,000 Nigeriens by providing increased access to safe water and improved sanitation and hygiene (**WASH**).

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Manhattan Beach, in conjunction with World Vision, along with the support of District Governor DJ and the Rotary Clubs of our District, especially LA5, Santa Monica and Beverly Hills, whom have already expressed support, this effort will formally commence at the District Breakfast.

TIME

7:00AM | Registration
7:30AM | Breakfast

LOCATION

Westin LAX Hotel
5400 W. Century Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90045

COST

Before Oct. 13 | \$38
After Oct. 13 | \$43

RSVP

To District Office At:
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parking structure

CLUB _____ **# OF ATTENDEES** _____ **AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** _____

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Please note: Clubs reserving a full table of
10 will have a reserved table. For clubs with
less than 10 attendees, there will be open
seating.

**A reservation made is a reservation paid. Each
attendee must have a ticket in their possession.**



ROTARY FOUNDATION CELEBRATION
DISTRICT 5280

Seaside Serenade

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel
1700 Ocean Avenue in Santa Monica

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Emmy-winning Producer/Director

BRADY CONNELL

Executive Producer of ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*
and *The Great Christmas Light Fight*

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SAVE THE DATE!



Rotary District 5280 Presidents-Elect 2016 - 17

“Get Acquainted” Breakfast

WHEN:

Saturday, October 17, 2015

TIME:

8 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

WHERE:

Del Rey Yacht Club

13900 Palawan Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

COST:

\$25.00 per person

Checks payable to “Rotary District 5280”

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

RSVP:

RSVP by October 10 to office@rotary5280.org

WITHOUT CLEAN AND SAFE WATER, NOTHING CAN IMPROVE IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD!

by Lorine Parks – Rotary Club of Downey

Southern Californians in District 5280 can relate to these drought figures: since 1970, West Africa has had a decline in the average yearly rainfall of between 15 and 30 %. Aquifers are being depleted, rendering many hand-dug wells dry and useless.

District 5280, through the Rotary Club of Manhattan Beach, is planning a \$1 million Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) collaborative project in Niger, West Africa, the poorest country in the world. Project WASH is the largest Rotary International Global Grant undertaken by District 5280 and an opportunity for all clubs to participate in this major feat. It will bring safe water to 25,000 people in various villages in Niger.



This picture of a young Nigerien girl was taken by Gil Garcetti and this other photos are from his book, Women, Water and Wells. Garcetti has been designated a UNESCO Cultural Ambassador for his work with safe water projects.

How did Rotary get connected to this project? Gil Garcetti, former District Attorney for Los Angeles and now a prize-winning professional photographer, and Larry Johnson, a former president and active, long-time member of Manhattan Beach Rotary, were both members of the Board of “Wells Bring Hope,” a local not-for-profit dedicated to drilling water wells in Niger.

Larry came up with the idea of trying to gain the support of Rotary International to fund a Global Grant. Larry and the president and founder of Wells Bring Hope, Barbara Goldberg, developed a plan to take to his Rotary Club to see if this was something they wanted to support.

“Gil was the Catalyst,” says Larry. “He was our main speaker, over five years ago. His presentation included photographs he had taken in Niger of young girls and women carrying large containers of water. There were also photos of children suffering from some of the waterborne diseases caused by drinking unsafe

water. These images and the statistics behind them inspired me and our Club.”

Why Niger? Niger is the poorest country in the world where 1 out of 7 children never reach their fifth birthday — mostly because of water-related conditions. Niger is a developing, landlocked African nation of 17 million people twice the size of Texas, whose northern expanse includes the Sahara Desert.

A former French colony but independent since 1960, Niger lies north of Nigeria, which is a British Commonwealth country. Do not confuse the two. The nations of Niger and Nigeria both take their names from the Niger River, which is the east-west boundary between them. But Niger and Nigeria couldn't be more different from each other.

Nigeria is largely fertile and forested, with many rivers and a long coastline on the Bay of Guinea, while Niger is four-fifths desert and is completely cut off from the sea. And there is not a single mile of railroad track in the entire country.

Gil picks up the story, “I went to West Africa for the first time in January 2001, to take some photographs for the Hilton Foundation which funds water projects in Ghana, Niger, Mali, and Burkina Faso. It was this trip that introduced me to the beauty of the people and their environment as well as learn about the huge problem in West Africa--the lack of safe water.”



Nigerien women and children share water source with livestock, which means it will be contaminated with animal waste and potentially dangerous to their families.

“The real surprise,” Gil goes on, “was learning that though about 70% of all the people in West Africa do not have safe water, there is plenty of good, safe water for all” There is abundant water, but it is 250-300 feet underground, too deep for villagers to access on their own. “And” adds Gil, “the governments do not have the resources or expertise to find and bring the water to their people.”

“When water comes, life changes are dynamic and lasting. Infant mortality drops dramatically, women start small businesses with micro-credit made available to them, and, most importantly

to me,” Gil adds, “girls are now be free from needing to collect water every day and are able to attend school. Girls going to school is life changing not just for the girl and her village, but for the entire world.”



Gil's photos have been exhibited at the UCLA Fowler Museum, United Nations, and UNESCO headquarters in Paris, among other venues.



“Imagine the incredible good that comes from just one bore hole well,” Gil comments.

Project WASH for Niger is comprised of a very effective water delivery system that makes use of solar panels to pump water into an above ground tank that is then dispersed via an underground piping system, throughout an entire village. The project will be managed by the local Rotary Club of Niger, supervised by World Vision staff on the ground, who have been designing and working together on this project for almost a year.

Funds from District clubs will be matched 50% by the Rotary International Foundation, and the total will then be matched by World Vision, with whom Rotary has been cooperating for over 10 years. Wells Bring Hope is adding \$100,000. World Vision

and Rotary share a goal of improving the health through improved access to safe water and improved sanitation and hygiene. Communities can begin to shape their future and transform their lives and those of their children.



Gil: “To access water, villagers need only to turn on a spigot, making it accessible to both children helping their mothers and also older people who are unable to use a hand pump.”

With polio nearly eradicated and confined to small pockets in Afghanistan and Nigeria, Rotary International has now turned its attention to the world-wide problem of accessible good water. Here is a project to which every Club can contribute: the Manhattan Beach Club has committed \$15,000. For every 1\$ a Club donates, it should realize about a \$6 to \$1 leverage, an immeasurable return on investment, when what is at stake is each young life. *You will learn more about the WASH collaborative project in Niger when Gil addresses the District Breakfast on October 20.*



Lorine Parks – Rotary Club of Downey

The Real Value of a Being a Rotarian

by Lorine Parks – Rotary Club of Downey

So why, then, do we join Rotary? What, besides the opportunity for service, do we get out of the experience?

Paul Harris was a young attorney when he founded Rotary and he was lonely at lunch time with his sack lunch. He wanted friends, and he was looking to expand his network and create business relationships in the community. At some later point he and his new friends became today's vision of "true" Rotarians, and many less fortunate people have benefited.

"Some Rotarians have forgotten this part of our organization's history," says Ken Chong of the LA5 Rotary Club and Membership Chair for District 5280. "We want to show new members that regardless of what club they belong to, they have joined a larger network of like-minded professionals."

"Friendship" as C. S. Lewis put it, "is born at that moment when one person says to another: 'What! You too? I thought that no one but myself . . .'" Becoming a Rotarian can mean acquiring instant friends because Rotarians are willing to trust one another to have common interests and similar qualifications. Sitting together at meetings, acquaintances can grow into friendship; working on club projects can forge friendships for life.

"We want to show prospective members the value of Rotary membership beyond the good feeling you get when you give, serve and volunteer," Ken continues. "I have always considered the costs and time commitment of Rotary as a personal investment in myself."

For young professionals there is the opportunity to learn leadership skills and get exposure among friends to overcome that dreaded dragon, fear of public speaking. Every Rotary club gives ample opportunity for its members to develop leadership skills, problem solving with limited resources, business development skills (fundraising), and



Lorine Parks – Rotary Club of Downey

public speaking opportunities, all while trying to help someone else, less fortunate, to have a better life.

As part of service projects, Rotarians get invited to unusual places: Colombia, Guatemala, and São Paulo. From delivering wheelchairs to villages in India and eyeglasses in Panama, to making and paddling a cardboard boat in a lagoon in Redondo Beach, when you are a Rotarian, you are going somewhere special.

The District Membership Team comprised of LA5 Past President Alan Bernstein, Westwood Village Past President Mark Rogo and Del Amo Past President Dean Reuter want to help clubs with membership. They are available to be program speakers to help Rotarians realize their strengths and value propositions when talking to potential candidates.

Joining a large network of like-minded professionals and finding friendship, personal growth and the chance for out-of-the ordinary experiences, these all count as reasons to become a Rotarian, every bit as much as the opportunity to give service above self. Tell that to your prospective members!



Public Awareness and Social Media

By Michael Turner, Senior Assistant Governor for Communications - Rotary Club of Woodland Hills

Public awareness is an important part of your club's continued growth and success. Is your club widely known in your community? Do your members identify themselves as Rotarians to their friends, neighbors, and colleagues? When your community thinks about your Rotary club, what do they think?

Consider inviting prospective members and community and business leaders to a project to interact with your members and learn more about your club and the work it does for the community. Make sure your club regularly communicates with the public about its community service projects to attract both new members and donations. This also is a good retention tool.

Today social media is an important aspect of publicizing your club's projects and events. Most of the clubs in our district have a website. How often do you update the content? Do you include pictures and stories about speakers, events, and projects on a regular basis? I recommend **weekly** updates to your website to keep it fresh. This encourages visitors to return to read the new content. In addition, remember to post your club's newsletter on your website.

Take advantage of social media to raise awareness of your club in the community as a way to attract members and resources as well as to keep members informed. These platforms can be used as well to invite community members and business leaders to fundraisers and events where you can showcase your club's projects. Don't forget that websites can be set up to accept donations.

Does your club have a Facebook page? The service is **free** and easy to set up. Good content (pictures and stories) are important. While you are updating your website do the same for your Facebook page. Remember to ask members to "like" your club's Facebook page and encourage them to share



posts with their network of friends. If you have 25 members and each has 25 friends, your message is now being shared with 625 people. Many of their friends will share your message with others extending your Rotary message to thousands.

Another avenue to pursue, which is also **free**, is Twitter. Although you are limited to 140 characters per post, including pictures, invitations, sponsor forms, and other information as attachments extends your reach. Are you tweeting about your club's special events and signature projects?

If you have questions about setting up your club's social media sites I will be happy to walk you through the process. Just send me an e-mail with your contact information and I will arrange a phone appointment with you. My e-mail is: bearsworth@earthlink.net. *Let's work together to be proactive in communicating our message about our clubs and Rotary to our respective communities.*



Be a Gift to the World through Vocational Service

October 2015 | Take your talents beyond the workplace

Give the gift of Disney's The Lion King to under-privileged youth in your community. See flyer on next page and contact Diane Davis for details. It's that easy!

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The concept of vocational service

The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the Second Object, which calls on Rotarians to "encourage and foster":

- High ethical standards in business and professions
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action? Consider the following:

- Talk about your vocation in your club, and take time to learn about fellow members' vocations.
- Use your professional skills to serve a community.
- Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your own words and actions.
- Help a young person achieve his or her career aspirations.
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development.



Rotary District 5280 Vocational Service Presents

Rotary Youth Outreach

A program that gives Rotary Clubs the opportunity to share new experiences with under privileged children.

Join us for



at the beautiful

Segerstrom Center for the Arts

600 Town Center Dr. Costa Mesa

on

Sunday, October 18 at 1p.m.

\$25 per person*

*Thanks to the generosity of Rotarians and the Segerstrom Center the cost of this day has been significantly discounted.

The cost includes the theatre performance and lunch.

Sponsoring Rotary Clubs are responsible for transportation and appropriate clothing for the children attending the theatre. Clubs may purchase tickets for deserving children and an appropriate number of parent or Rotarian chaperones.

Child participants must be between 7 and 11 years old.

TICKETS ARE LIMITED

To purchase tickets please contact

Diane Davis

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DISTRICT PICNIC





September's Leadership Seminar

by Bette Hall, Senior Assistant Governor, Youth Service – Rotary Club of Calabasas

On a very warm Saturday morning 30 plus Rotarians from clubs across the District were part of a fun, interactive and very full Leadership Seminar, held in Santa Monica at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Hall. To this District Trainer's surprise all were there bright and early, and yes we did have a very early start in order to be able to allow our busy Rotarians to enjoy the rest of their Saturday. Extra marks have to go out to Judith and Roger Wilson who had just returned the night before from a trip to South Africa – now THAT was dedication – they managed to stay awake and participating throughout! Thank you too to Steven Prakash, Woodland Hills RC for the photos.



SAG Bette Hall

We were joined by several of our leaders, including our District Governor D.J. Sun, who despite his very hectic schedule, stayed for the whole meeting and shared some of his Rotary story with us. Thank you too to PDG Drew Frohlich for talking about how he became District Governor and sharing a little of what it takes to become a District Governor – more on this on October 17, 2015 for those who would like to know more. Also, to Cindy Williams for sharing her story and talking about Community Service, and as always a huge thank you to Tori Hettinger for all her assistance.

Many positive comments were received following the seminar, including that the information shared is not only useable and useful in Rotary, but also in our “other worlds” – our business lives. A huge THANK YOU all who showed up so early on a Saturday morning, and with all of your energy and input made this a successful event. Let's spread the word so more will take part in this the next time it is offered!

Next seminar is the Welcome to Rotary on October 3rd – geared towards new members who want to learn more about Rotary.

District Rotaract and Interact Members Support the District Picnic

by Bette Hall, Senior Assistant Governor, Youth Service – Rotary Club of Calabasas

They showed up in droves, and even bus loads, our young people, our future Rotarians! Under the Leadership of Victoria Perez, District Rotaract Representative (DRR), and Wallace Liew, District Interact Representative (DIR) and their respective Boards, we had such a great showing of our Rotaract and Interact members. They arrived early, with many at the gates of Seaside Lagoon before they even opened, at 9:00 a.m. to make sure all was set up for all the Rotarians coming to the wonderful District Picnic later, and they were there right at the end, some of the very last people to leave, making sure the place was spotless, all the Camp Pendleton baby items were loaded into Rotarians vehicles, the games from Knucklebones torn down and put away! Kudos to you all – you were the icing on the cake, making sure the day was a true success, under the guidance of course of the incredible Wendy Clifford!

Congratulations to DRR Victoria who came up with the idea to recycle all the bottles and cans from the Picnic (and yes, there were a lot) and all the Rotaractors who loaded their cars to take all the items to the recycling shop before it closed. All funds

raised from the recycling are going to purchase supplies for the backpacks for the District Humanitarian trip to Panama! Great idea! And many, many thanks to all of you Rotaractors and Interactors for such tremendous support!

A big event coming up is their Youth Conference, to be held on October 25, 2015 at USC. All Club Youth Service Chairs, please watch out for the information that you will be receiving and also make sure your Interact and Rotaract Clubs “save the date” for this important event. We thank everyone who has been so instrumental in securing the venue and date and to those who have agreed to participate!

One thing I have learned – our Rotaract and Interact Clubs have very busy lives, not only heavily involved and busy with their school lives and activities but also very involved in so many events of their own Clubs, plus participating in their Rotary Club events. These young people never cease to amaze and are constantly giving back. They are indeed a “Gift to the World!”



DJ VISITS THE ROTARY CLUB of WOODLAND HILLS



DJ at the Club's Board of Directors Meeting



DJ with Arturo Velasquez



DJ with Diane Nelson, President Elect



Richard Miller (Rotary Club of Van Nuys), Cozette Vergari, (Chief of Staff), President Jeffery Stern, and DJ

DJ VISITS THE ROTARY CLUB OF HOLLYWOOD



President Valerie Lord with DJ



Kelly Spirer with DJ



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That is what blood donations do – they save lives.

Blood is always in demand, irreplaceable, and hard to get. The Rotary Gives Blood program is designed to help neighbors and area hospitals with that problem.

The Rotary Gives Blood drive is the biggest one day community blood drive in the Valley. In past years, we have collected more than 400 pints in one day! For comparison, a bloodmobile usually takes in 30 pints or so. The blood we collect goes directly to area hospitals: this year we're working with City of Hope, Huntington Hospital, and Cedars Sinai. They avoid paying high prices for literally, the lifeblood so necessary to all.

We partner with the AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) Regions 8 and 174 – the players recruit donors, and the Rotary gives out prizes for the top three clubs in each region for most donors. Rotary brings the bloodmobiles to them, making it convenient to donate.

Our Sponsors and fundraisers provide the team prizes, and help defray the cost of the Drive.

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It's a three-way win!

Some of us can help directly, by giving a pint of blood. Some of us, often for reasons of health, can't give directly – but we can still help encourage as many people as possible to participate – and we can volunteer to help.

See you at the Blood Drive Saturday, November 7th!

Register and get more information at www.rotarygivesblood.org

Drive Chairs:

Agnes Lewis 818-804-0095 ajlewis7@gmail.com

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8am to 4pm



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