



# District Governor Joe Hamilton's March 2013 Newsletter



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## District Events

### **Rotary U (formerly District Assembly)**

DoubleTree Hotel  
May 16, 2013 04:30 PM - 09:00 PM

### **District Cabinet Meeting**

DoubleTree Hotel  
Jun 05, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

### **Cabinet Meeting**

DoubleTree Hotel  
Jul 10, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

### **Roast and Toast**

Jul 18, 2013 06:00 PM - 09:30 PM

### **Cabinet Meeting**

DoubleTree Hotel  
Aug 07, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

### **Cabinet Meeting**

DoubleTree Hotel  
Sep 04, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

### **Day at the A's**

Sep 07, 2013 09:30 AM - 05:00 PM

### **Cabinet Meeting**

DoubleTree Hotel  
Oct 02, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

### **Cabinet Meeting**

DoubleTree Hotel  
Nov 06, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

### **Cabinet Meeting**

DoubleTree Hotel  
Jan 08, 2014 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

### **Mid Year President's Meeting**

DoubleTree Hotel  
Jan 11, 2014

### **Cabinet Meeting**

DoubleTree Hotel  
Feb 05, 2014 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

## Stories

### **Governor's Message March 2013 Newsletter**

Posted by Joe Hamilton on Mar 31, 2013

My message can best be described by the photos of "A Grape Escape" in the body of the message below. The conference was a great success thanks to Conference Chair Ed Jellen, the Conference Planning Committee, and most of all to the 622 folks who registered and attended part or all of the conference. I also want to thank all of those who provided ads in the Conference Program or who were Sponsors of Meal or Forum Events.

Besides the speakers, the entertainment and the forums, the major awards for the year are given at the District Conference. The names of the awards recipients, the Awards and the description of the awards are below:

**R.I. Service Above Self Award:** Rose Padilla Johnson, San Leandro Rotary



**Sidney R. Mitchell Award - (Rotarian of Year):** Susan Valenta, Gilroy Rotary



**Mike Kutsuris Award - (Most Successful Membership Growth):** Brian Schott, Hayward Rotary



FEB 03, 2014 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

#### **Cabinet Meeting**

DoubleTree Hotel  
Mar 05, 2014 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

#### **Far West PETS**

DoubleTree Hotel  
Mar 07, 2014 - Mar 09, 2014

#### **Cabinet Meeting**

DoubleTree Hotel  
Apr 02, 2014 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

#### **District Conference**

Dolce Hayes Mansion  
Apr 11, 2014 - Apr 13, 2014

#### **Cabinet Meeting**

DoubleTree Hotel  
May 07, 2014 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

**Richard D. King Award - (Greatest Commitment to Rotary Foundation Program):**  
Tim Lundell, Los Gatos Morning Rotary



**Karl Stucki Award - (Greatest Commitment to Rotary Ideals):** Don MacKenzie, Palo Alto University Rotary



**Ward Garing Award - (Long Term Commitment and Dedication to Youth Programs beyond club level):** Jeff Orth, Gilroy Rotary



**David A. Heagerty Award - (Greatest Personal Commitment to the Promotion and Public Image of Rotary):** Charlie Wasser, Sunnyvale Rotary



**Carl G. Orne Award - (Greatest Personal Commitment to World Peace and Understanding):** Georgie Hildebrand, Scotts Valley Rotary





**Carolyn Schuetz Award - (Outstanding Training or Education of Rotary):** Arlene Greenberg, Morgan Hill Rotary



**Rotarian of the Year Award - (Outstanding District Chair or AG who best coordinates his/her team):** Jon Winston, Santa Cruz Sunrise Rotary



**Stan Allen Award - (Outstanding Commitment to We Care):** Bill Mayhood, Los Altos Sunset Rotary



**Neal J. Hoffman Award - (Most Outstanding Younger Rotarian who has shown Exemplary Leadership Skills):** Cheryl Rebottaro, Scotts Valley Rotary



**Allan McLeod Award (Greatest Personal Commitment to Interact):** Margarethe Pfeffer, Los Altos Sunset Rotary





**Significant Achievement for Most Outstanding President for All-Around Club**

**Achievement:** Hsing Kung, Cupertino Rotary



**Significant Achievement for Multiple District Major Roles:** Bonnie Best, San Leandro Rotary



**Significant Achievement for the Most Successful Major District Event:** Richard Flanders, North Pleasanton Rotary



After the excitement of "A Grape Escape" District Conference, I received an announcement from Rotary International that Los Gatos Rotarian Doug McNeil had been made one of a dozen Rotary Champions of Change for the Lighting for Literacy Project. Doug traveled back to Washington D.C. to be honored by R.I President Tanaka, high level government officials and an assortment of Rotary's top level individuals from around the world. As Governor I was also asked to be in attendance along with other Governors with Rotary Champions from across the U.S. Congratulations to Doug and all those involved in developing Lighting for Literacy.





### TRF News Today

Posted by Timothy Lundell on Mar 31, 2013

Congratulations also to Presidents and Rotarians and The Rotary Foundation Committee under Carolyn Schuetz. Clubs, as a group, achieved the combined Annual Giving Goal for the year. While many clubs are still reaching to attain their goal, other clubs have exceeded their goals. Please keep on promoting TRF donations and remember the Polio Plus campaign has just begun and much attention needs to be made to make sure we do our part to eradicate this horrible disease from the world.

TRF News Today describing Foundation information can be found if you [CLICK HERE](#).

### Membership Trends by Club as of April 15, 2013

Posted by Russell Hobbs on Mar 31, 2013

Congratulations to all club Presidents and District Membership Chair Russ Hobbs. We have achieved more than a 100 net member increase from July 1, 2012. Keep up the good work. A particular "shout out" goes to Castro Valley, Cupertino, Hayward and Almaden Valley; these clubs have had a spectacular burst in membership. At the end of March, Castro Valley was up 11 members and was closely followed by the 3 other clubs.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the District 5170 membership numbers broken down by club.

### Vocational Services

Posted by James Gibson on Apr 15, 2013

[CLICK HERE](#) for the latest newsletter discussing programs clubs can implement for the Vocational Services' Avenue of Service.

### Technology Corner

Posted by Charles Wasser on Mar 31, 2013

The District Conference was one of the best I have attended. Anyone with whom I have spoken agrees that the conference was well organized and run. The Communication Technologies Committee ran a forum entitled, "Getting the Message Out on the Internet." Several of us on the committee presented topics including an overview of the district's website and some good points using Club Runners' club website program, Facebook as a good venue for Social Media, and video conferencing. The room was set up for around 40 people. By the time the forum was completed, there were well over 60 people. Obviously, those of us presenting were quite satisfied with the turnout. It validated all of our efforts this year to get the message out to the district that "technology is our friend" and a very useful tool for communications from the district to clubs, from a club to many clubs, and within a club. The video conferencing part of the forum generated a high-level of interest and questions. We will be scheduling a more in-depth forum on the topics related to using video conferencing. Check on the district website where more information will be posted shortly.

When time allows, visit the district website's HOME page. Currently, there are pictures and a video from the District Conference. As you enjoy viewing the images, take note of how the video is easy to start with just one click and how the slideshow starts

Now the video is easy to start with just one click and now the slideshow starts automatically once the page opens. The techniques used to do this are quite simple and can just as easily be included in club websites. Visit the following web page on the district website to look at some helpful pages describing how to embed the material on a club website.

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?accountid=50083&pid=82337>

It is a straightforward process to include a PowerPoint presentation on a Club Runner website. The instructions will be available on the tools' pages over the next week or so. The pages were created by Ross McClenahan, who also created the district's landing page.

The landing page is where potential members get directed by the outstanding PR campaign created by Ginger McDonald and her PR Committee. The landing page is located at [www.joinrotary5170.org](http://www.joinrotary5170.org). Once there, the visitor will be able to read about Rotary and the district. The visitor will then be able to find district Rotary clubs within some selected mileage of a preferred location.

### Rotary's Champion of Change

Posted by Joe Hamilton on Mar 31, 2013



**From:** Sakuji Tanaka  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2013 7:34 AM  
**To:** Keet "Joe" Hamilton  
**Subject:** 2013 Rotary Day at the White House

Dear Governor Hamilton,  
 In recognition of Rotary International's humanitarian efforts in the United States and around the world, the White House Office of Public Engagement has invited Rotary to organize a "Rotary Day at the White House" as part of its White House's Community Leaders Briefing Series.

As part of the proceedings, the White House and Rotary will recognize key service projects and individuals that are making a difference in the lives of ordinary Americans. These "Champions of Change" come from across the country and best exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service above Self". I am pleased to inform you that **Douglas McNeil** from your district, has been selected as a finalist and submitted to the White House as one of Rotary's nominees to be recognized as a "Champion of Change". The White House will make the final selection of Champions.

Since a nominee has been chosen from your district, it is my pleasure to invite you and a guest to join me, the nominees, and other Rotary leaders in **Washington DC on Friday 5 April at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building** (adjacent to the White House residence) for "Rotary Day at the White House." Attendance is at no cost to Rotary International or The Rotary Foundation.

In addition to recognizing the Champions of Change, the day-long meeting will serve as an opportunity for high-level officials from the US Federal Government and representatives from Rotary to discuss how both are addressing key issues impacting communities in the United States and across the globe.

To accept this invitation, please complete and submit the registration form by Monday, 18 March. Please note, this form asks for sensitive personal information. Such data is required to be cleared through White House security.



While the agenda is still being finalized, the event will begin early on 5 April - so please plan to arrive the evening before. Again, as participation is at no cost to Rotary, please note that no expenses can be charged to or reimbursed by Rotary International or The Rotary Foundation.

If you are in need of accommodation while in Washington DC, there are a number of conveniently located hotels in the area. The following are a few hotel suggestions, and you may contact them directly to make your reservations:

**Washington Plaza Hotel**, 10 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, D.C. Telephone: 800-424-1140

**Hilton Garden Inn Washington D.C. Downtown**, 815 14th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Telephone: 202-783-7800

**JW Marriott Washington D.C.**, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. Telephone: 202-393-2000

**Holiday Inn Washington D.C.**, Central/White House, 1501 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. Telephone: 202-483-2000

**Westin Washington D.C. City Center**, 1400 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. Telephone: 202-429-1700

Please contact [Bryant.Brownlee@rotary.org](mailto:Bryant.Brownlee@rotary.org) should you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to a successful meeting and hope to see you in Washington.

Best regards,

Sakuji Tanaka  
2012-2013 President, Rotary International

#### **We Care**

Posted by Charles Wasser on Mar 31, 2013

Dr. Robert Smithwick, considered the father of Foothill DeAnza College District, passed away peacefully March 23, 2013, in his sleep. He was 92. Dr. Smithwick's "great vision shaped the Foothill-De Anza district," said college district Chancellor Thor, referring to his participation in the first conversations among area school district trustees and superintendents that led to the creation of an independent community college. "I believe that Dr. Smithwick's values are deeply embedded in our district," Thor said. "Many of you knew him for much longer than I, but it didn't take long to see that he was passionately committed to the idea of excellence and opportunity for all." Dr. Smithwick was chairman of the first elected board of what was then called the Foothill Junior College District in 1957 and continued his service on the board for nearly 35 years, Thor said. Since the establishment of the district, about 1.2 million students have attended Foothill or De Anza colleges.

As a resident of Sunnyvale, he engaged in many volunteer activities and was a pediatric dentist for many years in town. Smithwick served on the board of the Fremont Union High School District, serving the two districts concurrently for a number of years. He was a member of the Sunnyvale Rotary Club and served as president from 1977-1978. He was a member of the Palo Alto Rotary Club for 25 years and 10 months.

It is a sad time for the Rotary Club of Santa Clara as we mourn the loss of our beloved member and dear friend Terry Carmody. Terry joined our club in 1989 and served as club president during 1996-1997. He showed us all by example how to live a life of Service above Self. Terry, we will always love you and will never forget you. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Terry's family during this difficult time.

