



District Governor Joe Hamilton's February-March 2013



District Conference Preview Newsletter

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District Cabinet Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel
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**Children at Risk Program - FUN
RC Weekly Meeting**

Crowne Plaza Hotel
May 02, 2013 07:00 PM - 08:30
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Saratoga Rotary Art Show

May 05, 2013 09:00 AM - 05:00
PM

**Rotary U (formerly District
Assembly)**

DoubleTree Hotel
May 16, 2013

District Cabinet Meeting

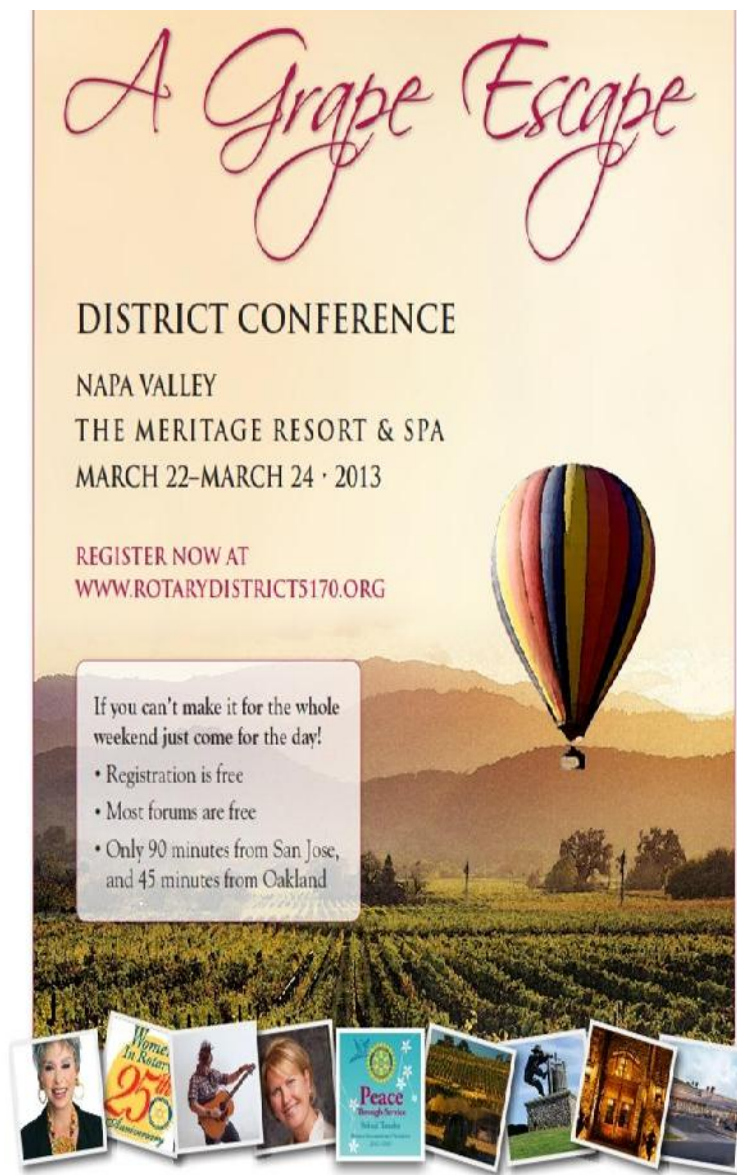
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Posted by Joe Hamilton on Mar 12, 2013

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AND RE-IGNITE AT



Governor's Message for the February-March Newsletter

Posted by Joe Hamilton

With March, come spring and the District Conference. We are calling it "A Grape Escape." The graphic photo above should be enough to lure you into coming to Napa. Whether you come and stay at the Meritage Resort or just drive up and enjoy a single day at the conference, make sure you have registered. You can go online to www.rotarydistrict5170.org to register for the conference. Registration is free.

Sign up and only pay for the meal events or those forums with a cost you wish to attend. Those of you on a tight budget can enjoy all day Friday and all day Saturday for free if you skip the meal events. You can attend up to 7 excellent, free forums on Rotary and non-Rotary topics. The House of Friendship is open and free Friday and Saturday. There will be free snacks and wine tasting, a place to relax, as well as walking around viewing displays or shopping for Rotary wares. Enjoying the ambiance of the resort grounds is worth the trip alone.

I don't want to discourage the meal events, they will be fantastic. There is a meal package for the entire conference which will save \$66 over the total cost of all meals and make it less expensive than combined meal events in the past. The Friday luncheon event is a great bargain; \$39 for lunch with Academy Award Winner Rita Moreno. On Saturday morning for a \$30 breakfast, you will listen to Bob Coultas, a Past Rotary International Director who we sought out from New Jersey because he is so good. View information on him in this newsletter. If all that you choose is Saturday lunch, for less than \$40, you will hear Jennifer Jones, the hottest and most inspiring younger speaker in Rotary. She also happens to be Rotary International President Tanaka's

younger speaker in Rotary. She also happens to be Rotary International President Tanaka's personal representative to our conference.

You will not be disappointed by the Friday meal event featuring our district's own "Rotary Rock Star," Past Rotary International President Rick King, and one of our district's resident "Rock Stars," American Idol Finalist from Santa Cruz, James Durbin. On Saturday night, our own Dick Henning will be the featured speaker and share with us his experience with the world's top leaders and Hollywood's top stars. Along with him, the Voena Choir will be performing. They are a group of young singers who have sung at the Olympics and other large events. Remember, when you pay for an evening meal event, you are not just paying for the meal; you are paying for an evening of topflight entertainment and speakers.

Finally, if your Friday and Saturday are already taken with something else, drive up to Napa Valley on Sunday morning for the conference's most underestimated event. During Sunday Brunch on March 24, the Richard D. King Speech Contest will occur. You will be riveted by the drama and awe-inspiring experience of hearing four of the Bay Area's top teen speakers competing and have a Sunday brunch for only \$33. Don't miss it. The Brunch event will be over before noon and leave you plenty of time to spend the rest of the day enjoying Napa Valley.

However, to experience any of these conference events, you must register for the conference by going on to rotarydistrict5170.org.

Kathi and I look forward to seeing you in Napa soon.

JAMES DURBIN PERFORMS A MOVING SONG AT THE MEMORIAL FOR THE SLAIN SANTA CRUZ POLICE OFFICERS

Posted by Charles Wasser on Mar 12, 2013

James Durbin will be performing on March 22 at our Friday night District Conference dinner event. Whether or not you will be attending, click on the link below and experience his moving performance at the San Jose Pavilion Memorial Service for the Santa Cruz police officers recently killed in the line of duty.

<http://youtu.be/r9VRmibfWCA>

Conference at a Glance

Posted by Charles Wasser on Mar 12, 2013

Thursday, March 21

Registration opens – 2:00 p.m., Vineyard Pre-function area; Golf at Silverado; Napa Valley Bike Ride from Meritage; Tennis in Sunnyvale

Friday, March 22

Registration: 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Vineyard Pre-function area

House of Friendship: setup 7:00 a.m. – close 6:00 p.m., Oakville/Rutherford Terrace Business meeting for Club Presidents & Representatives: 10:00 a.m., Salon H

Lunch Event– Rita Moreno & Honoring Women in Rotary

Forums: 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

General Reception, no host: 5:00 p.m., Vineyard Terrace

Dinner Event: Doors open 6:15 p.m., Richard King and James Durbin

Saturday, March 23

Registration: 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Vineyard Pre-function area

House of Friendship: 10:00 a.m. – close 5:00 p.m., Oakville/Rutherford

Breakfast Event: Doors open 7:45 a.m., Robert Coultas on Membership & Remembrance

Forums

Lunch Event– Doors open 11:45 a.m., Jennifer Jones, R.I. President's Representative

Forums

Reception by invitation for Paul Harris Society: 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m., Wine Cave

General Reception: 5:30 p.m., Vineyard Terrace

Dinner Event: Doors open 6:45 p.m., Dick Henning and VOENA Choir

Sunday, March 24

Registration: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Vineyard Pre-function area

Brunch Event: Doors open 9:00 a.m., Richard D. King Speech Contest & Conference Closing

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Forums

Forum 1 - Wine 101 - Friday 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Salon H-free

Forum 2 - Wine tasting - Friday 3:10 - 4:30 p.m., Salon J

Forum 3 - Internet - Saturday 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Salon C-free

Forum 4 - New Rotarians Who Last Saturday 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Salons J and H-free

Forum 5 - Water Marbling, Saturday 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Salon K

Forum 6 - Message of Rotary (Club Image and Branding), Saturday 2:00 - 3:15 p.m., Salon I-free

Forum 7 - Phases of the Moon, Saturday 2:00 - 3:15 p.m., Salon I-free

Forum 8 - New Generations, Saturday 3:30 - 4:45 p.m., Salon I-free

Forum 9 - Polio - Saturday 3:30 - 4:45 p.m., Salon II-free

District Conference Guest Speaker on Membership Improvement

Posted by Joe Hamilton on Mar 10, 2013



"Rotary changes people...People change the world"

The topic is Membership Improvement, but his passion for bringing in new members is the quote above. Get up early and be inspired by the words of Morristown, New Jersey, Rotarian Robert A. Coultas who will be the Saturday Morning, March 23, 2013, speaker at the Rotary District 5170 Conference in Napa. Don't miss this Saturday breakfast featured speaker. We brought him from New Jersey to inspire you.

Robert Coultas has served as a Rotary International Director, Chairman of the Executive Board, and an aide to R.I. President Rick King. He has served as Rotary International's Representative to the United Nations and has extensive hands-on work with literacy projects, Polio eradication, and projects to fight hunger.

"As Rotary volunteers we work . . . to solve humongous problems, like how to get the children of the world to be able to read and write," Coultas said. "A world that works for everyone with no one left out is what we're working for. Rotary changes us, and it changes the world."

DON'T MISS BOB COULTAS. HE IS INSPIRATIONAL AND PERTINENT TO YOUR CLUB'S EFFORTS TO ATTRACT AND KEEP MEMBERS

Want to be Motivated in Your Rotary Endeavours?

Posted by Charles Wasser on Mar 11, 2013

Don't miss your chance to attend a once-in-a-lifetime District Conference at the luxurious Meritage Resort in Napa!

March 21-24, 2013



Registration is free and open now!

www.rotarydistrict5170.org

Come for the whole event, one day or one event.

Napa is an easy 45 minute drive from Oakland and 90 minutes from San Jose.



Three events that will make this conference spectacular:

1. The 25th Anniversary of Women in Rotary celebration and Academy Award winner Rita Moreno at Friday's lunch event.
2. The top 4 Speech Contest Winners from Areas 1, 3, 6 & 9 will compete and share their view of Peace Through Service!
3. The most sought after woman Rotarian speaker who represents the future of Rotary, Jennifer Jones, our Personal Representative of R.I. President Tanaka, will give the keynote speech at Saturday's lunch event.

Overheard about Jennifer Jones—

Brad Howard says she is a fantastic, energetic speaker who will leave those who hear her saying, "Wow".

Rick King says she is one of the best new, young speakers in Rotary.

Joe Hamilton says she's nice but—I have heard her speak before the world's Governors-Elect and she is great!

A nearby District Governor remarked, How did you get her? She is spectacular—my first choice.

House of Friendship

Posted by Don MacKenzie on Mar 12, 2013

The House of Friendship is a place for Rotarians and their guests to meet, relax, and get inspired about who we are as people, clubs, and an organization. Traditionally, it has highlighted the projects that clubs have done throughout the year. This year's House of

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We will be highlighting Vocational Service by showing off not only outstanding club projects but also our Rotary vendors, project partners, District Vocational Training Teams, and the vocations of our individual members. There will be many interesting booths that will stimulate your thinking, taste buds, wardrobe, and creativity all within a lovely space that will provide comfy seating, refreshments, raffles, treats and more. Feel free to leave your business cards on our Vocational Card Table or sign up for the free District Yellow Pages. Make sure to complete your House of Friendship experience by finding the huge map of District Community and International projects and placing a pin wherever in the Bay Area or world your club has done or will do service this Rotary year.

There are still spaces left in the House of Friendship for your business, club project, or Rotary partner, and the best part is that it is all free. Don't delay, download the House of Friendship registration form today from the District Conference webpage on the District website and send it to Don MacKenzie, Chair, at dongomack5170@aol.com

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Posted by Brittany Overbeck on Mar 12, 2013

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