



District Governor Joe Hamilton's January 2013 Newsletter



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District Events

Global Grants Training—North

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Social Media and Video Conferencing Seminar

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Global Grants Training—South

DoubleTree Hotel
Feb 27, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

District Cabinet Meeting

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

District Conference in Napa

The Meritage Resort and Spa
Mar 21, 2013 - Mar 24, 2013

District Cabinet Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel
Apr 03, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

District Cabinet Meeting

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Rotary U (formerly District Assembly)

DoubleTree Hotel
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District Cabinet Meeting

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Stories

Mary Marley

Posted by Charles Wasser on Feb 07, 2013



I am saddened to inform you of the passing of Mary Marley, beloved wife of District 5170 Governor Arley Marley III. Arley phoned me and said Mary passed peacefully from cancer on February 5, 2013, at El Camino Hospital. Mary will leave a void in the hearts and lives of many in our Rotary family. Our hearts go out to Arley in his time of grief. When details of a memorial service are announced, I will provide that information to club Presidents and other district leaders.

For all those who knew Mary, they know she was not only the partner of a district governor but an individual who provided a significant voice and presence in her home club of Los Altos Rotary, in her profession, and in her community. She joined Rotary in 1996 and was a Los Altos Rotary Club Director in 2000-2002 and 2009-2011, a Los Altos Rotary Endowment Fund Director from 2002-2007, and was a club Rotarian of the Year in 2004-2005. Mary was a highly successful Realtor with Alain Pinel. In the community, she was a committee member of Partners for New Generations, a nonprofit organization focused on helping at-risk children, and a committee member for the American Cancer Society, Los Altos Relay for Life fundraiser. With Arley, Mary was an active fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Mary Marley's presence will be missed by all who knew her. Memory of her and her achievements will last.

Joe Hamilton, District Governor

District Governor Joe Hamilton's January Message

Posted by Joe Hamilton on Feb 05, 2013



TOP 10 REASONS TO ATTEND "A GRAPE ESCAPE" IN NAPA**MARCH 22-24, 2013**

10. The resort location is spectacular amid vineyards and with a great staff. Reduced resort rates apply 3 days before and after the conference.
9. Your club President and other Rotarians you know will be recognized and honored.
8. You will leave relaxed, renewed, and re-ignited for Rotary work in your club from April and after.
7. Members' spouses and partners will love the location, speakers, and entertainment. Golfers, Bikers, wine drinkers, and tennis players have special events on March 21.
6. For the first time in recent years, the actual finals of the District Speech Contest will take place at the conference.
5. You can experience a new, unique House of Friendship which is more similar to an International Convention; also there is a balance of Rotary and non-Rotary forums.
4. Three of Rotary's most sought after and inspiring speakers will leave you wanting more.
3. World-Class Speakers and entertainers will wow you including an Academy Award Winner, an American Idol Finalist, an Interviewer of the world's most famous sharing his experiences, and a choir that performed at the Olympics.
2. The 25th Anniversary of Women in Rotary will be celebrated; and past, present and future club Presidents recognized.
1. Registration is free, a meal event package is available to provide entertainment and food at a bargain cost, and Napa is a short drive from most parts of the Bay Area. Go to rotarydistrict5170.org to register.

When you compare the value of what we are offering to the open market, it is really a bargain. More important, this is your conference to enjoy fellowship, learn about Rotary, and celebrate the first 2/3 of the 2012-13 year.

Register for the District Conference

Posted by Charles Wasser on Feb 07, 2013



[CLICK HERE](#) to register what will be a memorable District Conference

Ten of the Best-Kept Secrets of the District Conference

Posted by Edward Jellen on Feb 05, 2013

So - you've heard the announcements at your club. You've studied the tri-fold you received in the mail. You've visited the District's website and viewed the Slideshow. But here are some things about the upcoming District Conference in Napa we bet you might not know:

1. The Meritage Resort and Spa has a bowling alley that is available to guests.
2. The new book by our Friday luncheon event speaker, Academy Award winner Rita Moreno, will be published several weeks before our conference, and copies will be available at the conference.
3. At that Friday luncheon event, we will be recognizing all the women past-presidents and past-district governors, as well as those who have been selected for future service.
4. Every conference registrant will receive a special pin commemorating 25 years of women in Rotary.
5. Your club can have its own reserved table of eight, for the entire conference, if eight members of your club have elected the meal package and choose to be a \$500 club sponsor.
6. The Turkish art of water marbling (one of our forums) dates back to the 15th Century.
7. Our negotiated room rate of \$159 per night (plus resort fees and taxes) at the Meritage represents a huge discount over the resort's normal rates. See for yourself at www.themeritageresort.com.
8. The VOENA choir, which will be performing for us at the Saturday evening dinner event, has also performed at the Olympic games and at 49er half-time.
9. Dick Henning, our speaker at that Saturday dinner event, has interviewed Bill Clinton, Joe Montana, Mikhail Gorbachev, Colin Powell, Al Gore, Tom Brokaw, Margaret Thatcher, Cary Grant, Benjamin Netanyahu, and many other celebrities.
10. Ok - this one's not a secret: but we can't resist telling you that you can save \$66 on meals if you select the meal package when you register.

Please join us in Napa for the District 5170 District Conference, March 22-24, 2013

TRF News Today for January 2013

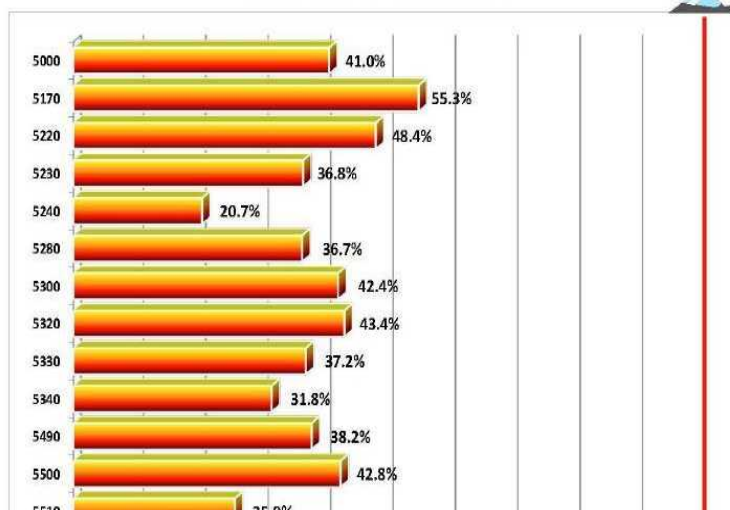
Posted by Timothy Lundell on Jan 05, 2013

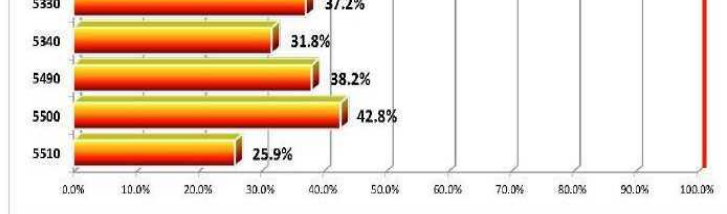
[Click here to read the January edition of the TRF News Today](#)

Zone 26 EREY Goal Tracker

Goal - 100% of Rotarians Participate

Percentage Participation as of Mid-January 2013





Congratulations to D5170, taking the lead with almost a 20% increase in the past month!

Polio Eradication Update

Posted by James Mealey on Feb 05, 2013

As of January 30, 2013, NO NEW CASES OF POLIO in the 3 polio-endemic countries of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria so far this year!! And it's even better: No new cases of polio in Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, all of the Horn of Africa and all of West Africa.

Here are some comparisons to last year:

Polio Endemic Countries	Jan. 2013	Jan. 2012	All of 2012	Date of Last Case
Afghanistan	0	1	58	Dec. 1-20, 2012
Pakistan	0	7	37	Nov. 30, 2012
Nigeria	0	0	122	Dec. 3, 2012
Niger	0	0	1	Nov. 12, 2012
Chad	0	0	5	June 14, 2012
Total:			223	

PLEASE share this news with your Club members!!

There may have been more cases in 2012, so the case count for 2012 may change until the final numbers are verified by the World Health Organization.

On February 1st, our fundraising for PolioPlus - End Polio Now! started. There's a lot more news coming your way over the next month. What's your Club Plan for raising funds in your Club between now and June 30th?

Technology Corner January 2013

Posted by Charles Wasser on Feb 05, 2013

By now you hopefully have heard about the seminar being offered by the Communication Technologies Committee. It will be held February 26 at AdMail Express, 31640 Street, Hayward. The seminar will cover topics related to Social Media and video conferencing. The topics discussed on Social Media will include setting up a Facebook account, adding content to it, and publicizing the club's Facebook page. This will give the seminar participant the how and why of setting up the account.

The other topic at the seminar is video conferencing. There will be discussion on how to set up the conference followed by a live demo of video conferencing. The participants in the video conference will be spread around the country. After the demo, you will be able to set up your conferences.

A video conference can be used to guarantee a quorum for a board meeting by having those board members who can not attend physically, be there via cyberspace. You will be able to chat with a member that is travelling perhaps to a project site funded by your club's Global Grant. The recipients of the project's benefits or the Host Sponsor Rotary club on site could chat with your club members. The chat could be about technical issues with the project where an expert in a particular field can not fly to the project site. Endless possibilities!! Oh, and the video conferencing method we use is free to use.

Once you attend the seminar you will start to see the rationale for Social Media. You might even be inspired to join the District 5170 Linked-In group. As the group grows, it will become the venue of choice to discuss issues in and around the district. Members of the group will be able to post questions about the District and RI. Other members will answer them. Go to http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2044789&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr. If you are a member of Linked-In, you will be asked to login. If you are not a member, you would need to sign up for Linked-In membership which is another of the freebies on the Internet.

The district website has new additions. On the HOME page, right hand column towards the middle, there is the icon of someone making a presentation. Under the icon are two links - one is to a list of speakers and other media resources on topics related to The Rotary Foundation, and the other one is to a list of general topic program speakers. Both lists of speakers describe presentations the individuals will make as a club program. In the case of TRF speakers, they are all District 5170 Rotarians. The other list of speakers is made up of individuals who have already spoken at Rotary clubs and are recommended by the clubs at which they spoke.

In the top center of the HOME page is a PowerPoint presentation about the District Conference. This is the first PowerPoint presentation on the website for which you do not need PowerPoint or a PowerPoint viewer. The slides can be viewed by simply manipulating the control buttons under the slides. This technique is available to all club websites. It will give the club webmaster another technique to add content to the web site.

Towards the center of the middle column on the HOME page is an article written by Cecelia Babbirk, District Grants Coordinator. Cecelia explains the Humanitarian Grants Program.

One of the useful features of District 5170's website is the ability to showcase the types of projects and activities the District's clubs are doing. Over the last year, we have shown international projects and Interact projects on the HOME page. In the HOME page articles, there was a link to the specific section of the website which expounded on the particular Avenue of Service. One Avenue of Service that has not had enough club input but is key to the success of Rotary is Community Service. Please send pictures, articles written by Rotarians, newspaper articles, blog entries, and videos related to a club Community Service project to the District Community Service chair Tracie Murray. Tracie may be contacted at her email tmurray650@yahoo.com.

Districtwide Membership Trends Shown by Club

Posted by Russell Hobbs on Feb 06, 2013

The membership numbers are rising for our District. Click here to see the [Monthly Membership trends as of February 1, 2013](#).

What Is Rotary Service?

Posted by Joe Hamilton on Feb 06, 2013

FROM WHERE I AM

There are many Roads to Service

Service is the work involving the use of head, heart and the hands for the welfare of others, irrespective of their status, caste or creed. It relieves the economically underprivileged through personal commitment to selfless service. It contributes to the works of development through physical labour. Service explores the potential lying dormant in persons through education.

Service is concerned about the needs of others. It offers ample opportunities for the development of one's character and personality. Service prompts us to give selflessly without

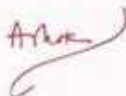
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There are immense opportunities for service. A friendly smile, a sincere greeting, a passionate foray into the lives of the needy with helpfulness in the heart, will all generate positive energy, which will turn service into commitment. There are many roads to service. No road is more important or less important. What is important is our behaviour, our readiness, our application. When we help others, a way opens up for us to receive something — a smile or an expression of gratefulness or a 'tonic' to rejuvenate yourself, or a tranquil, peaceful, deep happiness. Happiness is like a shadow — the more you run after it, the more it seems to move away. Only service to others will cast a shadow that will follow us — we would not run after the shadow.

Rotary's only goal is service. It is dangerous to take the eyes off the goal because it will surely result in your eyes wandering away from the goal and see only obstacles. If you do see obstacles, convert them into opportunities of service because, the path of course is never smooth. As you walk on the path of service and have many co-travellers, you will not only have like-minded people as your friends but you will also learn to walk together, serve together and share compassionate behaviour.

If Rotary shares, let us share this philosophy with others.



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Member, International PolioPlus Committee
Director, Rotary International 2007–09
Chair, Membership Development and
Retention Committee 2012–13*