



District Governor Joe Hamilton's July 2012 Newsletter



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District Cabinet Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel
Sep 05, 2012 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

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O.co Coliseum
Sep 29, 2012

District Cabinet Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel
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District Cabinet Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel
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District Cabinet Meeting and TRF Drawing

DoubleTree Hotel
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District Cabinet Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel
Jan 09, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

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Dolce Hayes Mansion
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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

DoubleTree Hotel
May 01, 2013 06:30 PM - 08:30 PM

Stories

District Governor Joe Hamilton

Posted by Joe Hamilton on Jun 29, 2012



The strength of District 5170 is that we plan and act as a cooperative team. From Red Badge Rotary Members to Past District Governors, we work together to make this a lighthouse district for the Rotary world. What happens in each club is what is important. The district is nothing more than all of our clubs together. Those who volunteer to accept district responsibilities understand that their efforts must be to support clubs to function at their optimum and help club leaders in their efforts.

There is an ancient African saying, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." The journey we are embarking on for the 2012-13 Rotary year is one where we need to work together to

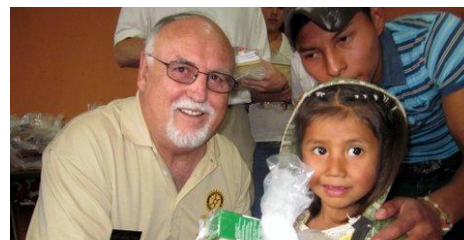
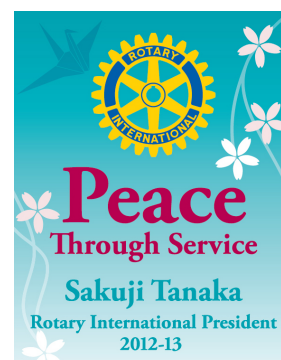
continue the high quality of activities in clubs, as well as instituting efforts that result in significant club membership increase. Part of working together is to talk to one another and listen to each other and have fun as Rotarians.

For those non-Rotarians who read this, we are a local group of professionals, business people and community leaders who enjoy benefiting our own communities and communities around the world through a network of clubs in nearly 299 nations and containing 1.2 million Rotarians. While gathering regularly and doing projects, being a member of Rotary has many benefits. Membership is a rich source of personal growth through connecting with business and community leaders, gaining new personal skills and discovering new people and places normally unreachable.

We offer this opportunity to professionals or leaders of all ages and seek diversity in vocations, cultures and gender among our members. If you are interested in finding out more about us, please make a contact indicated on this page and we will direct you to an appropriate club or individual. Our clubs meet at varied times and places in Alameda, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties or on the internet through an e-club.

Joe Hamilton, Governor

2012-13 Rotary District 5170



Rotary U (formerly District Conference)

Dolce Hayes Mansion
May 18, 2013

District Cabinet Meeting

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



District 5170 Leadership Academy

Posted by Ronald Sekkel

During the last 6 years you may have been in a District meeting around June and witnessed the graduation of several individuals who've worked hard for the previous 9 months. You may have watched them receive their Leadership Academy certificate and pin and wondered "Why? What did they do? Where do they come from? How can I find out about that? Maybe I would like to do what they did."

I will try to demystify what you've been witnessing. These are past presidents and others who have asked or been offered an opportunity to learn more about Rotary, to prepare them for further Leadership in their clubs or beyond.



The Leadership Academy was founded in 1998 in District 5110, which is in Oregon, to train and prepare past club presidents and others to assume positions of leadership at the Club or District Level. District 5170 adopted the program in 2006 after Past District Governors Dick Lohmiller and Ron Sekkel traveled up to District 5110 to see what they were doing.

Dick and I got to hear 3 panels. A panel of faculty, another of current students, and a third panel of past students described how they felt about participating in the Leadership Academy. The primary feeling that was conveyed was that they were all excited about the possibility of a life in Rotary after being a Club President.

Even though this was meant to be a program for Past Presidents, almost everyone who has been through the Academy said that they wished they had been to the Academy prior to being Club President. As a result of those comments we have offered the academy to a limited number of students who have not yet been Club Presidents.

The Faculty of our Leadership Academy are some pretty heavy hitters. Their experience ranges from University Professors to consultants in the fields they're teaching. Some are so well versed in these topics that they have been called back to Rotary Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois to share their expertise with Rotary International.

Another exciting aspect of the program is that there are no fees paid by the students for this high level program. The 6 online courses cut down the meeting time yet they are supplemented with several live sessions to build a working resource network.

Students are selected by the Leadership Academy Committee which is made up of recent Past District Governors, Future District Governors, the current District Governor, and the Faculty. This past June we graduated our 6th class and now we are at the point where the nominations are being solicited for our 7th Leadership Academy, the 2012-2013 Class. If you have any questions please email Ron Sekkel your questions at ronsekkel@aol.com.

Vision 5000 Goal for District 5170 Membership

Posted by Charles Wasser on Aug 04, 2012

District 5170 has set a goal of 5000 member Rotarians by the year 2017. The goal for net membership increase is 1200.

The following link will take you to the chart that shows the membership changes over the last 10

The following link will take you to the chart that shows the membership changes over the last 10 years. Reading statistics and numbers can be extremely boring unless they are significant to the organization to which you belong. Read the chart and know that it is important that we all follow the membership trends. We all need to work towards increasing membership in our clubs. If you know a potential Rotarian that is closer to another club, help the other club in recruiting the soon-to-be Rotarian.

[Click for Membership trend Chart](#)

DG Joe Introduces the 2012-2013 Paul Harris Society Pin

Posted by Charles Wasser on Aug 04, 2012

On July 11, 2012, District Governor Joe Hamilton visited the Rotary Club of Cupertino for their regular meeting. The first reason he went was to introduce this year's Paul Harris Society pin. Rotarians join the PHS by donating \$1000 to The Rotary Foundation during one Rotary year and receive the pin to indicate they donated.

The second reason DG Joe went to Cupertino was to present a plaque to Kay Lohmiller. The plaque indicated that the design of the pin was to celebrate the memory of PDG Dick Lohmiller. PDG Dick emphasized that one of the great things about Rotary is fellowship between Rotarians. The plaque also had the theme pin from PDG Dick's year as DG which was the Rotary Shares theme. It showed 3 people in a circle with outstretched hands to each other. The PHS pin this year shows the hands of two individuals clasped in friendship. Perhaps this is the year you decide to join the Paul Harris Society not only to help TRF but to also commemorate the memory of Past District Governor Dick Lohmiller.

Communications Technology Committee

Posted by Charles Wasser on Aug 04, 2012

This year, District Governor Joe has set as one of the priorities for the Rotary year to learn about and better utilize technology within District 5170. The Communications Technology Committee is tasked with assisting the District doing just that.

The committee has been upgrading the district website and working towards making the site more user friendly. The goal is to make the website the go to place for District 5170 Rotarians and not yet Rotarians looking for information. The information includes Community Service projects, International Service projects, Membership, New Generations, Vocational Service, Club Service and The Rotary Foundation Future Vision. There will be changing images, photos, slideshows, and videos highlighting local and international projects.

During the year there will be seminars on various techie topics. The first of these is a group of short seminars on social media, video conferencing, Club Runner given at the Avenues of service on October 25. Depending upon need and demand, there will be lengthier seminars going into more details on the various topics.

Stay tuned for announcements of changes in the way we approach the use of technology. Please visit the district website (www.rotarydistrict5170.org – this is a new URL for the district website) even if there are no changes. There will constantly be new and changing content useful to us all. If you have any questions or comments, contact charlie@wassergraphics.com.

District 5170 We Care

Posted by Deb Tacker on Aug 06, 2012

We all know that the Rotary motto is 'Service Above Self', but we have a fellow Rotarian in the San Jose East/Evergreen club who gave much more of herself than others usually do. Toby Adelman, a Red Badger, gave the gift of life to a man who had been a stranger a few weeks earlier.

Toby said in a video documenting the kidney transplant, giving "is the most natural thing as human beings that we do. It comes naturally when we're not afraid. Sometimes it takes people a lifetime to get that, because we hang on tightly to things. We think there's not enough. There's plenty for everybody, kidneys included," she says. "Should half the planet need one and half the planet gave, we'd all be fine."

Read Toby Adelman's full story at the link below, and note she is wearing her Rotary shirt in the picture!! ALSO - If you haven't designated to become an organ donor yet, now's the time to think and do something about it - you may be the one who needs the gift next.

<http://www.jweekly.com/article/full/65932/gift-of-life-loyal-reader-donates-kidney-to-longtime-j.-editor>

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