



District Governor Joe Hamilton's June 2013 Newsletter



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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

Public Image Webinar

Los Gatos Lodge
Aug 20, 2013 04:00 PM - 09:00 PM

Cabinet Meeting

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

Day at the A's--District Wide event

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

District Governor Angie Hassler to Visit

Westside Grill
Sep 17, 2013 07:00 AM - 08:30 AM

Cabinet Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel
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Cabinet Meeting

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

Cabinet Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel
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Cabinet Meeting

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

Stories

Governor's Message June 2013

Posted by Joe Hamilton on Jun 17, 2013



In this, my final newsletter and Governor's Message, I have included photos from some of the highlights during the 2012-13 District 5170 year. I leave for the Rotary International Conference in Lisbon on June 21, 2013. The issue should get to you right around the time Kathi and I leave.

The highest priority for this year was to increase net membership in the district. I and each club President purposely set ambitious goals. Most of us didn't reach these goals; but in the process, we have had significant membership increase. During the year, we have been among the top three districts in membership increase in the Western U.S. Of the top 5 achieving clubs, 4 had been considered stagnant or

dying. Under strong leadership, these clubs have double-digit net member increases from 12 to 15 members at the time of this writing.

The Rotary Foundation Giving and Grant Writing was another major priority. Total Foundation Giving for the year is around \$950,000. Annual Giving is close to \$700,000. Polio Plus Giving is approaching \$80,000. All of these are up from last year. The Endowment Fund contribution increased exponentially.



Just as important, district clubs had matching Global Grants approved for almost every part of the world. Through matching grants, Doctors are being trained in Guatemala, low exhaust stoves installed in rural Mexico, literacy improved in Burkina Faso, young women otherwise destined to be sold into marriage trained to utilize computers in India, and

HIV transmission leading to AIDs prevention in Liberia. These are just a few of many of the grants utilizing the World Fund that our and all Rotarians' donations make possible. Some photo highlights are in this issue.

We had several very successful major training and fellowship district events. The District Assembly/Rotary U in the spring of 2012 and led by Sue McSorley, the Avenues of Service Event in October 2012 under the leadership of Richard Flanders set new marks for attendance and quality of program. The District Conference in Napa led by Ed Jellen both was highly attended and highly successful in program. From Rita Moreno, Bob Coultas, Rick King, James Durbin, Dick Henning, and the Voena Choir, to the Sunday Richard D. King Speech Contest, everyone was enthralled. Our Rotary International President's Representative, Jennifer Jones, was worth

the attendance alone. She was spectacular. Photo highlights are in this newsletter.

For any Governor, club visits are the most enjoyable part of the year. I have been impressed with the collective impact of our clubs on their



Jan 06, 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

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

communities and the world community. One feature that no one expected was the impact of my visiting partner and wife, Kathi. Her project to collect Baby Receiving Blankets was the hit of the year in clubs. Every club participated with generous contributions, and Kathi worked with Assistant Governors and Presidents to distribute the 3,750 blankets collected in the name of local clubs to local hospitals, agencies, and groups who used them for parents of newborns. Photos and a project description are included in this newsletter issue.

There are many other highlights like visiting the White House Executive Building with Doug McNeil when he was chosen as one of a dozen national Champions of Change for his Lighting for Literacy Project.



This year has been successful because of the team of individuals who worked tirelessly for Rotary, Rotarians, their clubs, their communities, and to make the world a little better. It was my pleasure to assist, help motivate, and support the team this year. On July 1, 2013, the reins will be turned over to Governor-elect Angie Hassler. Angie promises to be a great Governor and deserving of all our support for her team.

Receiving Blankets Project

Posted by Kathi Hamilton on Jun 20, 2013

The following PowerPoint presentation may not show up on all smartphones. Best viewing is on a laptop or desktop computer.





Membership Trends by Club as of June 17, 2013

Posted by Russell Hobbs on Jun 20, 2013

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

TRF News Today

Posted by Timothy Lundell on Jun 18, 2013

The June, 2013 TRF News Today describing Foundation information can be found if you [CLICK HERE](#).

Technology Corner

Posted by Charles Wasser on Jun 18, 2013

As DG Joe was ramping up for his year as District Governor, he and I discussed the use of technology by clubs and Rotarians in District 5170. After our discussions, he chartered the Communication Technologies Committee with the task of assisting the district clubs in their use of technology.



To this end, the committee ran several seminars on the use of social media by Mitty Chang, video conferencing by Lisa Bickford, and a general tour of the district and club versions of Club Runner's websites by Charlie Wasser. The seminars seemed to be well received. The largest one was held at the District Conference in Napa. The room for the seminar was set up to accommodate around 40 people. By the time the seminar was done, the Sergeants-at-Arms had brought in close to another 20 chairs which were all filled.

There were articles in DG Joe's monthly newsletter for most of the months highlighting the use of technology. There are tools on the district website created by Ross McClenahan to assist clubs in adding features to their Club Runner club site. Rich Friberg worked with district chairs uploading new page content. He did it following the standards the committee agreed to use. His work and the consistent updating of the home page of the district website made it much easier to access and utilize the websites.



It has been a great year for the District when it comes to the use of technology. Technology is no longer looked at by most Rotarians as some unknown best left to those who understand it. The training and assisting will continue into next year with DG Angie. We are planning a video conferencing seminar that will explain the rudiments of setting up users and setting up the conference. There will be a live demo with participants scattered around the Bay Area and beyond.

As you prepare for the new Rotary year, the Communication Technologies committee members are happy to assist your club looking into the use of all the great technology that keeps coming around us.

District 5170 Interact 2013

Posted by Charles Wasser on Jun 17, 2013

(Written by Evelyn Chun, District 5170 Interact Governor)



Interact. One word and three syllables representing a combination of "International Action" and a branch of Rotary for youth ages 12-18. **Interact 5170** is the district sponsored by Rotary 5170 and known as one of the most successful Interact districts in the world. It unites over 6,500 high school students from around the Bay Area with one goal in mind: to help both local and international communities.

For an organization which started in 1962, this year was not only Interact's 50th anniversary, but a year where Interact 5170 focused on education. Each year Interact 5170 presents an International and Community Project at its annual Fall Leadership Conference. On Sunday, October 14th Interact proudly presented its 2012-2013 International Project: "Life, Love, Literacy" and 2012-2013 Community Project: "Save Our Schools" to represent a partnership with the non-profit organization Room to Read and to encourage students to give back to the institutions which influenced and helped develop them as individuals. In front of 2,700 Interactors at Independence High School, a fundraising goal of \$100,000 was set for the district to help youth in Bangladesh (\$10,000 for a library, \$15,000 to publish books in the same language, and \$75,000 to build a school). Bangladesh is known as one of the poorest nations in the world and with Room to Read, Interact 5170 wanted to provide an opportunity for education to Bangladeshi youth. Also, a community service goal of 75,000 hours was set for "Save Our Schools".

Interact 5170 is comprised of 13 different Areas, each with several Interact clubs. With the collaboration of clubs throughout the year, Interactors organize various fundraisers and service event to work toward the district goal. For instance, the "Wasabi Whales" from Area 12 (Cupertino, Fremont, Homestead, Lynbrook, and Monta Vista) were able to fundraise a total of \$13,820 from their Charity Dances, Walk-A-Thon, Carwash, and annual International Night. Clubs from Area 6 (Independence, Piedmont Hills, Mt. Pleasant, and Milpitas) volunteered a total of 10,114.41 hours within their community. As a district, Interact 5170 cumulatively fundraised \$101,581.80 and volunteered 71,990 hours.

Now Interact 5170 will be sending 7 Interactors from Daring District Council to the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal to share Interact 5170's story with the world.





Polio Plus The Impossible Task We Undertook

Posted by Charles Wasser on Jun 17, 2013

The following link will take you to an article on the Harvard Business Review. It talks about not being afraid to undertake what seem like impossible tasks. The author is John Hewko, the General Secretary of Rotary International. He sues Polio Plus as an example of an "impossible" task which can be accomplished.

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