# RARICT 5190

Alan Cain \* District Governor

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## Notes from the Rotary Trail...

I was sitting here trying to remember what the month of May was in the Rotary calendar. I just couldn't come up with it, so I gave in and grabbed the faithful District Directory, turned to the pink pages in the back, and there it was...May is "Attend District Conference Month".

What, you don't believe me? Go look!

Okay, Four Way
Test #1 failure here,
but, May should be
"Attend District
Conference Month".
I think it's a great
idea and here are
several reasons why:

1. The District Conference is about Rotarians, clubs, successes and celebration. (It's surprising that so many Rotarians are not interested.)

**2.** The District Conference has been promoted at the DG's official club visit, at District Leadership meetings, at PETS, at District Assembly, by mail, postcards, and email. (One often thinks that all the promo is for naught.)

**3**. District Conference is a good way for newer Rotarians to see the bigger picture and internationality of Rotary International. (Why doesn't club leadership promote this value and educational experience?)

The above are my personal thoughts. Let's take a look at

what Rotary International has to say about the District Conference. We're in the 2010 Rotary International *Manual* of *Procedure*, (MOP), page 53. The first thing one notes re-

> garding the District Conference is that it is "required" by RI that every district has a conference every year. Next the MOP defines the "purpose" of the conference:



#### **Purpose**

The common purposes of the district conference are to bring together **all** (emphasis added) Rotarians in the district to:

**1.** Recognize the ser-

vice projects and programs of the district,

- 2. Inspire Rotarians to greater involvement in service,
- 3. Share a vision of Rotary beyond the club level,
- 4. Enjoy a memorable fellowship experience, and
- **5.** Provide opportunities to interact with Rotary leaders.

Let's now take a look at how these common purposes will be fulfilled in this year's "Back to the Future in Rotary" District Conference.

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#### Area 7

#### **Assistant District Governor**

#### Ray Perry

My three year term as Assistant Governor for Area 7 are coming to a close. I

would like to acknowledge the clubs and Rotarians who have always been gracious and helpful to me. I have made a lot of new Rotarian friends during this time. I have especially enjoyed watching and being a very small part of all of the meaningful and significant contributions our four Rotary clubs have made to our Amador County communities. Thank you for that opportunity.

Area 7 consists of four Rotary clubs in Amador County: Jackson, Amador Upcountry, Ione, and Plymouth-Foothills. Again, this year the four clubs worked together in many community projects. Dictionaries were provided to all the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in Amador County. All clubs continue to help the Interfaith Food Bank and Christmas to Remember to help our county during these tough economic times. Last year the four clubs sent 8 RYLA students and this year we are sending 10 students to RYLA.

The Jackson Club is the oldest club in Area 7 and they are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. They have selected "60 Years Strong" as the motto to celebrate this milestone anniversary. Last month the Jackson Club held their Foundation Dinner and had 9 new Paul Harris Fellows and 6 multi Paul Harris Fellows. They are the first club in Area 7 to have a Bequest member. Jackson is 100% EREY, 100% Sustaining, and 100% Paul Harris Fellow.

The Jackson club continues to be heavily involved with the Amador County Fair where they have a Wine Booth, Margarita Booth, and handle the Destruction Derby which is an event that is sold out every year. For years in October they have held a Bowlathon that is a major fundraiser for many community groups. Amador Lifeline was the recipient on \$3,896 from the Jackson club; half of the donation was from a Rotary District Simplified Grant. This money was sufficient to purchase six phone units used by the public to maintain independence rather that being at a nursing facility.

The Jackson club converted their International Project, Train the Trainers in the Use of Solar Cookers, into a Community Service Project. They trained local food banks and homeless shelter volunteers in the use of solar cookers and how to train others. As a result, solar cookers are now in use by needy individuals in two counties. The Amador Upcountry Club continues to be very involved with the upcountry area of Amador County. The club has two major fundraisers each year: a crab feed and golf tournament. Involvement with the Food Bank continues through the collecting and delivering food each week to the food bank and local church. With two elementary schools in their community the club is very involved with Literacy with reading to the students in each school and donating the books that are read to the schools. The club continues to give support internationally to Kenya and conducts a sweet potato pie sale to help fund their commitment.

The Mollie Joyce Park baseball diamond the Upcountry Rotary Club renovated over the past several years was completed, dedicated and officially name "Rotary Field".

During the Governor's visit the Upcountry Club presented three Paul Harris Fellows. Upcountry has added two new members with a third in process. The Upcountry Club will achieve EREY this year. The Club was responsible for the Area Music Contest this year and it was a very successful event. The club continues to award high school scholarships.

The Ione Club continues to be a viable support club to the community of Ione. This year they have changed the format of their meetings to encourage members to bring their guests for more fun and fellowship. They have a dinner meeting on the first Thursday meeting with all other weekly meetings at noon on Thursday. This has been supplemented by booking speakers for evening meetings that may have greater appeal. These included Jean Irwin, Kevin Riggs from KCRA 3, and Dr. Bill Wittich. As Assistant Governor I have attended several of their evening dinners and can attest to the great programs and the energy that the club has. The Club was responsible for the Area Speech Contest this year and it was a very successful event.

One of the goals for the Ione club was membership. To date, they have 6 new members and anticipate 2 to 4 more new members by June 30th. The club contributed \$70/member to meet their third year commitment to the Bill Gates Annual Polio Plus program. They also contributed \$80/member (\$2,080) to the Rotary Polio Plus program. The club qualified for recognition for the District by meeting the EREY and average over \$200/member giving goals.

The Ione club holds three annual fundraisers: Crab Feed, and Cow Chip Bingo. These funds provide monies that

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Service projects will be the focus of the displays in the House of Friendship, will be recognized and awarded during the "Call for Recognition" awards, and will be common table talk during meals and times of socializing. Programs of the district will get attention via the Speech and Music contests, RYE and Interact attendance and involvement, keynote speakers, and breakout sessions.

Inspiration for greater involvement in service comes from our inspirational keynote speakers, the project displays in the House of Friendship, Rotarians sharing ideas and interests during fellowship, and spending time with the youth and all their energy.

Gaining a vision of Rotary beyond the club level is of paramount importance for an international organization. Listen to speakers share of Rotary service projects and the lives changed in faraway lands. Engage in conversation with the RYE students and the Group Study Exchange team. Visit with the Rotary International President's Representative. Visit the project displays in the House of Friendship. Any or all of these activities broaden the Rotary vision.

We know a "memorable fellowship experience" awaits everyone who attends "Back to the Future in Rotary". Let's see…the High School Prom on Friday night. The "Enchantment Under the Sea" dance on Saturday night. Five meals and their accompanying times of socializing, the DG Hospitality events (which are open to all), sharing in the excitement of awards and recognition, and certainly the "House of Friendship" opportunities all point to fellowship, fellowship, fellowship.

Interaction with Rotary leaders will be maximized this year with our decision to hold all hospitality events in the ball-room foyer and House of Friendship rather than in private suites. Every Rotarian will have ample opportunity to meet and visit with the keynote speakers, the RI President's Representative, and many other leaders in Rotary.

In case some of you have missed the list of keynote speakers who will be on hand to inspire and challenge us at the conference, let me share again. We have Dr. Scott Kellerman, founder of the Kellerman Foundation and champion for the health, education, and rights of the displaced Batwa Pygmies in Uganda. We have Brian Shul, severely injured

Vietnam War veteran who, overcoming great adversity, became a pilot of the infamous SR-71 Blackbird. We will be moved by Paul Kingsman, former Olympian and motivational speaker. We will consider "Our Story" with Rosemary Aragon on Sunday morning. Finally, we have the honor of having Rod Thomsom, RI President's Representative, from British Columbia, Canada, who will share Rotary with us on several occasions.

I point all this out because it's become evident that somewhere along the line I have had an unintended career change (without the accompanying salary increase). My new classification might read "Rotary Dentist" because I've discovered that motivating Rotarians to partake in district conference is akin to, if not even harder than, pulling teeth. But here I am, one last time. Actually **the** last time, I promise you, to say on behalf of our talented and tireless District 5190 Conference Chair and Committee, that the upcoming conference and celebration is for you and about you. As stated in the *Manual of Procedure*, the conference is for **ALL** Rotarians. It's just around the corner so register now, on-line, and join us May 18-20 at John Ascuaga's Nugget for a great time of time travel.

We'll see you there!

DG Alan

#### BACK TO THE FUTURE

Join us at our 5190 District Conference May 17-19! The weekend is packed with great speakers, breakout sessions, speech and music contests, fabulous entertainment, a special surprise visit from a Rotary icon, and lots of Rotary fun. BACK TO THE FUTURE IN ROTARY is our theme and we are showcasing our youth programs Friday night as they are our FUTURE. Register now!

**Highlights:** Golf Tournament, keynote speakers, dinners, receptions, dancing, lunch, breakfasts, break out sessions and more!

Speakers: Friday night dinner—Keynote Speaker is RI Representative Roderick Thomson. Saturday breakfast—Keynote Speaker Brian Shul. Saturday lunch —Keynote Speaker Paul Kingsmann. Saturday dinner—Keynote Speaker Scott Kellermann. Sunday breakfast—Keynote Speaker Rosemary Barker Aragon.

Where: John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks. Reserve your room now!

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are returned to the community throughout the year. The steak & Lobster dinner net was \$8,388 and the Crab Feed net was over \$15,000 with a sell-out at 453 tickets. The Cow Chip Bingo fundraiser is coming up in May. So far this year the club has made \$14,890 in donations to name just a few organizations: Ione Picnic Association, Ione PD canine program, Ione Veterans Park.

The Ione club is changing out all of the lights from the previous District Simplified Grant project to LED lights to save energy and money. Over \$1,000 was spent to purchase the new lights. The current DSG project this year is to do a makeover of the library in Ione. The club has raised \$8,000 to go with the \$2,000 DSG, and the project will commence on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Plymouth-Foothills Club executed their first District Simplified Grant for permanent benches and tables for the new community financed play structure at Plymouth Elementary School. The club runs the farmers' market at McGee Park on Main Street in Plymouth on Thursday evenings in August and September. They will be sponsoring a outgoing RYE student this year and will be accepting a young lady from Germany arriving in August.

The Plymouth-Foothills club has added two new members this year. Every quarter the club holds at least one evening, social occasion. These have included a President's potluck—first for hopefully an annual event, a holiday/ Christmas party at a restaurant owned by a member, and their Charter/Foundation night, at another member restaurant. The club continues to have excellent programs.

On going activities for the Plymouth-Foothills club have included: Amador County Fair steak sandwich booth, the annual Plymouth Flea Market in May, Plymouth 4th of July parade, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the unfortunate. For last months Rotarians at Work Day they cleaned the public cemetery in Amador City.



Your DGE (and Woodette) trying to find the metaphorical connection between directing an elephant and leading District 5190.

#### Rotary Club of Alturas Sunrise Recognizes Fellows

Ninetyfour guests were in attendance at the Niles Hotel on



April 27th to honor local Rotarians in area 12 who received Paul Harris Fellow awards at various levels. These awards allow for advances in world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Recipients included members from the Noon Club, Sunrise Club, and Surprise Valley Club. Special recognition was also provided to David Mason for bequeathing a gift to the Rotary International Foundation and to George and Linda Wistos for all of their support of our local community over the years. s several members from the Lakeview (District 5110) and Surprise Valley Rotary Clubs. The guest speaker for the evening was Rick King (pictured above on right) from Pleasanton, CA. Other notable guests were District Foundation Chairman, David Bianchi, (pictured above on left) and District Governor, Alan Cain who performed the duties of Master of Ceremonies.

### First Ever Rotary Day at the White House Honors Champions of Change

On April 20th the White House honored 10 US Rotary club members from across the country. The "Champions of Change" were selected for their volunteer work to improve the lives of others.

"Rotary International and Rotary Clubs across America are not only affecting change in their hometowns but improving the lives of others in countless communities abroad," said Director of the Office of Public Engagement, Jon Carson. "Rotarians' commitment to service perfectly captures the spirit and mission of Changions of Change."

The honored Rotarians were Terrence Allen of St. Joseph, Michigan, Jim Fulgham of Arlington, Texas, Noelle Galperin of Coral Gables, Fl, Anil Garg of Simi Valley, CA, Richard Kemme of Greeley, CO, David Kester of Anchorage, AK, Henry Lowentritt of Metairie, LA, Carolyn Crowley of Rutland, VT, Fary Moini of San Diego CA and Fred Thompson of Manakin-Sabot, VA.



L to R: Dan Halloran (outbound team leader), Claudio Mitsuse (inbound team member), Lyndsay Bryant (outbound team member), Denise Nunes (inbound team member), Robin Krueger (inbound team member), Adilson Covre (inbound team member), Carly Nilson (outbound team member), Daiany Rodrigues (inbound team member), Kimberly Phipps Nichol (outbound team member), Rafael Somera (inbound team leader).

The GSE Team from Brazil is greeted at Reno-Tahoe Airport by DG Alan and Martha Greene, pictured below.



#### **GSE Teams**

It's that time of year again where we send off our team of representatives to another country as we welcome their group into our district.

This year's exchange is with District 4310 in Brazil. The team is comprised of team leader Rafael

Somera and team members Claudio Matsuse, Denise Nunes, Adilson Covre and Daiany Rodrigues. The 31 year old team leader has a MBA in Marketing and is the owner an advertising company. While in the US he'd like to watch football, basketball or baseball and perhaps get a chance to play some soccer. He's interested in local foods and learning about businesses and technology.

Team member Adilson is also 31 years old, married and the father of 2 children. He graduated with a degree in production engineering and is quality engineering. He works for Suzano Paper and Pulp Company, one of the largest paper companies in Brazil. While in the US he'd like to see a paper mill and to experience an American factory floor. He's interested in sports, local foods and tourist spots.

Team member Claudio is 40 years old, married with 2 boys and works at Scopus Technology, the largest private bank in Brazil. His hobbies include bicycling, music and collecting and hopes to see business with computer systems and technology.

Team member Daiany is 29 years old and single. She is a computer technician and currently studying Strategic



Management of Business to obtain her MBA. She enjoys reading, sports, tennis and "radical" sports. While in the US Daiany is looking forward to seeing a variety of businesses to get to know their quality and technology.

The final team spot is filled by 27 year old single mother Denise Nunes. She graduated from college in Arts and English and has a MBA in Pedagogy. She is currently an English teacher at Network College and an actress. Because of her teaching background she's looking forward to seeing educational institutions in the area as well as all of the tourist hot spots.

Is your area hosting the team? Use this time to get to know Rotarian representatives from Brazil and share your local knowledge, careers and language with them.

If you're on facebook the team is adding local Rotarians to their friend list!

Follow the outbound GSE team on facebook as well!

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#### Rotarians Team Up to Beautify Nevada County Fairgrounds

With the Nevada County Fairgrounds facing significant funding cuts from the state, Nevada County's five Rotary clubs on Saturday worked to make a difference.

More than 200 Rotarians and others, representing all five western Nevada County Rotary Clubs, gathered for a joint work party in what is believed to be the largest one-day community project ever conducted in Nevada County. The volunteers rebuilt benches ,shade structures, reroofed a building, restriped a parking lot, painted buildings and much more!

# Club Attendance Report: March 2012

John Sullivan					NR :	= No Report							
Area Club	Total G	Sain	Loss	Attendance	Annual Giving YTD	Restricted Giving YTD	Area Club	Total	Gain	Loss	Attendance	Annual Giving YTD	Restricted Giving YTD
12 Alturas*	25				\$5,880	\$3,105	6 Placerville	48	0	0 6	62%	\$3,968	\$504
12 Alturas Sunrise	24	0	0	80%	\$4,600	\$0	7 Plymouth-Foothills	26	0	0 4	47%	\$1,619	\$0
7 Amador Upcountry (Pioneer)	22	0	0	67%	\$0	\$100	6 Pollock Pines-Camino	12	0	0 9	90%	\$420	\$225
5 Auburn	107	0	0	85%	\$10,395	\$650	2 Portola	34	0	0 9	92%	\$2,130	\$4,828
5 Auburn Daybreak	12	0	0	92%	\$2,215	\$100	2 Quincy	44	0	1 8	85%	\$2,930	\$1,491
5 Auburn Gold Country	40	1	0	96%	\$4,076	\$2,700	8 Reno	185	4	1 (	60%	\$32,136	\$12,119
6 Cameron Park	61	0	0	60%	\$6,479	\$1,950	8 Reno Centennial Sunset	30	0	0 8	80%	\$3,150	\$500
9 Carson City	82	2	0	66%	\$11,210	\$447	8 Reno Central	57	0	0 8	83%	\$3,102	\$0
9 Carson City - Sunset*	22				\$190	\$70	8 Reno New Generations	27	0	0 6	64%	\$825	\$1,300
1 Chester	28	0	0	52%	\$3,600	\$552	8 Reno South*	61				\$4,992	\$1,370
11 Elko*	80				\$2,572	\$1,503	8 Reno Sunrise*	49				\$3,654	\$3,325
11 Elko-Desert Sunrise	29	0	0	52%	\$3,591	\$3,231	10 Smith Valley*	26				\$2,530	\$285
11 Ely*	31				\$100	\$900	9 South Lake Tahoe	56	6	0 !	59%	\$5,750	\$100
10 Fallon	47	0	2	57%	\$7,439	\$436	8 Sparks*	123				\$18,454	\$3,249
10 Fernley	26	0	1	57%	\$1,910	\$1,000	8 Sparks Centennial Sunrise	27	1	1 8	84%	\$7,344	\$1,500
6 Georgetown Divide	29	0	0	27%	\$0	\$125	12 Surprise Valley (Cedarville)	23	1	0	73%	\$0	\$150
4 Grass Valley	71	3	0	82%	\$13,080	\$1,275	1 Susanville*	57				\$2,200	\$0
2 Greenville	11	0	0	52%	\$2,030	\$1,500	1 Susanville Sunrise*	31				\$6,380	\$2,915
3 Incline Village*	26				\$1,125	\$0	3 Tahoe City*	44				\$1,500	\$1,050
7 Ione	30	1	0	77%	\$6,705	\$2,580	9 Tahoe-Douglas*	50				\$12,718	\$1,901
7 Jackson	46	0	0	83%	\$8,506	\$3,660	3 Tahoe-Incline*	38				\$4,550	\$775
2 Loyalton	27	0	0	92%	\$3,070	\$1,020	10 Tonopah	19	0	0 9	95%	\$300	\$1,100
9 Minden	37	0	0	51%	\$541	\$1,043	3 Truckee*	91				\$10,400	\$780
4 Nevada City	48	3	2	62%	\$5,012	\$2,040	3 Truckee Sunrise	25	0	0 8	81%	\$3,070	\$1,287
4 Nevada City 49er Breakfast	90	2	0	91%	\$24,090	\$2,350	1 Westwood-Lake Almanor*	9				\$1,000	\$0
4 Nevada County South	31	0	0	94%	\$5,400	\$900	11 Winnemucca	44	4	0 4	46%	\$875	\$1,077
4 Penn Valley	35	1	0	90%	\$8,125	\$2,232	10 Yerington	36	0	0 8	82%	\$2,760	\$1,230
							TOTALS	2389	29	8	\$	280,695	\$78,529

## Tales from the Trail. . . .

Join in the fun with the **Rotary Club of Winnemucca's** Golf Tournament on May 12 & 13. It is a 2 person best ball format at the Winnemucca Golf Course. There are



fabulous hole in one prizes: a 2012 Dodge Ram 3500 Diesel Quad Cab and a 2012 Arctic Cat "Wildcat." There are a lot of fun activities during the 2 day event. Entry fees are \$100 per team with 100% payouts. All funds raised will go to support community and youth activities. Visit the <a href="club's website">club's website</a> for more details, including special room rates.

Auburn Rotary Club hosts Casino Night at Ceronix on May 12. The proceeds from this fun packed evening will go towards helping eradicate Polio. All starts at 6:30 and tickets are \$25. They are also having a Rotary Fellowship backpacking trip to Echo Lake in August.



Cameron Park Rotary Community Observatory held a dedication of their new 17 inch telescope on April 10th. The

club completed the observatory in 2006 in honor of Rotary's 100th anniversary.

From reports on the slopes, everyone had a great time at the **Tahoe City Rotary's** 36th Annual Dick Linkey Ski Challenge held at Northstar at Tahoe.

**Gold Country Rotary** gave students at Rock Creek school "You Can Do It" Smart T-Shirts to wear during state testing...and to take home as a reward. Good Job!



Carson City and Carson City Sunset Rotary Clubs posed for a picture after last week's Rotarians at Work day.

June 2 is a day to circle on your calendars so you can attend Wine at Town Center in El Dorado Hills. This event always sells out so get your tickets early. It is a joint fundraiser between the **Rotary Clubs of Cameron Park and E Dorado Hills.** There are already 28 wineries and 16 restaurants signed up with many more expected.

The Reno Rotary Club takes their annual Mystery Bus trip on May 4. The Rotarians hop on a bus to points unknown for a dinner and fun night out. Sounds fun!



#### The Rotary Club of

**Alturas Sunrise** has announced the formation of a Rotary Foundation Donor Advised Fund as the result of a generous bequest from long time local jewelry store owner Edna Brown upon her passing.



Tahoe
Douglas Rotarians installed 2 ki-osks for their
Rotarians at work day project. One went into the new bi-state

Van Sickle Park and the other at Kahle Community Park (pictured above). (More trails to follow.....->)

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Gail "Virus" Ellingwood, ADG of Area 2, spoke at recent meetings of the Bishop Noon, Bishop Sunrise and Mammoth Lakes Rotary Clubs. She shared Visioning and how 22 of the District 5190 clubs have already completed this-Rotary International program. She will soon conduct the Visioning training with the clubs,

## Truckee Sunrise Rotary Club's 4th Annual Chili Cookoff

For a day of family fun, plan on attending the 4th Annual Truckee Chili Cookoff, a fundraiser for the Truckee-North Tahoe community, presented by the Truckee Sunrise Rotary Club. There'll be unlimited tasting of Chili and beverages for all along with continuous live entertainment and fun activities for the kids. Top local restaurants, non-profits and individuals will compete for awards.

The event will be June 24 at Truckee Regional Park from 11 am to 4 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$3 for kids. For more information, visit their website at www.truckeechilicookoff.org.

#### Gold Country Rotary Purchases More Shelter Boxes



Auburn business owners were recently honored for their charitable donations to ShelterBox. So far, Auburn residents, under the fundraising efforts of Alan Young and Jeanette Bullock, have purchased 26 boxes. The club has purchased three boxes so far. Pictured above are Gold

#### Rotarian Mike Johnson

As many of you around the district are aware, Mike Johnson was enjoying a great vaction aboard a cruise ship in the Caribbean when he became ill with kidney failure. He was rushed to a hospital in Puerto Rico where he spent weeks recovering, becoming more ill, getting better



and wanting to come. A plea went out through D5190 to raise funds for him to return (a bill of over \$45,000). Many contributed so Mike is now back in the area, receiving treatment in Roseville. The Rotary Club of Grass Valley is still accepting donations in Mike's name.

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