

# **Rotary District 5190**

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# From the Woodshed

#### It's May Day and the District Conference is HERE!

It is hard to believe that April is over, and we have only two months left in this Rotary year. It went by in a flash as I made 13 visits to encourage clubs to BOLDLY GO! to OUR District Conference (May 16-19). That is STARDATE: 13517-13519. The voyages of the clubs of Starship 5190 will pause for ship's liberty on those dates, so don't miss out!

Kim and I also attended the Area 12 Foundation Dinner in Alturas,

and the Paul Harris Society Dinner in Reno this last month. Our commitment to The Rotary Foundation in this district is so wonderful. Currently we have exceeded our aggregate Annual Programs Fund goal and stand at 106%. Many clubs are still working to meet their individual goals, so I expect incredible things by June 30th. Our Polio giving is also up from last year at **\$93,000** and climbing! What generous clubs. You are truly helping make the impossible, possible in partnership with Rotarians all across the globe.

April was a great month for membership as we added 22 new members. This brings our total membership to 2,529, up 73 since the beginning of our year. We also had several more clubs achieve "Premier Club" status. There are now a total of 41 Premier Clubs! These clubs have fully implemented the Ignite program, and are growing and retaining members. We will continue this program into DGE Vicki's year, so keep up the great work! There will be no pause in our efforts to build our Rotary Army for Peace!

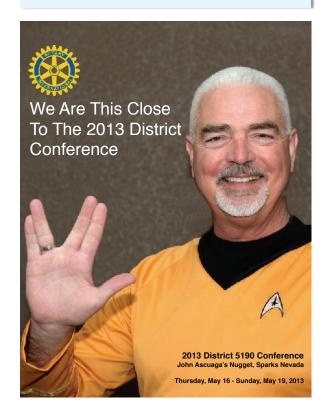
Last month I also attended the District Training Assembly. Nearly 400 Rotarians from all across the district came together at the Atlantis to prepare in earnest for next year. The event was extraordinary, and the plenary sessions were inspirational. DGE Vicki has worked hard to prepare, and assist her incoming Presidents to get ready for a sensational year of *engaging Rotary*, and changing lives. I like to think of Rotary as a "relay race for good". Each year we push as hard as we can to make our clubs stronger, to serve others, and truly change lives for the better. But it is hard work, and as we come to the end of our turn holding the baton, we need to look ahead. We must push that final distance to hand over the wand of leadership to fresh Rotarians waiting, poised to take the stick and run!

Let's celebrate a successful year.

With the District Conference only two weeks away, I can't help but take one more opportunity to let you know how honored I, and all the Club Presidents will be if YOU choose to come celebrate together with us. As I mentioned above, we have done a lot of great Rotary work this year. However, your President has worked harder than most. She or he started planning a year and a half or so ago, and then took that plan and implemented it to the best of their ability. As a result, your club grew stronger in service, and in fellowship. This truly is the gift that Presidents and other club leaders give their members. We all know being the Club's President is hard work. As proof, look at how difficult it is for many members to commit to the job! Perhaps the best way that you can recognize your President's hard work this year is to join him or her in celebration at our District Conference. If you come and join us, I guarantee you will look back and say, "Wow that was really worth my time, I am so glad I went!"

Don't miss this opportunity.

Sam "Woody" Wilbanks



# **Assistant Governor's Straight Talk**



### Area 11, Michelle Hammond Urain

"Home means Nevada. Home means the hills. Home means the sage and the pine." Area 11 is District 5190's largest geographic area. Located "right in the heart of the golden West," the Rotary clubs of Ely, Winnemucca, Elko and Elko Desert Sunrise are proud to call Nevada home. Even though these clubs are divided by miles of wide open spaces, they all share a passion for Rotary and the ideals that Rotarians all hold dear. From one of the oldest clubs in the District (Elko) to one of the youngest (Winnemucca), these

clubs are engrained into the fabric of their rural Nevada communities. They all share the Rotary skill of successfully partnering with other organizations and businesses to enrich the lives of those around them. Their communities and fellow citizens are truly better for having them in their lives.

All four of these clubs are busy all year round. With their annual fishing derby the last Saturday in January and their annual golf tournament the first Saturday in June, the Rotary Club of Ely has really cornered the market on fundraising. The club gives out \$20,000 in high school scholarships. The Rotary Clubs of Elko Desert Sunrise and Winnemucca also have

successful annual golf tournaments. Area 11 clubs are known for their support of youth, not only through high school scholarships, but also through their continued participation with RYLA and now REGL. These clubs take New Generations to a whole *new* level. The four Area 11 clubs sent a total of 16 kids to RYLA and 5 students to REGL this last year!

Area 11 is also brimming with a wide variety of community service projects. One of the Winnemucca club's signature projects is their elementary school vision screenings.



Dr. Cody Bengoa, Winnemucca Vision Screening

These screenings are done in conjunction with Rotarian, Dr. Cody Bengoa, FCOVD, to detect vision issues that may be affecting learning. Both Elko Rotary



clubs have taken on building and maintaining community parks. In Ely, the club partnered with Backpacks for Kids, sending children home with food.

Last month's newsletter had a great article on the Free the Girls project. This is a unique project to help girls and young women forced into the sex

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trade in Africa find a new self-sustaining life! Bishop Sunrise brought the idea to the District last fall, and DG Woody and many, many clubs are supporting it. The Rotary Club of Winnemucca would like to report the collection of approximately 1,000 bras in the month of March! Their synergy with the community helped make this project a success. They would like to thank Bella Grazia, Miller Law, Frugal Flamingo, Kaia Fit and the Soroptomist Club of Winnemucca for their help. The Rotary Club of Elko has also been hard at work on this project. Elko was successful in presenting the project on the local news. Area 11 is proud to support this district wide project!



The Rotarians of Area 11 love living in Nevada's wide open spaces. They also love giving their hearts in service. From building parks in Elko to providing vision screenings for children in Winnemucca, these Rotarians are the cream of the crop! As my term as Area 11's Assistant Governor comes to a close, I wish these clubs all the best. It was an honor to represent them and to serve alongside of them in Rotary.

# **Club News**

# Lighting Up Tomorrow by Focusing on Today

#### Submitted by Larry Costick, President Ione Rotary

Recently 100 members of Amador Upcountry, Ione, Jackson and Plymouth Foothill came together to celebrate the Rotary Foundation. District 5190 Governor Sam "Woody" Wilbanks and Area 7 Associate Governor Paul Karnaze presented Paul Harris Awards to 22 County Rotarians for their generous donations.



L to R: Speaker Richard King, Dinner Organizer Sharon Long, Ione President Larry Costick, Jackson President Jim Wilmarth and wife Jody, District 5190 Governor Sam Wilbanks, Amador Upcountry President Roberta Pickett, and Area 7 Assistant Governor Paul Karnaze

The event, hosted by the Rotary Club of Ione, featured Past Rotary International President Richard King. One of Rotary's most popular inspirational speakers Mr. King mesmerized the crowd with "His Name is Today" speech, which describes Rotary Foundation's worldwide efforts to spread peace and improve the human condition.

Mr. King ended his talk by quoting Chilean poet Gabriela Mistral, who won the 1945 Nobel Peace Prize in literature. She is most noted for her poem "Su Nombre es Hoy" (His Name is Today).

### His Name is Today

"We are guilty of many errors and many faults, but our worst crime is abandoning the children, neglecting the fountain of life. Many of the things we need can wait. The child cannot. Right now is the time his bones are being formed, his blood is being made, and his senses are being developed. To him we cannot answer 'Tomorrow,' his name is today."

# **Rotary Club Central**

Rotary Club Central is an online Rotary International database where clubs record annual membership, service and Rotary Foundation giving goals. Online entry of our goals is new, and Go To Meeting conferences have been scheduled to walk you through the steps and answer questions.



Rotary Club Central Go To Meetings Monday, May 6 at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 7 at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m.

If you want to participate, please email Wyn at <u>wspiller@ncwinery.com</u> and she will send you the login and call information.



# Celebrating Exemplary Humanitarian Service

Wend Schaefer, long time Rotarian and member of the Tahoe-Incline Rotary Club, was recently presented with the Rotary International Service Above Self Award. Submitted by Jerry Hall, Past RI Vice President

#### Post Op Orders



Wend, a retired orthopedic surgeon, was recognized at his club meeting on April 4 for his many years of volunteer service. The award was presented by Jerry Hall, Past RI Vice President and District Governor Sam Wilbanks.

The award is given to no more than 150 Rotarians worldwide each year and those receiving the awards have distinguished themselves as the very best in Rotary service. It is the highest recognition Rotary provides in recognition of exemplary service to others.

In making the presentation, Jerry Hall cited Wend for his many years of service on various projects in Africa. Wend has worked on a variety of Siblings with renal disease and resultant deformities



humanitarian projects as а Rotarian leader including matching grants to treat bone infections at St. Mary's Mission Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya (treated over 150 bone infections), the purchase and delivery of skin grafting equipment to assist in skin graft treatment and purchase and delivery of an incubator to St. Mary's in Rift Valley, Kenya. Wend also arranged and delivered two shipping containers to Anga, Tanzania with medical equipment valued at over \$200,000 (US), initiated and implemented with the Sara, blind grandmother with granddaughter Agnes

Sara regains sight



Mulago Hospital in Kampala, Uganda, a training program for orthopedic surgeons and delivered electric power units, power saws and drills (value \$100,000+) for use in knee replacement surgery.

Wend is currently working on a TRF 3-H project (Rift Valley Eye Care Program) in Kenya including remote outreach clinics and has included purchase of an all-wheel drive vehicle to transport patients to the clinic. operating microscopes, and other specialized equipment to assist in cataract surgery and related eye care. The project served



6,000 patients and provided cataract surgery for 200 patients per year since the project started. Equipment has been provided to train nurses and physician's assistants in eye care technology - to date, 20 have graduated from the program. In addition to other project activities, Wend has made at least one trip per year of one month duration in each of the last 13 years to perform orthopedic surgery at Bugando Medical Centre in Mwanza, Tanzania.

In making the presentation, Jerry Hall said "Wend Schaefer is clearly a Rotarian deserving of Rotary's highest award and the Service Above Self recognition."

# **Focus on the District**

# Take Me Out to the Ballgame

#### Submitted by Rod Fivelstad, District 5190 Polio Eradication Chair

District 5190 Rotarians, let's rendezvous in Reno on Sunday afternoon August 11, 2013. District Governor Vicki Puliz wants us to bring our families and join her at the Reno Aces game against the Memphis Redbirds as a wonderful kickoff to her year.



We have a block of great infield area seats. Tickets are \$20 each, and \$7 of that goes to Polio Plus. In past years we've had about 100 Rotarians and family members attend this "fun raising" event. This year our goal is to raise the attendance to at least 150 Rotarians, family, and friends.

With this kind of turnout more than \$1000 will be raised for our Polio Plus campaign. At the same time we will raise public awareness of Rotary's efforts and commitment to the eradication of this disease in the world.

Imagine the impact on game goers watching 150 Rotarians whooping and hollering and having a great time together.



# What I Learned at District Training Assembly

The Rotary Ethics Initiative is a multi-District and multi-Zone strategy designed to advance ethics and integrity in Rotary clubs, districts and



New Generations programs. The initiative grew out of the Rotary Zones 25/26 Ethics Initiative pilot program. It is not an official Rotary International program. It is non-profit organization with the legal name of "The Ethics Leadership Enterprise for Rotary Clubs and Districts" but is more commonly referred to as the Rotary Ethics Initiative.

The mission of The Rotary Ethics Initiative is to develop and provide resources that promote integrity and character in the personal and vocation lives of youth and adults.

One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The Four-Way Test, created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a failing company. Adopted in 1943.

# **District Service Grant**

Clubs will soon be able to apply for a District Service Grant for the 2013-2014 Rotary year by going to the District 5190 website. It is best that clubs submit applications before the end of June. District Service Grants are limited to one \$2,000 grant per club, with a 1:1 match of club funds. Remember, the District needs a signed Memorandum of Understanding on file from the club to complete your club certification process.

Tech Corner - Promoting Club Events on the District Website

Clubs may promote Club events on the District Homepage by sending an email with details of t h e occasion t o webmaster@RotaryDistrict5190.org for posting. Events will be included based on the event's appeal to other Rotarians and the general public. Space is limited and there is no guarantee that a particular event will be promoted. Consideration will be given whether this is the Club's signature event or not. The webmaster may edit submitted content.

# **Polio Score Board**

Wild Poliovirus (WPV) cases – As of 24 April 2013

Total cases	Year-to-date	Year-to-date	Total in		
	2013	2012	2012		
Globally	22	48	223		

#### Case breakdown by country

Countries	Total as of 23 Apr 2013	Total as of 24 Apr 2012	Total in 2012	Most Recent Case			
Pakistan	6	15	58	22 Mar 2013			
Afghanistan	2	6	37	28 Mar 2013			
Nigeria	14	17	122	28 Mar 2013			
Chad	0	3	5	14 Jun 2012			
Niger	0	0	1	15 Nov 2012			

# A Call to End Polio

Rotarians joined Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates

# Club Kudos

## One Ringy Dingy, Two Ringy...

Bell heists in the Quincy Club bring out the creativity of multiple members ... the thief has a blast taking comical photos of different club members with the missing bell and e-mailing the photos to poor President Pete. Guilty members are fined at the next meeting when Pete produces *photo proof* that

they're involved in the heist. The entertaining poses are always worth a laugh and the fun fines have raised a slick



\$500 this year along with raising the club's fun quota! You can ask President Pete how this all works: pjhochrein@gmail.com

## Forever 4-H

Here's a high-visibility project to keep in mind as the 4-H Fair season approaches: The Winnemucca Club provides "Rotary Add-ons" to livestock sales at their County Fair. Each time the auctioneer rings his bell announcing a 4-H sale and giving the dollar amount he also announces that Rotary will add additional funds to the sale amount in support of local youth. The club feels good that their



dollars go farther, helping more young people, and 4-H'ers really appreciate their "add-ons". AND this program certainly puts Rotary on Fair attendees radar! Want more details? Give Tom Cline a call at (775) 397-0624.

#### The Greatest Gifts

How's this for a KOOL Literacy Project idea ... Reno Mid-Town partnered with the Interact Club



of North Valley High in a used book drive to support the library at Lincoln Park Elementary School. Together they collected over 1700 books. However, not the books all were age appropriate so these clever Rotarians took the books they couldn't use for their project to Grass Roots Books, the local used book store, and exchanged them for credit. They were able to use their credit to purchase enough children's books to fill the school's library shelves, donating a whopping 900 books to the lucky Lincoln Park students. YEAH Reno Mid-Town, and YEAH Interact!

Foundation, and other supporters of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative on the steps of the U.S. Capitol 14 March to encourage Congress to continue to support the campaign to eradicate polio worldwide.

- Learn about the progress being made in the <u>Global Polio</u> <u>Eradication Initiative</u>.
- Get the latest news from <u>Rotary</u> on the fight to finish polio.
- Follow stories about polio eradication on <u>Rotary's blog</u>.



Contact Bryce Ganes for more info.: <u>bryceganes@yahoo.com</u>

# Turning the Tables

Does your club ever go read to the children in your elementary Reno Centennial schools? Sunset does, but they have turned the tables on this project ... once a year they bring the children and their families to Rotary meetings to read to the Rotarians! It's pretty fun to watch these little people climb up on a chair so they can reach the microphone on the podium! The club members love this special meeting, and the children and their families get to learn about Rotary. Slick!! President Joe can tell you more, if you're interested: joe.musser@att.net



# Club Attendance Report: March 2013

# John Sullivan

		Planning									Planning						
	Members	Guide	Current #				Annual	Restricted		Members as	Guide	Current #				Annual	Restricted
	as of 7/1	Goal	Members	Mo ±	% Goal	Attendance	Giving YTD			of 7/1	Goal	Members	Mo ±	% Goal	Attendance	Giving YTD	Giving YTD
Alturas	25	3	28	1	100%	68.00%	\$5,655.03	\$2,698.00	Nevada County South	30	4	31	1	25%	87.50%	\$7,265.00	\$2,406.00
Alturas Sunrise	25	2	29	3	200%	84.00%	\$3,515.88	\$590.00	Penn Valley	36	2	36	0	0%	76.00%	\$9,455.00	\$1,767.00
Amador Upcountry (Pioneer)	23	8	23	0	0%	70.00%	\$1,000.00	\$1,825.00	Placerville*	42	2	46	0	200%	0.00%	\$5,452.00	\$1,421.81
Auburn	106	4	111	1	125%	89.90%	\$17,985.00	1,	Plymouth-Foothills	27	2	29	1	100%	59.00%	\$1,430.00	
Auburn Daybreak	12	13	15	0	23%	94.63%	\$2,797.77	1	Pollock Pines-Camino	14	4	16	0	50%	69.00%	\$740.00	\$1,547.00
Auburn Gold Country	43	9	47	0	44%	88.95%	\$5,610.00			30	3	30	1	0%	88.64%	\$3,116.00	\$2,026.15
Bishop	34	16	-	1	56%	56.47%	\$7,061.00			44	7	45	-1	14%	76.51%	\$4,786.00	\$1,875.00
Bishop Sunrise	23	4	29	1	150%	47.41%	\$4,140.00			202	10	186	-2	-160%	74.35%	\$30,642.50	1-7
Cameron Park	59	10	64	-1	50%	72.10%	\$7,760.00	\$1,893.00	Reno Centennial Sunset	29	5	36	5	140%	100.00%	\$3,200.00	\$2,385.00
Carson City	83	2	88	-1	250%	67.85%	\$6,125.00	\$400.00	Reno Central	57	8	60	0	38%	84.20%	\$9,368.00	\$0.00
Carson City - Sunset	17	7	19	0	29%	67.11%	\$2,700.00	\$100.00	Reno Midtown	26	11	18	0	-73%	61.00%	\$300.00	\$0.00
Chester	22	3	20	0	-67%	73.00%	\$2,200.00	\$100.00	Reno South*	59	3	59	0	0%	0.00%	\$6,882.38	\$2,255.00
Elko	76	3	75	1	-33%	51.68%	\$5,232.00	\$2,121.00	Reno Sunrise	50	4	51	2	25%	68.70%	\$15,718.00	\$4,648.76
Elko Desert Sunrise	28	2	27	0	-50%	64.20%	\$5,175.30	\$4,630.00	Smith Valley	24	4	28	1	100%	66.00%	\$3,665.00	\$572.00
Ely*	29	2	30	0	5070	0.00%	\$3,100.00	1	South Lake Tahoe	57	2	50	0	-350%	51.55%	\$7,235.00	\$0.00
Fallon	47	5	48	0	20%	64.43%	\$9,505.20			122	6	115	1	-117%	82.37%	\$18,884.00	
Fernley	24	4	25	0	25%	71.00%	\$1,425.00	1	Sparks Centennial Sunrise	28	5	29	1	20%	76.47%	\$9,412.00	
Georgetown Divide	29	5	37	0	160%	43.38%	\$2,585.00		Surprise Valley*	19	2	17	0	-100%	0.00%	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Grass Valley	72	5	70	1	-40%		\$12,980.00		Susanville Rotary Club	45	2	55	1	500%	64.55%	\$4,200.00	
Greenville*	9	1	9	0	0%	0.00%	\$2,800.00		Susanville Sunrise	30	1	31	0	100%	61.29%	\$5,495.00	
Incline Village*	25	5	25	0	0%	0.00%	\$2,375.00	1	Tahoe City	38	3	40	0	67%	75.00%	\$4,550.00	
lone	28	5	29	0	20%	87.50%	\$8,135.00		Tahoe-Douglas	50	2	53	0	150%		\$11,601.00	\$111.00
Jackson	47	2	49	0	100%	81.87%	\$3,339.00	\$2,019.00	Tahoe-Incline*	38	8	43	0	63%	0.00%	\$10,781.00	\$2,250.00
Loyalton	27	1	25	-2	-200%	74.00%	\$3,238.41	\$1,018.00	Tonopah*	20	3	21	0	33%	0.00%	\$1,245.25	\$1,600.00
Mammoth Lakes Noon	42	5	39	0	-60%	53.21%	\$1,400.00	\$200.00	Truckee	87	2	89	0	100%	85.36%	\$12,315.00	\$3,725.00
Mammoth Lakes Sunrise	17	3	21	0	133%	71.00%	\$475.00	\$75.00	Truckee Sunrise	23	5	23	0	0%	78.00%	\$100.00	\$0.00
Minden	38	6	36	0	-33%	75.69%	\$620.00	\$1,000.00	Westwood-Lake Almanor*	7	6	13	0	100%	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nevada City	43	10	42	2	-10%	53.00%	\$2,525.00	\$1,157.00	Winnemucca*	37	10	36	0	-10%	0.00%	\$1,765.00	\$2,000.00
Nevada City 49er Breakfast	90	1	92	-1	200%	79.55%	\$26,995.00			42	4	44	2	50%	89.09%	\$3,670.00	
* No Attendance report made.	Last know	n membe	r count use	d.					TOTALS	2456	276	2525	19			\$352,728	\$93,421

# Rotary Officers 2012-13

## **Rotary International**

RI President: Sakuji Tanaka RI President-elect: Ron D. Burton Director Zone 25/26: Kenneth R. Boyd

# **Rotary District 5190**

District Governor: Sam "Woody" Wilbanks District Governor Elect: Vicki Puliz District Governor Nominee: Joe Zarachoff District Governor Nominate Designate: Gail Ellingwood District Secretary: John Sullivan District Treasurer: Cheryl Zarachoff District Executive Assistant: Ginny Lewis Trainer: PDG Wyn Spiller Newsletter Editor: Elizabeth Cavasso Webmaster: IT Committee

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# CalendarMay 16 - 19:District Conference, John Ascuaga's NuggetJun 10 - 15:RYLA Camp Week #1June 17 - 22:RYLA Camp Week #2



3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL ROTARY DAY AT THE ACES Sunday, August 11, 2013, 1:05 p.m. Aces Ballpark—downtown Reno Contact Cheryl Z. for Tickets: 775-588-1142 or cherylz@tdrotary.com

# **District Newsletter**

The Rotary District 5190 Newsletter is a monthly publication sponsored by District Governor Sam "Woody" Wilbanks. Please note the newsletter is posted on the District website at <u>www.rotarydistrict5190.org</u>/ newsletters.asp. Follow the instructions to download a copy of the newsletter. It is necessary to have a "Portable Document Format" (PDF) reader to read it. Instructions for downloading the free "Acrobat Reader" are available on the website. If you cannot print a copy from the website, contact your Assistant Governor and ask for a hard copy.

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