By now, most District Governors have completed their official visits to clubs in their Districts. Not I. This is the year that Clubs were asked to decide what type of visit they wanted and when they wanted it. Two were in November, one is in December, and five will be after the first of the year.

On November 1, I met with the board and members of the wonderful Rotary Club of Yuba City led by President Dale Eyeler. The theme this year is quite fitting: “Planting the Seeds of Service” and goes with the logo: Trees, the Rotary wheel and the Presidential motorcycle. Their reach extends to all parts of private and public business with their members, partners and service projects. What seems to shine brightest is their support of youth in the community -- several Interact Clubs, RYLA, REGL, Boy Scouts, Scholarships, Literacy projects, Speech Contest and Dictionary project. What many may not know, however, is that they also support their sister Rotary Clubs -- Marysville and South Yuba County. The three collaborate on projects and socials. In fact, they are joining together for a three-club Holiday Party on December 15.
Those who know Pat know he has a long history of elocution in District 5180. A Rotarian for 25 years and a two-time Paul Harris Fellow recipient, much of his time has been spent articulating the benefits of Rotary in convincing many people to join.

An investment advisor by profession, Pat brings a breadth of experience to Rotary. Born and raised in San Leandro, he served in the U.S. Army 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). He married his high school sweetheart, Holly. They have three children: Julie, Natalie (Steven) and Alexander and one grandchild, Leilani.

Pat was one of the first to vocalize the need for a Tuesday morning breakfast club. After discussion with Bob Deering, the East Sacramento Rotary Club agreed to be the sponsor of the Sacramento Breakfast Club. Soon Pat was on the phone with acquaintances and immediately nabbed two members who remain founding members of the club. Pat, himself, became one of the first presidents of the club (and the first to adopt an

who's who in the district.

Patrick Hassna, District Speech Contest Chair

I got to meet with the South Placer Club board on November 13 and with the Club members on November 15. President Randy Green also strongly supports the other Rotary clubs in Placer County. He helped lead the multi-club project “Feed My Starving Children” which can be viewed on YouTube. And, like Yuba City, South Placer has a number of projects and events dedicated to youth. It seems like not a day goes by that the members are not somewhere in the community doing something meaningful. Well done!

Gov’s Spin (con’t)

Happy Holidays (con’t)

To all Rotarians in District 5180 -- some of whom I’ve known for years and others I’ve just met -- you amaze me and make me happy to be part of our Rotary community.

Thank you to our most senior member -- David Fiddyment -- who has nearly 71 years of perfect attendance and given a lifetime of service. And, thank you to those members who are joining this week!  

DG Sandi Sava
animal mascot, now annually bestowed on club presidents). He was also instrumental in getting an Interact Club at Rio Americano High School.

When life took him to Granite Bay, he quickly adapted to the new surroundings. Before long, he had talked his way into being the club speech contest coordinator. Then, he founded the Granite Bay High School Interact Club, which he led for 15 years. His oratory kept those high schoolers motivated!

Pat has also distinguished himself in Rotary Fellowships by being a recipient of the Cliff Dochterman Award for leadership in Boy Scouts. Pat was an Assistant Scout Master (ASM) with Troop 1221 in Granite Bay. During his 11 years there, his accomplishments included leading the troop on an 11-day, 100-mile trek through the southern Rocky Mountains at Philmont Scout Ranch. His son, Alex served as the “Crew Leader.” They say it was a magnificent trip!

But, this year, his passion is the District 5180 Speech Contest. “This year’s Speech Contest offers a unique opportunity. There is an emphasis for Interactors to participate and show how they are ‘Making a Difference’—the theme of this year’s contest,” says Pat.

Pat reminded that these are key dates:

- January 5, 2018: — Deadline for Clubs to set contest date and location.
- February 16, 2018 — Deadline for club contests.
- April 13, 2018 — Deadline for semifinals.
- May 12, 2018: — District Speech Contest finals @ District Conference, Incline Village, NV.

If anyone has questions about this year’s contest, there is a handbook on the district website. Or, contact Pat at hassnap@snifel.com.

Well, this year’s contest is perfectly themed and well led by someone who’s “Making a Difference!”

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**Youth Services**

**Youth Leadership Conference**

“What makes a good leader?” “How do I get there?” “What do I do when faced with a difficult decision?”

These questions and more were answered at the sixth annual “Partners in Leadership” youth leadership conference hosted by the Point West and Fair Oaks Rotary Clubs.

This was the first year the Fair Oaks Rotary participated and Point West Rotarians were excited to partner with them to make the conference bigger and better!

The Nov. 2 conference brought students from Encina and Bella Vista High Schools together with Rotarian business leaders/mentors to discuss leadership and ethics.

The purpose of the conference, held at the Sacramento State Student Union, was to provide small interactive group settings where students and business leaders focused on leadership and how to make good ethical choices. The 4-Way Test was woven throughout the discussions, sharing with the students the same tool that guides Rotarians through difficult decisions.

The outcomes for the students included: opportunity to interact with business leaders and learn how to communicate and work with them in a positive setting; learning to express themselves, their ideas and thoughts in a group setting; and learning leadership skills that will assist them in being successful in school and after graduation.
Thanks From Rotary Scholar Andy Smith

In 1993, John Cole, a member of the Rotary Club of Foothill-Highlands and known to his Rotary peers as “Mr. Foundation” for his years of promoting The Rotary Foundation (TRF), passed away and left a lasting legacy -- an endowed graduate scholarship through The Rotary Foundation. This Global Grant scholarship is administered through District 5180. In 2012, the scholarship was awarded to Andrew Smith, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Point West. Recently, Andrew shared his experiences and thanks in the following email:

“With gratitude toward Rotary International and in respect to Mr. Cole’s legacy, I utilized the John Cole Rotary Foundation Scholarship to study abroad as a John Cole Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Dublin, Ireland in 2012. While abroad, I completed an MBA at the Trinity College Dublin, School of Business. While overseas as a John Cole Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, I assisted local Irish Rotary clubs in their outreach and in fundraising efforts towards a water-well project in Kenya. In addition, I helped in other Rotary volunteering efforts involving the development of a local, Dublin-based sensory garden for disabled children and persons abiding in wheelchairs.

After my tenure abroad, I have worked (or currently work) on behalf of US or State governments implementing and assessing public-health access care programs for low-income families and individuals, and/or in regulating international financial entities complying with Dodd-Frank initiatives and statutes.

To my understanding, one of Mr. Cole’s desires was to select scholars/individuals who do work in the field of law and justice. Because of Mr. Cole’s
Club News—Folsom

Playground & Cycling Service Projects

In September, the Rotary Club of Folsom participated — and in a big way—in a Folsom Community Service Day to build a cross-fit rig in Willow Hill Reservoir Park. Twenty-six members worked from early morning to late afternoon installing the rig, which the Club purchased for $12,500. The next day, the club completed the project with the addition of wood fiber under the rig. And, they did this all while Folsom High School hosted a Cross Country meet with 61 schools! District 5180 provided a grant for this project. Check out photos at Community Service Day 2017.

Then, in November, club members headed to Tucson to participate in District 5500’s 35th Annual El Tour de Tucson for End Polio Now. El Tour was established in 1983 to become the nation's largest charity-fundraising bicycling event. The bicycling event attracts up to 9,000 cyclists from around the world and raises nearly $13 million!

Folsom Club members John Messner and Garry Parlier cycled 106 miles. Jay and Cindy Freeman cycled 76 miles and Frank Woods cycled 54 miles. In total, the club raised $67,959 for End Polio Now!

John M. Cole Scholarship (con’t)

and Rotary’s generosity, I can work in the field of law and securities regulation. As the first person in my family’s history to graduate from college (or possess an advanced professional degree), had Rotary (or Mr. Cole) not been involved with aiding me in funding my educational pursuits and interests, I would not be the citizen or professional that I have become today.

With the most sincere sense of gratitude and thanks for your service, Rotary and Mr. Cole.” Andy Smith

District 5180 Rotarians will be interested to know Andrew has contacted Rotary to register as a Foundation Alumni and is trying to locate a suitable club in New York City. We wish him the very best!

For Rotarians who are not aware, each year District 5180 makes available one or more graduate-level scholarships for international study in the six areas of focus awarded in compliance with The Rotary Foundation. This scholarship is funded first from the John M. Cole Endowed Scholarship. Each club is allowed to submit one candidate. Applications are accepted from May 1 to May 31 each Rotary year with studies to commence after January 1 of the following Rotary year. This timeline allows for the required approval by TRF of the selected candidate and their course of study. More information can be found on the District 5180 website.

Look Who’s Reading the Rotarian Magazine!

That's right. Carol Van Bruggen, DeWana Ljung, and Desirée Wilson from the Rotary Club of Point West are reading it in front of the Uyoba School in Mfuwe, Zambia, Africa.

They have been going there for years to build and refurbish classrooms, buy books and desks and provide teaching assistants. But, they couldn’t bear to go without a copy of the Rotarian Magazine.

Please share with us where you have been reading the Rotarian Magazine! Send to crea@calcima.org.

District Assembly—April 7

Suggestions for topics? The 2018 District Assembly Chair Samantha Hoshida asks Rotarians to fill out a quick survey to help her plan classes and topics to cover.
District Human Trafficking Project

Global Grant Awarded District 5180

This fall, Rotary International approved District 5180’s application for a Global Grant to fund the District’s Human Trafficking Project.

The grant is a major milestone in the District’s multi-year Human Trafficking Project. The project is a leading edge and comprehensive program to tackle human trafficking.

Specifically, District 5180 has been awarded a Global Grant to conduct a communication program. The District will engage a proven and approved education program that disseminates education and awareness information to children, healthcare workers, law enforcement, and educators, to prevent human trafficking. A provocative PR campaign is included to bring attention and promote changes to counteract sex trafficking.

The education portion involves training school administrators, educators and students in the 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grades on human trafficking. The goal of the campaign in the greater Sacramento area is to raise the level of public awareness of human trafficking and is aimed at informing the public as well as effecting change in public policy. Until the public understands the truth about the conditions that girls, boys, women, and men live in when being trafficked, this issue will persist and grow. Resources and 800 numbers will also be advertised to give those being trafficked support to reach out for help.

The grant for District 5180 is unique, too, since these grants usually go to developing countries. However, Rotary recognizes the challenge and immediacy to address human trafficking in the U.S. The Global Grant is for over $200,000 and, with matching funds, adds up to $340,000 towards the project.

"This Rotary partnership is a testament to how strong community collaborations can make a significant impact in preventing victims of human trafficking and other crimes" said Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert.

The District 5180 Human Trafficking Project is lead by Rotarians Brian Gladden and Bob Deering. Read the full press release.