This year's District theme is “Reflect Back – Embrace the Future.” As I have visited the clubs and learned more about them, their members and their projects, it seems that everyone has a story to share. Now it's time for me to share one with you about our District, thanks to Past District Governor Rod Ritchie (Oroville).

In 1915, according to Dewey R. Powell, PDG of District 13 (1917-18), the officers and delegates of Rotary International felt the need to establish a worldwide division of Rotary Clubs into districts for more efficient administration and future growth. A small group of fifteen men from nine existing clubs in California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii and New Mexico met in Fresno and organized District 13, the first district of which our current District 5180 was a part. The original nucleus included the Clubs of San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, San Jose, Berkeley, Reno, Phoenix, Honolulu and Albuquerque.

In 1918, District 13 was divided, and all of California became District 23. In 1922, District 23 became District 2 and remained that until 1932, during which time the number of clubs in California increased beyond all expectations. With the increased growth, the District number designation continued to...
District 5180 Key Dates

May 6  Rotary Bike to Scott’s on the River  - 8:15 a.m.—Folsom Lake to Sacramento River
   Benefit for *End Polio Now*

May 11-13  District Conference - Hyatt Regency, Incline Village— *Time Of Your Life*

June 5  Rotary at the Rivercats—Rivercats (Giants) vs. Oklahoma City (Dodgers—*yuck!*)
   Benefit for *End Polio Now*

Additional information for these event is on the [District 5180 website](http://www.rotary5180.org).

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**District Events**

**District Conference: *Time of Your Life***

Rotarians will laugh, have fun and celebrate at the 2018 District Conference May 11–13 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Spa and Casino at Incline Village.

The Conference features keynote speakers Sara Kooperman on leadership and Minda Dentler on success.

There are also speech contests, cultural exchanges, awards, recognitions, international activities, games, and a beach party!

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**Rotary International Conference**

June 23—27
Toronto, Canada

“Inspiration Around Every Corner”

Help Shape the Destiny for 35,000 clubs

There’s a world of opportunity waiting for you at the Toronto Convention
Human Trafficking (con’t)

3Strands Global will be providing their PROTECT pro-
gram (PRevention Organized To Education Children on
Trafficking) to bring awareness and education about
human trafficking to 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th graders in
schools in our District. Two local schools have already
started the education process - Casa Robles High
School (San Juan Unified School District) and Sutter
Middle School (Sacramento Unified School District).
The curriculum will be age/grade appropriate for each
grade level.

Casa Robles used a bit different 3-phase approach,
which began in early April. First was a forum for the
parents and community to learn about the program,
where approximately 75 people attended. The teach-
ers were then educated by 3Strands Global on all of
the instructional modules and then the teach-
ers rolled out the program to all grade levels
at Casa Ro-
bles. The mod-
el used for
Casa Robles
was modified
from the normal rollout of the program. Going forward,
3Strands Global will train the teachers and teachers
will then train the students in the four individual grade
levels - 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grades.

Sutter Middle School started their training several
weeks ago in their 7th grade classes. More schools
will be coming on line in the weeks and months ahead.

Public Awareness Campaign

The public awareness campaign started off with a pre-
launch event at a marketing workshop in March. The
workshop was convened to bring together allies in our
fight against human trafficking - law enforcement, survi-
vor organizations, state agencies, the District Attor-
ney’s office, media contacts and others - to discuss the up-
coming cam-
paign and how
our allies could
leverage the
campaign mes-
saging. The
interactive
workshop was
led by Anne
Ream, founder
of the Voices
and Faces Pro-
ject, whom we
are partnering with on the public awareness campaign.

The focus of the campaign will be "The Ugly Truth" - a
campaign created to dispel the myths about human
trafficking and sexual exploitation. The three month
campaign will run June, July and August and will in-
clude billboards and radio messaging.

The purpose of bringing this campaign to our district is
to help change minds, hearts and public policies on
sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Click here
(The Ugly Truth) to learn more about this campaign,
which has been used successfully in Chicago, San
Diego, San Francisco, Oakland andWashington, D.C.
The materials will be modified specifically for Sacra-
mento and will carry the Rotary branding.

If you are interested in helping, please contact one of
the following:

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Public
Awareness Campaign - Desirée Wilson desiree918@comcast.net
Fundraising - Connie Correia connie@fc360.com
Who’s Who In the District

Kwame Acquaah —District 5180 Peace Chair

Kwame became a Rotarian early 2014. As a result of his profound appreciation of what Rotary stands for, especially in the area of Peace, he currently serves as the Membership Director for Rotary Club of Greater Sacramento Passport One and the District’s Peace Chair.

Get to know Kwame, his passion for life once immigrating to California, and his passion for peace in our world and how he is affecting change.

When Kwame Acquaah joined Rotary a few years ago, he immediately volunteered to be a member of the Laguna Sunrise Peace Committee and helped organize a successful Peace Forum for our district. Kwame has proven to be an extraordinary ambassador for Peace since then, working with International and local organizations to promote Rotary’s message of Peace.

Kwame is passionate about the well-being of others and the environment. He created Trans-Atlantic Environmental Inc.-Light the World Campaign. It is a non-profit organization that donates free solar lights and books to remote villages in Ghana. He is a Scrum Master for the State of California, the Life Group Leader for Harvest Church and CEO of DIDIA. He co-hosts a radio program every Sunday called “Songs of Praise Gospel.”

Kwame immigrated to California in 1988. In a short time, he obtained his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration-Accounting, a Master of Science in Business Administration-Management Information Science, and a

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change. In 1937, District 105 was split from District 2. Further splits occurred, resulting in District 109 which later became known as District 164.

By 1957, District 519 emerged and included the northeast area of the State of California from Walnut Grove in the south to the Oregon border and the entire State of Nevada except the Las Vegas Area. Robert “Bob” Hall (Marysville) became the first District Governor of 519. Between 1957 and 1995, the District grew from 51 clubs and 3315 members to 79 clubs and 4500 members.

In 1988 and 1991, proposals were made to redistrict but were rejected. Another proposal was made in 1992 and received the requisite approval from the clubs. It then was submitted to Rotary International which resulted in the most recent split, effective July 1, 1995. Forty-five clubs (2,297 members) in certain areas of California and Nevada became part of the new District 5190, and thirty-four clubs (2,200 members) in the Sacramento Valley became part of the new District 5180.

Rod Ritchie was the first District Governor of District 5180, and the first official club visit he made was to the Rotary Club of Sacramento Breakfast — my home Club.

Who’s Reading the Rotary Magazine? Why, if it isn’t PDG Barbara Tracy and her husband, Jim. A central feature of their recent trip to New Zealand included reading the magazine in scenic locations with onlookers.
Who’s Who (con’t)

Doctorate in Management, Information Systems and Technology and Organizational Leadership. Kwame is an avid tennis player, a short story writer, a poet, an artist and a graphic artist. Kwame and his wife Ivy are the proud parents of three children Angela, Danielle and Ivan, with nieces Jayden and Mabel. They were recently blessed with their first grandchild. Kwame’s family is rather too large to list here as he and his wife Ivy have adopted and care for several children in Africa.

Kwame is also Chairperson for the Rotary Peace Committee. Peace can mean different things to different people but in Rotary, peace stands for the commitment to make a positive impact in our communities and around the world. The building of peace and its impact depends on each one of us as we work together in our own way to engage each other positively.

One of the pillars of Rotary International is the promotion and building of peace in as many communities as possible. Through service projects and community engagements, Rotary has and continues to foster understanding while providing communities with the skills and resources to resolve conflicts.

On April 28, 2018, our district will receive the 27th International Peace Award and present at this ceremony will be the current President of Ghana, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, who is also a Paul Harris fellow. In our Rotary District 5180, we believe that offering an opportunity for members of our community to constructively engage with each other is a great way to start. In our upcoming Rotary Peace Symposium, our theme will be Peace Talks. Our objective is to open the door to talk about Peace openly and collaborate at a local level about practical ways to effect change in our district.

Working with the Rotary Action Group for Peace, and in partnership with California State University’s Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution (CAPCR), the Multi-Cultural Committee of the City of Elk Grove, local Law Enforcement, School Districts, and You, we look forward to advancing peace and turning our ambitious idea into life-changing realities for communities in our district.
District 5180 Mourns Passing of Past District Governor Hal Shipley

Harold Carl Shipley, known to Rotarians as "Hal," passed away recently at the age of 86.

Hal grew up in Clarksburg where he met his wife, Lona, of 62 years. They had four children, eight grandchildren and 23 grandchildren. And, somehow he found time for Rotary!

Hal’s work career included nine years in the U.S. Army. He managed offices in Reno and Sacramento for IBM for 20 years. Always being nimble, he made a career switch to construction after obtaining a construction engineering degree at Sacramento State.

His Rotary journey began in 1978 when he joined the Rotary Club of Elk Grove. His sponsor was Frank Sansone, and his classification was “Joint Control Agent,” a reference to his construction inspection business.

His leadership abilities led him to being the eighth Governor for District 5180 during the 2003-2004 Rotary year. Hal set two primary goals for his year: money (growing the financial strength of the District) and people (increasing membership).

Some of Hal’s favorite memories relate to his time as District Governor. One of these was meeting and working with R.I. President Bhichai Rattakul, whose international theme was “Sow the Seeds of Love.”

During the year, he also greatly enjoyed working with Carol Ramirez, President of the Rotary Club of Yuba City. Shortly after Hal began his year, he received a telephone call from Carol and she asked if he would go to Yuba City and induct some new members. He replied, “yes” and asked her how many. She said 10. A few weeks later, she called him again and asked the same question. He asked how many. She said 10. A few weeks later, she had added 23 new members. Hal saw her club grow in his year from 91 to 123 members!

Of all the club projects Hal witnessed, his own club was his most memorable. The Rotary Club of Elk Grove has an annual Christmas Party for the students of Jesse Baker School. This is an Elk Grove District School for Mentally Handicapped students. There are 40 to 60 students each year who receive Christmas presents from the club and are hosted to a fun program. Hal stated it will be in his memory forever.

There were numerous International projects during Hal’s year as DG. These included hosting 70 Russians for doing Rotary’s Business in Today’s Russia and the need for a Global Quest in Russia; a Doll museum in India and a School House Roof Replacement in Argentina — sponsored by the Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills; a donation of a Police Car to San Filipe, Mexico — sponsored by the Rotary Club of Folsom; sponsorship of a Rotary Club in Russia (Novosibirsk) and Sol air cookers in Zimbabwe — sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks; a shipment of eye glasses and wheel chairs to Mexico — sponsored by the Rotary Club of Orangevale; drilling 100 water wells in Cambodia — sponsored by the Rotary Club of Roseville Sunrise; and, lastly, financial support to an orphanage and shelters for elementary school children in La Paz, Mexico — sponsored by the Rotary Club of Yuba City.

Hal participated in the Group Study Exchange with Rotary District 4651 in Brazil and both the incoming and outgoing teams participated in the District Conference.

Hal’s Rotary accomplishments included service outside of District 5180. Hal served on Far West PETS; the Literacy Task Force for Zone 23-24; the Ethics Committee for Zone 23-24; Chairman of the RI Fellowship of Literacy Providers; Secretary of the Board of Directors of WESSEX (Western States Student Exchange); and the Host Committee for NAYEN (North American Youth Exchange Network).

Hal’s advice to future DGs is not to start your year with a four-way heart bypass. Instead, he says, “Talk to two or three PDG's and ask them this question, 'Who would you recommend in this role on my committee?’ And, then be sure that the people you appoint to various positions see their role in the same light as you.”

Hal was always one of the most visible and well-liked Rotarians in District 5180. Thank you for all you did. We miss you!