



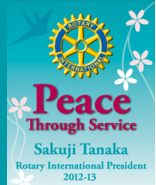
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May 2013 Governor's Message

By Dr. Sylvia Whitlock



May, in the official Rotary calendar, is one of only two months not dedicated to a specific topic., so I now make my own dedication. I dedicate this message to you – the men AND women of Rotary, whose service above self makes this world a better place – from the

mountains to the sea and all that is contained in the many places where we work at our goal of Peace Through Service.

There is one month left of my service as your district governor, but many months left when I will work alongside you as a humanitarian. Four years ago, when I signed on for this tour of duty, I could never have imagined how my passion for Rotary would have grown through my learning about all the ways Rotarians in District 5300 serve their fellow man.

I have had the pleasure of traveling the length and breadth of this district, from East Los Angeles, CA, to Caliente, NV; from Barstow to Palmdale, from Rosamond to Victorville, and all the 63 places in between. I used to laughingly remark that I had been to Victorville 25 times in my life, 24 in the past two years. The same may be true of all the cities and towns I have visited – in Los Angeles and its suburbs, in the High Desert – from Apple Valley to the Antelope Valley, and in Nevada from Las Vegas area to Caliente and Pahrump and Laughlin and Boulder City and Mesquite and Moapa. I have been inspired by the giant feats you accomplish, even the smallest of you. Your communities are better off because of the effort you put into identifying and meeting needs.

Your young people are enriched by your support and the opportunities you provide them to learn and grow. I will not enumerate all the things you do and all the people you serve – we will do that at the District Conference.

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Interact Conference



May 18, 2013

And, speaking about the DISTRICT CONFERENCE : if a tree falls in a forest and there is no one there, does it make a sound? If we honor you at the District Conference and you're not there, where is the impact? All District Governors are mandated to hold a district conference. That's where all the pieces of this great organization come together. We recognize and honor you, share good stories and share good times – fun and fellowship!

The other plan I hope you will take advantage of is our trip to India. The prime purpose is to visit Piyali School which many of you have so generously supported. But one does not go to India with one destination. So we have planned a 10-11 day trip, from August 29 – September 10, when we will visit and tour Delhi and the Indian capital city, New Delhi; Agra (to see the incomparable Taj Mahal); Varanasi, the holiest of the seven sacred cities of Hinduism, and the spiritual capital of India; and then to Calcutta and Piyali, where we will be greeted by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan. You have received a copy of the itinerary so let me know, quickly, if you wish to join me on this trip.

You have been gracious hosts to my visits. I have loved getting to put names and faces together - sometimes it's badges and faces - getting to know the flavor of your clubs – each one distinctly different from the other and knowing that I am part of an organization peopled by volunteers like you.

Continue to carve out your place in this large quest for peace through service. Please honor my request for three extra dimes a day so we can be 'right there' and not just "this close". Thank you for the honor that you have given me,- to be your governor, and to share in the good deeds of District 5300!

Monterey Park Rotary Received District Matching Grant for Community Garden

by Linda Wilson



Rotary Club of Monterey Park has received a matching grant of \$1,500 from Rotary District 5300 to establish a community garden at the Repetto School in Monterey Park.

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District Conference



May 16-19, 2013

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San Diego, CA

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2013 Rotary International Convention

Lisbon, Portugal - June
23-26, 2013



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Montebello Rotarians Participate in World Wide Work Day

by Anne Donofrio-Holter



Montebello Rotarians converged upon the Sanchez Adobe this past Saturday where they put the club's motto, "Service Above Self," into action as they celebrated Rotarians at Work Day.

Beginning in 2006, each year thousands of Rotarians world-wide, on the same day, have participated in a hands-on project in their community.

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Monterey Park Rotarian Marta Escañuelas Selected as Women of Distinction for 2013

by Linda Wilson

Congresswoman Judy Chu has selected Marta Escañuelas, Monterey Park Rotarian and Executive Director of MERCI, as one of the Women of Distinction for 2013. The Awards Ceremony was held on Saturday, April 6th at the Huntington Library.

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CTA Honors Glendora Rotary for Mini-Grants

by Thom Hill

The California Teachers Association (Service Center One Council Community Outreach Action Team) recently recognized the Glendora Rotary Club and its Mini-Grants Project Chair, Thom Hill, for "the dedicated support that you have given to students, teachers, and public education."

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Arcadia Rotary Club Awards Teacher Mini-Grants

by Anne Donofrio-Holter



As part of its commitment to education, the Arcadia Rotary Club awarded more than \$2,500 in teacher mini-grants to the Arcadia Unified School District .

"Of the many things we are proud to be a part of, the mini grant program is the ultimate way of paying it forward for the Arcadia Rotary Club," said

President Eric Barter. "Helping the

education of our community's youth is an important investment in our future."

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Rotary and Business Networking

by Briana Lane

Business Networking International (BNI) claims to be the largest business networking organization in the world, with 145,000 members worldwide. As Rotarians, we should take umbrage with this claim. Rotary has 1.2 million members in more than 34,000 clubs worldwide and was founded as a business networking organization. Rotary is the largest and oldest business networking organization in the world-a fact Rotarians should embrace and market more aggressively.

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Hensel Ethics Winners

by Kathy Schlotz

The Red Rock Rotary Club of Las Vegas submitted Daniel Turner's winning essay. The George R. Hensel Ethics Essay Endowment wrote a check to the Palo Verde High School student for \$3000. Daniel and the Red Rock Club will be honored at the Next Generation Plenary Session at District Conference Saturday May 18. The runners up are Vuong (Jenny) Chau from the San Gabriel Rotary Club - \$500, Nicholas Walker from the Boulder City Rotary Club - \$500, and Yuqiao Zhao from the Arcadia Rotary Club - \$500

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