

The Pride



Rotary District 5230



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Pride Corner

District Governor August Hioco



Someone said a long time ago, that you need three things in life to be happy: Something to hope for, something to Love and something to Work for.

Rotary offers all three.

December is Family Month, a time when Rotarians pay special attention to our emphasis on the family of Rotary.

When you put the family of Rotary idea next to such enormous needs as nutritious food and clean water, it might seem much less important. After all, as Rotarians, we are here to help everyone and look out for all those who need us. We do not just look after our own Rotarians and that is not what Rotary is about.

As Rotarians, we do have a great responsibility to make sure Rotary's good work doesn't end with us. Rotary does so much that is so important in so many ways: providing water to the thirsty, food to the hungry, medical care to the poor and sick, education to the illiterate. Rotary has been doing this for over 100 years now.

If we focused all our attention on nothing but that lifesaving and life-altering work, then this work would eventually come to an end. Rotary would die out in a generation if we did not also pay attention to the health of our own organization, our members, our clubs, and those who will join our clubs in the years to come. We are not just 1.2 million Rotarians in 32,000 clubs. We are 250,000 Interactors, 170,000 Rotaractors, 150,000 Rotary Community Corps members and, in the last year alone, about 8,000 young people in Rotary Youth Exchange. And of course, don't forget the spouses, widows, and widowers and children of Rotarians. Altogether, the family of Rotary is well over two million strong.

We need to continue to grow our family because, like you, I was asked to join Rotary. I did not know then what direction Rotary would take me. I'd have to say now, looking back, on that invitation to hear about what Rotary was doing and then later the invitation to join became one of the defining moments of my life. And for me, and perhaps for you, aside from my family, and my profession no other organization or activity has influenced

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me more for good, and makes me want to do good, then Rotary.



And as the years pass, I feel the tread of rotary weaving itself deeply into the fabric of every aspect of my life. To each of the 3,000 plus Rotarians in District 5230 who love this organization, I say to you today... believe. Believe that through this organization you can become a better person, a better father, mother, son or daughter, a better neighbor in your community. Believe that you, as an individual, can make dreams real in the lives of others through Rotary. Believe that you as an

individual can help create peace one person at a time. Believe that what you share with a person you invite into Rotary can make dreams real in their lives. Believe that the person you share Rotary with can also make dreams real in our world. And believe that together as a Rotary family, we can accomplish so much more.

We want to leave Rotary better than we found it. We want others to feel what we have felt, to see what we have seen, and to embrace the ideal of service above self and to become a member of the Family of Rotary. Our family is strong because it is close, and because it is always forming new ties. We need to ensure that Rotary keeps growing in all the branches of our family.

Thank you for your service to Rotary! Happy Holidays.....Cheers!

District Governor's Schedule

- December 3 District Governors official Visit Coalinga
- December 9 Rotary Club of Fresno Sunrise Anniversary Party
- December 19 Rotary Club of Tulare Paul Harris Christmas Party
- December 20 Rotary Club of Fig Garden Christmas Party
- December 30 Outbound GSE Team depart from Fresno International For India District 3110

District 5230 Pride Dates

Our family of Rotary is strong because it's close, and because it's always forming new ties. We need to ensure that Rotary keeps growing; in all the branches of our family. We should always be looking for and inviting qualified men and women to join our clubs. As Rotarians we need to grow our clubs by 10% and get back to the basics of Rotary through Vocational Services in supporting each other and our community.

- December 1 Register for the District 5230 Conference "Pride Safari to Seaside," June 5-7, 2009 at the Embassy Suites, Seaside California.
- December 1-3 Youth Exchange Placement Interviews/Orientation for Outbound Students.
- December 25 Peace on Earth, good will toward all.....Happy Holiday!
- December 30 GSE Team leaves for India from Fresno International Airport. Plan to see them off to bring Peace & Understanding to District 3110.
- December 31 Last day a club can hold their annual meeting to elect club officers for Rotary Year 2009-2010.

What is a Paul Harris Fellow?

By PRIP Clifford L. Dochterman, 1992 – 1993

Recently, I joined in a discussion about the importance of the dignity in the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow.

That is why The Rotary Foundation attached the beautiful medallion on a blue and gold ribbon, in order that it can actually be presented around the neck of the individual, along with the certificate and lapel pin to show that it is an event of special significance.



When someone commented that the presentation itself "gives a PHF its true value as recognition of exceptional service," I felt that a little more explaining should be made. Certainly, to recognize a person as a Paul Harris Fellow should always be an honor to the individual, because it demonstrates significant support for the wonderful work of The Rotary Foundation. But, just as a Paul Harris Fellowship can be "recognition of exceptional service," it can also be many other things, as well.

To describe a PHF only in terms of "an award for exceptional service" is far too limiting for the entire Rotary world, and totally disregards the historical background of how the name "Paul Harris Fellow" was created as an

expression of appreciation for a very generous contribution to The Rotary Foundation. If we think of it only as an award we would be overlooking the fact that the term "Paul Harris Fellow" was originally considered as a magnificent way to raise money for The Foundation. Without the thousands of Paul Harris Fellows The Rotary Foundation would not be one of the great humanitarian and educational foundations of the world. What is this historical fact?



A few years ago, when I was a Trustee of The Rotary Foundation, I went back and read all of the minutes of the Trustees during the year 1956-57. In the year 1956, the total contributions to The Rotary Foundation were a little less than \$500,000 for the entire year. The Trustees began to think about how they could raise more money for the Foundation. What would be a good way to encourage Rotarians to give "big money?"

The Trustees finally came up with the idea of trying to get some Rotarians to give \$1,000 in one major gift, by giving them a special form of public recognition. So, it was suggested that we call them "Paul Harris Fellows."

There were three conditions: the contribution must be at least \$1,000; it must be from one individual; and it must be given within a single year. A very attractive pin and medallion were designed as a means to identify this type of generous donor. As you recognize, in 1957, a monetary gift of \$1,000 was a very substantial amount of money. So, there weren't too many gifts, and thus, very few Paul Harris Fellows. As time went by, it was decided that The Foundation could collect more money if the gift could be accumulated over several years, and after there was a total accumulation of \$1,000, the Trustees would designate the donor as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Later, it was suggested that if a club did not have just one person who could give a \$1,000 in a personal contribution, maybe several persons could go together and make the \$1,000 gift. Then the question was raised, "Who will be the person who is named the Paul Harris Fellow?" So, often they decided that the several donors or the Rotary club would pick one person who had long service, or some distinguishing characteristics, to be "honored."

So, what is a Paul Harris Fellow? Think for a moment of this statement: "A Paul Harris Fellow means whatever you want it to mean." Should The Rotary Foundation accept a \$1,000 contribution as a way to honor a person for exceptional service? Certainly.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept a gift of \$1,000 as an expression of happiness for 20 years of marriage, or a new grandchild, or success in one's vocation or family life – and name you a Paul Harris Fellow? Of course.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept a \$1,000 contribution in memory of a friend, relative or associate who has been an important asset to your life – and name you a Paul Harris Fellow? Certainly.

Should The Rotary Foundation accept \$1,000 if you really believe in the tremendous value of the humanitarian work of TRF in developing parts of the world and thereby express appreciation for your gift by naming you a Paul Harris Fellow or multi-PHF? Absolutely.

So, I suggest that a Paul Harris Fellow can mean whatever you wish it to mean. The Rotary Foundation benefits from your contribution and demonstrates this appreciation through the mechanism of a Paul Harris Fellow. That is the way I see it.

Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge

Below is the introduction to a twelve-page sample case statement for Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge. It can be customized for use with major gift proposals in soliciting support for our polio eradication efforts.



If you are working with any individuals who may have an interest and capacity to support Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge with a major gift, the District Foundation Committee would be pleased to put together a personalized case statement, cover letter, and supporting materials for your use.

The full twelve-page sample case may be downloaded at <http://tinyurl.com/100MillionChallenge> (District 5230 Web Site).

Around District 5230

Send bulletins, news, and press releases from your club to districtnewsletter@gmail.com.

EAST FRESNO

DG August Hioco presented Paul Harris awards to Rick Ransom, Paul Zografos, Jerry Acree, Wayne Martin, Dena Papagni, Bill Datola, Michael Jenkins, Michael Salas, and George Wade. Congratulations!



FIG GARDEN

DG August Hioco makes a visit to his home club, taking the microphone to welcome new members.



FRESNO

The Rotary Club of Fresno had a moment of silence at a meeting for the passing of Rotarian Thomas Anderson Harris. Tom was a retired Court of Appeals Judge and passed away on 11/12/2008. Tom joined our club December 2, 1985.

The Rotary Amphitheater at Woodward Park is available for use by nonprofit or approved educational organizations. If interested in more information about these Rotary days, contact Amphitheater Chair Gil Nye at 431-0101.

LEMOORE

Although the income from this month's annual crab feed hasn't all been spent -- it's hard to spend \$27,000 in gross receipts that quickly -- members who participated in the sold-out event held in Trinity on Nov. 1 (and that's about the entire club) admitted they'd had enough crab and tri-tip to last another year.

MARINA

Marina Rotary has changed their meeting venue. They will now meet at Kula Ranch Island Steakhouse

3295 Dunes Road, Marina, CA 93933

Meeting time: Wednesdays, 12:15 pm

MONTEREY

The presentation from RI General Secretary, Ed Futa , on Monday, Nov. 10, was outstanding! Over 160 people were there to enjoy an inspiring presentation. The Rotary clubs of Monterey International and Carmel Valley collaborated beautifully. Thank you to each of you who worked so hard to make this a successful day.



[Click here to view all images from the presentation.](#)

MONTEREY PACIFIC

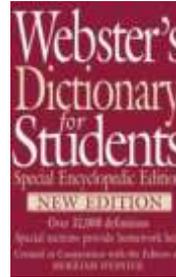
Rotary International is celebrating World Interact Week to commemorate the charter of the first Interact Club which occurred in 1962 in Melbourne, Florida. Interact is short for International Action and can be found on high school campuses all over the world.

The Seaside High School Interact Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Monterey Pacific, was chartered on April 14, 2006 and continues to have a very active student membership dedicated to world understanding and community service. The two clubs work together on many local community service events including a recent joint storm drain stenciling project with the City of Monterey. Through various fundraisers, the Seaside Interact Club recently raised approximately \$900.00 for community service projects.

Also don't forget Cioppino Night on January 31, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Sarah at sarahs@redshift for more information.

SANGER

Director of Vocational Service Valerie Klose reports that dictionaries for Sanger third graders have been distributed.



Receiving the dictionaries from Rotary members adds to this special event. The young people meet successful adults in their community who care enough about them to purchase these dictionaries and come to their school to present them personally. This is the third year Sanger Rotary has participated in the project.

SELMA

DG August Hioco, his grandson Andrew, and Selma President Larry Teixeira took places of honor in the Selma Band Festival.



SOLEDAD

The Soledad Rotary Club was treated to a special gift Thursday as their Rotary Exchange Student is back from her trip and was the Club's noon meeting program.



Dariela Sanchez told of the warmth and hospitality of her four Rotary host families and the sharing of Australian traditional customs, holidays and life-loving spirit. She said her stay and memories are highlighted and enriched by a people who are “genuinely nice, caring and hospitable”. “I love my host families dearly,” related Dariela.

The Soledad Rotary Club is proud to announce the successful completion of their “Make Dreams Real” project. Soledad Rotarians raised the money to distribute over 400 dictionaries to all of the third grade students in the Soledad Unified School District and at the Soledad Mission School. Rotarians visited six schools, distributed dictionaries to each individual student and conducted heartwarming question and answer sessions with the students regarding the unique benefits of their new dictionary.

**Contact Us**

Items for The Pride should be e-mailed to Darryl Booth at districtnewsletter@gmail.com. The deadline is the 20th of the previous month.