August is Rotary Membership and Club Extension month. Turbulent times like these are good times to share Rotary with your friends, business associates and community leaders. We have all been affected by the pandemic, the shutdowns, and the calls for racial equity. We have something unique in Rotary that we can share with people who are wanting to make our world, our communities, and ourselves better. Take the time this month to reach out to someone and invite them to a club meeting – via zoom or in person. Welcome them to the camaraderie and commitment our members have for creating positive change.

Our District's Membership Committee Chair is Gilda Moshir of the Rotary Club of San Marino. She and the membership committee are developing leads received from Rotary International and are working on innovative ways to invite new people to Rotary. Please contact Gilda if you would like to join the committee, if you have ideas to share, or if you need membership assistance.

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So - help us celebrate Membership and Club Extension Month by introducing someone new to your club in August!

We have the following Zoom Meetings scheduled for August:

Tuesday, August 4 @ 6pm -- Board of Directors Training. This month's topic - Your Club's Defining Documents. All are welcome to attend.

Monday, August 10 @ 6pm -- Grants Management. Each club is required to have two members attend grants management training in order for your club to qualify to apply for district grants and global grants. This session is for clubs which have not yet met this requirement.

Monday, August 17 @ 4pm -- Tamished Brass. For the current District Governor line and all Past District Governors. By invitation only.

Monday, August 17 @ 5pm -- Club Presidents Meeting. For current club Presidents to learn about district developments. By invitation only.

Tuesday, August 18 @ 6pm -- Connecting for Global Grants. PDG Chehab ElAwar hosts a monthly forum for people from around the world to connect and put together global grant proposals. If you are interested in sponsoring a global grant for your club or contributing to an ongoing grant, you will find this session worthwhile.

Monday, August 24 @ 6pm -- Polio Plus update. Polio Plus is Rotary International's signature endeavor. Join us to hear the latest developments from Rotary International and a personal story from Ann Lee Hussey, a polio survivor. All are welcome to attend.

Register for all of these events on the district calendar on dacdb.

**2020 District 5300 Peace Conference**

Saturday, August 1, 2020

Past District Governor Garbis Der-Yeghian has announced the 2020 District 5300 Peace Conference. The conference will be held via Zoom on Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 am - 12:15 pm.
The conference theme is "Peace Out of Chaos - A Pandemic" and will focus on how we can cope with and move past the Covid-19 pandemic. Speakers include:
Mark Daniel Maloney, Immediate Past Rotary International President
Dr. Quentin Woden, Lead Economist of the World Bank
Dr. Siobhan Nash-Marshall, Chair of Christian Philosophy and Philosophy Depts., Manhattanville College
Eugene Whitlock, JD, Chief People and Culture Officer, UC Berkeley
Michael Brosowski, Founder-CEO Blue Dragon Children's Foundation
Sheila Gutierrez, Marriage and Family Therapist

Save the date now; registration will go live soon on the dacdb district calendar.

Have your joined Rotary Direct?
Saturday, August 1, 2020

A message from District 5300 District Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson

District 5300 reminds its members it will donate 250 of its Foundation Recognition Points to those who enroll in Rotary's recurring giving program, "Rotary Direct," which makes contributing to "The Rotary Foundation" fast, easy and secure.

Under this program, District 5300 Rotarians can schedule monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions made in any increments, i.e. $10, $25, $50, $100 or more, empowering them to change lives in their local community or throughout the world. Contributions to The Rotary Foundation to either its featured causes (Annual Fund, Polio Plus, World Fund or Disaster Relief) or the seven areas of focus (Peace Building and Conflict Prevention, Disease Prevention and Disease, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Community Economic Development, and Supporting the Environment) are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition, however, only those donations to the featured causes generate District Designated Funds (DDF). Enrolling in "Rotary Direct" can be accomplished through Rotary International's website or by contacting your District 5300 Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson.

In addition, District 5300 will match up to 500 of its Foundation Recognition Points to contributions made by or on behalf of Rotarians who have not yet reached their First Paul Harris Fellow recognition. Such contributions can be made by monetary donations or transfer of recognition points by member or club. For example, a member contributing $500 will receive a match of 500 District matching points, resulting in him or her reaching their first Paul Harris Fellow recognition. A member contributing $250 and receiving a 250-point match of recognition points by his or her club, will also receive 500 District matching points, again resulting in him or her reaching such distinction.

What is the Deadline? When all District Recognition Points are depleted! Contact your District 5300 Rotary Foundation Chair, Susan Johnson, if interested!

Zone 26/27 Virtual Library
Saturday, August 1, 2020

The Zone 26/27 website now includes a Virtual Library. This is a new feature that will include information about virtual fundraising, speaker recommendations, virtual meeting suggestions and more. You can also find valuable information and resources for membership, brand, and foundation topics.
Caution About Brown Paper Tickets

Saturday, August 1, 2020

We have received word from the District Governor of District 5240 that Brown Paper Tickets has gone bankrupt. One of the clubs in her District had held a virtual fundraiser and is now in danger of not receiving any of the proceeds. Be cautious when planning virtual events as some companies have been devastated due to the pandemic shutdown.