

Rotary

District 5300



Betsy's Brilliance

By Elizabeth Barry on Monday, March 21, 2022



Valentine's Day!!



Wow! Was that ever a spectacular Valentine's Day for us all throughout the whole District as well as with District 5330. In District 5300 alone, we easily donated over 4 tons of food and over \$200,000 worth of food to local food banks!! [ROUND OF APPLAUSE!!!] I was on hand with my club, Upland, for the delivery to His Hands, the local food bank my club chose. The administrator there told us that she was worried about how she was going to meet the needs of those in need after Christmas. She was choked up when she told us that, because of our donations, that food bank could serve its clients for 6 months!! I have heard like-kind stories from so many clubs.

What a joyous day! I am still thrilled and over the moon at how our clubs really came through to make this project such a success. I heard several other clubs are going to keep this project going into the future. One other aspect of this project I heard is that clubs had a fun time working together on this -- a great way to get out of COVID and reconnect. Some of the clubs did the project alone while others partnered with neighboring clubs or other civic/charitable organizations.

The San Dimas Club sent over 4 tons of food to Camp Pendleton! And we raised awareness of Rotary and actually got press!



LaVerne Rotary Club Food Team



Membership Month of May!

May is membership month and this year, we are working on a districtwide project to promote Rotary in our communities. Our own very talented and tenacious team of District Membership Chairs Gilda Moshir and Michael Levy and District Marketing/Public Image Chairs Linda Davis and Zeb Welborn are partnering together to encourage each of our Areas in the District to have a membership "Know Rotary, Grow Rotary" event whereby the clubs in the area work together to find a mutually convenient date, time and place in May to hold an event to showcase Rotary in the area. The clubs in each area will showcase all the wonderful projects they do and talk about Rotary. The more people see just how much we do, they will be begging us to join us!! Also, this is a chance for new members to get acquainted with other members and, again, see for themselves what a big impact we have! And, of course, where there are more than 2 Rotarians, a party will happen!! So, be on the lookout for more information and details to roll out.

District Conference!!

I'm not bragging here, but this District Conference is going to be "out of this world!" Over this past weekend, the District Conference team went to the Esmeralda Renaissance Spa and Resort in Indian Wells to check out the facility again. It is SPECTACULAR!! June 23rd to 27th are the "star dates" where we will Rotary will "go boldly" into the future!! Yes, the theme is Star Trek -- ALL generations. I personally am a fan of Star Trek: New Generation. Yes, there will be a costume contest. Who is the best Klingon, Romulan, Ferengi or bridge officer out there?? Did I also tell you that the food there is not "replicated" but is actually delicious!! Registration is open. The overall idea is to have FUN, RECONNECT and CELEBRATE as we made it through COVID!!

Club presidents: Please be sure to keep up with tracking your progress for AWARDS!! Go to Rotary.org to post.

Coming Down to the Wire

Account Leaders

Elizabeth McDonough Barry
District Governor
Roger H. Gutierrez
District Gov-Elect
Michael L. Soden
District Gov-Nominee
Philip Miles
District Treasurer

Events

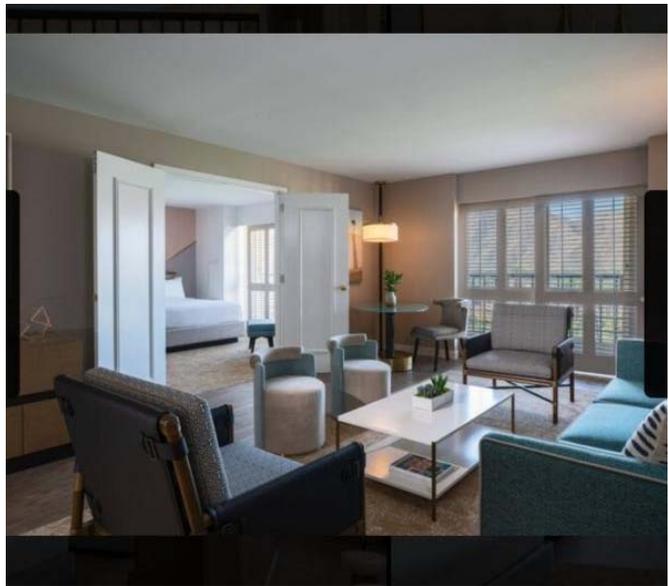
March 27th
District 5300 Foundation Reception
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March 27th
Bingo and Dinner at the Southpoint
April 1st
3rd Annual Spring Swing Golf Tournament



I have visited most of the clubs and I come away so energized and amazed at what our AWESOME clubs are doing! I also thank you for your hospitality and making me feel so welcome. Now that most of the COVID restrictions have been lifted, I feel so much freer to come see -- live and in person -- our wonderful clubs. Seeing you all and talking with you is like a big giant dose of Vitamin "R" (for Rotary)!!

District Conference Registration is Open!! Beam up!!!

By Raghada Khoury on Monday, March 21, 2022



Don't miss out!!! This year's conference is at the beautiful Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa. For a look at the resort [click here](#) .

Attention all members of the FEDERATION OF ROTARY! Mark your Star Calendars for June 24 through 26, 2022 for a long awaited District Conference at STARBASE Renaissance Esmeralda Hotel and Spa LOCATED ON THE PLANET Indian Wells, California! Come and celebrate the voyages of District 5300 as we boldly go where no Rotarian has gone before. Join us on a continuing mission to explore the Imagination of Rotary as we Serve to Change Lives.

The cover photo shows one of the Suites available for Hospitality.

In English, **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

The link in the last Highlighter was incorrect. If you would like to register for the District Conference
[click here to register](#) .

Registration is two fold. First you register for your guest room and at the bottom of the screen you register for the actual conference. If you have any questions, contact

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PDG Conrad C. von Bibra, Rest in Peace

By Linda Ann Davis on Monday, March 21, 2022

Conrad C. von Bibra passed away at his home in South Pasadena, CA, on Sunday, March 13, 2022, at the age of 92. All five of his children and eight of his ten grandchildren had gathered in South Pasadena to be with him and Pat in his final days.

Conrad was born to Carl Johann von Bibra and Edith Rawcliffe Thompson in Los Angeles on December 19, 1929. He graduated from Stanford University with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering, Class of '52, where he met Patricia Terry. Together they served as president and vice-president of the Stanford Institute of International Relations. Conrad and Pat were married in Fresno on December 29, 1952. Conrad served as an officer in the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1955.



From 1962 to 1984, he was President of Exeter Oil Company, Ltd., where he dedicated long hours to his work as both engineer in the field and executive in the office. Conrad was a past chairman of the Conservation Committee of California Oil and Gas Producers (CCCOGP), which is the designated advisor to the state of California for rates of production. Conrad was a natural leader who truly lived to serve.

He has been wholeheartedly involved in South Pasadena, his home, since 1962. Throughout his six decades here, Conrad served as President of the South Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, South Pasadena Rotary Club, and the Oneonta Club. From 1993 to 1994, he was Governor of Rotary International District 5300, during which time he worked tirelessly to connect local Rotary clubs with international service projects. He and Pat traveled to India to help with Rotary's effort to eradicate polio. He was Chair of the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee for the 1999-2000 year. A pillar of Calvary Presbyterian Church, he served as Elder, Deacon, Sunday school teacher, youth group leader, and usher over his lifetime. He was elected in 1982 as Moderator of the San Gabriel Presbytery, and in 1987 to the board of Heritage and Tradition (AVAZ International Dance Theater).

In addition to these formal roles, Conrad reached out a helping hand informally to so many people throughout his lifetime. When he saw a need, he did his best to fill it. Over the years, he opened his home to a number of individuals, especially international students from all over the world, including Mongolia, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Mexico. This generosity was focused on helping others in need, but for his family, it also opened a world of learning more about different cultures firsthand from people from all over the world. All of this kept Conrad very busy, but he still managed to indulge his love of travel. He and Pat traveled all over the world, usually inviting various family members to join them.

Conrad worked throughout his life to restore his ancestral home in Germany, where the family spent many happy summers. In addition to travel, Conrad was an avid tennis player even into his 70s. And no description of Conrad would be complete without mention of his love of ice cream, especially if it came in the form of a Twoheys' sundae. Conrad was preceded in death by his sisters, Adele von Bibra and Edith Huberta von Bibra. He is survived by his beloved wife Pat, his five children Brenn von Bibra, Anne Louise (Vince) Wharton, Margaret Joy Gill, Carl (Elizabeth) von Bibra, Terry (Olga) von Bibra, and ten grandchildren: Kilian (Jaslyn), Margaret Louise, Marie-Sophie, Lorenz, Franz-Leopold, Thomas (Samantha), Noah, Alex, Maria-Letizia, and Adrian. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, March 19 at 2 PM at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1050 Fremont Ave, South Pasadena.

The family asks that you consider donating to one of the following: South Pasadena Rotary Foundation, earmarked International Projects (P.O. Box 362, South Pasadena CA 91030 or www.southpasadenarotary.org) Calvary Presbyterian Church (P.O. Box A, South Pasadena CA 91030 or www.cpcsouthpas.org) Union Rescue Mission Los Angeles (545 S. San Pedro St., LA, CA 90013 or www.urm.org) From the South Pasadena <https://southpasadenan.com>