

Rotary  
District 5300



# Quick Notes



Saturday, July 15, 2023

## DG Soden's First Note



We are pleased to present you with the first edition of Quick Notes for 2023-24. This newsletter will be released every 1st and 15th of the month, while our now quarterly publication, the Highlighter, will provide you with the past quarter's district and club event highlights, with the first edition on October 1. Our aim is to enable you and your clubs to promote your service projects and fundraisers more effectively. Please update your DACdb Calendar for us to feature any club event automatically in QuickNotes.

As your 2023-2024 District Governor, I am privileged and honored to have this opportunity. This upcoming year's theme is "Create Hope in the World." Our RI President Gordon McNally says "Our primary goal is to foster hope and facilitate healing the harsh consequences of destructive conflicts, resulting in positive lasting change.

With Covid-19 becoming history, we anticipate our members returning to some sense of normalcy. This year, we will combine old and new ideas, such as the Rotary Essentials, a monthly session starting in September, whereby the first session will address Public Image, followed by Membership in October, Foundation in November, and a new offering, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in December.

We will have three main foci this year. First, membership growth has persistently been our concern since our district lost approximately 1,000 members in the last decade. In mid-August, our district will launch ComeSeeWhatWeDo.org website to enable all clubs to advertise and promote their service projects via a massive Social Media campaign and invite the public to participate.

Second, since Rotary is close to eradicating Polio, as we all know, District 5300 is forming a Polio Plus Society to help finish the job. Members who donate a minimum of \$100.00 annually to the Polio Plus fund will be part of the Society. As I tour the district this year, I will distribute challenge coins with the hope of encouraging others to join.

Third, RI President Gordon's initiative to raise Mental Health Awareness will address the taboo subject of mental health. I am forming a committee that will focus on this objective. Kindly contact me via [dgms2324@gmail.com](mailto:dgms2324@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining this committee.

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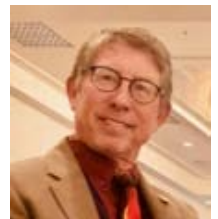
On a new note, we are organizing the 2024 District Conference - A Cruise to Service on Royal Caribbean Navigator of the Sea from June 21-24, 2024, spending three nights and four days. On Saturday, we will have our usual District Conference with club awards and the DG pinning of Michael Driebe. On Sunday, we will dock in Ensenada to work District 4100 on an International Service project. [Reserve a cabin now!](#)

Although it is traditional to host the Dan Stover Music contest and the 4-Way Test Speech contest at the District Conference, it is not practical this year due to where the Conference will take place. Instead, the 4-Way Test Speech Contest finals will occur at the District Training Assembly in April. In May, at the Foundation Event, the Music contest will take center stage. We will continue to hold RYLA, TLC, and the Peace Conference as usual.

Yours in Rotary,  
Michael Soden  
District Governor 2023-2024

## Mariscal's Foundation Reminder

Our new Rotary year has begun. While not all of the data have been finalized for the year that ended last month, our District members once again contributed more than \$270,000 to the Annual Fund-SHARE and more than \$64,000 to Polio Plus. In addition, our District had a few members contribute directly to the RI Endowment. That amount was just over \$147,000 and included two gifts from estates of former members who remembered The Rotary Foundation in their estate planning documents.



If any club treasurers were not able to send contributions to The Rotary Foundation collected from members during last Rotary year, please forward them as soon as possible. They will still be credited to the current year.

Mark Mariscal  
District 5300 Rotary Foundation Chair 2021-2024  
Past-President Rotary Club of Altadena

## 9/15 Deadline to volunteer for January Rotaplast Mission

The September 15 deadline is coming up to apply to volunteer for the next Rotaplast Mission in Cebu City, Philippines, scheduled for two weeks in January/February 2024. For detail and volunteer application forms, click the links below. For questions or to schedule a club program, contact:

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<https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/5300/assets/Cebu-Rotaplast-Mission-Flyer-2024.pdf>

[https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/5300/assets/Rotaplast-Mission-Volunteer-Form-Fillable\\_2024.pdf](https://www.dacdb.com/Rotary/Accounts/5300/assets/Rotaplast-Mission-Volunteer-Form-Fillable_2024.pdf)

## District and Club Events

**July 15th**, 5:00-9:00 PM

[Altadena Concert Volunteers-July 15](#)

**July 18th**, 5:00-6:00 PM

**July 15th**, 11:00-11:00 PM

[Governor Visit Survey](#)

**July 19th**, 9:00-12:00 PM

**Rotary Club of Boulder City Business Book Club**

**July 19th**, 4:15-5:15 PM  
**LVAH Agassi Birthday Hour**

**Location:**

**July 22nd**, 8:00-12:00 PM  
**The Just One Project Food Distribution**

**July 22nd**, 5:00-9:00 PM  
**Altadena Concert Volunteers-July 22**

**July 24th**, 6:00-9:00 PM  
**Super Summer Theater - Something Rotten**

**July 29th**, 5:00-9:00 PM  
**Altadena Concert Volunteers-July 29**

**August 2nd**, 3:30  
**Windmill Library Chess Program**

**August 6th**, 1:00-3:00 PM  
**Judy Lloyd Celebration of Life**

**August 10th**, 6:00-9:00 PM  
**Greenspokes**

**August 16th**, 3:30  
**Windmill Library Chess Program**

**August 30th**, 3:30  
**Windmill Library Chess Program**

**Green Valley Project 150 Backpack Stuffing**

**July 19th**, 6:00-7:30 PM  
**Spread the Word Nevada Book Cleaning**

**July 22nd**, 4:30-9:00 PM  
**Lancaster West Club Service Event - Dinner & Soundbreakers Game**

**July 22nd**, 5:00-9:00 PM  
**Super Summer Theater--Something Rotten**

**July 25th**, 5:00-7:00 PM  
**It's Time to Mingle - July 25**

**July 31st**, 5:30-7:30 PM  
**Claremont: Seed Bank Tour at California Botanic Garden**

**August 5th**, 5:00-9:00 PM  
**Altadena Concert Volunteers-Aug 5**

**August 9th**, 3:30  
**Windmill Library Chess Program**

**August 12th**, 5:00-9:00 PM  
**Altadena Concert Volunteers-Aug 12**

**August 23rd**, 3:30  
**Windmill Library Chess Program**