A Message From the Governor

April is Maternal and Child Health month

Who could have predicted that this month we would all be following a Safe At Home Mandate. It is an example of how quickly a virus can spread. This is the very reason why we must continue to commit our resources to End Polio Now. As long as there are cases anywhere in the world - it will remain only a plane ride away. In my Governor visits you learned the story of my Aunt Sue who at the age of 2 1/2 became a crawler. She lived to 90. I imagine crawling your entire life. It is my hope that we take the month of April to find ways to address Maternal and Child Health while also continuing our efforts to end polio.

We are all virtual now, but please also take time to pick up the phone and call those members that do not have access to the internet, laptop, or desktop. Staying connected will allow us to continue our work - families are counting on us. Over the course of the last few weeks I have received numerous calls from families asking “what is Rotary doing?” I share with them that we have continued our efforts as People of Action and have mobilized many local efforts. In this time of great challenge I could not be more proud of the work of our members. You have stepped up and have assisted hospitals, provided masks, thermometers, food, clothing, shelter, ventilators, and so much more.

When you get a moment, please take time to visit the District Website and the new STAY CONNECTED page (https://district5300.org/stay-connected/). You can share ideas, pull resources, and continue to be The Promise of Rotary.

A Fond Farewell

It is with heavy heart that we say farewell to the following Rotary family members:

Bill Copper, former member of Las Vegas Central - passed away on Wednesday, March 25th, in Guam. Bill was a true Rotarian. He embraced most of the activities that the club was involved in. Those of us fortunate enough to have been part of his “Tequila Stakes Croquet Tournaments” will always have fond memories of his hospitality and those wicked shots of Tequila which made the game even more interesting. His personality and interesting quips made meetings and debunkings most stimulating. God speed, Bill. We will miss you. Celebrations of Life are planned in Las Vegas and Chicago at a future date.

John L Mothershead III passed peacefully on Sunday, March 1, 2020, at home in Pasadena with his wife Therese. He devoted 45 years at San Marino's Southwestern Academy in guiding the faculty, middle and high school young people from around the world through the mysteries of calculus, adolescence, and life. He taught and served as dean at the prep school and chaired the non-profit school's board of trustees. Lee found a special way to serve others through Rotary, joining the San Marino Club. He served as the district governor with Rotary, and going to Rotary’s annual international conventions to learn of other ways he could help others. Read More

District Assembly, District Conference, Centennial Celebration, Foundation Dinner Cancelled

As you are all probably guessing by now, the District Assembly, Conference, Centennial celebration, and Foundation Dinner scheduled for May 1- May 3, 2020 have been postponed. For those of you that have prepaid your meal packages, your payments will be refunded to you. We are working with the hotel on an alternate date in the Fall. More on this once the date is finalized. The new event will not be a three-day event but rather a Saturday/Sunday morning event so we may properly recognize the incredible work of each club. Special thank you to District Governor Elect, Greg Jones, for working with us to adjust dates and allow for a true celebration of the work of our members.

A Night At the Movies with D5300

District 5300 Invites you to join us for a Night at the Movies - Netflix Party will allow us to all watch the same movie at the same time, pause for games and trivia (prizes to be mailed to the winners) and chat via the sidebar. It is fun for the entire family. If you are new to Netflix Party you can download the program for free by visiting https://www.netflixparty.com/. We will also have a Go To Meeting set up to review the steps prior to movie night.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020
Time: 6:00 pm. ** the live link will be emailed to all those that register at 5:30 pm. Premovie games/trivia begins at 5:40 pm.
As always, many many thanks for all that you do.

Hugs

Mama Lu

Dacdb training scheduled

By Clubs and Districts continue to find alternative ways to stay connected. DACdb will be starting a weekly DACdb University series of free trainings that will help with this challenge. The trainings will be held every Tuesday and repeated on Thursday. Each session will be 20 minutes long with 10 minutes of Q and A after.

Here is the updated time by Time Zone.
12:30 PM PDT
01:30 PM MDT
02:30 PM CDT
03:30 PM EDT

Please join us. We will briefly cover selecting a virtual meeting vendor, setting up a Zoom meeting, and creating an invitation in pmail to alert your members to join. Register in DACdb.

A Message from the District Trainer

By Michael Gordon

During these times when “normal” seems to be redefined on an almost daily basis, please know that District 5300 is here to help you as you help those on the frontlines of this pandemic. If you’ve always wanted to know more about any of the Rotary International programs, now is the time to consult the District directory and contact the respective chairperson for more information.

Accessible with a valid MyRotary login, the Learning Center is packed with courses and videos to enhance and amplify your Rotary experience. Learn about the ins-and-outs of the Rotary Peace Fellowship or expand your knowledge about effective fundraising strategies. In the picture to the left, you’ll see just a sample of the many course offerings. Once in MyRotary, you can access the Learning Center by clicking on the “Learning & Reference” tab and selecting “Learning Center” in the pop-up column to the right.

As always, thank you for your service during this trying time.

Grab your popcorn, your favorite snacks and carryout (or just a nice glass of wine) and join us for a night of family fun.

Volunteer Surge

(Excerpt from The Global Impact Group website)

Rotarians and their supporters have the opportunity to lead the recruitment of the first million citizen volunteers to reduce suffering and save lives through participating in Volunteer Surge.

Volunteer Surge is a free, online training program that teaches you to help professional healthcare workers from your home or in the field. The training is free, online training program for any adult age 18+ and requires no special skills. The training is adapted from Certified Nursing Assistant online coursework. It includes entertaining videos, self quizzes, and checkpoints. Rotarians and friends, family, and coworkers have a unique opportunity to recruit one million volunteers to reduce suffering and save lives during this crisis by participating in Volunteer Surge.

For more information or to indicate your desire to take action, visit: TheGlobalImpactGroup.org

Rotary Masks

In Response to the COVID-19 outbreak and in an effort to help those around the globe, D5000 is utilizing Rotary Aloha Shirts to create Rotary masks like the one shown to the left and those shown below. If you would like to order masks for family members or to deliver to local clinics you may contact Robert Jackson.

Email: Robert@islandtraditions.com.
Phone: 808-845-6677

Grant Options to Respond to COVID-19

As people of action, Rotary members want to find ways to respond to COVID-19, which is now a global pandemic, and to help people affected by it. The Rotary Foundation offers several options that Rotarians can use to help care for and protect people in their own communities and others around the world.

Cares Act for Businesses Guide

By David Mans

1. CARES ACT

The programs and initiatives in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act that was just passed by Congress are intended to assist business owners with whatever needs they have right now. When implemented, there will be many new resources available for small businesses, as well as certain nonprofits and other employers. Using the link below, you can access the entire guide.

https://www.sbc.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/9/7/97ac840c-28b7-4e49-b872-
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You can also find the guide on the District Website Stay Connected page: https://district5300.org/stay-connected/

2. Verizon Small Business Recovery -


- Who is eligible? LISC will use the Verizon funding to provide grants of up to $10,000 to businesses facing immediate financial pressure because of COVID-19, especially entrepreneurs of color, women-owned businesses and other enterprises in historically underserved communities who don’t have access to flexible, affordable capital.
- What it can be used for? Paying rent and utilities, Meeting payroll, Paying outstanding debt to vendors, Other immediate operational costs

Blood Donations Needed
Update from Global Scholar Jaqueline Chen

By William Payne

The district has received an update from Global Scholar, Jaqueline Chen. In 2015, Jaqueline received a Global Grant Scholarship for graduate study at Oxford University (UK). She was accepted for graduate study for an MSc in Global Health Science and Epidemiology in the Nuffield Department of Population Health. Her grant was for $33,000. Her area of focus aligns with Rotary’s Disease Treatment and Prevention. She expects through her classes and extra-curricular activities to be able to prevent and treat disease through increased access and decreased pricing to lifesaving medications, as improvement to the US healthcare system that likely will have global implications.

The following communication was received from the student recently:

Hi Mr. Payne,

Hope you are doing well amid all the Covid-19 precautions. I just wanted to let you know that I am fine and have come home yesterday, so you all do not worry. Oxford had a total of 6 confirmed students who had Covid-19, but I did not come in contact with these students. In addition, the UK is now only testing those who need hospital care and are no longer contact tracing.

I have been assured by the dept that they will do everything they can to support me from abroad. I have not decided when I will go back, as the environment is always changing. I was planning on coming back for a little bit during this time anyways because it is currently our easter break, but moved up my trip a couple days due to the travel ban). It is also definitely and interesting time to be studying epidemiology!

Also, sorry for not providing that many updates! I will have one soon. I went to speak at the Windsor and Eton club before Covid-19 took off and have been meaning to write about that experience!

Hope you are well,

Jaqueline

By Sylvia Vega

Huntington Hospital is in need of blood donors as they are not doing any blood drives. They have opened a donation center down the street from the hospital.

The address of the donor center is: 800 S. Fairmount (cross street is Bellefontaine)

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Peace in the Time of the Corona Virus

By Garbis Der-Yeghiayan

The times we are currently experiencing will be the most difficult we have ever known. The general climate is one of uncertainty, fear, and panic. The deadly pandemic has disrupted our daily life and routine. The Coronavirus has changed how we work, serve, learn and play. As Rotarians, we are not alone in self-isolation, because our entire District is with us - praying, supporting, encouraging and assisting in time of great need. On behalf of the Peace Conference Committee of our District, I wish to submit to the kind attention of my fellow Rotarians the following peace projects and activities for your consideration:

1. Find practical ways to nourish your hope, commitment and energy for peace.
2. Write a blog about promoting peace within, your neighborhood and community.
3. Post on social media promoting peace.

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Neighbor Care Day

By Robert Beck

Join Las Vegas After Hours on April 15 as we show our Neighbors we Care. Simply print and complete the Neighbor Care Day Card and drop it off at your next door neighbors. You can keep your 6 ft social distance while letting them know you care and are here to help if needed. Governor, Mama Lu, says “What a fantastic way to spread the love and care of Rotary. It is in these random acts and gestures of kindness that we mirror for the next generation our own humanity.”

You can find a pdf version on the District Website Stay Connected page. https://district5300.org/stay-connected/

Las Vegas Cigar Social

By Michael Gordon

As far as can be determined, the Rotary Club of Las Vegas hosted the first Rotarian-led virtual cigar social on Thursday March 26. The club observed the mantra of “physically separate, but socially close” with each enjoying their libations and stogies in the comfort of their homes (or patios). No comment on whether Zoom helped or hindered the usual friendly banter, quips and teasing! Read More

Stay Home, Stay Safe

By Garbis Der-Yeghiayan

As we are all too aware, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) has wreaked havoc on our daily lives and routines. I am so proud of our Rotary community for observing guidelines, practicing social distancing, buying only what we need and calmly battling this pandemic together. In times like these we are reminded of what truly important, our connections to our loved ones. And to each other. Our thoughts are with those of us who are most susceptible to this virus. For the good of our entire community, let’s remain vigilant and continue to sacrifice so that we can see a quicker end to this and all shake hands and hug again. And we don’t have to just sit idle. Because there are some things we can each do to help the fight.

How do we protect our home?

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Apple Valley helps hospital with COVID-19 challenges

By Raghada Khoury
As efforts to contain COVID-19 ramp up, thousands of High Desert kids are out of school and many families are out of work. This is placing an enormous strain on our community and Rotary Club of Apple Valley is doing something to help. Since we cannot hold our normal club lunch meetings, we want to use our lunch funds to help our community, Club President Raghada Khoury said. When we heard that St. Mary Medical Center Foundation was creating an Emergency Response and Recovery Fund, it seemed like the right place to send our support. We hope our entire community will get behind this effort since there is so much need right now.

April - Nepal is Next Rotaplast Mission
By Roger J. Schulte

Having successfully co-sponsored and carried out this year’s mission to Agra, India, the District Rotaplast Committee and DGE Greg Jones have selected Chitwan, Nepal, as our next international, humanitarian project site. A team of approximately 32 volunteer medical staff and 10 non-medical volunteers will give up their time and livelihoods to provide free cleft lip, palate, and burn scar reconstructions. Depending on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic, the mission is currently scheduled to take place between March 21-Apr 4, 2021. We will co-sponsor this mission through Rotaplast, International.

Agra Rotaplast Mission Completed
By Roger J. Schulte

A team of 23 medical and supportive non-medical volunteers successfully carried out cleft lip, palate, and burn scar surgical reconstructions in Agra, India this year. 82 families’ lives were changed because of this international humanitarian project, all due to the generosity of 22 District Rotary clubs, 23 individual contributors, and a generous allocation from the Welles Family Foundation through the Las Vegas Rotary Club. The following poem was written by our non-medical volunteer, Richard Shope, III. It serves as a fitting summary of District 5300’s co-sponsored Rotaplast mission.

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