



The Highlighter

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The 2019 Rotary International Foundation Gala Work to End Polio Now



Join in an evening of Celebration, Music & Breathtaking Panoramic Views of Las Vegas from the Worldview Top of the *World Market Center* with **District Governor John Chase & First Lady Elizabeth**. March 16, 2019, 6-9 pm, cocktail attire.

Keynote Address: Polio survivor Ramesh Ferris

\$125 per person

\$1,000 per table of 8

Sponsorships Available

Contact: Susan Johnson at 702.496.7302 or loshj-ej@msn.com

A small block of rooms has been reserved at the *DoubleTree by Hilton Las Vegas Airport*. You must book the room online, not by phone. Should there be any challenges with the process, please call the hotel 800-757-4306. Must book hotel by Feb 22, 2019 to receive Rotary discounted rate. Room Rate \$155. Group Code RD5. Group Name Rotary District 5300

Rotary Project Hope

by Linda Perla

Rotary Project Hope's success in sustainability is the product of the unique way communities have taken ownership of the program. RPH provides workshops that create a space for women to build their self-esteem to confidently lead meetings and proactively address the community's needs. These women have earned the respect of their peers and have become powerful leaders eager to teach people, older and

Pasadena After Hours Rotary in Action

By Robin J McCarthy

Pasadena After Hours Rotary assembled 89 emergency preparedness kits for residents at the affordable housing community, *Heritage Square Senior Living Apartments* in Pasadena.

Rotary provided a \$3,000 grant in addition to the 740 canned goods and 40 liters of water that were collected for an emergency

younger than them, techniques to improve interpersonal skills to achieve peaceful conflict resolution. This way, families are becoming more cooperative and reducing the risk of domestic violence. Also, with entrepreneur workshops, RPH is empowering youth to act on their potential to develop their communities. RPH's team continues to build relationships with eager youth that aspire to become influential entrepreneurs that bring prosperity to their families. Rotarians are reassured to persevere through any challenge because we have witnessed RPH's sustainable success that will continue propelling leaders to change the world.



The Beginning of a Rotary Sisterhood

By Lydia Carswell

On November 30th I was privileged to represent the *RC Duarte* for the signing of our Sister Club agreement with the *RC Loyola Heights* of Quezon City, Philippines during my recent visit while on a Far East Asia Silver Sea Cruise. Representatives from their club picked me up at the port in Manila and it was at the historic Manila Hotel that we signed the contract to become sister clubs. Members of RC Loyola Heights were super excited to partner with "the" club that won a case against RI before the US Supreme court more than 30 years ago that resulted in the opening of Rotary (previously an all male organization) to women all around the world. They kept fondly referring to the RC Duarte as "The mouse that roared!". **PP Rose Imperial** and **CICO Richard Maglaya** signed on behalf of RCLH. **PE Lydia Carswell** represented RC

food pantry in the event of a disaster. Assembled during one of their regular meetings the Rotarians helped residents build their own kits, which they then took back to the residences. Providing these seniors a sense of comfort, knowing they are better prepared for when disaster strikes. Backpacks were filled with ready to eat meal packs, first aid kits, flashlights, solar blankets and other items that would help in an emergency situation. There was agreement that this could not have come at a better time to help the residents prepare for an emergency in light of the recent fires in California.

The evening concluded with a joint pizza party, provided by the Rotarians.



Pahrump Valley Rotarians Perform Random Acts of Kindness

By Barbara Thompson

Pahrump Valley Rotary Club had a very productive December! We started out laying pavers for a walkway for a 94 year old World War II Veteran who was using a walker to cross gravel, a very dangerous situation. We laid about 100 pavers to create his walkway. A few days after we completed this project we got a call that a veteran was ready to be released from a rehab center but they would not release him until he a ramp was installed at his home. A few of our members discussed the matter and we decided to bring this veteran home for Christmas. With the help of four Rotarians, two disabled Vets, and several other volunteers, we built his wheel chair ramp in just over three hours. And, if that wasn't enough we gave away one hundred \$50.00 gift cards in our *Random Act of Kindness*

Duarte. What a privilege it was for me to participate in this event!

program. We all feel very blessed to provide for our community.



2019 Rotoplast Non-Medical Volunteers Selected

by PDG Roger Schulte

In June 2019 District 5300 will co-sponsor a medical surgical mission to Arusha, Tanzania. The two week mission will provide cleft lip and palate surgeries to children at no charge. We have taken on this humanitarian cause in cooperation with Rotoplast International, a non-profit organization which was started by Rotarians and the *Rotary Club of San Francisco* 26 years ago. Today Rotoplast organizes over 12 missions a year to developing countries throughout the world. A team typically consists of 32 members, 22 medical volunteers and 10 non-medical volunteer support staff. Because of our funding level commitment, District 5300 has been allocated five slots for non-medical volunteers to join the team. Applications for these positions were due in by December 1, 2018. The following individuals have been selected to represent our District. This will be the first mission for each of them:

- **DG John Chase** Rotary Club of Boulder City
- **Drexel Smith** Rotary Club of West Covina
- **Eric Boyd** Rotary Club of Azusa
- **Eddie Garcia** Rotary Club of Boulder City Sunrise
- **Mark LeBrun** Rotary Club of San Gabriel Valley New Generations

We congratulate and honor them for giving up their time and personal expenses to work on this mission. Among the roles they will assume include - Quartermaster, Medical Record Keeper, Equipment Sterilizer, Photojournalist, Ward Coordinator, Recovery Room Helper, Patient Transport & Recreation Therapist

The mission is funded by contributions from clubs and individuals. As of this writing we still need to raise \$18,000. Club programs may be arranged by contacting either **Roger Schulte** (California) 909-532-0673, rogerschulte@gmail.com or **Robin Smith** (Nevada) 702-460-5080, robin@smithteamlasvegas.com.



Rotary Club of Arcadia Celebrates 100% Paul Harris!

District Governor John Chase and his wife Elizabeth recognized the *Arcadia Rotary Club* for reaching the prestigious 100% Paul Harris Club. Since its inception in 1927, Arcadia Rotary has donated more than \$900,000 to the Rotary International Foundation, helping keep the dream alive of making a difference in the 6 Areas of Focus:

- 1) Peace and Conflict Resolution
- 2) Water & Sanitation
- 3) Disease Prevention & Treatment (30 years ago there was 350,000 cases of polio annually —today, only 27)
- 4) Maternal Child Health
- 5) Basic Education & Literacy
- 6) Economic & Community Development

To reach the 100% mark, 12 Paul Harris Fellows recognized at the luncheon: **Ken Chan** for his wife **Miranda**, **John Wilson**, **Brent Forsee**, **John Fee**, **Larry Callahan**, **Lucia Bernal**, **Kathy Ellison**, **Gene Huang**, **Lori Huisken**, **Gina Kin**, **David Kirby**, **Karen McNair** and **Richard Schulhof**. Rotarians also used Paul Harris Recognition points to sponsor members to help us reach the 100% level. It was pointed out by our Governor that we will always be recognized as a 100% Paul Harris Club!



High Desert Rotary Shops for Elementary Students for Santa Clothes

by Joe Zuccaro

On Saturday morning, Dec 8, we sponsored Santa Clothes 2018. What an amazing event!! All funds to support the event are raised through the efforts of the Club and the generosity of personal and business donations. This year we were able to sponsor 95 local elementary and select middle school students with \$165 clothes shopping sprees at **Target** in Apple Valley - the Target staff was amazing! The students are selected by school site staff, based on observed need from all of the high desert districts. Our club has been sponsoring this event for 18 years. I also want to say thank you to the *Rotary Club of Adelanto* for contributing and supporting this effort, and also the Interact students from *Oaks Hills HS* and *Hesperia HS* under the leadership of **Mrs Diane Rodriguez**. Thank you to everyone that donated as well as those that support the event by showing up at 6am on a Saturday morning to shop with the kids. And of course, thank you to my fellow Rotarians for always putting "Service Above Self".

Bill's Bikes for Kids

By Buff Wright

The *Rotary Club of Claremont* supports many programs for young people with just one being *Bill's Bikes for Kids*, now in its 19th year. *Bikes*

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for Kids started rehabilitating used bikes in the garage of then Club President **Bill Gruber**. The program has grown to be one our most popular and beloved youth programs by everyone involved! The bikes were assembled by more than three dozen people, including *Claremont High School* and *El Roble Intermediate School Interactors*, *Claremont Senior Bike Group* members, and *Claremont Rotarians*. We were very pleased this year to be able to give away new bikes to 29 deserving students from four elementary schools -- Oakmont, Mountain View, Sumner, and Vista del Valle, who had all written compelling essays to earn a bike. This program is supported through assistance and donations from Claremont Rotarians, the Claremont Senior Bike Group, and members of the City Council and Police Department.



Start out the New Year by checking out other Rotary Clubs in District 5300 and get inspired! Click [here](#) to find meeting places & times.

1/4-1/6 - Mexicali Project Weekend

1/5 - So. Cal EAST Pres Elect
Resource Training
[Registration Link](#)

1/10 -1/11 - DaCdb Virtual User
Conference

1/26 - So Cal WEST Pres Elect
Resource Training
[Registration Link](#)

1/31 - Four Way Speach Contest,
RYLA & Dan Stover Club Intent
Forms Due

2/8 - 2/10 - President Elect Training
[Registration link](#)

2/23 - 29th Annual Peace
Conference
[Registration Link](#)

3/16 - District 5300 Foundation Gala

3/29 - 3/31 Rotary Youth Leadership
(RYLA)

5/3 - 5/4 - District 5300 Conference
Anaheim, CA

5/18 - Corazon SuperBuild

6/1 - 6/5 - RI International
Conference
Hamburg, Germany
[Registration Link](#)

The Governor's Wrap



What an honor it has been representing *District 5300* throughout the last six months. I had the great fortune, as a new Governor, to assume my role following **Governor Raghada**, who had a fabulous year; *Rotary Making a Difference*. This year, we strive to *Be The Inspiration* for others – not just our fellow Rotarians, but all of those that we interact with – you see, they are watching us and they too need individuals to Be The Inspiration for them.

The “Governor’s Project” this Rotary year is simple – work with other Rotary clubs in service, fun, and fellowship. I am seeing amazing projects unfold throughout our district. Clubs that are within a few miles of one

another are now working together to make a difference in their local communities. **Elizabeth** and I had an amazing time as the two *Mesquite Rotary Clubs* joined with the *Moapa Rotary Club* – three clubs, a few miles apart, reportedly never worked together on a project – today, every elementary school in their respective communities have a custom-made “Buddy Bench”. A place where students can go in search of new friends or simply someone to chat with. We should all have a buddy bench in our community, in our government, in our homes – a place of comfort and peace.

We will be reporting on other community-based “Governor Projects” in the future. Until then, a huge thank you to the Rotary Clubs in Mesquite and Moapa for allowing Elizabeth and I to spend the day with you as you continue to strive to Be The Inspiration!

[Click Here to Read More - Desert Valley Times - Buddy Bench](#)

[January is Vocational Service Month. Check out RI's Resources here!](#)



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