

# ROTARY DISTRICT 5190



Vic Slaughter • District Governor

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## Greetings from Governor Vic!



Happy New Year!! I just finished the year with one of my trips to give blood. I encourage all members to support your local blood bank. Giving blood is desperately needed, and it is an experience Rotarians can be involved in

and used as a local project. Area 8 Blood Drive challenge is a good example of getting clubs involved with friendly competition.

I don't know about you but 2007 went by at Warp Speed. A year ago I had apprehension about the start of my year as Governor and now it is half over. This is an astounding District and with your help we are doing some fantastic projects. As a reminder, 2008 doesn't stop on June 30th. We must plan for the future. I'm told that by the time this is printed you will be able to go online to register for our district events. First of all the District Conference registration will accept Visa/MasterCard for online registration. Later you will be able to register for District Assembly and Seminars. ALL President-Elects should be signed up for PETS by now.

Planning for the District Conference is ongoing. The Peppermill grand opening showed off their lavish Tuscany suites as well as the complete refurbishment of all rooms on the property. We have had lunch at the new restaurant, and the new Conference Center is fabulous. You are going to be impressed. We have had 85 sign up for the "Smart" Registration Conference package already. We are still looking for Club and Corporate Sponsors as well as Tee Sponsors for our Golf Classic. We are going to have fun! Start thinking

about your Jimmy Buffet/Parrot Head theme attire for May 2. You can still save on the District Conference if you register by February 29th or the RI Convention by March 31st.

**LA Convention:** Under the LA2008 Worldwide Financial Incentive Plan, any district with more than 2 percent of its membership registered for the convention will receive a cash rebate for each paid adult registrant. Register early for the convention to take advantage of special pricing! The next deadline is 31 March 2008. Don't forget we are trying to get a couple of first through third grade books from each Rotarian to reach a goal of 5190 books for the LA2008 Convention Book drive!

January is also the month for clubs to pay their semi Annual Dues to RI. If you haven't received your Semi-Annual Report (SAR) from RI please contact them. The RI President, the RI Board and The Rotary Foundation Trustees make better decisions on how to use Rotary resources when they have accurate reporting of club membership figures. Accordingly, the 2007 Council on Legislation delegates voted to change to a monthly collection rate for RI prorata dues in order to simplify and expedite the dues collection process. In the new system, every Rotarian pays for each full month of club membership. New members that join on the 1st of the month pay RI dues for that month. If a new member joins at any other time of the month, payment is for the next month and any other months in that semiannual period. New members must be reported within six months of joining their Rotary club. Once new members are in Rotary's database, they can start enjoying Rotary's many offerings: a new member newsletter detailing their Rotary resources as well as copies of The Rotarian magazine. Better informed members are typically

the ones that stay in the club – because they get information about and access to all of Rotary's resources explaining the benefits and opportunities of Rotary club membership.

For more information, visit [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org) and type in "prorata dues." February is World Understanding Month.

*Assistant District Governor  
Pamela Yazell*



Area 4 consists of 5 very dynamic clubs, Nevada City Rotary, 49er Breakfast Rotary, Grass Valley Rotary, Nevada County South Rotary and Penn Valley Rotary. In Western Nevada County we have close to 300 Rotarians. With

commitment of all five clubs we chartered an energetic Rotaract Club of Nevada County, open to 18-30 year olds. Chartered in October, they are off to a great start. You will be seeing them at this year's District Conference. All five clubs have taken District Governor Vic's request to increase membership very seriously and with the new Rotaract Club I am sure they will graduate into great Rotarians someday.

In November the Area 4 Clubs came together again for one of the best Foundation Dinner's ever. Area 4 has had Foundation Dinners on a regular basis and takes this time to acknowledge the Paul Harris Recipients for the past year. This year in planning the clubs came together and decided that Rotarians needed to hear one of our speakers from last year's District Conference, thirty-one year old Rotary Peace Fellowship scholar Shai Tamari from Israel who spoke to all five clubs at our annual Area Four Foundation Dinner.



*Assistant District Governor  
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As an Israeli student, he traveled into Palestine to experience that culture, taking risks that no Israeli had ever taken. Now in the middle of his two year Peace Fellowship at the University of North Carolina (one of five Peace Fellowship universities), his approach to Israeli-Palestinian conflict resolution was so refreshing and logical. 49er Breakfast Rotary President Barry Turner said, “ I had never had many positive feelings about the Rotary Peace Fellowship program until hearing Shai Tamari. He is the only person whose criticisms of some of the USA’s foreign policies made absolutely logical sense.”

The Area 4 Clubs have also come together to work on a major health issue in our community. The numbers of children coming into school and not being immunized is at an alarming rate. The clubs are working together with the health agencies and schools to get information out about the importance of childhood immunizations.

With the New Year upon us and the last half of this Rotary year the clubs have been working on many projects. Nevada City Rotary President Nancy Kemp has been helping with putting together their annual Radio Auction that is their largest fundraiser and takes months of planning to auction off all those items in just one Saturday. Penn Valley Rotary President Pat Swope has been busy keeping the club on track to meet its goals, including scholarships for local 6th graders to attend their annual Science Camp. Ever busy Nevada County South President Tim Peterson has been working to get the annual Speech and Music Contests going. There is always a lot of competition for these annual contests. Grass Valley Rotary President Jack Emery has proudly once again helped lead their Club in Annual Giving to pledges of around \$18,000, all this in one meeting. ( Nice job guys.)

It has been a real joy to work as Assistant Governor in Area 4 and I look forward to all the great things in 2008. This group of Rotarians really know how to “Share Rotary”.

*International Convention  
Highlights by George Summerhill*



Two of my favorite RI Presidents served in back-to-back years; 2000 – 2001 and 2001 – 2002. They are Frank Devlyn and Rick King. Frank’s convention was held June 24 – 27, 2001 in San Antonio, Texas. His theme for the year was “CREATE AWARENESS – TAKE ACTION “. Texans, Mexicans and other Rotarians from around the world (24,092 in all) enjoyed a Texas style Bar-Be-Que. Note: Frank Devlyn will be our featured speaker at our Spring District Conference to be held in Reno, Nev.

Richard King’s year concluded June 23 – 26, 2002 in Barcelona, Spain where 19,059 members celebrated the year’s theme “MANKIND IS OUR BUSINESS “.

The most memorable event for me at this convention occurred on a Tuesday morning plenary session when Michael “ Mike “ Hix, President of the Rotary Club of Sparks at the time was named one of 67 outstanding local club Presidents in the Rotary World for the year (out of a total of 32,000 club Presidents). Mike became one of Rick King’s “Regal Eagles” and as a voting delegate to the convention I became excited with the announcement and stood up on the convention floor and shouted “WAY TO GO MIKE”.

As you may know RI honors people for their humanitarian works at the international conventions and Jerry Lewis received the award at the Barcelona convention. At the closing ceremony, Rick King (a former entertainer in Las Vegas) sang the song “The Man Of La Mancha”.

You may be asking who was my all-time favorite RI President? You will have to read all these convention highlights to find out who holds that esteemed position, which I shall reveal in the May or June issue of the Newsletter.

# Club Attendance Report: November 2007

Bob Hartsfield ~ PDG Secretary      NR = No Report

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12	Alturas	21	0	0	91	316.68		10	Fernley	37	0	0	48	1,100.00	
12	Alturas Sunrise	23	0	0	89			6	Georgetown	39	1	0	93		
7	Amador Up Co	30	0	0	83	1,450.00	50.00	4	Grass Valley	76	0	0	88	2,845.00	120.00
5	Auburn	115	2	0	85	4,235.00	1,500.00	2	Greenville	13	1	0	76		
5	Auburn Daybreak	22	0	0	93	2,330.00		3	Incline Village	35	0	1	86	1,000.00	
5	Auburn Gold	52	2	2	72	2,600.00		7	Ione	25			NR		
6	Cameron Park	63	2	0	61			7	Jackson	65			NR	200.00	
9	Carson City	104			NR	1,600.00		2	Loyalton	31	0	0	84		
9	Carson City Sunset	21	1	0	68	5,300.00		9	Minden	43			NR	2,100.00	
1	Chester	47			NR	4,000.00		4	Nevada City	60			NR	5,107.00	
11	Elko	98			NR	7,576.00		4	Nevada City 49er	88	2	1	87	8,652.00	
11	Elko Desert Sunrise	29	1	2	62	3,690.69		4	Nevada Co. South	36	0	0	NR	4,625.00	
11	Ely	32			NR	12,848.00		4	Penn Valley	35			NR	3,200.00	
10	Fallon	65			NR	1,950.00	100.00	6	Placerville	46			NR	2,000.00	

## Auburn Rotary's Casa Hogar Project

Information provided by Bill Radakovitz



The final crew, left to right: Rear row: Walter Riley, Guy Ostenson, Michalene Ostenson, Heather Ostenson, Dave Lindbloom, Bob Dunstan Front row: Larry Dorety, Bart Ruud, Bill Radakovitz

The impoverished areas of Baja California have been the lucky recipients of major donations of supplies, buildings, time and money over the last several years due to the generosity of the Rotary Clubs in the Auburn area.

“Rotary Thousand Smiles” project started 17 years ago when several Rotarians from Auburn traveled to Ensenada, Mexico. That initial trip has now turned into 3 to 4 days each year, where Rotarians and other volunteers conduct dental clinics in order to help repair cleft palates and tend to many other dental needs of children. The Auburn Rotarians go once a year and efforts now continue every 3 months with Rotarians from other regions joining the effort so that over 200 needy children are seen during each clinic. With the clinics set and running, the Auburn Rotary looked for another International project to tackle.

In 2005, during a visit to Canon Buena Vista by dentists and doctors from Auburn and Grass Valley Rotaries, a visit was made to Casa Hogar, a children’s home and orphanage about 15 miles south of Ensenada. The home receives no Mexican government support and relies totally on donations to operate. Currently, 40-50 boys and girls use the facility which includes dormitories, a kitchen, showers and an eating area. There was no place for a school so recently many Southern California churches have donated time and money to build them one on the grounds of the home. When learning of the need for security at the home and, soon, school, Auburn Rotary decided to build a cinderblock security fence around the whole property. Armed with tools and determination, they

headed to Casa Hogar. The labor intensive project turned out to be quite an undertaking but wasn't quite finished when the Rotarians found out about a greater need...the building of a new septic tank system. It was seen that children were playing on a playground filled with seepage, thus putting them at risk for a multitude of diseases.

The combination of the observed public health liabilities and the safety concerns led to the idea of constructing a new septic system that would handle both gray water and bathroom waste. Two years and many, many hours of planning, traveling and heavy labor and thousands of dollars later, the Casa Hogar septic system is now complete. In August of 2008 the club plans to return to Casa Hogar and complete the security fence.

The many volunteers and Rotarian who worked long and hard on all of the projects include Drs. Dennis White, Barry Turner, Larry Tabor, and Bob Dunstan, Jeff Patton, Engineers Without Borders, Dave Lindbloom, Guy, Michaelene and Heather Ostenson, Bart Rund, Jeff Patton and his son Jeff, Jr., Robert Muela, Walter Riley, Larry Dorety and Bill Radakovitz. Many thanks were given by the group to District 5190 and Rotary International for their monetary support.



Constructing Tank Walls

Air traffic Controller ACI Turner from Navy Air Station Fallon (NAS) establishes radio contact with Santa and directs him into the landing pattern for the Fallon Rotary Christmas party.



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7	Plymoth Foothills	31	0	0	69	85.00		1	Susanville	76			NR		
6	Pollock Pines	19	0	0	80	285.20		1	Susanville Sunrise	45			NR	524.00	
2	Portola	37	0	0	89	1,550.00		3	Tahoe City	62	0	0	60		
2	Quincy	43			NR			9	Tahoe Douglas	67			NR	3,965.00	1,000.00
8	Reno	200	1	0	59	10,890.00		3	Tahoe Incline	54	0	0	78	3,521.00	1,500.00
8	Reno Centennial	31			NR	2,200.00		10	Tonopah	21	1	1	63	300.00	
8	Reno Central	68	0	3	81	600.00		3	Truckee	89	2	0	87	400.00	201.86
8	Reno South	78	1	0	70	1,000.00	424,000.00	3	Truckee Sunrise	26	1	1	53	2,661.00	30.00
8	Reno Sunrise	50	0	1	73	4,830.00	300.00	1	Westwood	12			NR	500.00	
10	Smith Valley	24	0	0	61			10	Winnemucca	21	0	0	52	25.00	
9	South Lake Tahoe	46	0	1	58	3,441.23		10	Yerington	38			NR	1,300.00	
8	Sparks	108	0	0	90			<b>DISTRICT</b>			<b>364.87</b>				
8	Sparks Centennial	35	0	1	87	8,033.99	100.00			<b>2647</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>125,201.66</b>	<b>428,901.86</b>
12	Surprise Valley	18	0	0	80			<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>554,103.52</b>				

**Upcoming Events/Club News**

*Please make note of the events listed below and make the time to attend or help in an event sponsored by another club in the District. It would be an enjoyable time for the entire family or a Rotarian and partner.*

March 15, 2008 will be a very busy night. **Tahoe Douglas Rotary** hosts their annual St. Patrick's Day Wine Tasting and Dinner. Tickets are \$60 and the event will be held at Harrahs Tahoe. Also that night is the **Rotary Club of Truckee's** Annual Crab and Pasta Feed being held at the Truckee Recreation and Parks Community Center from 7 to 9 pm. There will be big silent auctions at both events with more details to follow. **Reno South Rotary** is hosting their first annual "Go All In For Rotary". Play No Limit Texas Hold-Em at the Grand Sierra Resort at 4 pm on January 26 and have a chance to take home the \$5000 first place prize. There is a \$215 buy-in with \$100 of that money going to the prize pool and \$100 going to

Rotary. For more information call 775-823-6621.

**Club Accomplishments**

*(Please send information about all club accomplishments, news and events a full month prior to the event so your club can be mentioned and recognized as it should. Send all to the bulletin editor at tahoe paula@sbcglobal.net)*

Many clubs helped their communities and those less fortunate with holiday parties and donations. Amongst the Santas in Rotary were **Truckee Rotary** as they gathered food and gifts to be distributed throughout Truckee. **Nevada City** and **Grass Valley Rotaries** have a Salvation Army Bell Ringing contest. Members man corners to ring the bell to see who can take in the most money....Nevada City won the last 2 years so who will it be this year? **Auburn Gold Country** and **Auburn Daybreak** clubs joined in raising money for Salavation army as well as the **Rotary Club of Auburn**, who rang the bell

for the charity along with having a gift tree, food drive and their "Peace for Family" dinner. The Salvation Army bell was also rung by **Reno Centennial Sunset Rotary** in their quest to win their local Rotary contest. **Cameron Park Rotary** held its annual Christmas Dinner and Auction, netting nearly \$12,000 to be put to good uses in the community. The South Lake Tahoe Angora Fire was devastating and many families were affected by the disaster. **Tahoe Douglas Rotary** started a fire fund just after the fire and just finished distributing the almost \$19,000 they collected due to the generosity of many, including many District 5190 Rotary Clubs. Members of the **South Lake Tahoe Rotary** helped serve on the city's Angora Fire Fund Board in helping to make sure all the monies collected were distributed where needed. **Susanville Sunset Rotary** raised over \$13,000 with their recent Wine Tasting event. **Minden Rotary** continues their tradition of leadership mentoring

at Pa Wa Lu Elementary School. They also helped judge the "Invention Convention" at Minden Elementary. **Tahoe Douglas Rotarians** held an assembly at Whittell High School where students were able to sit down with Rotarians and discuss possible careers.



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