

ROTARY DISTRICT 5190



Vic Slaughter • District Governor

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Greetings from Governor Vic!



The end of March means that we will be three quarters through the Rotary year. There are a few things we need to focus on in the coming months. I recently sent out the "Call for Recognition" to the Presidents and it is posted on our website <http://www.rotarydistrict5190.org/awards.asp>. These are club awards that will be given out at the District Conference. There is a quick turn around of March 16th. You will find that the criteria and format is the same from last year. Help your clubs celebrate the success through these awards, and don't forget your displays in the House of Friendship.

Since March is Rotary Literacy month it is a good time to think about the book drive for District Conference. Kim Wilbanks from Loyaltown is the person that came up with the idea and is coordinating the collection of 5,190 books. Great Idea!!©Two books per member! The Presidents should have received information on the Book Drive for District Conference. The books will be taken to the Rotary International Convention for Wilf's wall of books record. I will need your help in collecting the books and getting them to the District Conference and on to LA.

The Foundation Giving is coming along; however there are 17 clubs that are below 50% of their goal. Nine of those clubs are at \$0.00. TRF giving is part of the Call for Recognition which is due March 16th. There is still time to log on to RI website and donate. The last report shows there are only six people in the District using the TRF Direct. TRF Direct is the program where you can make periodic donations via a credit card or bank account. http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/998en.pdf Club Treasurers need to insure that funds

ADG CHRIS SORENSON'S MESSAGE:



Area 10 is one that demands a bit of travel time with Tonopah being the furthest south and Fernley the furthest north, a 203 mile distance. This year it will be Fernley's turn to host the Music and Speech Contest so the dedicated contestants and sponsors from Tonopah have their day planned for them.

I want to give a brief summary of the accomplishments of the individual clubs up to this time in our Rotary year. I'll start at the north and work south.

Fernley has made headlines around the nation with the tragic flood that affected so many in that community. The response from the local Rotary Club in their efforts to give support to the families impacted by this disaster was, and will continue to be, immense. The other true test of Service Above Self comes from the many Rotary Club's in our District 5190 that sent prayers and checks to help this great community get back to whatever normalcy they can attain after such a disaster.

There have been many other accomplishments for this Club now in its second year with 39 members strong and a goal of 45 by year end. The October Golf Tournament netted over \$11,000.00 and contributions went to the Boys & Girls Club, children's playground, Arts in the School's, and assisting in replacement of

collected since July is submitted to the Foundation in the next week.

At last help is on the way. Some District Leaders have been training on Visioning Facilitation. This is a new program that a small team can bring to you, if invited, help with your Club with long range planning, development of a strategic plan, build continuity of leadership, expand membership, and create Public Relations. The Visioning Team will come to your area and hold a four hour facilitation session with your club leaders. These sessions will be accomplished on a weekday evening, generally between 5-9 p.m. or Saturday morning. In order to accomplish a successful session, the club needs to commit to have the required members present for the entire session. Clubs interested in more information and requirements can contact DGE Wyn Spiller.



March is the month we train President-Elects in San Jose. April is the District Assembly in Reno on April 5th at Harrah's Hotel and Casino. You can sign up online at www.rotarydistrictconference.org/ and pay with a credit card or check. Our district website also has contact information and Assembly schedule www.rotarydistrict5190.org/districtassemblyhome.asp. Our Keynote speaker is Al Frumkin bringing the message to "Reach Higher".

Speaking of Reaching Higher, wait till you see the District Conference! By now you should have received our conference flyer detailing the festivities. You do not have to be a past President to attend the Past President's Honor Dinner. It is open to all and our speaker is PRIP Frank Devlyn from Mexico City. Again, you can register online at www.rotarydistrictconference.org/ with check or credit card. We have passed the two early bird discounts, but we are offering the "Dave Kary, CPA" package until the conference. Dave still thinks the Platinum Package is still the best deal. We are looking for Sponsors for the District Conference and Tee Sponsors for our golf tournament. Remember, your club can get five \$50 credits for a \$500 club sponsorship (ten for \$1000) to use for club members. The Sponsor forms are at <http://www.rotarydistrict5190.org/districtconferencehome.asp>. Tee Sponsor are \$100 and there are various levels of Club / Corporate Sponsorships.

the High School Track. Their big goal for the year, establishing an Interact Club.

Fallon, also known as the hometown of our leader Vic, is resplendent in accomplishments. Hosting the Foundation Dinner and doing an excellent job, with the Hawaiian theme and Rotary's Speaker of the House Cliff Dochterman they raised \$8,000 for the Foundation and provided \$750.00 to the Cliff Dochterman Endowment Fund. Other accomplishments, they purchased a Shelter Box to house a family of 10 in Katmandu, Nepal and successfully sponsored Jennifer Lummos as a member of the GSE team going to Brazil. Fallon Rotary is currently hosting Trek Brooker, an Australian exchange student, and is providing financial support for a Thailand Water Project. Community Projects are far too numerous for me to mention, but know that the Fallon Rotary Club is very involved with the community.

Yerington Rotary Club, as in the past, is out in front helping in Community Service and International Projects. They honor accomplished high school students with the Student of the Month Program, donate computer equipment to the Mason Valley Boys and Girls Club, and they donated funds to the Fernley Rotary Club for Flood Disaster Relief. The International Project in Dwarwad, India providing drinking water and desks for five schools, and last, but not least of importance is their Annual Membership Drive which last year brought them five enthusiastic new members.

I'm honored to say I have been a member of the Smith Valley Rotary Club for

ADG CHRIS SORENSON'S MESSAGE (Cont.)

eleven years. The Rotary Club of Smith Valley sponsors its community projects with a number of fundraisers, the biggest is our Annual Fun Day and Country Cruise held the first weekend in October. The car show attracts over 200 of the most beautiful classic cars that the West has to offer and the fun just starts there: we have dog agility and rodeo events, tractor pulls and turkey shoots, a crafts fair and Bar-B-Que, a delicious 4-H Breakfast and Kids Bounce-A-Mania. Too much fun in one place! Our other main Rotary event is the Lamb Feed held in August, which is invitation only, is a great success with the tastiest lamb this side of Loyalton. This year the club is looking forward in participating with the Yerington Club and their Dwarwad India Project.

Tonopah, what a great club this is. There will always be a special place in my heart for the Tonopah Rotary Club. The nearest club is Yerington 160 miles to the north. The town has experienced its Booms and Busts, but one item that I don't believe it has ever been without is community spirit. Most members of the Rotary Club

wear many different hats when it comes to belonging to other civic and volunteer organizations. Accomplishments are many: their first International Project was this year when they presented a check to the Sisters of The Holy Cross in Ghana to help construct a new school. They also sponsored a local immunization clinic for children, and distributed hard-cover dictionaries to third graders in the communities of Amargosa Valley, Beatty, Round Mountain, Goldfield, Silver Peak, Duckwater and Tonopah. Their Fundraisers include Father's Day Kid's Fishing Derby, Texas Hold'em Tournament, and their 'Pet Project', sales of the Tonopah Commemorative Blankets that have earned the club over \$7,000.00. Once again space restraints will not allow me to continue with Club accomplishments.

In a brief summary, this is Area 10. I am very proud to be a small part of each club as the Assistant Governor. I extend an invitation to those who may be thinking about a leadership role at the District Level, don't hesitate to take the challenge; it will be one of the most rewarding parts of your life!

GEORGE SUMMERHILL AND HIS RI CONVENTION NEWS:



Written By George Summerhill, a member of the Sparks Rotary Club

I was privileged to attend the Rotary International convention in Osaka, Japan, held from May 23 - 26, 2004 where the all time record for attendance was established. Over 47,000 members and guests attended the convention held at a domed baseball stadium in Osaka. Our President was Jonathan Majiyagbe from Kana, Nigeria, and his theme for the year was "LEND A HAND".

Arlene and I were very fortunate to participate in a pre-convention tour of Japan hosted by fellow Rotarian, Steve Yoshida, and his wife, Noko, from Homer, Alaska, USA. Every time Steve introduced the 44 of us at a local Rotary Club function in Japan he would say our names, city, state and then U.S.A. When he introduced the two couples from Alaska he would give their names and city only. We had to remind Steve that Alaska is also a part of the U.S.A.

This was a remarkable tour. Steve and Noko are Americans of Japanese descent. They have great command of both the English and Japanese languages. Noko was born and raised in Osaka, while Steve was born in an internment camp in California during WW II. We toured Tokyo, Mt. Fuji, Kansai, Kobe, Osaka and Hiroshima, where we visited ground zero and the memorable library and visitor's center. It is no wonder that the people of Hiroshima are so anti-nuclear.

At the convention, for Host Hospitality Night, Arlene and I were among only 200 guests who sailed from Osaka to Kobe and back. We had dinner on board the cruise ship where the Mayor of Kobe and the son of incoming President Glenn Estess tapped a keg of sake for all to drink. The dinner featured the famous Kobe beef. I can still taste this delicious corn fed and hand fed beef.

RYLA – Finding the Winners

Identifying and sponsoring qualified students to Camp RYLA is one of the most satisfying activities you can be involved with as a Rotarian. The RYLA camp's mission is to provide top quality leadership training for the young people in our own communities who are going to be the movers and shakers in the next 20 years.



We select highly motivated adults to function as counselors, actively participating in the learning process. Only the highest qualified external speakers are engaged to conduct the sessions. A full ropes course program is also woven into the week's activities.

For a young person the opportunity happens once... while they are exiting their junior year of high school. It is imperative that we recognize that budding leadership potential and invest in their professional development at that time.

Speak with any Rotarian who has had the opportunity to work with RYLA campers, both before and after camp. You will universally get an enthusiastic reaction.

How can you participate in this process? Every club has a Camp RYLA representative. Find that person and offer to be part of his or her committee. It is something you will want to do year after year.

A 20 minute DVD was made for each club showing Camp RYLA 2007. This is a "must see" for any Rotarian interested in the RYLA process. It is also a great marketing tool. Feel free to show it to prospective campers.

There are many ways to find good candidates: *(Cont. on back page)*

Club Attendance Report: January 2008

Bob Hartsfield ~ PDG Secretary NR = No Report

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	Chester	43	1	7	59	6,100.00			Nevada City	61	0	0	71	6,295.00	
	Susanville	76		0	77	3,000.00			Nevada City 49er	88	0	0	78	9,902.00	
	Susanville Sunrise	39	0	0	60	2,524.00	3,747.00		Nevada Co. South	33	0	0	85	4,925.00	
	Westwood	12	0	0	81	500.00			Penn Valley	35	0	0	82	4,900.00	
	Greenville	13			NR				Auburn	113	0	2	89	4,335.00	1,500.00
	Loyalton	31	0	0	78	1,000.00			Auburn Daybreak	21	0	0	95	5,155.00	
	Portola	35	2	0	87	1,750.00			Auburn Gold	47	0	3	77	4,600.00	
	Quincy	43			NR				Cameron Park	0	0	1	64		
	Incline Village	33	0	0	80	1,000.00			Georgetown	39			NR		
	Tahoe City	62	0	0	63	5,100.00			Placerville	46			NR	4,983.00	
	Tahoe Incline	55	1	0	76	5,221.00	2,200.00		Pollock Pines	21	0	0	78	285.20	
	Truckee	91	2	0	81	400.00	201.86		Amador Up Co	30	0	0	78	1,650.00	50.00
	Truckee Sunrise	27	1	2	52	2,661.00	30.00		Ione	24	0	1	62	1,650.00	
	Grass Valley	76	0	0	86	21,020.00	120.00		Jackson	64	0	1	69	2,541.20	3,151.00

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Rotary World Peace Fellowships

Applications for the 2009-10 Rotary World Peace Fellowships and January 2009 Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program must submit applications to the District Chair by June 1, 2008.

Ambassadorial Scholarships

District 5190 currently has 3 ambassadorial scholarships to award For 2009-10. The deadline for completed applications to be submitted to the District Chair is 1 August 2008.

Ambassadorial Scholarships include the following:

Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships

- **US \$24,000 awarded for one academic year of study abroad**
This scholarship is for one academic year of full-time study at an institution assigned by the Rotary Foundation trustees. Because the scholarship is limited to one academic year, recipients may not be able to earn degrees or diplomas during the study period. The scholarship may be used for vocational training. Candidates are expected to be proficient in the language of the host country.

Multi-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships

- **US \$12,000 per year awarded for two years of specific degree-oriented study abroad**
This scholarship is for two years of full-time degree-oriented study at an institution assigned by the Rotary Foundation Trustees. The scholarship may be used for almost any field of study, as long as the scholar is enrolled in a specific university degree program and takes coursework that relates directly to the completion of the degree.

Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarships

- **US \$11, 000 awarded for three months or US \$16, 000 awarded for six months of intensive language study and cultural immersion abroad**
The Scholarship is for either three or six months of intensive language training and cultural immersion at a language school selected by the Rotary Foundation Trustees. The three-month scholarship is most appropriate for studying a foreign language in which the applicant may already be somewhat proficient. The six-month scholarship is more appropriate for studying a language that presents a challenge to the applicant. Applicants are expected to have completed at least one year of college-level course work or equivalent of the proposed language of study.

Eligibility

Applicants must have completed at least two years of university or college coursework, or must have a secondary school education and must have been employed in a recognized vocation for at least two years when the scholarship begins. All applicants must initially apply through a Rotary club located in the area of their legal or permanent residence, or place of full-time study or employment. Persons with disabilities and members of Rotaract clubs are eligible and encouraged to apply. (Rotarians and their families are ineligible for any Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship).

Ambassadors of Good Will

The Ambassadorial Scholarships program supports the vision of the Rotary Foundation to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by:

- Increasing awareness of and respect for cultural differences by sending ambassadors of goodwill to study in another country
- Instilling in scholars the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self through active participation in Rotary service projects
- Developing leaders who can address the humanitarian needs of the world community
- Impacting all areas of the world through a balanced geographical distribution of scholars
- Encouraging Rotarians worldwide to increase the educational opportunities for scholars from low-income countries
- Fostering a lifelong association between Rotary and its scholars

During the study period, scholars are expected to be outstanding ambassadors of goodwill to the people of the host country through appearances before Rotary clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations, and other forums. After study has been completed, scholars share their experiences with the people of their home countries and Rotarians who sponsored their scholarships.

Application Procedures

Applicants are required to contact their local Rotary club. Club-endorsed candidates submit their applications to the District Chair of the Ambassadorial Scholarship Program. District-endorsed applications are forwarded to the Foundation for Trustee approval and study institution assignment. Candidates must receive club and district endorsements in order to be considered.

For More Information and Scholarship Applications

Please contact Dr. Francesca Bero, District Chair, Ambassadorial Scholarship Program, at 775-831-2497 or email ebero@earthlink.net for scholarship applications. Refer to the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships Application (139-EN) or RI Web site, www.rotary.org, for the terms of the scholarships.

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	Reno	196	1	2	61	18,925.00			Smith Valley	28	0	0	61	175.00	
	Reno Centennial	34	0	1	71	2,200.00			Tonopah	21	0	1	64	300.00	
	Reno Central	73			NR	9,234.00			Winnemucca	22	0	0	73	25.00	
	Reno South	76	1	3	72	1,000.00	424,000.00		Yerington	38			NR	1,420.00	
	Reno Sunrise	50		0	70	5,085.00	300.00		Elko	98	0	0	46	7,726.00	600.00
	Sparks	105	0	0	84	23,205.33			Elko Desert Sunrise	27	0	2	61	3,890.69	600.00
	Sparks Centennial	35			NR	10,412.49	100.00		Ely	35			NR	12,848.00	
	Carson City	106	2	0	57	10,625.00			Alturas	23	0	0	89	383.35	
	Carson City Sunset	21	0	0	73	5,300.00			Alturas Sunrise	22	0	1	84		
	Minden	43	0	0	63	3,300.00			Surprise Valley	18	0	0	85	2,000.00	
	South Lake Tahoe	46			NR	3,441.23									
	Tahoe Douglas	67	0	0	61	4,990.00	1,000.00		DISTRICT					364.87	
	Fallon	65	0	0	47	9,281.60	1,825.00			2572	11	28	.	240,724.96	440,424.86
									TOTAL					681,149.82	

RYLA cont.

- School counselors and principals are good sources for candidates once they understand the value of the camp and the target audience.
- Color flyers showing the camp are available which you can customize with your club's contact information. Leave some of these with the career counseling office.
- The best source for new candidates is last year's campers. Better than anyone they can articulate the Camp RYLA experience and identify junior class leaders who would most benefit from the experience.

We set up a special web site to support Camp RYLA club reps. The site contains hints and tips for finding and interviewing prospective campers. It also contains color flyers, guidelines, deadlines, forms to be completed, etc. See your RYLA rep for the web address or request it from us at Committee@Camp-RYLA.org.

Join the RYLA committee in your club. Become part of Rotary's process for training your community's future leaders. Call or write us with any questions: *Vicki Puliz* 775-378-5914 or *Joe Donohue* 775-425-4247, Committee@Camp-RYLA.org

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.

The **Grass Valley Rotary Club** had to reschedule their 17th Annual Casino Night due to last month's heavy snows. This fundraiser is now scheduled for March 8 at the Nevada City Fairgrounds. The fun filled evening gets under way at 6:30 pm and includes a 1950's Sock Hop with live music, casino games with Rotary bucks, food, lots of hot rods and a silent auction. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door. For more info, go to their website at www.gvrotary.com or call *Rich Bodine* at 530-277-5676

The 40th Annual St. Patrick's Day Wine Tasting and Corned Beef Feed for **Tahoe Douglas Rotary** will be held on March 15 at Harrah's Tahoe. The fun filled evening will have a silent auction, buffet dinner of corned beef and all the trimmings, dancing, entertainment and lots of wine! Tickets are \$60 and full tables are still available for \$600. For tickets and more information, contact

Ryder Evans at 775- 588-9708.

Reno Rotaract is hosting "Vino For Reno" on March 15. Their fundraiser will be held at the Washoe Wine Company from 6 – 8:30 pm. Wines will be paired with appetizers will proceeds going to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada. Cost is \$45 each or \$80 for a pair.

March 15 is also the day for the **Rotary Club of Truckee's** Annual Crab and Pasta Feed. The Truckee Community Center will be the place for all the fun, starting with the bar opening at 5 pm, dinner from 6 – 7 pm, and a silent auction from 7 – 9 pm. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for kids.

March 29 is the day marked for this year's Annual Radio Auction for the **Nevada City Rotary Club**. You don't even have to live in the area to follow the auction! From 9 am to 2 pm, potential bidders can either listen to KNCO 830 AM or log onto www.knco.com. For a list of items to bid on, or for more information, go to the club's website at www.ncrotary.com and look for the special radio auction link.

On April 23, the **Carson City Rotary Club** presents "Reach For the Stars", an evening filled with entertainment, refreshments and a live auction. Ex-fighter pilot, Brian Shul will be sharing his amazing message of personal commitment and persistence far beyond the ordinary during a presentation filled with exclusive photos and stories about the SR-71 spy plane and his near death experience during the Cold War. "Inspired" and "uplifting" are two of many superlatives describing his personal story. The special evening begins with renowned comic, Kat Simmons, on stage at Carson City's new Galaxy Theater. All proceeds support the club's ScholarSteps program and the Carson Tahoe Regional Cancer Center. Get tickets now--or more information--by calling 775-888-1122 x200.



Picture of the Month



Minden Rotary President Mauricio Hernandez presents a check in the amount of \$3180.00 to Eagle Scout Austin Schick and Scout Master John Cobourn. The money is to be used by BSA Troop 398 to purchase some camping equipment, help purchase merit badges and offer scholarships to selected members of the Troop to go to the scout camp held during the summer at Lake Tahoe.

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