

District Governor

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GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2006

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Well the District Conference is now behind us and I just wanted to take a moment to thank all of you who participated in this Family of Rotary event. I for one enjoyed myself tremendously and it is in no small part in thanks to the fantastic leadership team who put it all together. From the event chairs, Empress Laura Day and Empress Lois Cross; to the logistics team of PDG Mike Garver and District wife Earl Kilmer; to the Kids Conference queen mum, Joan Lovell; to the kids entertainment dueling goddesses, Beri Kasper and Christine Pahl; to the registration goddess, Nancy Garver; to the Banquet Queen, Colleen Knight; to the golf god, Ken Quait; to the Fright Night high priestess, Gretchen Peralta; the Rotary faire duchess, Antonette Eckert; to the Interact and Rotaract Lord, Jim Cambier; to the Sergeant of all Sergeant at Arms, Jim Zentner; to the parking general, Fred Wold, to the ribbon goddess, Bo Morse; and memorial service colonel, Jim Campbell; the entire team put together an event that was both memorable and entertaining. The sharing of ideas and the fine fellowship that went along with the conference will be something I will always remember and cherish. A BIG THANK YOU to the fantastic leadership team. (Oh yeah, the bell has been located and the saga continues.)

MEMBERSHIP

Are you receiving the Membership Moments? If so, are you sharing them with your fellow Rotarians? The membership moments are a great way to kick off a meeting, or highlight membership in your club bulletin. If you are receiving the membership moments and you have a new idea that you are using to promote them with your club and your members, please share them with us as we want to share your successes with others in the District. If you are not currently receiving the membership moments, please contact Membership Chair, Bo Morse. You can reach Bo by e-mail at bomorse@sbcglobal.com.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Please Consider The Paul Harris Society

The Paul Harris Society (PHS) is a new level of recognition of Rotarians and friends who contribute \$1,000 or more each fiscal year to The Rotary Foundation's humanitarian, educational, and cultural

programs. The Foundation Trustees adopted the Paul Harris Society as an official recognition program to be administered at the district level effective in 2006-07.

In 1999, District Governor Wayne Cusick created the first Paul Harris Society in District 5340. Today 119 districts around the world have a PHS program with a total membership of more than 2500. In District 5160, District Governor Brian Thiessen initiated our PHS in 2005-06. During its Charter Year, 59 Rotarians and others became PHS members.

Our district has a tradition of generous Foundation giving to promote world peace and understanding. We are increasingly involved in and supportive of Rotary Foundation Programs. Our Paul Harris Society was established in response to the need for more contributions to Annual and Restricted Giving.

Each PHS member receives an officially-presented recognition certificate signed by the District Governor, a distinctive gold and blue PHS recognition pin to be worn with a Rotary pin or a Paul Harris pin, an invitation for two to the annual Paul Harris Society Dinner, and recognition at selected other events or activities during the year.

While this new level of recognition will not be appropriate for every Rotarian, it is available for those who chose to give at this level each year.

For more information, please contact Sheila Hurst, Chair, District 5160 Paul Harris Society: sheilahurst@mac.com , (530) 244-2111.

PUBLIC RELATIONS PUBLIC IMAGE OF ROTARY

Did you apply for a grant? If not, you still have a few days...As part of the campaign to improve Rotary's public image, the Board of Directors has allocated funds to assist clubs in their local media outreach efforts. With the funds, clubs are encouraged to promote Rotary by putting up Rotary billboards or placing Rotary ads, supplements, the RI prepared TV and Radio public service announcements in their local newspapers, TV and radio stations. Each club can apply for a grant up to US \$3,000. Applications are due by 31 October 2006

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PEACE FELLOWS

From Fred Collignon, member, Berkeley Rotary Club

From Ed Epstein, Director, UC Berkeley Rotary Peace Fellow Program:

I would like to invite you to the annual regional Rotary reception for Rotarians across the many clubs in our region to come and meet our current 16 Peace Fellows of the U.C. Berkeley Rotary International Center for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution. The reception will be held on Oct. 29th, a Sunday, from 2-4 p.m., at the home of Professor Fred Collignon, a Berkeley Rotarian, and his wife Joan, at 2925 Russell Street, in Berkeley.

All Rotarians and their significant others are invited. Hors d'oeuvres, wine and other beverages will be available at the reception.

Each of the 16 Rotary Peace Fellows comes from different countries outside the U.S. and is selected by Rotary International and the six participating Universities across the world in an international competition. They come to U.C. Berkeley to study for two years, a group of eight arriving each year. They study in different graduate programs across the University, while also participating in

seminars and other activities of the Center. All are available to speak at Rotary Clubs in the region. Please RSVP only if you are coming to Sue Hone, hone1965@aol.com. Please feel free to come even if you don't RSVP, but are able to at the last moment.

ROTAPLAST

At PETS, the presidents voted to fund a single District mission. Our District Rotarians will be heading out in early January, so now is the time to start sending in your sponsorship funds. Each club is asked to sponsor at least one surgery. For \$600.00, you will change a life. If your club can afford more, it will help to offset the expense for clubs who are not able to make as large a contribution. Each \$600.00 that we get will pay for a surgery. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks so much. Your checks should be made payable to Rotaplast and may be sent to me at 171 Court Way, Vacaville, CA 95688.

LN- 4

I just want to take a moment to say a big THANK YOU, to all of you who have supported and continue to support the LN-4 prosthetic hand project. As you know, it is truly something that has moved me sometimes beyond words. If I haven't visited your club yet, I will be speaking about it as a part of my presentation. I am so humbled by the generosity of the Rotarians in this District and will do all that I can to make sure your generosity is recognized and that the project is a big success. I am reminded daily of the reasons I am proud to be a Rotarian, and the giving spirit within all of you puts me over the top. If I haven't said it enough, please know I am eternally grateful to all of you. I have received checks from clubs and individuals and many clubs are buying one hand per member. Other clubs are buying hands to honor each of their speakers this year. There are many stories and fabulous support. It is almost too much for me to fathom, but I will somehow manage. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

GOVERNOR'S FINAL THOUGHTS (FOR NOW)

My visits to the clubs continue and I must tell you, they are by far the best part of their job, the job of being your governor. I truly enjoy meeting all of you and learning about the projects you are doing to make a difference in your community. When Bill Boyd asked that Rotarians LEAD THE WAY, he surely must have had the Rotarians in this District in mind, because you continually do so each and every day with your local projects and your international care, you are there when a need is felt, with the hope for many for a better future. I am so fortunate to be able to visit with you and learn more everyday. Keep up the fantastic work .As always, take care...

Candy

