

ROTARY CENTENNIAL



NEWSLETTER DISTRICT 5190

STEVE SNYDER • GOVERNOR

The Second 100 Years

February 23, 1905 was the date when Paul Harris invited his friends to meet with him in the Unity Building in Chicago. That event is not noteworthy until one realizes what resulted from the meeting. To further understand the reason behind the occasion, one must look at Paul Harris and his background.

Paul Harris was born in 1868 to a farming family who suffered economic distress during the Civil War. The parents found it necessary to send Paul and his brother to live with paternal grandparents in Vermont.

Paul enjoyed the hills, the woods, and the streams. The invisible influences of New England Puritanism shaped his mind and character. He learned the value of education, pride in work, thrift in handling money, honesty in dealing with neighbors, and responsibility for his actions.

He began college at the University of Vermont, but was expelled for being part of a hazing incident. He enrolled in Princeton, but quit due to the death of his grandfather. His grandmother insisted he complete his education, so he moved to Des Moines to study law. After graduation in 1891, he moved around exploring various occupations and locations.

Finally, in 1896 he moved to Chicago to settle down and practice law. He was busy, enjoyed the many opportunities the city offered, but his life was missing something.

One day he met a friend for lunch. As they strolled through the neighborhood, he watched his friend greet merchants and others in the area. He real-



ized these genuine expressions of friendliness were the things he had known in his small New England town. He finally knew he was lonely.

Harris thought there must be a way to widen friendships, deepen a sense of community, and to better know one's business acquaintances. A club was the answer.

Silvester Schiele, a coal merchant, Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer, and Hiram Storey, a tailor, agreed to meet and discuss the possibility. Each would invite a friend, and they would rotate their meeting places.

"Rotary" seemed the logical name for the new organization that met weekly and had 19 members at the end of the first year. A number of traditions began at those meetings, including singing, stunts to spice up the meeting, a meal, and a program.

It is true that Paul Harris had no idea that the first meeting on February 23 would continue to grow and circle the world.

Harris often spoke of planting trees. His last words to Rotary were, "I did not, in 1905, foresee a worldwide (Rotary) movement. . . . When a man plants an unpromising sapling, can he be sure that someday here will grow a mighty tree? Once he sees the first bud—ah, then he can begin to dream of shade".

The trees will continue to grow as RI enters the second 100 years of providing service to mankind and the world.



Paul Harris

Tsunami Report

President Gary Gall, Cameron Park, announced the Board would match member donations for Tsunami relief up to \$2500. This resulted in a contribution of \$5000. The employees of Western Sierra Bank (Gary is President and CEO) donated \$5000. The bank matched making another \$10,000. Cameron Park Rotary will donate the \$15,000 to District 5190's relief fund.

As a result of the Cameron Park efforts, Central California Bank's employees donated \$3000. The bank matched. District 5200 will receive the \$6000.

District Treasurer Steve Bilyeu had received \$2038 from other clubs as of press time.

A report received from Aimee Hiss, who is teaching in Dahaka, Bangladesh, said she and her husband were safe.



Many of her colleagues were in hard hit areas, and had to run for safety. The international school where she teaches was the only one of its kind in South East Asia that did not have members or students perish. (Aimee is a former Ambassadorial Scholar).

NEW CLUB

District 5190 is planning to charter the Sparks Centennial Sunrise Club on February 23, making 50 clubs in our District.

The first meeting was January 20 at David's Restaurant in Wingfield Springs. Regular meetings will be at 7AM on Thursdays. All Area 8 Clubs will sponsor the new club. Past Reno Central Rotary President Scott Barnes is organizing the group and will serve as the first President. For info: Scott Barnes at sparkscentrotary@aol.com or 775-358-5970.

Glenn E. Estess, Sr., President



Rotary International

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From the District Governor

This is the month we celebrate Rotary's 100th birthday. Paul Harris and three of his business acquaintances started Rotary on February 23, 1905. The purpose was to share fellowship and business ideas in a meeting they rotated each week to a different location. They drafted the first constitution and bylaws to give them a form of structure:

1. The promotion of the business interests of the members.
2. The promotion of good fellowship and other desiderata incidental to social clubs.

Today, we have 311 pages in the Manual of Procedure and 100 pages in the Code of Policy. What started as a simple idea to meet, share business, and promote ethical standards, has become an organization of 1.2 million men and women in 166 countries.

The Rotary Club of Chicago started without a meaningful service program. In 1909 they built public bathrooms in Chicago after someone said he would become a member if the club provided something for the benefit of all people, not just members.

Other clubs were formed with each finding a community project. Mottos such as "He Profits Most Who Serves Best" and "Service Above Self" were the foundations upon which Rotary was born.

Civic-minded projects led to the formation of a National Program, the Easter Seals Society. This concept came from

a Rotarian who was interested in helping crippled children.

Rotarians began to develop international programs to help with poverty, hunger, illiteracy, and polluted drinking water. Rotarians have played major roles in peacemaking, have offered scholarships, and have been determined to eradicate polio.

All these programs led to the formation of the Permanent Fund.

This endowment, where only the earnings are spent, will reach \$3 billion by 2025 and will generate \$300,000 annually. This means we could have a PolioPlus size project every year that would be funded internally.

So, when we say "Celebrate Rotary", we are not talking just about a party. We are talking about celebrating all of the accomplishments of the first 100 years. We deserve a chance to Celebrate, but then it is back to "Service Above Self"!

Congratulations Rotary! What started out with four men has now developed into the largest and best service organization in the world.

Steve Snyder,
District Governor



Steve Snyder

GSE UPDATE

The schedule for the visiting GSE team from Japan is currently being finalized. The response by clubs to provide hosting has been good. The team will arrive in Reno on April 24 and receive a Rotary welcome. Two Reno clubs will be hosts for the first few days. Then on to the Elko clubs. The Yerington club offered a weekend fellowship hosting.

Applicants for the Rotary team leader for our outbound

team to Japan in late fall will be interviewed on April 9. Applications for this position and for non-Rotary team members can be downloaded from www.rotary.org. Send to Chairperson Susan Glasson, Box 55, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448. **Deadline March 26.** Questions? Email her at sglasson@charter.net.

Dates for interviews for the team members will be announced in the March newsletter.

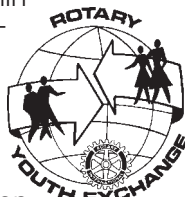
RYE OUTBOUND INTERVIEWS

Twenty-three outbound RYE students met with the RYE Committee for the first of three orientations. The six-hour session focused on understanding differences in other cultures and how to develop tolerance for these differences. They also had presentations to give them insight into dealing with host families.

PDG Bob Hartsfield conducted a session on "What is Rotary". This year the students will be expected to answer questions in writing about Rotary.

The inbound students attended their second orientation to make sure they understand the expectations of the District. It also enables the Committee to address concerns the students have after the first six months.

The RYE students will participate in ski days sponsored by the Tahoe City Rotary Club.



RYLA CAMP

Are you behind? Has your club earmarked funds or designated a RYLA representative? This year's camp will be at Granlibakken from June 26 to July 1. This year you can get student packets and forms from www.camp-ryla.org.

February 15 is the date all sponsor forms and checks are due to RYLA registrar, Frank Mirabilla. **Don't miss this date!**

During the first week of March, a letter will go to the Club RYLA Chairperson with information for the student selection process, etc. The months of March and April are dedicated to those selections. It is recommended you follow the process outlined so campers are selected in a uniform manner.

Return student registrations forms to the registrar by **May 15**.

If you are interested in becoming a counselor or need further information, contact District RYLA Chair Barbara Hudson at barbihudson@yahoo.com or 530-889-6951.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

SPARKS completed the first Rotary Business Achievement program with Reed High School. Details next month ... Bulletins were received this month from RENO SOUTH, TRUCKEE, RENO SUNRISE, SPARKS, and RENO CENTENNIAL SUNSET. Thanks for joining the other clubs who have been sending them. Club news will be included in our next issue.

ON TO UGANDA

Two Rotary revelations are:

1. A project that is viewed as a significant humanitarian effort to increase Batwa Pygmy infant survival rate will rally amazing Rotary financial support. Don Fultz, Co-chairman of the project said we would raise \$20,000 from our individual Rotary members. He did not expect to receive more than double the needed amount. The total Rotary funding for purchasing medical, dental, and water system equipment and supplies for the Buhoma, Uganda clinic is over \$85,000 (includes District plus RI grants).
2. Rotarians will volunteer in great numbers for such a project. We had to create a second June trip in order to accommodate all the volunteers.

The June and August trips are fully funded and staffed. The equipment is being sent in a shipping container that has been converted into a self-contained X-ray unit with all the x-ray equipment and dark room built in. Grant monies cannot be used to support building projects. This has made it imperative to keep careful records to document what is used for equipment and supplies with the container and its improvements funded by a separate non-Rotary project. A pleasant surprise was the donation of dental equipment and a maternity delivery table. The total package now exceeds \$100,000.

The Rotary Foundation has established strict guidelines when it comes to the subjects of politics and religion. In order to be a true worldwide organization it must remain very neutral on both subjects. We have been prudent in assur-

Area	Club	Membership Total	Gain For Year	Loss	% Attendance	Paul Harris Annual Giving	Giving Restricted
1	ALTURAS	29	0	0	0.0%	\$200.00	\$0.00
1	ALTURAS SUNRISE	26	0	0	0.0%	\$200.00	\$0.00
1	CHESTER	56	0	0	63.0%	\$5,701.00	\$100.00
1	SURPRISE VALLEY	12	0	0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
1	SUSANVILLE	66	0	0	78.0%	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
1	SUSANVILLE SUNRISE	42	0	0	0.0%	\$4,219.00	\$0.00
1	WESTWOOD/ LAKE ALMANOR	15	0	1	56.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	GREENVILLE	11	0	0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$900.00
2	LOYALTON	27	0	0	85.0%	\$0.00	\$350.00
2	PORTOLA	35	0	0	79.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	QUINCY	46	0	0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	INCLINE VILLAGE	38	1	3	76.0%	\$1,650.00	\$10,700.00
3	TAHOE CITY	58	2	1	75.0%	\$450.00	\$3,827.00
3	TAHOE INCLINE	55	1	0	88.0%	\$350.00	\$3,300.00
3	TRUCKEE	87	0	1	82.3%	\$9,200.00	\$7,734.00
3	TRUCKEE SUNRISE	40	0	0	0.0%	\$1,401.00	\$123.00
4	GRASS VALLEY	76	0	5	87.5%	\$9,925.00	\$10,743.00
4	NEVADA CITY	57	0	0	0.0%	\$200.00	\$14,957.50
4	NEVADA CITY 49er BREAKFAST	90	1	0	91.0%	\$1,415.00	\$18,266.00
4	NEVADA COUNTY SOUTH	33	0	0	92.7%	\$4,042.50	\$5,674.50
4	PENN VALLEY	21	0	1	81.0%	\$0.00	\$6,700.00
5	AUBURN	115	2	0	82.0%	\$7,750.00	\$373.00
5	AUBURN DAYBREAK	18	1	0	95.8%	\$1,813.00	\$230.00
5	AUBURN GOLD COUNTRY	49	0	0	0.0%	\$2,200.00	\$0.00
6	CAMERON PARK	63	3	0	73.0%	\$200.00	\$2,566.53
6	GEORGETOWN DIVIDE	28	0	0	64.0%	\$300.00	\$0.00
6	PLACERVILLE	73	4	0	57.3%	\$1,539.96	\$2,945.96
6	POLLOCK PINES-CAMINO	19	0	0	78.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
7	AMADOR UP COUNTRY	24	0	1	79.0%	\$0.00	\$100.00
7	IONE	23	0	0	53.0%	\$1,250.00	\$0.00
7	JACKSON	70	0	0	73.3%	\$3,496.00	\$2,484.00
8	RENO	215	0	2	60.0%	\$6,495.00	\$17,312.00
8	RENO CENTENNIAL SUNSET	30	0	0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
8	RENO CENTRAL	72	0	0	80.0%	\$1,000.00	\$100.00
8	RENO SOUTH	76	0	0	79.2%	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
8	RENO SUNRISE	56	0	1	76.8%	\$7,728.00	\$720.00
8	SPARKS	104	0	1	77.4%	\$0.00	\$0.00
9	CARSON CITY	105	0	0	59.3%	\$0.00	\$644.65
9	CARSON CITY SUNSET	22	0	2	64.0%	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
9	MINDEN	47	0	0	67.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
9	SOUTH LAKE TAHOE	58	0	0	72.4%	\$2,673.00	
9	TAHOE DOUGLAS	76	0	0	0.0%	\$3,100.00	\$0.00
10	FALLON	76	0	1	66.0%	\$3,658.00	\$300.00
10	SMITH VALLEY	25	0	3	74.0%	\$3,100.00	\$200.00
10	TONOPAH	18	0	0	57.0%	\$0.00	\$50.00
10	YERINGTON	46	0	0	0.0%	\$3,300.00	\$0.00
11	ELKO	94	0	0	0.0%	\$9,163.12	\$8,280.00
11	ELKO DESERT SUNRISE	23	1	0	75.0%	\$625.00	\$125.00
11	ELY	35	0	0	0.0%	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISTRICT 5190 Totals		2580	16	23		\$100,171.58	\$123,479.14

ing the Rotary money and efforts will be spent to promote only the medical, dental, clean water, and literacy efforts.

The first group of ten will travel in June. The second group of twenty will leave in August. All volunteers will be funding their own airmiles, hotels, and meals.

The world provides large numbers of situations involving true human suffering and need. We, as Rotarians, find these situations, and work through the process of looking for money and volunteers.

Barry Turner, DMD
Co-Chairman "On to Uganda"

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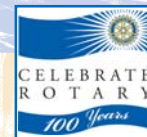
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Meeting Change

Portola Rotary will meet at the Pizza Factory, 200 Commercial Street, Portola at 7AM each Tuesday effective February 1.



COMELY BANK

Rotarians would like to purchase "Comely Bank" the home of Paul and Jean Harris as a permanent museum. (See September, 2004 District Newsletter). Money is still needed to make this possible and to have it ready for viewing at the Chicago Convention. Please make checks payable to Rotary District 6360 Foundation, Box 465, Delton, MI 49046

INTERACT

Interact is growing in District 5190. When all the charter papers are received at Rotary International, we should have 10 clubs chartered and 2 in the planning stage. Congratulations to Chester Rotary that now sponsors 2 Interact clubs. Placer Union High is meeting again thanks to the Auburn Downtown Club. The first official meeting of the Placerville Rotary Interact Club was held January 28.

Interact students will go to the District Conference where they will join the RYE

students in great youth programs.

Interact clubs will provide the students who become RYE candidates, participants in our speech and music contests, and our RYLA program. Eventually, some of these young people will be GSE team members, Ambassadorial Scholars, and Rotarians.

Each club in our District should consider sponsoring an Interact club. Contact District Chair Ron Rehn at rdrehn@charter.net or at 775-813-7008.

In Memorium

Rotarians in District 5190 extend their sympathy to the family of:
Al Herauf – Minden Rotary Club

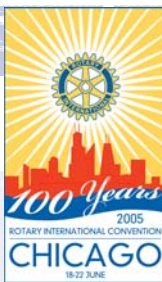
DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Conference Committee has arranged activities the whole family can enjoy. In addition to the usual Conference programs there will be a special vintage car show and a bowling tournament. There will be special activities for new members and first time attendees. You will be able to hear such dynamic speakers as past RI President Richard King, Dr. Joseph Serra widely known as a PolioPlus advocate, and PDG Allan Frumkin.

Don't wait any longer to make your reservations at the Reno Hilton for May 19-22. The District Conference is a great opportunity for all District Rotarians to enjoy the fellowship of old friends and new, while we celebrate another year of service.

It will mark the end of the year as District Governor for Steve Snyder who will turn the reigns over to Dave Bianchi for the 2005-2006 year.

Additional information can be obtained from Chairperson Janice Reynolds-Gage at jangage@jps.net.



ROTARY SKI CHALLENGE

Friday, March 4, is the date of the 29th Dick Linkey Rotary Ski Challenge sponsored by the Tahoe City Rotary. The event at Alpine Meadows Ski Resort in North Lake Tahoe is considered the world's largest gathering of skiing Rotarians.

Registration in the Main Lodge begins at 8:15AM with mandatory meeting at the Chair Lift at 9:30 and races start at 9:45. Teams consist of a minimum of five persons, all Rotarians, with registration fee set at \$125. per individual.

To register for this major fund raiser contact Steve Swigard at 530-583-5296, Gary Meadville at 530-546-7115 or visit their website at www.tahoe-cityrotary.org.

TRAINS AND PLANES

The International Convention in Chicago will be here before you realize it. The date for this convention is June 18-22. Make your plans to arrive in time to see the parade on Saturday. You might even see DGE Dave Bianchi playing a kazoo.

If you have not done so, go online and make your reservations to attend this event. You will need to make certain you have a place to stay... and decide how you will travel. You will enjoy this Convention whether you plan to use a car, train, bus, or airplane. Contact DGE Dave at 775-826-1727 if you need further assistance or information.

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