

ROTARY DISTRICT 5190



Vic Slaughter • District Governor

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Greetings from Governor Vic!



Have you looked at the Monthly Contribution Report (MCR) lately? How about the **Ely Club**!! Their PER CAPITA giving is **\$414.00**. Way to go **President Dale**! ☺! Thanks for leading the way on Foundation Giving and showing the other clubs how to excel. We are looking forward to remaining Area Foundation Dinners in February. Area 5's will be held on February 2nd with PRIP Cliff Dochterman speaking, Area 7's will be February 29th with PDG Al Frumkin speaking, and Area 12 is finalizing their plans for a dinner in April.

Please join us in celebrating the District accomplishments at these dinners.

Kathie and I got a late present after Christmas. Aryana our exchange student from Brazil who came to us in 2002 made a surprise visit to the US. After celebrating Christmas in Fallon we had planned to attend our daughter's New Years performance in Dallas. We picked up Aryana at the Dallas airport on the 29th. She will be staying with us until February 7th. This is another example of the lifetime friendship we create with the Rotary Youth Exchange program. If you have not hosted a student you should put it on your short list. Looking at our country through the eye of a foreign visitor is something to behold.

Our hearts go out to the Fernley residents that were flooded after the New Year. Get in contact with President Chris because I'm sure they may have many needs for this coming year. The series of storms on both side of the Sierras impacted a lot of homes with outages. It is good that we have clubs in so

many communities that can lend a hand to what is needed.

Did I tell you that the Peppermill Conference Facility looks gorgeous? The District Conference is proceeding very nicely. Be sure to get your reservations in early for the Past Presidents Honor Dinner Thursday May 1st. This event is for all members and to give recognition to the club Presidents who have contributed to the strength of our District. PRIP Frank Devlyn will be our speaker. We are getting foursomes signed up for our golf classic. Tee sponsors are still available, so contact Ted Balash f105g313@charter.net. I see that we have just 51 registered for the LA Convention representing 14 clubs. Let's see if we can get all clubs represented in 2008. See the Stars!

In November the Ely club awarded 24 new Paul Harris Fellows (out of their club of only 31 members. Pictured here are Catherine Bakaric, Shane Bybee, G. Norman Christensen, Dale Derbidge, Steve Dobrescu, John Gianoli, Terry Gust, Garey Harrison, Scott Hase, Ken Heinbaugh, Ken Kliewer, Denys Koyle, John Lampros, Mike Lemich, Robert Miller, Dan Nolan, Jack Norcross, John O'Flaherty, Jerry Piccinini, Kevin Robison, Richard Sears, Dennis Thomas, David Tilford, Todd Wilkin.



Area 8 Assistant Governor - Mike Hix's Message



With seven months under our Rotary belt for the 2007-2008 year, it's likely that many of the Rotary Presidents worldwide are breathing a sigh of relief as they get a better understanding and comfort with their position as Club President. What better way to segue into the fact that February is Rotary World Understanding month?

While planning for their year begins even before PETS, it often takes Presidents several months to become very comfortable with the running of

the club and board meetings, staying on task, dealing with interruptions and keeping members happy and membership up.

It's now, with their improved comfort levels and the realization that the

Rotary year is soon coming to an end, that the typical Club President reviews their goals. Now is the time, with the reporting period drawing ever so close, that the President needs to look at those needed tasks to meet their Presidential Citation status. February brings a timely reminder to the Presidents to evaluate their goals as they pertain to the international aspect of club planning.

A quick review of the Presidential Citation and the twelve activities under the International Service category shows the importance of international service to Rotary and allows every club the opportunity to support this important endeavor.

In the Reno/Sparks Area 8 region, the seven club Presidents meet monthly to help remind each other of their goals and progress made to reach them. The immediate feedback, new ideas and critique shared from these special

Assistant District Governor – Mike Hix’s (Cont.)

peers as they work (and play) through their year, has been very helpful to all in attendance. The meetings are always informative and each of the Presidents has expressed their appreciation for the time spent.

The meetings also give local groups or interested parties a forum where they may address all of the Reno/Sparks Rotary Presidents in one setting. With the Assistant Governor acting as facilitator, the typical meeting includes one or two brief presentations such as the local Rotaract progress in the area, action taking place to get Rotarians to the International Convention or RYLA activities. The Presidents then discuss whatever they want – including issues they may be having with membership, contribution requests, fundraising, etc.

Time is spent going around the room with each President sharing upcoming activities, inter-club meetings and their favorite speaker of the month.

For example, in addition to all of the great community activities that they are involved in, President Marlene Olsen with the Reno Club recently shared that their club had just approved \$4,500 for matching funds in an orphanage in Beirut. They were also looking at approving \$1,000 for hurricane relief in Belize. In addition, Marlene is excited about the club’s upcoming Reno Mardi Gras 2008 to take place in early 2008. This is an evening of outstanding food and fantastic wines and is always a well attended and fun event.

President David Ward of the Rotary Club of Central Reno has recently announced that his club will be holding their Crab Feed on April 12th at the local Boys and Girls Club. This annual event continues to grow each year and is always a huge success with great participation and fellowship generated by all club members. In addition to the clean water projects the club is working on, they are also looking at helping a blood bank in Dominca.

President Darryl Armuth with the Reno South Club recently shared that he and his club approached a Neighborhood Advisory Board that governed the park that his club helps with and the NAB agreed to fund \$5,000 for park improvements. They also received a matching grant and raised \$3,500 to get to \$25,000. On the international front, Reno South continues to participate in Project Amigo, a Rotary project in Colima, Mexico providing educational programs for impoverished youth.

President Paul Kiser of the Sparks Centennial Sunrise Club (one of TWO

newer clubs in our area generated during the Centennial year of Rotary), has been very busy with his young club. By the time you receive this newsletter, they will have hosted their annual fundraiser which was held on February 9th. Their Cruise Ship Themed Dinner was held at the Resort at Red Hawk Event Center. The event included a silent auction and live entertainment including a comedian and live band. In addition, the club is also very proud of its involvement with the Choices program. With great involvement from club members, it is a two hour program where Rotarians teach over 600 students in the Spanish Springs area about how to make better choices.

President Brian DeLisle with the Reno Sunrise Club is proud to announce their Reno Sunrise Clay Shoot which will happen on Sunday April 27th. The club also continues to participate in the “Not Even For A Minute” campaign. Many Rotary clubs nationwide are working with this group to remind parents that they should not leave their child unattended in a vehicle for even a minute. The club also held a successful Hole-In-One fundraiser in late September.

President Dave Kary of the Sparks Club is having a great year as the club has just raised almost \$40,000 at their annual Nevadafest fundraiser. Proceeds from the event are used to help local organizations and those who may be underprivileged including 12 children and their families from a local elementary school. The club continues to donate 1 dictionary to each of the 5,000 third graders in the school district and is already working on its annual Kids Free Fishing day held in early June. The Sparks club has also taken on a new international project in Mexico helping out a much needed school.

President Mark Schauss of the newer Reno Centennial Sunset Club is already very proud of the great year that he and his club are having. Mark’s club has not only helped the local community by supporting such groups like the Mariposa Academy, Ridge House and Habitats for Humanity, but they have reached out to countries like Mexico where members of their club went to an orphanage and helped buy and deliver beds, refrigerators, washing machines and more to less fortunate members of our global community. In addition, the club has also recently announced its 2008 Trip to China. Limited to just 130 people, this opportunity will take place from April 16 & 17, to April 26 & 27, 2008. The 9-day trip includes transportation to and from the S.F. Airport, all for \$1499!

As you can see from this brief summary, each of the seven Rotary club

Club Attendance Report: December 2007

Bob Hartsfield ~ PDG Secretary NR = No Report

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| | Chester | 49 | 1 | 0 | 44 | 6,100.00 | | | Nevada City | 61 | 1 | 0 | 71 | 6,126.00 | |
| | Susanville | 76 | 0 | 0 | 71 | | | | Nevada City 49er | 91 | 3 | 0 | 89 | 9,702.00 | |
| | Susanville Sunrise | 38 | 0 | 2 | 60 | 524.00 | 1,457.00 | | Nevada Co. South | 34 | 0 | 2 | 84 | 4,825.00 | |
| | Westwood | 12 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 500.00 | | | Penn Valley | 35 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 3,300.00 | |
| | Greenville | 13 | | 0 | 55 | | | | Auburn | 115 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 4,335.00 | 1,500.00 |
| | Loyalton | 31 | 0 | 0 | 83 | 1,000.00 | | | Auburn Daybreak | 21 | 0 | 1 | 95 | 5,155.00 | |
| | Portola | 33 | 0 | 2 | 88 | 1,650.00 | | | Auburn Gold | 50 | 0 | 2 | 74 | 4,500.00 | |
| | Quincy | 43 | | | NR | | | | Cameron Park | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | | |
| | Incline Village | 33 | 0 | 2 | 87 | 1,000.00 | | | Georgetown | 39 | | | NR | | |
| | Tahoe City | 62 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 4,000.00 | | | Placerville | 46 | 0 | 2 | 63 | 4,983.00 | |
| | Tahoe Incline | 54 | | 0 | 85 | 5,221.00 | 2,200.00 | | Pollock Pines | 21 | 2 | 0 | 85 | 285.20 | |
| | Truckee | 89 | | 0 | 87 | 400.00 | 201.86 | | Amador Up Co | 30 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 1,550.00 | 50.00 |
| | Truckee Sunrise | 26 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 2,661.00 | 30.00 | | Ione | 25 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 1,650.00 | |
| | Grass Valley | 76 | 1 | 1 | 89 | 19,395.00 | 120.00 | | Jackson | 65 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 2,541.20 | |

Presidents in the Area 8 Reno/Sparks area are busy guiding their clubs to a successful year, while staying on track through review of the goals, the monthly President's meeting and work toward Rotary World Understanding.

RI President-Elect D. K. Lee
announced the 2008-2009 theme: Make Dreams Real.

International Convention



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

The 2003 Rotary International Convention was held in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia from June 1 to 4. There were 14,147 in attendance. Our President was Bhichai Rattakul from Bangkok, Thailand. Bhichai's theme for the year was "SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE."

During Bhichai's year Rotarians worldwide raised \$ 111,499,350 for the Polio Eradication Funding Campaign to continue our fight to stamp out polio worldwide.

On our way to the airport leaving Brisbane and Australia, I struck up a conversation with a California Rotarian about what activities each of our clubs support. I told him about the dictionary project we had established in 2002; where we purchase 5,000 dictionaries for every third grader in Washoe County, Nevada and present them personally to each student throughout the school district. Three years later, in 2006, this Rotarian sent me a letter explaining how he got involved with the same project at his club level and then became chairman of the project for his California Rotary District. Rotary International conventions offer great opportunities to share ideas for service with fellow Rotarians.

Remember to "SHARE ROTARY" with your family, friends, fellow workers and especially other Rotarians whom you meet in life's journey.

"Make Dreams Real" is the next theme for RI. The theme is geared towards the children of the world. The main areas of focus will continue: clean water, literacy, health & hunger, but the resources and projects will be specifically directed to our children.



He urges all Rotarians to continue to work in the areas of water & sanitation, health & hunger and literacy but with the special focus on children, specifically reducing child mortality. Shockingly, 30,000 children under the age of five die every day, nearly all from preventable causes. President-Elect D.K. is calling us to action on behalf of the world's children, in our own communities and around the world: "Our job is to Make Dreams Real. We will turn those dreams of a safe and happy childhood - a childhood that becomes a long and healthy life - into a reality, because all of the world's children are our children."

CLUB LEADERSHIP TRAINING AT DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Each one of us has the ability to make a difference in our world and together we can truly make the world a better place. Want to both learn more and share your expertise? Plan to attend Club Leadership Training at District Assembly. Participate in informative, interactive 'how to' sessions, share ideas in all the Avenues of Service, learn about new program opportunities 08-09 like Club Visioning and Rotarians at Work Day, enjoy fun and fellowship with your Club and District leadership teams. For more information www.rotaryDistrict5190.org

- Who: Everyone!
- What: Club Leadership Training at District Assembly
 Sign-up via District Website or your President-Elect
- When: Saturday April 5, 2008
 8 AM to 1:15 PM (includes lunch)
 Reception Friday evening April 4, 2008, Prospectors Club at Harrah's
- Where: Harrah's Reno
 Special hotel rates available until March 5, 2008.
- Why: Plan for a Great Year of Service and Make Dreams Real

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| | Plymouth Foothills | 31 | 0 | 0 | 73 | 585.00 | | | Fernley | 35 | 2 | 0 | 51 | 2,010.00 | |
| | Reno | 196 | 0 | 4 | 52 | 18,675.00 | | | Smith Valley | 28 | 4 | 0 | 60 | 175.00 | |
| | Reno Centennial | 31 | | | NR | 2,200.00 | | | Tonopah | 22 | 1 | 0 | 70 | 300.00 | |
| | Reno Central | 73 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 9,234.00 | | | Winnemucca | 21 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 25.00 | |
| | Reno South | 78 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 1,000.00 | 424,000.00 | | Yerington | 38 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 1,420.00 | |
| | Reno Sunrise | 50 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 5,085.00 | 300.00 | | Elko | 98 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 7,726.00 | 600.00 |
| | Sparks | 105 | 0 | 3 | 91 | 23,205.33 | | | Elko Desert Sunrise | 29 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 3,890.69 | 600.00 |
| | Sparks Centennial | 35 | 0 | 0 | 83 | 8,033.99 | 100.00 | | Ely | 35 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 12,848.00 | |
| | Carson City | 104 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 9,325.00 | | | Alturas | 23 | 2 | 0 | 91 | 316.68 | |
| | Carson City Sunset | 21 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 5,300.00 | | | Alturas Sunrise | 23 | 0 | 0 | 97 | | |
| | Minden | 44 | 2 | 1 | 69 | 2,100.00 | | | Surprise Valley | 18 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 2,000.00 | |
| | South Lake Tahoe | 46 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 3,441.23 | | | | | | | | | |
| | Tahoe Douglas | 67 | | | NR | 3,965.00 | 1,000.00 | | DISTRICT | | | | | 364.87 | |
| | Fallon | 65 | 2 | 0 | 43 | 8,641.60 | 100.00 | | | 2647 | 21 | 22 | . | 223,270.79 | 432,258.86 |
| | | | | | | | | | TOTAL | | | | | 655,529.65 | |

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.

All are invited to the Sunset Rotary Club of Carson City's annual Holiday For Lovers on Friday, February 15. All the action begins at 6 pm at the Gold Dust West Casino in Carson City with a no-host bar. Dinner begins at 7:30 and dancing at 9 pm. Also on tap is a silent auction and photo booth. All proceeds go to the club's local projects which include Homeless Health Day, 3rd Grade Dictionary programs and many other community activities. Room packages are available at the hotel. Tickets are \$50 each. For tickets or more information, call Toni Langson at 775-882-3207.

Tahoe Douglas Rotary host's their 40th annual St. Patrick's Wine Tasting and Corned Beef Feed on Saturday, March 15 at Harrah's Tahoe. Doors open at

6 pm and all guests are treated to wine, dinner, dancing and a silent auction. There are raffle tickets for a week's vacation on Kona available for \$5 each or 5/\$20. Event tickets are \$60 and can be purchased by contacting Ryder Evans at 775-588-9708. All proceeds go to the club's local scholarship fund and other community projects.

Saturday, March 15 also marks the Truckee Rotary Club's Crab and Pasta Feed that is being held at the Truckee Community Center. The bar opens at 5 pm, buffet dinner from 6 – 7 pm and an auction from 7 – 9 pm. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for kids. For more information, contact Bonnie York at 530-587-6061.

Nevada City Rotary will be presenting their annual Radio Auction on Saturday, March 29. More information to follow next month.

Rotary Ski Challenge is on! Edges are sharpened, skis are waxed and exercises have begun. February 29 will see skiers from all over

converge on the slopes of Lake Tahoe to demonstrate their skiing skills!

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 tahoepaula@sbcglobal.net)

Congratulations to the *Truckee Rotary Club* on their upcoming 30th Anniversary. They'll celebrate with a party at PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn on February 15.

The *Rotary Club of Minden, Nevada* has 100% of their members as sustaining members. They will host their annual Paul Harris Banquet on February 12 to honor all those that have earned the recognition of Paul Harris Fellow.

In Memory: Smith Valley Rotary charter member, Joe Giomi recently passed away. He was the last remaining charter member from the club's beginning in 1946.

Former Cameron Park Rotarian Gale Guthrie lost his battle with pulmonary fibrosis on December 20. Gale was the club's President during the 1982-1983 term.



Ruth Cameron blowing out her 95 candles at Cameron Park's "Ruth Cameron Day" 1/12/06

Longtime Rotary family member Ruth Cameron passed away on January 27. The 97 year old was a pillar of her community, which bears her husband's name and was very active in all Rotary activities both at home and internationally. Ruth attended Rotary meetings regularly and just had her birthday celebration at the Cameron Park Rotary's January 17th meeting.

Picture of the Month



22 RYE students from 16 countries enjoyed a tour of the National Auto Museum at Harrah's in Reno during their recent conference.

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