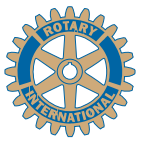


# ROTARY DISTRICT 5190



Vic Slaughter • District Governor

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## District 5190 June Newsletter

### Greetings from Governor Vic!



*Jennifer, Vic, Kathie and Carrie Slaughter*

Wow what a year this has been!!! ☺ Kathie and I have been thrilled to be a part of District 5190 this last year. We have traveled over 20,000 miles to listen to the success stories of many of you and the frustrations from being a new or small club. But the determination to succeed is 100% from all 53 clubs. We are honored to have represented you.

We are still reminiscing about our well attended and lively crowd at District Conference, and are looking forward to meeting more Rotary Stars at the Los Angeles Convention. As part of the District Conference, Kim Wilbanks' idea for a 5,190 books for LA was almost accomplished. The display in the back of the ballroom kept growing as books kept coming in. I think we were only 600 books short! Congratulations to Georgetown Club for bringing in the most books per capita and winning the coveted "tall and tacky" trophy. Check out the virtual book drive at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), we can make Kim's goal of 5,190 books for first thru third graders. By sharing these books we will help make

dreams real. Many thanks go to the Herculean efforts of my Conference Chair Paul Kiser and his Conference Committee. The vision was to provide "good News" and education through a variety of breakout sessions, and yet make time to celebrate our achievements of the year. In addition, much time and thought went into finding new ways to include our youth and to showcase Rotary to them. I hope we made an impression on them. I am a firm believer that the youth holds our future in their hands, so to have almost 100 attending made my weekend. We handed out club awards and 20 RI Presidential Citations. On a lighter note, the uncovered "NoBELL" awards were presented. The Friday night cheeseburgers in paradise got rave reviews. We have pictures to prove it. Even the DG was cutting a rug. Our inbound GSE team had a fantastic presentation, and we were able to have a brief presentation with our outbound GSE team in Brazil over the internet. A stellar job by Anita Daniels was done for chairing the GSE program for the last three years. We announced another major 3H Grant to Uganda for water and animal husbandry. Thank you, Don Fultz, for your non-stop dedication for shepherding this project to its completion. The House of Friendship had club displays showing the success of several clubs. Please plan to showcase your club next year at DG Wyn's conference at the Peppermill. Another huge THANK YOU goes to Janeille Litton and all her "worker bees" who magically made the tables absolutely beautiful for each meal.

In filling out the accomplishments for the year I would like you to note that as of May 15th District membership is up 40 people on our way to meet the goal of 53. Of course Smith Valley is leading the way with 70% increase. Susanville and Smith Valley both added 12 members. Way to go! ☺ Even though the District has passed the Foundation Giving Goal for the year, please don't stop now. Review your club's giving and see if all the clubs can achieve their President's goal. Leading the way in per capita giving is Ely @ \$414.45; *Sparks Centennial Sunrise* @ \$364.74; and *Carson City Sunset* @ \$327.27. Note my Conference Chair was the President of Sparks Centennial Sunrise in his spare time.

As we bid you fair well in this final newsletter, Kathie and I would like to thank you all for letting us into your homes, your club visits, foundation dinner celebrations, and for many of you, into your hearts. As I mentioned at my Conference, I knew so few of you when I began this journey, and now I have a ballroom full of Rotarian friends that I consider the crème de le crème. What a spectacular job you are all doing sharing Rotary to Make Dreams Real. We look forward to seeing all of you again. Thank you, Paula, for the monthly newsletter. I do believe I was late almost every month for deadline. I am forever indebted to you. To my Leadership team, I commend all of you for working so diligently all year. We can pass the baton onto Wyn and her Leadership team with a great deal of confidence that the District is still one of the best Districts in the World. And finally to our daughters who traveled from Anchorage and Dallas, you were the icing on the cake with your presence. Thank you.

## Assistant DG Boyd Taylor



We are on the event horizon of a new Rotary year. Our new Rotary International president, D. K. Lee, will be taking the helm in little more than one month. D. K. believes in making dreams real, and he wants to promote the well-being of the child during his rotary year.

To help a child succeed and excel in life, we need to instill quality values and develop character so he can make good choices to build a healthy life. And we must provide the resources so that he has

healthy choices from which to choose.

Rotary International President-Elect D. K. Lee is also concerned about the ethics disconnect seen in so many of today's youth. Young people say they believe in ethics, but see no problem with behaving unethically. This year Rotary District 5190, Area One, will be taking a special look at the ethics disconnect.

Today our youth believe that values are relative. They believe that they can choose their own truth. Values and truth are not relative.

Values are based on beliefs. Beliefs are derived from relationships. Relationships are our most important function in life here on earth: relationships with our Creator, parents, wife, husband. If children have poor or nonexistent relationships with parents, they will have severe handicaps building beliefs based in reality and based on truth.

To instill ethics, we must back up three levels of personal development to the first basic virtue in life—relationships. We must help youth build relationships so they can develop true beliefs, create legitimate values, and enhance character to give them strength for discipline by which they can derive, apply, live ethically.

To implement this, our first priority is to introduce the Four-Way Test to children in their early years. We can best communicate these four principles by living them in our own lives.

I also propose introducing Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) to our communities' awareness to enhance the health of children yet to be born. It is amazing how many adults and teens don't know that this 100% preventable disease is so prevalent, so subtle, and so serious.

Teaching the Four-Way Test is like giving a child a meal. Developing a child's character is like teaching him how to cook.

FASD awareness and prevention will help prevent damage to unborn children and, therefore, avoid an additional handicap of brain damage that burdens the child, his parents, and our communities with avoidable, lifelong disabilities.

Both activities will jump-start our efforts to enhance the well-being of children and MAKE DREAMS REAL.

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## AGUSAN MARSH BOAT PROJECT UPDATE

The boat is almost completed and ready to go! The Rotary Clubs of Alturas, Alturas Sunrise, Auburn Gold Country, Cameron Park, El Dorado Hills, Grass Valley, Ione, Nevada City, Nevada City 49s, Nevada County South, Placerville, Pollock Pines – Camino, South Lake Tahoe and Tahoe Douglas have all committed to the project financially. For up to date pictures and news, go to <http://www.cameronparkrotary.org/cpagusan.asp>.



*District 5190 Speech Contest Winner Lauren Peirce and Music Contest Winner Sage Po, both from Area 4.*

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
NEWS BY GEORGE SUMMERHILL**

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



My 16th Rotary International Convention was held in beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah from June 16 – 20, 2007. Chairing the convention was William B. Boyd from Auckland, New Zealand. His theme for the year was “LEADING THE WAY.” Attendance was estimated to be 17,000.

We enjoyed the cleanliness of Salt Lake City and the Rocky Mountain Rendezvous

provided to us by SLC area Rotarians. We stayed downtown and it was possible to walk to most festivities held at the Salt Palace Convention Center. We strolled through Temple Square and saw the Mormon Tabernacle Choir perform twice. Salt Lake City area Rotarians did an outstanding job of organizing the convention which was awarded to them after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans. They had only 14 months to prepare for this convention versus the normal three to four year lead time. I believe it was one of the better organized RI conventions that I have attended.

We attended the Far West Giddy Up Reception and Far West Breakfast. We also attended a dinner held for Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation. It is always an enjoyable experience visiting with other Major Donors. One event we have attended since the year 2000 is the annual Reception for Bequest Society members where Trustees of The Rotary Foundation brief us on the goals and progress of foundation programs.

I promised to reveal my favorite RI President in this issue of the District Newsletter. It is none other than Past President Clifford Dochterman. Cliff inspires all Rotarians and friends of Rotary with his quick wit, demeanor, wisdom and leadership qualities. His theme, “REAL HAPPINESS IS HELPING OTHERS”, is deeply engrained in Rotary’s actions and projects.

After the convention, our son and granddaughter flew into Salt Lake City where they joined us for a week’s vacation in Park City, Utah.

I look forward to attending the next seven RI conventions in Los Angeles, Birmingham (England), Montreal, New Orleans, Bangkok, Lisbon and Sydney. Maybe we will again occupy a room overlooking the Sydney harbor, bridge and famous Opera House as we did in 1993, Who knows, after 12 more conventions perhaps another District Governor will ask me to share my experiences with you in the District Newsletter. SEE YOU IN LA!

**CONFERENCE WRAP UP**

Over 700 Rotarians and guests from District 5190 attended May’s District Conference held at the Peppermill in Reno. Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs from *Nevada City, Nevada City 49ers, Reno Centennial Sunset, Incline Village, Chester, Sparks, Nevada County South, Truckee, Susanville Sunrise, Placerville, Auburn Gold Country, Carson City Sunset, Minden, Greenville, Carson City, Auburn Daybreak, Fallon, Grass Valley and Ione* on their District Awards. Don’t forget to save May 14-17, 2009 on your calendars. That is the date for the next District Conference. Congratulations to all students who participated in the District music and speech contests.

Music contest winners were: 1st Place Sage Po (Harp) from North San Juan, CA, 2nd Place Ariadne Antipa (Piano) from Georgetown, CA and 3rd Place Kelsey Kepple (Violin) from Quincy, CA.

Speech contest winners were: 1st Place Lauren Peirce a 16 year-old Senior at Nevada Union High School representing Area 4, 2nd Place Andrew Church representing Area 11 and 3rd Place – Rachel Mills from Churchill County High School representing Area 10.

Special thank yous to all the judges and timekeeper: Lawson Fox, William Russell, Tim Young, Valerie Bahl, Russ Steel, Robert LaRiviere, David Zybert and David Read, and to Scott Barnes, District Vocational Chair for making this event so wonderful for all the participants.



*Hey Dude, you trashed our small people party! Front row from the left is Sue Sevon, Jennifer Slaughter, Carrie Slaughter, Pam Yazell, Kathie Slaughter, Bob Yazell. Back row is Charles Litton. ☺*

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 **Minden Rotary Club** hosts their first annual Poker Ride and BBQ Fundraiser on June 7 at the Silver Saddle Ranch. This is an equestrian event and all riders will ride the 4.6 mile course and collect cards for a poker hand. \$30 for the ride and BBQ, \$10 for the BBQ only. All are invited. For more information, call Kim at 775-230-8702 or go to <http://web.mac.com/mnhmustang/site/welcome.html>.

The 15th Annual **Chester Rotary Club** Golf Tournament will be held June 7. 8 am check in time and a 9 am shot gun start will get the players off onto the course for day of fun, prizes and food. To pre-register for the \$130/player event, call John at 530-258-7689 or email Bob at [bobcaton@digitalpath.com](mailto:bobcaton@digitalpath.com).

The **Rotary Club of Portola** presents the annual Lake Davis Fish Derby on June 7 from 5 am – 5pm. Over 1 million fish are being planted into the lake and no license is required for the event as it's free fishing day! The \$20 fee and registration forms can be turned in at Dollard's Sierra Market, Goldrush Sporting Goods or the Grizzly Country Store by June 6 at 6 pm, or at the dam after 5 am on June 7. \$1000 cash prize to the one who catches the biggest/heaviest fish!

**Sparks Rotary Club** holds their semi-annual Blood Drive on June 18 at the John Ascuaga Nugget from 9 am – 6 pm in Pavilion A. They are competing with Reno Central **Rotary** on who can get the most blood donated.

June 14th is the **Sparks Rotary Club's** Annual Kid's Free Fishing Day at the Sparks Marina. From 7 am – 11 am kids and their families will be treated to food, fun and fishing in a freshly stocked pond. No fishing licenses are required

for this special day. This annual event is also co-sponsored by the Nevada Department of Wildlife and the Sparks Parks and Recreation Department. Young and old are invited to grab their tackle boxes and head out to the marina for this fun filled event. T-Shirts and fishing poles distributed until supplies run out.

Mark off June 22 on your calendars for the **Rotary Club of Reno Centennial Sunset's** annual "Taste of Reno-Tahoe". Gourmet creations from the area's top chefs paired with wines from several outstanding boutique wineries will great all participants at the Wilbur May Museum in Reno. A VIP Flight starts at 4 pm with Wine and Food Tasting getting under way at 5 pm. A silent auction and live auction will also be held. For tickets and more information, visit their website at [www.tasteofrenotahoe.com](http://www.tasteofrenotahoe.com).

June 27 is the date the **Rotary Clubs of Auburn** hold their annual golf tournament. Enjoy a round

of golf and a chance to win a wide range of prizes while helping raise funds for worthy causes. Call Bob Peterson at 530-320-1676 or email [bobjpeterson@yahoo.com](mailto:bobjpeterson@yahoo.com) for more information.

A new tradition is about to unfold at the "Lake in the Sky Air Show" at the South Lake Tahoe airport on June 18. **The Tahoe Douglas Rotary Club** is hosting the 1st Annual Lake Tahoe Invitational Chili Cook-off during the event with everyone welcome to either join in the melee and cook or come have a taste! Entry into the day long air show which features shows in the air and on the ground, food and lots of fun is \$2 each for adults walking in or \$10 a carload which includes free parking. The Chili Cook-Off tastings cost \$5 for adults (kids over 10 are free). For chili cook off information, contact Brian at [brian@mediawestgroup.com](mailto:brian@mediawestgroup.com). Air show info is at [www.lakeintheskyairshow.com](http://www.lakeintheskyairshow.com).

For Club Accomplishments  
(See back of insert)

Picture of the Month



*During District Conference, Cheryl Zarachoff of Tahoe Douglas Rotary was presented with a special "No Bell" award by DG Vic. Her winning bell protective gear helped husband President Joe keep his bell for most of the year!*

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# FLOOD WATERS

Chris Beni, President of the Rotary Club of Fernley



It was 4:30 on the morning of January 5, 2008, that many Fernley residents were awakened with several feet of water in their homes. The City, County, Red Cross, Naval Air Station and hundreds of volunteers gathered to provide assistance. CNN announced that over 4,000 people had been evacuated due to a "levee" break. Sort of reminds you of New Orleans. Even though it was not on the scale of New Orleans, it was a tragic event for those whose homes were inundated.

Initially there were more volunteers than victims. Rotarians from all over the District were calling to see how they could help and started directing contributions to the Rotary Club of Fernley for the flood victims.

The Rotary board met to determine how we could help. You would think that would be the easiest step in the process. It wasn't! We decided to do our best for the children of the flood victims. Rotarian John Mariotti set out to gather toys. He produced two truckloads in a short time.

Fernley Rotarian, Jessie Wagner, was involved with the Head Start program. The Cottonwood Head Start Site was one of the first buildings to be inundated with water when the Fernley flood hit in January. The board decided that this was a project that would be beneficial to the most kids and was something that could be achieved.

Volunteers rescued what equipment and supplies they could, but the building suffered a major loss and needed complete refurbishing. Most of the teaching tools, supplies and books were also destroyed. In cooperation with the directors of the Head start program, Fernley Rotarian Cindy Lara took on the task of coordinating the recovery. The project idea was given to District Governor Vic Slaughter, who in turn distributed it to District 5190. The results were overwhelming.

The list of contributors (and primary contacts) included Rotary clubs in California and Nevada. They are: District 5190 Governor (Vic Slaughter), District 5190 Governor elect (Wyn Spiller), District 7 Assistant Governor (Deb Van Anda), District 10 Assistant Governor (Chris Sorenson), Auburn Rotary Club (Gene Albaugh), Amador Up Country Rotary Club (Ray Perry), Ione



Rotary Club (Geroge Lambert), Jackson Rotary Club (Mark Eastman), Minden Rotary Club (Mo Hernandez) and members, Plymouth-Foothills Rotary Club (Terence Moore), Tahoe Incline Rotary Club Yerington Rotary Club (Dave Fulstone), Smith Valley Rotary Club members, Members of Auburn Rotary Club (Gene Albaugh), Sparks Rotary Club (Rosemary Donohue), Fallon Rotary Club (Sue Sevon), Great Basin Brewing Co (Tom Young), Las Vegas North West Rotary Club (Joe Germain/Lynn Mosier), Rotary district 5190 Grant (Gidget Kelsey), Fernley Rotarian Lea Allen and the Craft group generated a tidy sum and the Silverado Casino matched it. Thank all of you for the Thirteen Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$13,050.00) that was contributed.

Fernley Rotarian Ray Dodd, State Farm Agent, applied for and received a Twenty Thousand Dollar (\$20,000.00) grant from State Farm. This brought the total contributions generated and/or received to \$33,050.00. A remarkable accomplishment!

On Thursday, April 10, 2008, a little more than three months after the tragic event, the Cottonwood Head Start Site celebrated its grand reopening. Jean S. Childs, Head Start director, supplied opening remarks and presented plaques to the Rotarians and others who assisted.

"I had never seen what we had happen here. We had a tragedy, and you all turned it into what we have now. This is an amazing thing - the time, the work, the effort and the money that was donated to make this the finest site we have in the Head Start system," said Childs.

Even with all of the devastation, there was almost \$2,000 left in the account for the flood victims. Again, we were fortunate to have Rotarians Paul Thies and Lea Allen be part of a committee called the Long Term Recovery Team. They are restoring property for those people who had not been awarded any funds from insurance, FEMA and had no hope. It was decided that the balance was granted to that organization, thus fulfilling our efforts to assist the flood victims of Fernley.

The Rotary Club of Fernley is proud to be part of the greatest organization in existence. We thank you.

# OPEN LETTER FROM INTERACT:

Hello to All (Get coffee, this is a bit long),

We just concluded a Fantastic Conference and by far, the best INTERACT-RYE youth event to date. Here is an overview on what great things happened: On Friday: Bowling was followed by all of us enjoying "Cheeseburgers in Paradise" and dancing that evening. We also kicked off a Human Bingo game then a scavenger hunt where Sunday a \$100 prize was awarded to a student. On Saturday: Reinette Senum presented a moving and exciting presentation to Youth groups on her Winter trek across the frozen (most of the time) tundra of Alaska. Interact awards were presented at the lunch: Club Service- Nevada Union. Campus Service- Nevada Union. Community Service- Placer H.S., Amador Community, and Nevada Union. Very tough judging!!! International Service- Placer H.S.. Outstanding Interact -Nevada Union. And the outstanding Interactor award - Shiloh Fish from Nevada Union. We had a special visitor from the largest Interact District IN THE WORLD, Richard Bennet from D-5170. Rich shared a lot of good ideas at our Advisors meeting on Sat. Thanks Rich.

Thank you Vickie & Sue (RYE) for doing so much in helping us organize this great youth event.

Kudos to our advisors Gina, Bill & Lynn, Jim, Nannette, and Jonathan. Ralph and my thanks for what you do with your Interact clubs of Chester, Nevada Union, Amador & Placer High Schools. Firsts; Interact joined RYE in the Parade of Flags and Interactors w/RYE's addressed Rotarians at the Sunday morning closing. Ralph & I will be planning some great events between now and the next Conference, May 14-17, 2009 at the Peppermill. OK, Interact clubs not able to make it this year, here is your first reminder. Print it out to hang at your meeting place. There will be more on this later.

Housekeeping: 1) If you have another advisor helping you and we are not aware of who it is, please let Ralph & I know who and how to contact. 2) When your Interact officer election is done, please let Ralph & I know the presidents info also (and advise RI



*Interactors receiving their award at District Conference*

-see handbook). 3) Start keeping records of your projects for the 2008/2009 Award Applications.

Last, but not least, to DG Vic, thanks for intrusting us with the opportunity to "Showcase our Youth" Share Rotary (to) Make dreams Real,

Ron Rehn & Ralph Joiner  
Your D-5190 Interact Co-chairs

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## 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@sbglobal.net](mailto:tahoepaula@sbglobal.net))*

Congratulations to *The Nevada City Rotary Club's* successful Party Hearty which helped raise funds for "Women of Worth". The *South Lake Tahoe Rotary Club* recently held their annual fundraising car raffle. The winner had a choice of a new car or \$25,000 and took the cash. If in the area, drop by their Wednesday meetings to find out who or what is "Little Genius." The *Sparks Sunrise Rotary Club* has been working hard on installing playground equipment at Greenbrae Elementary. The *Rotary Club of Loyalton* recently held a successful Monte Carlo Night complete with games and auction. *Auburn Gold Country Rotary* continues in their Rock Creek reading program. ...grab a book and share! The *Rotary Club of Auburn*, fresh on the heels of their successful Wine for Wheelchairs hit the streets of Auburn to lend helping hands during Project Auburn Day. Also on tap for their aide is the Carnegie Library. *Susanville Sunrise Rotary* finished a day of work at Credence High School, another fine example of Rotarians at Work! *Tahoe Douglas Rotary* served beer and canned drinks (yes, they were recyclable) at April's Earth Day. The cold weather didn't keep away the event goers thirst! The club's work on a new water project in Laos is moving along nicely. When dropping off funds for the project, eyeglasses, soccer shoes, school supplies and eyeglasses were also distributed amongst the residents of Luang Prabang, Laos.