

# ROTARY DISTRICT 5190

Janice Gage \* District Governor

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## *News from DG Janice:*

Welcome to the first edition of the 2009-2010 District 5190 Newsletter. The District Newsletter will be mailed several times this year and available each month online at [www.rotarydistrict5190.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5190.org). I encourage you to visit the District website often to obtain the latest information about our District and Club events. District Leadership and Club Officer contact information is updated frequently on the District website. Should you need help accessing the District website, contact webmaster Michael Neal at [webmaster@rotarydistrict5190.org](mailto:webmaster@rotarydistrict5190.org). We welcome your suggestions for enhancing our Rotary communications – contact me directly at 916-660-9726 or email [jangage@jps.net](mailto:jangage@jps.net). Your monthly edition of “The Rotarian” is another great source for Rotary news from around the world.

**THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS.** Rotary International President John Kenny has coined a theme of empowerment for 2009-2010 – one that transfers power and responsibility to each and every Rotarian.

This year’s theme logo represents the many hands of Rotary. There are sharing hands and caring hands. There are different colored hands to signify the diversity and internationality of Rotary. The hands are linked in fellowship. It is a chain of hands and every link is strong. Our 2009-2010 theme portrays the integrity and unity of Rotarians.

What impact will your hands have on the future of Rotary? RI President Kenny’s focus areas for 2009-2010 are health and hunger, water, literacy and youth. Will your hands bring food, water and medical care to a deprived village? Will your hands place polio vaccine into the mouth of a child and save a life? Will you lend a hand to improve your own community?

Our youth are the future of Rotary. Will you pick up a book and read to an eager child to ensure a legacy of literacy? Will you host a Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student or serve as a counselor at Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) camp? Can you organize a new high school Interact club or mentor a young adults Rotaract club?



Will you introduce a new member to Rotary? Attracting new members is something each and every Rotarian can do to impact the future of Rotary. It costs nothing to extend our hands in fellowship and share the ideal of Rotary service. Great service and fellowship go hand in hand. The future of Rotary depends upon our members – you are our most valuable asset.

The opportunities to serve Rotary in District 5190 are endless. One only has to choose from a menu of options. For 2009-2010 I ask that you consider the impact your hands will have on the future of Rotary. Only you can determine how best to invest your time, talents and resources to achieve a maximum return. Theodore Roosevelt said “Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” All I ask is that you “do what you can” in 2009-2010.

Thank you for your service and commitment to Rotary District 5190. Ghandi said, “The future depends upon what we do in the present.” What you do this year will make a difference in the world long after 2009-2010 because

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ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS.**

**Assistant Governor,  
Area 1**

**Marlene Cummings**



Where the Sierras meet the Cascades is home to my club of Chester and other Area 1 clubs: Westwood, Susanville and Susanville Sunrise. I am a first-time AG and proud to support the goals of District 5190 and DG Janice Gage this year.

Area 1 is located in the beautiful mountains of Plumas and Lassen counties and includes the Susanville high desert area. The four clubs that comprise Area 1 have more than 200 years of service to community: Susanville, chartered in 1926; Westwood in 1937; Chester in 1992; and Susanville Sunrise in 2002.

In Area 1, nature is our backyard. We enjoy activities such as fishing, hunting, hiking, boating, camping, biking, snowmobiling, and off-road activities in stunning locales that include Lassen Volcanic National Park, Lake Almanor and Eagle Lake. If you need a make-up meeting, come visit us and take a break from your own backyard! Check the District website for meeting times and locations

As we begin a new Rotary year, it's time to renew our commitment and enthusiasm for all things Rotary. One of the strengths of Rotary is the recognition of each club's unique culture and traditions while encouraging them to define their goals and projects within the overall theme for the year and beyond.

Among other favorite projects, Area 1 clubs will continue their focus on youth programs. While it may be a bit of a cliché, it is also absolutely true that kids today are the future.

Our country has been issued a call for service to meet the challenges of a new century. While aimed at all citizens, that call speaks in particular to youth, and asks them to step into the current of history and help shape the country's future.

Studies have shown that students who serve do better in school and are more likely to go to college. More importantly, they are more likely to maintain that service as adults. Through programs such as Interact, Youthact,

RYE, RYLA, Rotaract and other vocational service projects, we have the opportunity to reach our youth early and instill in them the importance of service and leadership.

As a club President during this past year, I participated in most club activities. Among the most rewarding for me were our youth programs.

Our Interact clubs and RYE students committed to their activities and joined us in our projects in ways that convinced me of their immeasurable value and contributions.

The Interact Purple Pinkie Project raised \$1,124 towards the Bill and Melinda Gates matching grant and raised community awareness of Rotary's efforts in the eradication of polio. Our youth positively influenced the younger children giving them an opportunity to be a part of something bigger than themselves.

The considerable effort put forth by the speech and music chairs paid off with exceptional competitions. Clubs recognizing outstanding students with awards and scholarships spotlighted Rotary's commitment to kids.

The youth focus and participation at District Conference was the best connection ever and an absolute ball. Human bingo was a great ice breaker.

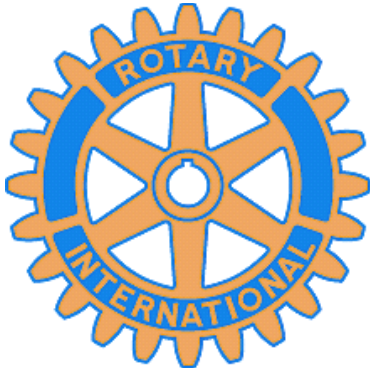
Throughout the year I found our youth to be both curious and engaging, with a desire to turn ideas into actionable projects that directly benefit the community. While we supported them in every endeavor, these were their accomplishments. The opportunity to act as mentors to these students and watch them grow over the year was our reward.

Programs that allow Rotarians to bond with our youth are amazing and instill pride in our clubs and communities.

On July 11, the district will host its first stand-alone Youth Services Seminar in Reno. This seminar will offer District 5190 Rotarians an opportunity to learn more about the guidelines and benefits of our youth programs, meet with similarly interested members and learn how to implement and start up youth programs within their own community.

Through experience, we know that working with our youth is one of our best investments in our future. I encourage every club to send members to the seminar for training and inspiration.

Each of us and our clubs need to stand up and commit to our youth, our community and the future of our country. While the world's future is in the hands of our youth, the future of Rotary is in your hands.



## Information Resources for Rotarians

Are you aware that Club and District Support (CDS) staff serve as your primary contact at Rotary? Staff can answer any question about Rotary as well as provide advice on club elections, constitutional matters, club traditions and customs, club operations and RI Board policy. Below are some important web resources to assist in leading and supporting your club in the year ahead.

- Learn the name and contact information of your CDS team members by using this link: [www.rotary.org/ClubDistrictReps](http://www.rotary.org/ClubDistrictReps).
- Review a list of resources for club presidents and secretaries: [www.rotary.org/pressecreources](http://www.rotary.org/pressecreources),
- Make changes to your club's membership records at RI, reference various Rotary Foundation reports, print your club's SAR, pay your club's dues and report next year's club officers using Members Access. Full instructions, helpful suggestions and FAQ are found at [www.rotary.org/ELearningCenter](http://www.rotary.org/ELearningCenter).
- Find helpful publications, audiovisuals, forms and supplies at [www.rotary.org/ShopClubPublications](http://www.rotary.org/ShopClubPublications).
- Use the Club President's Checklist, a monthly calendar for both president-elects, with reminders of club and district functions, as well as RI and Rotary Foundation deadlines: [www.rotary.orgclubpreschecklist](http://www.rotary.orgclubpreschecklist).
- Consider adopting the Club Leadership Plan—a strategic tool based on the best practices of Rotary clubs: [www.rotary.org/ClubLeaderPlan](http://www.rotary.org/ClubLeaderPlan).

Rotary staff looks forward to working with you and supporting your club's service efforts. Be sure to contact your CDS representative whenever you need assistance.

### Rotary International Recognizes Four Clubs in D5190

The Rotary Club of Reno Centennial Sunset and the Rotary Club of Chester each received a Best Cooperative Projects Award from Rotary International.

The Rotary Club of Minden and the Rotary Club of Sparks each received a 2008-09 Membership Development Award. Minden's award was for Membership Recruitment and Spark's award was for Membership Retention.

Congratulations to these well-deserving Clubs!

### DISTRICT GOALS FOR 2009-2010

1. HAVE FUN!!!
2. Meet the Polio Eradication Challenge
3. Facilitate Innovative Rotary Service Opportunities
4. Grow and Retain Club Membership
5. Continue Our Support of The Rotary Foundation
6. Emphasize Vocational and Youth Services
7. Foster Organizational and Leadership Development
8. Schedule Fellowship (& Family) Activities
9. Set a New Record for District Conference Attendance
10. Continually Publicize the Good Work We Do!

## Dear Paul.....



**Dear Paul:** I am just amazed at how much information Rotary International puts out each month! Not just on line, but in print! I just loved this month's *Rotarian* and look forward to reading it each month. I think I have a great idea for an article and would love to submit it for the *Rotarian*. How do I do this? **Signed: Pen in Hand in Penn Valley.**

**Dear Pen:** Am so happy you love this great magazine. If you think your topic would be relevant world wide, please send a query to "The Rotarian", One Rotary Center, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Il 60201-3698 or email [Rotarian@rotary.org](mailto:Rotarian@rotary.org) and we'll contact you if we can use it. **-PH**

**RYLA**

By Vicki Puliz



RYLA 2009 just completed two fantastic weeks of camp, with over 180 high school juniors reaping the benefits of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award experience at Grizzly Creek Ranch, near Portola, California. 40 bicycles were given away as part of a “giving back” process, and tours for Rotarians were offered for the first time. Special thanks to the camp directors, counselors and volunteer staff that make RYLA such a great success!

Thank you to each of the clubs that sponsored RYLA Campers. Personal letters from each of the campers and photos of the camp should be posted on the website very soon. Go to the Rotarian only section of the website at <http://camp-ryla.org/chairs.htm> to see your camper’s letter under the “reports” section.

Also, be sure to invite your camper(s) back to your club to share a little about their “life changing” experience with your club members. You can’t help but catch the enthusiasm of RYLA grads, and who couldn’t use a little hope for a great future for our communities, our country and world.

That’s what Rotary Youth Programs are all about...the future...the future of Rotary and the future of our world. This year’s Rotary theme of “The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands” speaks to the fact that our actions have a direct impact on the world we will see tomorrow.

What better way to help insure a bright tomorrow than to invest in our youth today? Rotaract, Interact, Rotary Youth Exchange, RYLA, and the Ethics Initiative....great youth programs that make a real difference in our District.

**Plan now to attend the Youth Services Seminar on Saturday, July 11, 9:30 am– 4 pm at the Mountain View Montessori School in Reno. Cost is \$15 which includes lunch, beverages and snacks. Contact Vicki Puliz, Youth Services Chair at [vickipuliz@puliz.com](mailto:vickipuliz@puliz.com) to reserve your spot or for more information.**

**LITERACY IN 5190**

By Jean Irwin, District Chair



I've never met a child in my 30 years of teaching who didn't desperately want to learn. I've been bit, kicked and spit on by frustrated children but this is only because they are often being asked to unlock a code they cannot break. For children we'll wipe out Polio. The virus that cripples children's success- illiteracy- can also be wiped out- but we've got to deliberately inoculate against it.

**Our District 5190 Goals are These:**

- In September use community leaders to go into the schools and do a Rotary Read In. Each community member will donate the book they read to the school after reading to the students, and will open the door to volunteers from Rotary for the school year.
- Each club will complete at least one literacy project by March 2010.
- We'll participate in the USA Rotary Event to highlight Dr. Seuss books through student performance and contests.

I will be compiling a data base of schools , districts and the contacts that each club will need to establish a reading-relationship with a school. Our Rotary District has already started and will continue to collect ideas from on the front line professionals in literacy in how as a Rotary community we can help in the battle for literate children and will make those ideas accessible on the District website. Most critical will be ideas that are already working well in literacy and sharing those ideas District 5190 wide. We have a record of success we want to continue and build upon We're a powerful force when we work as a group. There probably hasn't been a need this great in recent history. This challenge is a great opportunity for us.

Jean Irwin won District 5190’s **Service Above Self** award at the recent District Conference in Reno. This recognition is given to only 150 Rotarians worldwide, so what an honor for Jean! She is a former Ambassadorial Scholar



and a current member of the Reno Centennial Sunset Rotary Club. **Congratulations Jean!**

**USA, PUERTO RICO and US VIRGIN ISLANDS  
ROTARY CLUBS AND DISTRICTS AND THE IRS**

From Club and District Support - Pan America Department, Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201 USA Telephone: (847)-866-3000; Fax: (847)-866-3072

*What follows is not tax advice, but general information, which may be useful. Questions regarding any tax matters need to be referred to local counsel, your tax adviser or to the IRS.*  
(<http://www.irs.ustreas.gov> or 1-800-829-1040)

On 13 May 1958, the Internal Revenue Service declared that Rotary International (RI) and its clubs and districts are entitled to exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. While Rotary districts and clubs are exempt from paying *federal income tax*, the law does require Rotary clubs and districts to file an annual information return on IRS Form 990, on or before the 15th day of the 5th month following the close of the annual accounting period (15 November). Certain organizations, other than private foundations, that do not normally receive more than \$25,000 in gross receipts in each taxable year are not required to file Form 990.



Starting in 2008, clubs or districts with gross receipts of \$25,000 or less were required to file Form 990-N, which is an electronic e-Postcard report. This report is required annually. Failure to meet the annual filing requirement for three consecutive years will result in revocation of the tax-exempt status of the club or district in question. To learn more about this requirement, and to obtain the necessary e-Postcard report form, visit the US Treasury website at: [www.irs.gov/co](http://www.irs.gov/co), or call the toll-free number: (877) 829-5500.

Numbers: RI's Group Exemption Number (referred to as "GEN" on Form 990), is 0573, which applies to RI as well as all USA, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands clubs and districts. At the same time, every club and district in the USA, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands is required to have its own *Employer Identification Number* (EIN). This 9-digit number is essentially a tax ID number, and has nothing to do with whether the club or district has any employees. As RI must report annually the EINs of all districts and clubs in the USA, Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands, the RI secretariat maintains a list of those EIN tax numbers for reference. New Rotary Clubs, however, must apply directly to the IRS for an EIN number to be assigned to the new Rotary club. Please contact your Club and District Support (CDS)

representative at Rotary International headquarters if you have any questions about the EIN number for your club or district.

**Tax Deductible Status:** Though clubs and districts do not have to pay *federal* income tax, donations to clubs and districts are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution. However, such deductible status is possible for a contribution to any club or district charitable fund that has been *independently* classified by the IRS as qualifying under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Membership dues may be deductible for some Rotarians as a business expense. Please contact the IRS or your tax consultant or attorney for guidance on this issue.

**Other Taxes:** Clubs or districts may be required to file IRS Form 990-T if they have "*unrelated business income*." An unrelated trade or business is defined as any trade or business that is regularly carried on, and that is not substantially related to the organization's exempt purpose or function. (IRC Sec. 513)

Federal Social Security and withholding taxes, and local state income taxes may be required from a club or district that has one or more paid employees. Please contact the IRS or your tax consultant or attorney for guidance on this issue.

The laws of individual states vary in regard to state income tax, sales tax, other taxes and special licenses. The 501(c)(4) status applies only to federal income tax and does not necessarily have any bearing on state or local taxes. IRS interpretation of its Code also can vary slightly in different US Treasury districts.



**JOKE– The Rotary Visitor:** A Rotary visitor to a club meeting in Japan told a joke lasting 2 minutes. The interpreter then translated using only a few words. Everyone laughed. Later, the visitor asked the interpreter how he translated such a long joke so quickly.

“Well, I didn’t think they’d get the point of the joke so I just said, ‘Our guest has just told a joke, everyone please laugh.’”

**ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR**

Supporting the Foundation is one of the 4 pillars of an effective Rotary Club. Presidents and their Foundation chairs should attend this worthwhile event. This seminar will give all a better understanding and tools necessary to enhance their foundation goals.

**When:** Saturday, July 25, 2009

**Where?** Siena Hotel, 1 South Street, Reno, Nevada

**What time?** 8:30 a.m.

**Who do I contact for more information?** Dave Bianchi at david.bianchi@nmfm.com or Vic Slaughter at desertrats@cccomm.net. Log onto the district website for registration information.

**Who Should Attend?** Club Presidents, President-Elects, Club TRF Chairs and committee members, DG, DGE, AGs, International Service Chairs and new club members.

**What are the Goals of This Seminar?** To motivate Rotarians to support and participate in TRF programs, emphasize the benefits of participating in TRF programs to clubs and members, outline basic TRF programs and policies, update Rotarians on TRF programs and policies and outline goals for the upcoming year, recognize individuals and clubs for outstanding contributions to the TRF and answer questions about TRF programs and activities. To increase financial support of the humanitarian grants program and educational programs, to encourage establishment of club TRF committees and equip leaders with TRF tools.

## Club Attendance Report: May 2009

**Centella Tucker**

NR = No Report

| Area | Club                       | Total | Gain | Loss | Attendance | Annual Giving YTD | Restricted Giving YTD | Area | Club                         | Total | Gain | Loss | Attendance | Annual Giving YTD | Restricted Giving YTD |
|------|----------------------------|-------|------|------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------|------------------------------|-------|------|------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 12   | Alturas                    |       |      |      | NR         | \$2,943.37        | \$0.00                | 6    | Placerville                  | 57    | 1    | 1    | 67%        | \$4,084.50        | \$1,986.50            |
| 12   | Alturas Sunrise            |       |      |      | NR         | \$6,375.00        | \$0.00                | 7    | Plymouth-Foothills           | 35    | 0    | 0    | 50%        | \$2,061.00        | \$1,140.00            |
| 7    | Amador Upcountry (Pioneer) | 34    | 0    | 0    | 76%        | \$2,557.00        | \$1,000.00            | 6    | Pollock Pines-Camino         | 15    | 0    | 2    | 83%        | \$900.00          | \$0.00                |
| 5    | Auburn                     | 113   | 2    | 1    | 88%        | \$7,350.00        | \$5,793.00            | 2    | Portola                      | 35    | 1    | 1    | 90%        | \$3,825.00        | \$1,500.00            |
| 5    | Auburn Daybreak            | 18    | 0    | 0    | 91%        | \$6,218.00        | \$2,515.00            | 2    | Quincy                       |       |      |      | NR         | \$3,500.00        | \$3,030.85            |
| 5    | Auburn Gold Country        |       |      |      | NR         | \$5,100.00        | \$1,000.00            | 8    | Reno                         | 189   | 1    | 0    | 47%        | \$25,462.30       | \$4,000.00            |
| 6    | Cameron Park               |       |      |      | NR         | \$10,775.00       | \$4,300.00            | 8    | Reno Centennial Sunset       |       |      |      | NR         | \$2,850.00        | \$4,293.00            |
| 9    | Carson City                |       |      |      | NR         | \$14,400.00       | \$3,500.00            | 8    | Reno Central                 | 74    | 0    | 0    | 76%        | \$13,940.00       | \$0.00                |
| 9    | Carson City - Sunset       | 24    | 0    | 0    | 61%        | \$4,400.00        | \$2,300.00            | 8    | Reno South                   | 74    | 0    | 0    | 76%        | \$793.36          | \$0.00                |
| 1    | Chester                    | 34    | 0    | 0    | 73%        | \$5,300.00        | \$1,000.00            | 8    | Reno Sunrise                 | 57    | 0    | 1    | 64%        | \$10,568.00       | \$1,270.00            |
| 11   | Elko                       |       |      |      | NR         | \$4,676.00        | \$795.00              | 10   | Smith Valley                 | 31    | 0    | 0    | 1%         | \$4,709.50        | \$190.00              |
| 11   | Elko-Desert Sunrise        | 29    | 1    | 0    | 59%        | \$150.00          | \$8,690.14            | 9    | South Lake Tahoe             |       |      |      | NR         | \$2,000.00        | \$3,622.97            |
| 11   | Ely                        |       |      |      | NR         | \$0.00            | \$0.00                | 8    | Sparks                       | 104   | 0    | 0    | 89%        | \$21,155.00       | \$1,774.00            |
| 10   | Fallon                     |       |      |      | NR         | \$8,371.25        | \$927.41              | 8    | Sparks Centennial Sunrise    | 36    | 0    | 0    | 85%        | \$7,672.00        | \$125.00              |
| 10   | Fernley                    | 36    | 3    | 0    | 71%        | \$2,480.50        | \$4,704.58            | 12   | Surprise Valley (Cedarville) | 19    | 0    | 0    | 79%        | \$250.00          | \$0.00                |
| 6    | Georgetown Divide          |       |      |      | NR         | \$1,435.00        | \$400.00              | 1    | Susanville                   | 75    | 0    | 0    | 75%        | \$8,475.00        | \$0.00                |
| 4    | Grass Valley               | 76    | 1    | 1    | 85%        | \$14,521.00       | \$1,046.83            | 1    | Susanville Sunrise           |       |      |      | NR         | \$11,711.00       | \$4,000.00            |
| 2    | Greenville                 | 12    | 0    | 0    | 65%        | \$1,870.00        | \$0.00                | 3    | Tahoe City                   | 50    | 0    | 2    | 59%        | \$7,000.00        | \$0.00                |
| 3    | Incline Village            | 24    | 0    | 0    | 89%        | \$3,175.00        | \$0.00                | 9    | Tahoe-Douglas                | 63    | 0    | 0    | 53%        | \$3,820.00        | \$1,200.00            |
| 7    | lone                       |       |      |      | NR         | \$4,790.00        | \$1,350.00            | 3    | Tahoe-Incline                | 53    | 0    | 0    | 72%        | \$3,935.00        | \$2,580.00            |
| 7    | Jackson                    | 54    | 1    | 0    | 64%        | \$7,168.00        | \$5,409.00            | 10   | Tonopah                      | 21    | 0    | 0    | 67%        | \$800.00          | \$0.00                |
| 2    | Loyalton                   | 24    | 0    | 0    | 95%        | \$3,000.00        | \$1,000.00            | 3    | Truckee                      | 95    | 1    | 1    | 83%        | \$11,715.00       | \$2,100.00            |
| 9    | Minden                     | 40    | 0    | 5    | 73%        | \$11,700.00       | \$2,175.00            | 3    | Truckee Sunrise              | 22    | 0    | 2    | 50%        | \$4,971.00        | \$50.00               |
| 4    | Nevada City                |       |      |      | NR         | \$4,899.00        | \$2,571.00            | 1    | Westwood-Lake Almanor        | 12    | 0    | 0    | 89%        | \$1,000.00        | \$0.00                |
| 4    | Nevada City 49er Breakfast | 90    | 0    | 1    | 87%        | \$13,286.00       | \$10,265.50           | 11   | Winnemucca                   |       |      |      | NR         | \$560.00          | \$1,188.50            |
| 4    | Nevada County South        |       |      |      | NR         | \$6,950.00        | \$1,117.50            | 10   | Yerington                    | 37    | 0    | 1    | 69%        | \$1,857.50        | \$1,500.00            |
| 4    | Penn Valley                |       |      |      | NR         | \$5,671.50        | \$100.00              |      |                              |       |      |      |            |                   |                       |
|      |                            |       |      |      |            |                   |                       |      |                              |       |      |      |            | District 5190     | \$312.50              |

## Heard it on the Grapevine . . .

All are welcome to the **Rotary Club of Surprise Valley's** 20th Annual Fly-In Breakfast and Car Show on Sunday, July 12 at the Cedarville Airport. The



cost for the 7 am to 11 am event is only \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids and gets you an all you can eat pancake and egg breakfast plus the show of airplanes, cars and motorcycles. For more information, call 530-279-2428.

The **Rotary Club of Nevada South County** hosts their

### GOLF MASTERS

Alta Sierra Country Club



Turn your Bogies into "Boidies!"

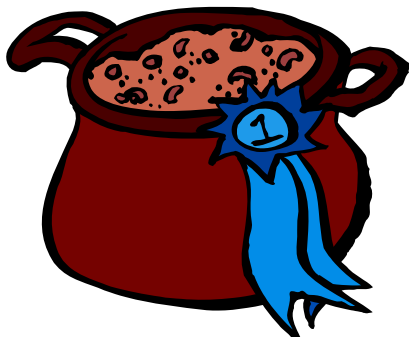


**Annual Golf Classic August 29, 2009**

7th Annual Rotary Classic Golf Tournament on August 29 at the Alta Sierra Country Club. All golfers are encouraged to dress in golf costumes from the 1920s and 30s, so dust off those knickers and hit the links! The cost is \$135 per golfer and includes lunch and dinner along

with the golf. Shotgun start at 1 pm. For more information contact chair Rodney Borges, but do it quickly as the event normally sells out!

Also on August 29 is the **Tahoe Douglas Rotary's** 2nd Annual Chili Cookoff held at the Lake Tahoe Airport's Air Show. The annual air show serves as the backdrop to the club's chili cookoff which highlights local restaurants and clubs as they try for the coveted trophy. More details to follow soon.



Tickets are still available for **Reno Centennial Sunset Rotary Club's** Annual "Taste of Reno Tahoe." While the VIP Flight tickets are sold out, there are some available for the food and wine tasting, held from 5—8 pm on Sunday, July 12 at the National Automobile Museum in Reno. For more information, go to their website at [www.tasteofrenotahoe.org](http://www.tasteofrenotahoe.org).

Congratulations to Jon Greene's selection to head up the GSE team to India. Team members will be selected shortly.

If you happen to be in Auburn on the 4th of July you'll see the **Auburn Daybreak Club's** float entry in the town's annual parade beginning at 7 pm.

The **Rotary Club of Plymouth Foothills** will also have a float going on the 4th during their town's holiday parade. The club will also be selling their famous sandwiches during the Amador County fair July 30-August 2.

Happy 40th birthday to the **Cameron Park Rotary Club!**

Root, root, root for the home team on Sunday, August 9 at Raley Field in Sacramento as the River Cats take on the New Orleans Zephyrs on "Rotary International Night". \$5 from each ticket sold go to Polio Plus.

The recent NID to India story can be seen on: [www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=3070923](http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/video.asp?ID=3070923). Vicki and Tim Puliz and Randy Butler from District 5190 joined the group of volunteers as they helped eradicate polio.

Did you buy any Coca-Cola at the Reno Rodeo over the past 2 weeks? If so, you've helped **Reno Rotary** earn money for Polio Plus! They're also making money selling glow necklaces during ArTown outdoor movie events.

Congratulations to all outgoing Presidents as you enjoy/survive all the demotion commotion! And best wishes to all incoming Presidents as you meet the challenge of leading your clubs to a great year!

Bus riders are now more projected after the **Rotary Club of Grass Valley** installed a new bus shelter.

Rotary's floating Agusan Marsh Clinic in the Philippines welcomed it's first boy, Cameron James. Bob Dorr reports the boat's christening and accreditation ceremonies are scheduled for next month.

**TRAVELS WITH ELVIS**

By Jeanne Harper, Pollock Pines-Camino Rotary Club

Elvis is in the house! That is the house of the Pollock Pines-Camino Rotary Club. He has had an extremely busy month.

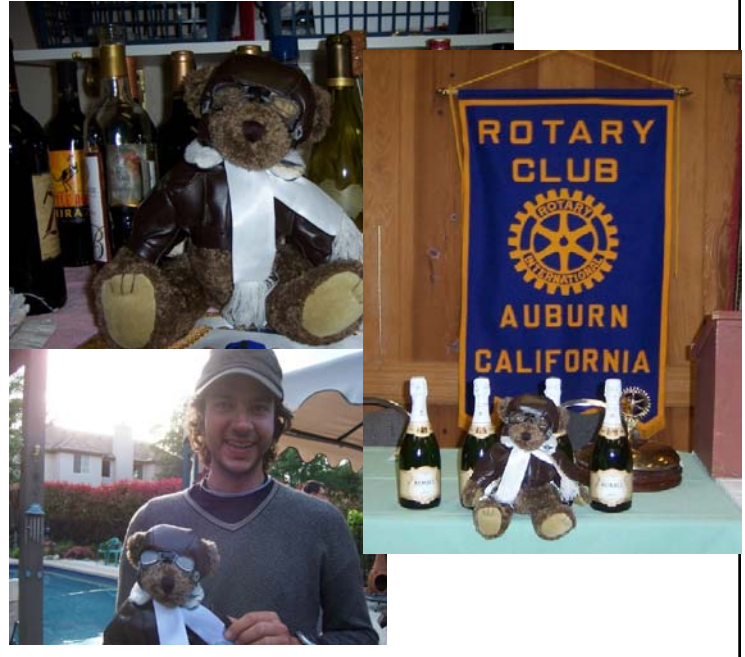
When Elvis was first brought into the fold, the other Rotarians declared that he "Ain't Nothin But A Hound Dog" for the club. He just kept crying, "Let It Be Me!" As every member of the Club eventually declared their love, repeating, "I Want You, I Need You, I Love You," he continued to cry....so "Don't Be Cruel!" When the Club voted to change their meetings from a noon meeting to a morning meeting, he got "All Shook Up." Then when the decision needed to be made regarding the provision of a meal or not, his response was this is "Too Much."

During Rotarians At Work Day, Elvis once again got busy at Snowline Hospice in Camino selling "Blue Suede Shoes" to the folks from "Heartbreak Hotel." He cried over and over again, "Love Me Tender" because if you don't, I'll be doing the "Jailhouse Rock." When other Rotarians pulled weeds and cleaned up trash in front of the local business areas in Pollock Pines, he couldn't help but wonder if he was "In The Ghetto." But he continued to do it "His Way" with "Amazing Grace" and in the end knew "There Would be Peace In the Valley (and the hills). If he saw any more trash in the ravine, he would "Return It To Sender."

But now getting ready to find a new home, Elvis is letting all know that he "Can't Help Falling In Love" with the Pollock Pines-Camino Rotarians. In fact, he asked

**Where is Elvis now?**

In case you haven't heard, the District mascot Elvis Earhart was stolen from Janice Gage during PETS. Elvis has apparently been having fun by the looks of these pictures. He spent some time recently with the Auburn Rotary Club where he joined in the fun as they hosted the GSE Team Party.



them all if they will "Wear My Ring Around Your Neck." He has declared that the Club "Will Never Walk Alone."

*Elvis sightings will be reported all year long in the newsletter. If you have him, that's okay, as long as you tell his tale for all to see and read! Who can show Elvis the best time in true Rotarian spirit?*

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