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DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
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# Rotary District 5340



## Governor's Message

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On the 17th of November we celebrated The Rotary Foundation by presenting our 22nd annual Foundation Gala. What an exciting evening! We Shared with 450 registered guest, six Scholars, and five special invited guests. Carolyn Jones, Trustee on the Rotary Foundation was our keynote speaker and she provided us an inspirational presentation regarding the orphans in East Russia. This is an area that was part of her Rotary District when she was District Governor.

Preceding TRF Gala two new receptions were added to the venue this year. We began with a presidents reception which brought together all the classmates serving their clubs during this Rotary year of 2007/08. It proved to be a fun opportunity for our presidents to Share experiences with one another during this exciting year under Rotary International president Wilf Wilkinson. Thanks to all who attended. Our second reception was provided to our Major Donors. District 5340 is very fortunate to have well over 100 Rotarians

who have donated over \$10,000 to TRF, and are designated as a Major Donor. This reception was the District's opportunity to say thank you for their outstanding commitment to the Rotary Foundation. Foundation Chair, PDG Sandi Rimer presented awards and recognitions to our most recent recipients. Special congratulations to them, and thank you for commitments.

No successful event can happen without very special, and dedicated committee members. This year there were sixteen wonderful committee members dedicated to the Gala's success. The committee was made up of Rotarians from 7 Rotary Clubs that worked so very well together. In particular our Chairperson Scott Cadwallader, and co-chair Valerie Lindholm put in many many hours, and carefully detailed our evening. Special thank you to Scott and Val. This delightful evening would not have happened without you. On behalf of all the Rotarians in District 5340—thank you!

## Reminders

### Tuesday December 4—District Council

Rotary International's Goals: Water, Health, Hunger, and Literacy are being brought to our attention in a very special way this year in District Council meetings. On December 4th we will be exploring the issues of Hunger, and what we as Rotarians can do to help resolve this critical problem involving so many lives.

### Sunday January 13—International Assembly

We welcome Governor Elects arriving from 530 District from around the World. This is the third year that we will be rolling out a warm Rotary welcome at the San Diego Airport, and the Grand Manchester Hyatt Hotel. Please mark the date on your calendar. An opportunity to sign up on the District Website will be coming soon.

#### ALSO

Many Rotary Clubs in our District have hosted the Governor Elects in restaurants, homes, and other locations to make them feel welcome in our District, and for many who are attending I.A. welcome to the USA. Hosting will be held on the evening of Thursday the 17th. Again, an opportunity to sign up on the District Website will be coming soon. For more information call the District office at: 619-299-5341

### April 26—Rotarians At Work Day

All Rotarians working together on a project around the District, please contact your club "Rotarians At Work" chairperson for more details. District Chairperson for Rotarians At Work is Jim Roth. [jroth@therothlawfirm.com](mailto:jroth@therothlawfirm.com)

### Rotary International Convention

Early registration deadline is approaching, which is December 15, 2007. You can sign up on the Rotary International Website: [ [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) ] Please note hotel registration is a separate registration, and is also available from the RI Website. What is important to know right now is that there is not only a savings to register, but the hotels that are close by the convention center are filling up.

Based on past experience, RI offers hotels and rates that are attractive, however, please go to [Hotels.com](http://Hotels.com) for a comparison price. Some Rotarians in past years have found better prices...don't tell Rotary International that I said that...Also, when you look over the Convention opportunities on the Website, take a look at special events just prior to opening day. There will be many special meetings of interest during the week before.

## Special Notice from Rotary International for Club Presidents and Secretaries

*Club and District Support (CDS) staff serve as your contact at Rotary. Staff can answer questions to assist in special areas of interest, and RI Board policy. Below are some critical web resources to assist in supporting your club during Rotary Year 2007/08.*

Contact Information Index:

<http://www.rotary.org/support/CDAreps/index.html>

List of Helpful Resources for Club Presidents and Secretaries:

[http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/club\\_pres\\_sec\\_resources.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/club_pres_sec_resources.pdf)

Changes to Club Membership Records, Reference Foundation Reports, Pay Dues, Report Next Year's Club Officers using Member Access:

<http://riweb.rotaryintl.org/faq.asp>

Find Club Publications, Audiovisuals, Software, Forms and Supplies:

<http://www.shop.rotary.org/catalog/default.php?cPath=37>

Use Club President's Checklist, a monthly calendar for both presidents and presidents-elect, with reminders of club and district functions, as well as RI and TRF deadlines:

[http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/pres\\_checklist.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/pres_checklist.pdf)

The Club Leadership Plan is a strategic planning tool based on the best practices of actual Rotary clubs:

<http://www.rotary.org/support/club/clubplan.html>

IRS information regarding US club's tax status and mandatory yearly reports is attached and on the web—**with new IRS requirements for 2008:**

[http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/info\\_paper\\_clubs\\_irs.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/info_paper_clubs_irs.pdf)



## Partners for Peace

Nearly 1500 Rotarians from 48 countries gathered in New York City to learn how to meet humanitarian needs around the world by working more effectively with UN agencies.

From District 5340 Governor Jim and first lady JoAnn were joined with Ambassadorial Scholars Kathleen Meyerowitz, Aadila Sabat, and Rotarian Clara Harris.

The annual Rotary-UN Day, held on November 3rd, featured panels on literacy, water, health, and hunger. Speakers included officials from the United Nations and its agencies, who encouraged collaboration and praised Rotary's work with UNICEF and the World Health Organization in the global effort to eradicate polio. Since 1985, Rotary has contributed more than \$600 million to bring about a polio-free world.

Represents from our District gathered for dinner, near Times Square and enjoyed a wonderful evening—of course—discussing Rotary.

## After the Fire Fund

*Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the San Diego Foundation was closed. However, I will be providing our generous Rotarians a report on contributions made to the After-The-Fire-Fund. The District received many calls and e-mails offering assistance. We directed all contributions to the San Diego Foundation, After-The-Fire-Fund. (I received calls from as far away in the US as New Jersey, Connecticut, and Internationally from South Africa.)*