

5130 Centennial News

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Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Napa and Sonoma Counties California
Bruce Campbell Centennial District Governor

Welcome to the Mid-year Newsletter

In an attempt to bring you up to date on the activities of our great district this Centennial Rotary year, this newsletter will contain an abbreviated mention of many different aspects of Rotary in 5130; past, present and future. With 43 clubs and over 2500 Rotarians in 5130,

there has been a wild range of successful activities in the past 6 months. The pace has not lessened as we start the new calendar year and respond to the push of the second half of our year to Celebrate Rotary. So let's begin with the review.

The first six months around the District

Governor's Official Visits

From July thru December, DG Bruce and First Lady Helaine visited each of the 43 clubs. From Crescent City to Petaluma and Napa, we were shown the wonderful fellowship of our district, got a glimpse of many of the centennial projects, and heard of the plans for the year.

Membership and Foundation Seminars

In August through October, the Membership and Foundation committees put on 3 joint seminars in different cities of our district. They were well attended and received. See the current membership and foundation numbers the end of this newsletter.

District Governor 2006-2007 Announced

In August the Nominating Committee announced Rotarian Erna Stevenson from the Rotary Club of North Napa as our candidate for Governor 2006-2007. Congratulations Erna. In October, Erna and her partner George Shanks, DGE Charlie Kelly and Joan and your DG Bruce and Helaine all attended the Zone 23-24 Institute in Hawaii with a good number of our Past District Governors.

Foundation Recognition Events

In October we celebrated and recognized contributors to the Rotary Foundation with a new event in the south, a picnic. Unfortunately the weather was not cooperative and attendance was light. The northern event however was a stellar success and thanks to the committee and a last minute auction, \$3700 was sent to the Rotary Foundation

Festival of Brotherhood

In early November 31 Rotarians representing 15 clubs visited District 4150 in Mexico looking at current and future matching grant projects. Over 30 new projects are currently being submitted to the Rotary Foundation for funding.

Group Study Exchange Leader and Team

In December, Rotarian Linda Johnson from Sebastopol Sunrise was selected team leader and Mike Chramko from Napa Sunrise alternate leader. In January the team of 4, one man and three women were selected to go to Siberia and Far East Russia on our GSE in May of this year. See the Web site for complete details of both inbound and outbound teams.

*“There was no Red Cross.
There was no United
Nations. There was only
Rotary”*

-Connie O’Shea
Tsunami Survivor
Speaking to the Calistoga
Rotary Club

Tsunami Relief – Our part

December 26, 2004, what a date in history. Shortly after the news was announced to the world, Rotarians here in 5130 were asking how they could help. With the help of several Rotarians, we suggested collecting monies for long term relief through Rotary Clubs in the affected areas. To date more than \$120,000 has been raised or sent to the Rotary Foundation for the Solidarity in Asia campaign. We have already sent \$25,000 to the Patong Beach Rotary Club on Phuket Island. More will be directed to Sri Lanka, the Tamil Nadu area of India and to Indonesia; all

through local Rotary clubs to be spent in long term assistance.

Rotarians Joe Lindland, Rohnert Park – Cotati; Joe Dacanay, Napa; and Tom Allman – Willits are all participating with financial assistance from their fellow Rotarians by directly visiting and working in the areas destroyed. Jeff Watt, Gualala has just returned from Indonesia and is giving us the contact with the Gambir club there. Bruce LeBel from Arcata Sunrise is providing temporary shelters supported by several clubs’ donations.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATE

February is World Understanding Month

February 23rd is more than our birthday. It is World Understanding and Peace Day. Let us all continue the grand history of Rotary and continue to promote peace and understanding among the people of

the world. And the first week of March is Rotaract Week. Why not visit one of our two Rotaract Clubs in March and show how much they are appreciated. See our website for times and places.

Information on **The Power of One**, our District Assembly April 2 in Ukiah and **Around the World in Rotary Ways**, our Centennial Conference May 19-22 in Rohnert Park is being posted on the Website along with online registration capability. I hope to see many of you at both the two outstanding events

*Our numbers tell the
story of our progress
through the year. Be
sure to help them grow.*

The Numbers – Foundation and Membership

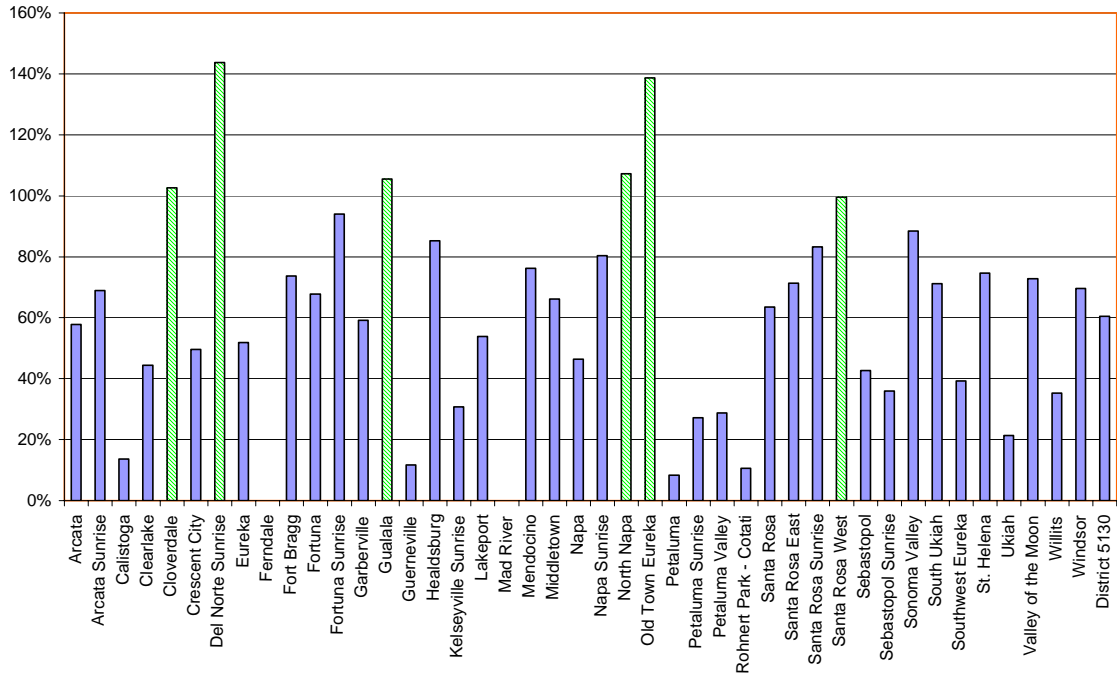
According to the **Rotary Foundation**, as of January 31, 2005 our district has contributed \$188,128.41 in Annual giving. This is 60.5% of YOUR goal and \$73.86 per capita. Restricted (WCS and Tsunami) and Permanent Fund contributions increase the total giving to \$229,608.25. Club statistics are posted on the Website. Thank you and let us all encourage those who have not participated to take part in **Every Rotarian Every Year**. A special recognition pin is being designed to honor those who are

sustaining members of the Foundation and give at least \$200 to the combination of Annual Fund and Tsunami relief (to the Foundation or District).

Our **Membership** numbers are a little confused as a large number of clubs have not submitted their January 1 SAR to Rotary International. With the numbers we have right now we are only a net 5 increase. Let’s work to finish out the year with many new Rotarians ready to help up in our New Century of Success!

Once again I have run out of room – look on the Web and in your e-mail for continuing information on YOUR good work. Bruce

Percent of Centennial Annual Giving Goal as of January 31, 2005



Per Capita Giving as January 31, 2005

