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Happy New Year ROTARIANS:

As we enter a new calendar year, we begin our last half of this Lend a Hand Rotary year. I do so with great expectations that 2003-2004 will be remembered as a grand year in District 5130 for achievements and fellowship.

The first half of our Rotary year together has been punctuated with increased membership awareness; outstanding efforts to support The Rotary Foundation; great emphasis on Family of Rotary, and joint Club projects and socials; an infectious enthusiasm in our membership for Rotary, its principles and ideals, both locally and worldwide; and a spirit that makes me so proud to be your District Governor. Thank you all!

My congratulations to this class of Club Presidents for leading and inspiring your members; to our District Club Coordinators for supporting your assigned Clubs and for keeping our Assistant Governors and District Officers informed about how the District leadership can be of assistance during this Rotary year; to our Assistant Governors for reaching out to our Committee Chairs to provide guidance and assistance in supporting committee work that can be so beneficial to our Clubs as they seek to be of service to their communities and to other Districts and the world community; to our District Officers--Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, and Trainer--for keeping our membership, financial, and educational ships on course as we endeavor to increase our membership, be fiscally responsible, and train our District leaders; to our Chief-of-Staff and our District Adviser who provide so much assistance and guidance to me as I seek to administer this vibrant District in a manner consistent with your great expectations in achieving the District goals and objectives; and to our Past District Governors who provide advice and counsel to me, as together we reach out in fellowship and service to "Lend a Hand" wherever it is needed--in our Clubs, in our vocations, in our communities, and in our world.

Beverly and I thank you again for joining with us and with our Rotary International President, Jonathan Majiyagbe, on this great opportunity through the Family of Rotary to make a positive difference in our world. And, we hope that you will continue to invite us to share your events with you during the remainder of this Rotary year. Our official visits are completed, but we hope to be included in your Rotary Family as you work and play

together, so let us know when your planning will enable us to visit again with you.

We hope to see many of you at the District Assembly in Eureka in April and to share with you our "celebration of your excellence and accomplishments" in June at the District Conference in Santa Rosa. Please make your plans now to attend both of these District events, as they will surely make you a better Rotarian, and prouder than ever to be a Rotarian, partner of a Rotarian, or family member of a Rotarian.

Enjoy your accomplishments of this Rotary year so far, and let us know how we--your District 5130 leaders--can help you to achieve your goals--or exceed them--in the remaining six months of this Rotary year.

Thank you again for taking an active part in making this a great Rotary year, and have a GREAT and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Yours in Rotary service,

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District 5130 Governor 2003-2004

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