



## DG ERNA's Newsletter



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*Dear Rotarians,*



Sign up now for the District Conference AND the District Assembly . . . Just ask someone who's been to a conference about the fun of meeting Rotarians from around the District and celebrating Rotary accomplishments!

ADDED ATTRACTIONS: Rotary BUSINESS EXPO and

The GOVERNOR'S BALL: Celebrating the First 20 Years (1987-2007) of Women in Rotary!

District Conference May 17-20<sup>th</sup>  
Doubletree Hotel, Rohnert Park.  
Chairperson: Ed Fullerton (Petaluma)  
edfullerton@comcast.net

**Cirque du Rotary** promises to be an exciting event in Rohnert Park at the Doubletree. Rotary International Director and Vice-President-Elect, Jerry Hall will be one of the keynote speakers. Representing the Rotary International President will be PDG Hal Darcey, District 5000, Hawaii. And for the first time, a Rotary Vocational Expo will be held in conjunction with the Conference. It is chaired by Peter Hoberg (phoberg@comcast.net), Santa Rosa Sunrise. Be sure to be part of the related Rotary Business Directory!

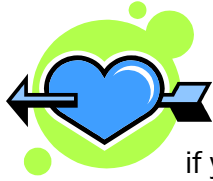
## The "March" for Literacy

*Rotary's literacy efforts remind us that we can and do improve the human condition, person by person*

By this time, most clubs have completed their Dictionary Programs. I want to congratulate all the clubs for participating in the "Harvey Freetly Dictionary Program". To see the smiles on the faces of the third graders as they receive these dictionaries is heartwarming. Literacy is a problem globally not only in underdeveloped countries. In order to overcome the cycle of poverty, we must teach everyone the basic reading, mathematics, and writing skills.



## FOUNDATION GIVING . . . makes you feel good!



Check your contribution history by going to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click on Member Access on the upper right-hand corner. This will connect you to Rotary Business Online. Enter your user name and password if you are registered. To become registered, enter your membership number, which appears on the mailing label of The Rotarian magazine, club number, and district number. If you don't know your club number check with your club secretary. When signing up, Member Access will prompt you to enter your email address as your user name and send your password to that email address. After successfully logging in with your initial user name and default password, you can change both in Member Access.

## CLUB AWARDS make your whole club feel good!

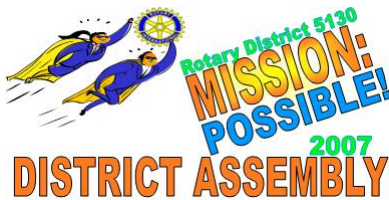
Send in apps or bring them to the District Assembly

You can't win if you don't apply! Information and forms have been distributed to the clubs. Due date is April 14<sup>th</sup> at the District Assembly or prior. The Committee will meet to judge the entries April 28<sup>th</sup>.



## This Year's District Assembly is all about leading, participating, and teamwork in your Rotary Club.

District Assembly April 14



Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – District Assembly, “Mission Possible”. It is not too early to get a commitment from your board and new Rotarians to attend. It is such a wonderful opportunity to learn about the essentials of Rotary. Registration forms are on the District website, [www.rotary5130.org](http://www.rotary5130.org). Register today!

## Rotary International Convention June 17-20<sup>th</sup>

Salt Lake City, Utah.

This one's too close to home to miss! Meet Rotarians from around the world, and take home some Rocky Mountain-sized pride and inspiration. To register by March 31<sup>st</sup> go to [www.rotary.org/events](http://www.rotary.org/events). I look forward to seeing many District 5130 Rotarians in Salt Lake City. Great speakers, informative Plenary sessions, and fantastic entertainment are a sure thing, not to mention the moving opening and closing sessions. We will also get together at a special district reception in Salt Lake City!



## **MATCHING FUNDS for PolioPlus Contributions!**

*We're eradicating Polio from the face of the Earth . . . thanks to your contributions*  
Charles Keller, Chairman PolioPlus Partners Task Force and PRIP, informs us that...."the Trustees, in consultation with the International PolioPlus Committee, authorized to

Retroactively match DDF received by PolioPlus Partners \$.50 for every \$1.00 contributed, effective July 2006 – June 30, 2007

To make an additional \$500,000 in matching funds available to match new cash and DDF contributions received by the end of this Rotary year, June 2007".

Your club's contribution is VITAL to the eradication of polio forever.



### **Use Rotary International's new RI Lockbox:**

The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, IL 60693. Mail will be forwarded through March 31<sup>st</sup>. To ensure your contributions are accounted for, please use the new address.

### **New Insurance Broker for Rotary International**

We have been notified that as of March 1, 2007, Rotary International has a new insurance broker, Lockton Companies, handling certificate of insurance issues and insurance questions for the Club and District General Liability Program. Lockton can be contacted Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (CST) at the following:

Phone:(800) 921-3172 Email: [rotary@lockton.com](mailto:rotary@lockton.com) Fax: (312) 681-6769

**Certificate of Insurance:** The process for creating a certificate of insurance will be changing slightly. Updated instructions can be found on Rotary's Insurance webpage at: <http://www.rotary.org/support/insurance/index.html>

Please note: the change in insurance brokers does not affect the insurance coverage for your Club or District. All certificates of insurance issued by our previous insurance broker, Aon, prior to March 1, 2007 will remain valid.

This notice will be posted to the Rotary's insurance webpage:  
<http://www.rotary.org/support/insurance/index.html>

### **NORTH NAPA FAMOUS IN ROTARY WORLD**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Rotary Club of North Napa (your DG's home club), mentioned in the Focus Section of Rotarian magazine, "Clubs for Insatiable Gourmets".



Yours in Service

DG Erna