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Hello Everyone!

What a great **District Conference** we had! I am so very grateful to my wonderful committee, chaired by **Tom Kingshill** and **Craig Newman**, for making my plans and dreams for our celebration a reality. To watch it unfold and to realize all the hard work that went into it reminded me yet again of the power of Rotary and the dedication of the Rotarians in District 5130. A huge thanks to each of the 655 registrants for being there and for participating!

I had a great time watching the faces of the presidents of the Clubs of the Year when I announced them!

Small Club of the Year **Guerneville**, President Jim Tuck
Medium Club of the Year **Sunrise Rotary Club of Arcata**, President Dan Johnson
Large Club of the Year **Sebastopol**, President Bob Cary
Large Club of the Year **Petaluma**, President Ed Fullerton

New Rotarian of the Year, Martin Zepp, Rotary Club of Guerneville

That Saturday night, I said that many Governors would tell you that selecting Rotarian of the Year is a difficult task; for me, it was the simplest thing I did all year to name PDG **Larry Myers** of the Rotary Club of South Ukiah **Rotarian of the Year**. The work he has done on Polio Eradication has been amazing and I know he is not done yet.

The Kahuna Challenge was so much fun! Thanks to **Maureen McDaniel** of the Rotary Club of Windsor for organizing and thanks to all the participants and the judges too. **Howard Julien** of the Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka was the winner and his Club will get \$500 toward the project of their choice.

Didn't you love the Youth Exchange presentation! I prevailed on **Chris Brannan** to have the students do their part of the program Friday night, and he said yes, even though that meant they would not have much time to rehearse. As always, they moved us and gave us hope for peace in the world.

You heard **Harry Johnson**, our District Foundation chair, give you the state of District giving this year. We are doing so very well with Polio but we mustn't forget the Annual Fund. That is the money that enables us to participate in Matching Grants and Group Study Exchange. Harry made a plea that everyone give \$50 more to the Annual Fund by June 30. I mailed my check yesterday; will you please mail yours tomorrow and encourage every one of your Club members to do the same?

On Sunday morning, our Vietnamese GSE team's presentation touched our hearts. Dr. Benny Santos' words reminded us of President Bhichai's exhortation to **Sow the Seeds of Love**. Thank you for doing just that all year.

Terri Clark, Governor

