



Kahuna News 12 June 16, 2003

Hello Everyone!

Marty and I returned from Australia Wednesday and we still wonder what day it is and whether we should sleep or eat. 17 hours is a big difference! We had the MOST wonderful time at the Convention and in that beautiful country. Everyone welcomed all of us Rotarians in the most hospitable way possible. At the closing ceremony, our president, **Bhichai Rattakul**, gave the most personal, moving and heartfelt speech I have ever heard anyone give. Not for the first time, I was overcome with the huge privilege of being Governor while he is President.

Next year's convention is in Osaka and our Centennial convention will be in Chicago in 2005. I hope that each of you plan to attend an RI convention. This was my fifth and I learned something every hour.

Sad News

As the Convention was ending, we learned of the death of **Ade Majiyagbe**, the wife of the President-Elect of Rotary International. Marty and I had the opportunity to meet her in Anaheim and in Barcelona; she was a vibrant, dynamic and beautiful force of nature, with a rare commitment to Rotary and to the children of the world. Condolences can be sent to Jonathan c/o Rotary International.

The Rotary Foundation

This week, each Club president will get a letter from me with a copy of their Club Recognition Summary and a compilation of our entire District's contributions to the Rotary Foundation for the first 11 months of this Rotary year. Our total giving is 60% over all of 2001-2002! You have responded to the Polio Eradication Campaign with creativity, generosity and fervor too; **THANK YOU!**

Of course, we knew that annual fund giving would suffer during this huge campaign to fulfill our promise to the children of the world. At the risk of repeating myself, please ensure that every nickel that you have donated **this year** is credited **this year**. If there is anything I can do to help, be it completing donor forms or paying your Federal Express bill, I will!

Pinot for Polio

Please go to this web site: www.pinotforpolio.com and mark Sunday, August 10 on your calendar. The Rotary Clubs of Sonoma County have planned a splendid event to raise money for Polio Eradication. I will be there and I hope you will be too.

Two More Weeks

It is difficult to believe that my year as your District Governor will end in just 2 weeks. As I said at the District Conference, it has been a journey of great joy, made magical each day by what I've seen all of you do to make our world a better place to be. You do it with grace and generosity and true happiness and all of us are enriched by these efforts. I promise you that I will continue to work for Rotary in our District, regardless of my title. My 2 successors, Norm and Bruce, are fine Rotarians, and the 3 of us are committed to supporting each other in every way. Not too long ago, it was hard for me to imagine life beyond being your Governor, but as the time for me to add a "P" before "DG" approaches, I understand that "Service above Self" can be lived in many ways and I plan to continue to explore all of them. As much as I love words, they fail me when I try to express the profound gratitude I feel for having had this grand opportunity. So I simply say thank you to each of you. See you on the Rotary Road!

Terri Clark, Governor

