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From Director Ron

Celebrate Rotary: Off to a good start

My fellow Rotarians of Zones 23/24;

This year our Rotary International President, Glenn Estess asked us to “Celebrate Rotary” and YOU took his message to heart.

The following are a few examples since our last newsletter:

HAWAII ROTARY ZONE INSTITUTE

The following is, in part, my thank you letter to our incredible 2004 GNATS/GETS/Institute Committee. I wanted to share it with all of you because you should know about the exceptional job that was done for this event by your fellow past and current Zones 23 & 24 Senior Leaders. You can be very proud of the exceptional way they represented you and our Zones to each other, upcoming officers and many international special guests and partners. We were so proud of everyone involved and have received countless letters, email, and phone calls from those attending that were “blown away” by this event. Everyone involved is to be highly commended and deserves our heartfelt appreciation for their generous gifts of time, personal resources and talents—all for the betterment of our great organization.

“Our 2004 Hawaii Rotary Zone Institute was terrific. The superior effort made by our Co-Convener Diane & Paul Netzel and our Hawaiian Office of the Chairs - PDG Linda Coble, PDG Hal Darcey and PDG Roy King teamed together to provide excellent educational training and informational programs. Our programs were well organized with outstanding speakers leaving our nearly 500 attendees with great enthusiasm and desires to continue supporting Rotary and our many and varied programs.

In the years we have all been involved in Rotary, we have attended many Rotary functions. We all know some of them are truly exceptional and are worthy of our expectations; some unfortunately are not quite what we expect and deserve.



Chairpersons of any Rotary function usually have a dream: they dream their particular function will be of great value to participants and warrant the time and

personal resources of all involved. This can only happen if there is excellence in attendance, fellowship, interesting sessions, great speakers, quality entertainment, creative enhancements and many other components.

Well, Vicki and I dream too - and thanks to our committee – that dream became a reality!

Truly, the “Family of Rotary” was infused in all aspects of the GNATS, GETS, and Institute and was a critical element in making our events in Waikiki a huge success in all aspects. We extend to you our most sincere and heartfelt thanks for your friendship, hard work, unequivocal support and “Lewelawe Maluna Iho”– “Service Above Self” to Rotary. “

COUNCIL OF LEGISLATION

The Council of Legislation (COL) held in Chicago in June 2004 went through a record number of items on the Agenda. There were 475 proposals of which 99 were passed.

Officers and Rotary members of ALL Districts in Zones 23/24 should examine the proposals that were approved in June at the COL. They will each be brought into operation effective as of the date specified by Rotary International. The updated Manual of Procedure is in the process of printing and will be available shortly.

Some important COL approvals are listed below:

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Wren't you contributing to the wire?

Send your news or contact the editors.

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RIPE Glenn Estes: Reminder - Areas of emphasis

Rotary International President Glenn Estess has identified four areas of emphasis for Rotary's Centennial Year: water management, health concerns, literacy, and the family of Rotary.

There are three major goals for the coming year:

- Moving forward on PolioPlus;
- Significantly increasing membership; and
- Reaching US\$100 or more per Rotarian in giving to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation. —

--- **Every Rotarian, Every Year** ---

"I am asking each of you to be an instrument for peace and take the Every Rotarian, Every Year message to your heart and to your Rotary clubs," said the president. "Every Rotarian, Every Year is based on the idea of taking a positive action."

All the three goals will be enhanced by the publicity and excitement generated by the centennial activities, especially twin clubs and centennial projects carried out by Rotary clubs.

Centennial Celebration Breakfast

For those of you who are attending the Centennial Celebration in Chicago on June 18 through 22, I'm sure that you are starting to make plans for travel, lodging, meals, and events.

The event that you will want to make sure you have scheduled will be our Far West/Pacific Northwest Centennial Breakfast. This is a **"not to be missed event."**

The breakfast will be held on Monday, June 20 at the McCormick Convention Hall. This will be the same place where all of the convention's lunches will be held. The doors will swing open at 7:00AM and breakfast will be served at 7:30AM.

The breakfast will feature one of Rotary's finest speakers and the fellowship will be outstanding.

Tickets will go on sale in the very near future and we will only have 1500 for sale. So purchase your tickets early and join your fellow Zone 23 & 24 Rotarians and guests for this fun event.

Hey Governor! How's it Going?

Judi Beard-Strubing of the Rotary Club of Eugene Airport, Eugene, Oregon, took time in early November to talk about the progress of her year. She was on her way to see the Cal game, but her assistant located her for a telephone chat – demonstrating that this busy, working DG can always be reached for Rotary!



Challenges in leadership included a number of unexpected vacancies, but DG Judi is sure she's in the "right place at the right time"

By Maureen McDaniel, Past AG, District 5130

How's it going, Governor?

It's been a mixed bag. It has gone so well, and been such a wonderful experience.

Yet, the last month or so has been very difficult for our district. Our DG-Elect had to resign for health reasons. We had to go through the process of a new election, which as you know can be quite complex. In the meantime, our presidents-elect needed information and support.

Also, one of really strong AGs died and that was such a shock to all of us. Then, another AG had to resign, due to heart problems and his wife's ill health. So all of a sudden we were replacing two AGs and our DGE. What with bringing people up to fill those positions, the ripple effect meant a lot more replacements. Now I'm asking: What else?!

Let's just say the last month or so has been truly interesting and have involved some stressful moments. Fortunately, we have a very, very strong district and I had wonderful support from everyone. So, things have gone more smoothly than one might expect.

I understand you've visited 41 of your 66 clubs as we speak in early November. What insights have you gained from these visits?

I have taken the approach that I'm not here to inspect, but to observe. That has been so well received. The clubs appreciate that I'm not coming in with an agenda, but to listen and learn more about them. I offer suggestions, but don't mandate anything.

Any thoughts on being the first woman governor in your district? And, by the way, would you say that you "govern"?

The fact that I'm a woman has been an advantage. It's possible that people have gone out of their way to help me

succeed. As for "governing", in some ways I'm more of a parent! But yes, the bottom line is that there is always a time and place in which a decision has to be made in the nitty gritty of administration. So yes, that's "governing."

You're still working, too.

Yes, I'm one of the few governors we've had who is still working. Even when I'm on the road, I am in touch with my assistant daily, and in touch with clients daily. I have a wonderful business partner who helps carry the load.



Any surprises for the First Husband, Bob Strubing?

Another thing is that my husband, Bob, is not traveling with me. He is still working too, as a sales manager for a high-end commercial printing company. So he's very busy. I might mention that early in our marriage, he was the one who did a lot of traveling, and now he says he knows what it's like to be the one left at home! But, he's extremely supportive and he has come to a couple of club meetings with me and enjoyed that very much.

Having joined Rotary only 11 years ago, you've come a long way in a short time. How and why did this happen?

Yes, I'm a newbie! The logistics would be that I joined a charter club in 1993, and served as president five years later. Then, my District Governor got me involved immediately at the district level. I was in the District Leadership Academy in the second year, and was first asked to be Assistant Governor when we started the new District Leadership Plan. It was a "right place, right time" kind of thing.

On a personal level, why did you choose to be involved at a higher level? And did you have any reservations?

The wonderful support from district leadership encouraged me. I did have reservations because I was not retired and had no intention of retiring. I also had no interest in being some kind of token "first woman governor." But, I could

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TRAINING FUTURE GOVERNORS

... Here's the Deal!



George E. Chaffey
Governor Training Chair, Zones 23-24

Training future district governors now starts two years before they take office. Here's the deal.

I. GETS. (Governors Elect Training Seminar). GETS occurs all over the world ... because Rotary International requires it and reimburses districts for some of the costs. For decades, we've trained District Governors Elect in Zones 23-24 immediately before each fall Institute, about 9-10 months before they start their year. Because governors are being chosen earlier and have to make many decisions earlier than before, DGEs began indicating that some of the GETS training was too late (e.g., great training on negotiating hotel contracts didn't help when many had already signed their conference contracts). So.....we started GNATS.

II. GNATS. (Governors Nominee Training Seminar). Five years ago, Zone 23-24 leaders initiated, for the first time anywhere in the Rotary world, training sessions for Governor Nominees. The intent was to train DGNs on subjects that couldn't wait until they were DGEs. First held in January 2000 for the "Class in Black" (2001-02 Governors), GNATS has continued each year since, has just been adopted in Canada and

is being planned elsewhere in the U.S. The focus of GNATS is different than GETS, and is three fold: (1) Basic leadership and vision, (2) bonding, so they can work more closely, and (3) covering training topics that cannot wait until GETS. Beginning in 2003, GNATS was moved 34 months earlier (from January to the prior fall) so that it would occur simultaneously with GETS just before each Institute. By having it at the Institute (rather than as a separate January event), it lessens travel costs and allows DGNs to attend the Institute and see what they will experience as DGEs the following year.

III. WHERE WE ARE NOW.

A. Keep 'em Coordinated... and Keep 'em Different!

Beginning for 2004 GETS and GNATS in Hawaii, RI Director Ron Beaubien appointed a Governor Training Chair to be overall coordinator for both programs. The purpose was to begin coordinating training so that GNATS training flowed seamlessly into GETS training the following year, without duplication. While



coordination is a high priority, the challenge is also to keep each program different --- to keep each program focused on what it can do best at its particular juncture in the future governors' development. GETS has expanded to 2 ½ days, using a large instructor staff, to provide enough time for the many topics and the highly interactive training approach introduced by John Blount in 2003. GNATS has been shortened to slightly less than two days, using a small, elite corps of experienced trainers, to keep the training very personal.

Tell me again how this will help me as District Governor?

B. Three Basic Training Principles: Think, Share, Have Fun. Three basic training principles underlie both GNATS and GETS, two of which Cliff Dochterman has consistently advocated at Rotary training events for over 20 years.

Our class of 2006-07 carry big guns into their year



1. "Think Out of the Box." In his famous PETS address 'If I Could Be President Again,' Cliff's key message has been "don't do something just because that's the way it's always been done." Cliff's message has come to be expressed in our training programs as "think out of the box." We emphasize that the important part of that phrase is "think"... don't do something, unthinkingly, just because that's the way its always been done.

PRESIDENTIAL DINNER

You are cordially invited to attend the 2004-2005 Presidential Dinner honoring R/I President Glenn Estess.

The event will be held on January 3, 2005 at the Sacramento Hyatt. Room rates are \$89.00 per night. On the weekend before the Dinner, the local Rotarians have events planned for your enjoyment.

Dinner Tickets are \$45.00 each or reserved tables of ten for \$450.00. Reservations can be made by calling the Rotary Club of Sacramento at 916-443-1433 or fax to 916-443-8692.

Tickets can be charged to your VISA, Master Card, and AMEX cards.

For more information contact Chair Roy Massey 559-348-1957 or massey2000@aol.com.

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1. To allow attendance credit for "attending" a 30 min interactive website meeting.
2. To allow attendance credit for a meeting of a certified Rotary fellowship group.
3. To provide for the merging of districts which have less than 1,000 members.
4. To increase TRF Trustees from 13 to 15 members
5. Transfer of membership from one club to another is now thought to be accepted, in as much as the transferring member can retain his/her classification from the previous club and the pro-rata dues payable for membership in the new club is paid.
6. The Four Avenues of Service will now be included in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution.
7. The District Conference may be held outside the District boundaries without authorization from the Rotary International Board of Directors.
8. "Every Rotarian Every Year" will be part of our new Rotary International marketing plan.
9. Presidents-elect will be prohibited from beginning their term of office if they have NOT attended PETS and District Assembly.
10. The per capita dues have increased as proposed by Rotary International.

There are of course various other procedural and technical amendments like renumbering of paragraphs etc. proposed by the Rotary International Board of Directors. All items approved by the COL are available for your review on the Rotary International website – <http://www.rotary.org>

PRESIDENTIAL DINNER
JANUARY 3, 2005 – SACRAMENTO

President Glenn Estess will join us for this annual event and I know it is going to be a great night for all Rotarians and Partners.

The event will be held at the Sacramento Hyatt starting with a no host bar at 6:00PM with dinner at 7:00PM. The price will be \$45.00 per person. Tables of ten will be \$450.00 and will get priority seating.

We will have extra special room rates of \$89.00 per night at the Hyatt for you who want to experience of this great city on the weekend before the dinner. Please call The Hyatt at 1-800-233-1234 for room reservations.

Reservations for the dinner can be made thru the Sacramento Rotary Office. They will accept VISA, MasterCard, and AMEX. Listed below is their address:

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

The greatest celebration in Rotary's history – the **2005 Rotary International Centennial Convention** – commemorates the organization's first one hundred years of service and will take place on 18-22 June 2005, in downtown Chicago, where Rotary was born.

This Centennial Convention will be anything but conventional. It features an extra day of festivities and a Rotary parade through downtown Chicago! Rotarians are encouraged to register early for this once-in-a-lifetime occasion.

To date, at the time of writing this newsletter, Rotary International reported 7,155 registrations for the Centennial Celebrations in Chicago from 94 countries. The slogan – "Celebrate Rotary in the city where it all began!"

We are very pleased with registrations from Zones 23/24 – out of the 7,155 reported registrations, Zones 23/24 has 1,386 or 19% of the total registered to date.

Are you one of those that have registered – YES – NO? Registration and other details can be obtained from the Rotary International website at: <http://www.rotary.org/centennial/convention/index.html>

SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 20, 2004


We will have our Far West /Pacific Northwest Centennial Breakfast in Chicago on June 20, 2005 at 7:30 am at McCormick Convention Hall - the location where all of the Chicago Convention lunches will be held.

With all the good work being done by Rotarians in Zones 23/24, we deserve to "**Celebrate Rotary.**"

My fellow Rotarians – **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

Vicki and I are continually honored to represent you on the Rotary International Board of Directors. We encourage you to contact us at any time with questions, suggestions or any other concerns.

We send our very best personal regards,


 Ronald L. Beaubien
 Rotary International Director 2003-2005

Think your district's successes would interest readers of the wire?
 Then please let us know about them!
 See Page 2 for contact details.



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2. Shared Training with Partners. Because the governors' year is a shared experience, the training for that year is a shared experience, and partners are increasingly integrated into the training sessions of the future governors. It will be a yearly challenge to find the right balance between integrating partners into governor training and giving them some separate training time.

3. "Rule Number 1: Have Fun." For 20 years Cliff Dochterman has preached the message that "the business of Rotary is serious, but Rotarians don't have to be, because fun and fellowship leads to service." That's the explicit message in Cliff's classic talk "The Unwritten History Of Rotary" that was filmed in 2004 as a Centennial Project, and Cliff's message has come to be expressed in our training programs as "Rule Number 1 ... Have Fun!" Per Cliff's observations, clubs that have fun are more successful (money, members, projects), so its no surprise that the most effective and best remembered district governors are those who made it fun to be in Rotary. A classic example is the late DG Ray Rahn of 5230 who led his district to complete 756 brand new Paul Harris Fellows in the first six months of his year in order to bring RIP Jim Lacy to the District. A key Rotarian in the project reflected: "We had more fun on that project than anything else I've ever done with the District." What really made that huge and difficult project possible was not simply the "serious business" of raising \$750,000 for the work of the Foundation, or the "rewarding" feeling afterwards of having completed such a task, but rather, as key Rotarians fondly recall, it was the Governor's ability to make that project seem "fun" and, through that, to be able to engage and unleash such incredible efforts by Rotarians. Therefore, we not only convey Cliff's message to future governors at GNATS and GETS, but we consciously integrate training elements that are "fun" on the surface, but which also have a very serious training purpose (e.g., GNATS "team bonding/creative day" and GETS "very personal" costume dinner). We try to lead...and train...by example.



IV. THE FUTURE. GNATS and GETS will continue to evolve. And, as they do, we now have a system to coordinate the two programs, to maintain their essential differences, and to thoughtfully consider the three basic training principles that have emerged during the lives of the two programs.

That's the deal!

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not have asked for more support from my district.

But there's a deeper reason. Right after my term as president, I had the opportunity to go to Honduras on a Discovery Grant following Hurricane Mitch. As a result of that trip, our district spearheaded a number of projects including multi-district efforts and grants. These included a huge 3-H grant, and altogether, the total monetary results have come to more than a million dollars. We all have those moments when we can say we became a Rotarian, and that was it for me. When, in my heart, I knew that this is exactly what I needed to be doing.

I am a person of very deep faith, and I really believe that this is my ministry. Through Rotary, I'm able to accomplish things for the betterment of the world, that I think can't be done any other way.

Centennial Past Officers Reunion – February 20-22, 2005

The Past Officer's Reunion planned for this Rotary Centennial year, as approved by the 2004-05 RI Board of Directors, will once again be held at the Clarion Hotel Resort I Anaheim, California, USA, directly across the street from the Anaheim Hilton and RI International Assembly.

Last year's event was very successful and was attended by eight past, present and future RI Presidents, 12 past and present RI Directors, eight past and present Foundation Trustees as well as approximately 250 past and present RI Officers representing 26 countries.

The program fro the two-day Reunion will include meetings with our Centennial RI President Glenn Estess, Sr., RI President-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer, The Rotary Foundation Trustees Chair Carlo Ravizza, and our newly selected RI President-nominee William Boyd. There will be a wealth of information made available by Past Rotary International Presidents, Foundation Trustees and Headquarters staff who will bring us up-to-date on the latest happenings in our organization and get us ready for the festivities being planned during our Centennial International Institute in Chicago, June 16-17, and Convention, June 18-22, 2005.

Registration for the Centennial Past Officers Reunion is \$US130.00 and \$US80.00 for guests. This includes the Sunday night Reception, Monday evening Centennial Banquet and two-full days in informational and motivational meetings. The Clarion Hotel Resort room rates are: \$US89.00 during the Reunion and \$US95.00 per room for the two days before and after our event.

Check out the new website: www.rotaryreunion.org or contact Past District Governor Werner Schwarz by telephone or FAX: 415-472-3385 or E-mail: wischw@microweb.com

The members of the Planning Committee all look forward to greeting you in Anaheim on February 20-22, 2005!

Institute in Review

By Bob Wilson, Proceedings Chair



On September 30, almost 500 Rotarians and guests assembled at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort to participate in the 40th Anniversary of Zone 23 and 24 Rotary Institute. The setting was

most exotic and the program was skillfully executed allowing registrants to enjoy outstanding presentations blended with Polynesian cultural interludes.

Instead of invocations we were treated to "Ohana Moments". Ohana means FAMILY in Hawaiian. These moments were presented by various family of Rotary members.

The assemblage was joined by 20 past and present officers of RI including RIPE Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar. The dignitaries gave meaningful presentations and/or served on informational panels.

Ron and Vicki Beaubien were joined by Paul Netzel as Co-coversers. The principal Chairs were Linda Coble, Hal Darcey and Roy Kings. They were supported by an extensive staff of

Rotarians and provided an outstanding institute. We cannot thank them enough.

Thursday evening began with a reception that set a tone of relaxed elegance with everyone in their Hawaiian finery. The official presentation of the class of 2006-2007 was eloquently orchestrated. We were introduced to "The New Centurions", a truly remarkable and eclectic class of over achievers. Conversations with the GETS instructors leads us to believe that in 2006-2007 we can expect visionary and effective leadership. PRIP Richard King addressed the DGEs by issuing his challenge to the first class of our second century. The assemblage then move to the Pualeilani Terrace to gorge on a luau and marvel at outstanding Polynesian entertainment.

Friday morning, Allen Massey delivered a history of the genesis of the Four Way Test. Massey is the grandson of Herb Taylor, the author of the Four Way Test. The next speaker, Kent Keith delivered a stirring treatise about servant leadership and how this relates to the Paradoxical Commandments.

At lunch RID David Morgan discussed ethical dilemmas facing Rotarians. The afternoon was devoted to numerous interactive breakout sessions.

The day concluded with a highly popular change - 18 separate reunion dinners.

On Saturday morning retired Admiral "Zap" Zlatoper made a convincing case for the dramatic



shift of commerce, population and prosperity to the Pacific Rim. He also portrayed a very different view of news from Iraq than that issued by the press. During the ensuing plenary session, PRIP Cliff Dochterman likened the evolution of Rotary to slow but deliberate development of a stalactite over 100 years. At this point RIVP John Germ delivered a five-year financial forecast followed by Dr. Joe Serra's optimistic assessment of the status of polio eradication.

At lunch we enjoyed a loosely structured plug exhorting us to "Discover Rotary Gold" during next year's institute in Sacramento. Then PRIP Rattakul defined the role of TRF in the 21st Century. Saturday evening RIPE Stenhammer entertained and informed us regarding our memberSHIP.

On Sunday, we celebrated the lives of our late PDGs and RID Beaubien recognized our unique perspective on the history of Rotary. We sang Aloha Oe and Auld Lang Syne and Director Beaubien adjourned the festivities. - PAU-

Congratulations -

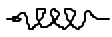
New TRF Trustee Announced



The Rotary Foundation recently announced that PDG Carolyn Jones, District 5010 has been added to the Board of Trustees of the Rotary Foundation. Though District 5010 was moved to Zone 22 as a result of the last zone alignment, many of us know Carolyn through her many years of association with Zones 23 and 24. Carolyn has served as the

Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Districts in the Pacific Northwest and has instructed Governors (sitting, elect and nominee), Assistant Governors and Foundation Chairs for several years at the Pacific Northwest PETS. The appointment is for a four year term.

Congratulations Carolyn.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DAY at the United Nations November 6, 2004

More than 1,000 Rotary members and guests from 21 U.S. states and over 20 countries gathered at the U.N. headquarters on Saturday, Nov. 6 to learn about how the U.N. and Rotary can work together to better meet humanitarian needs around the globe.

A total of 24 speakers and panelists representing many levels of Rotary participation, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNAIDS, FAO and many other entities and programs educated participants and encouraged Rotary-U.N. cooperation and praised Rotary's work with WHO and UNICEF in the global effort to eradicate polio.



A new program was added this year for youth interested in humanitarian service.. Among the speakers and topics covered at both sessions were Rotary Centers Scholars, Literacy, Water Resources, Health Concerns, Eradicating Polio and RI President Glenn E. Estess, RIPE Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer and TRF Chairman Carlo Ravizza. Also attending were Director Ron and Vicki Beaubien along with many of the RI 2004-05 Board of Directors and their partners, as well as Rotary's Representatives to the U.N.

Rotary's relationship with the U.N. dates back to 1945 when 49 Rotary members acted as delegates, advisors and consultants at the United Nations Charter Conference. Rotarians should be especially proud that today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status possible with the U.N. as a non-governmental organization.

But it's a Volunteer Organization

One of the most used and mis-used clichés that is heard around Rotary is "It's a volunteer organization". This is normally used as an excuse when a job is not done, done improperly or done incompletely. The inference is that since we are an organization of volunteer members, we cannot expect a person to meet their obligations and commitments. It should be the other way round. Because it is a volunteer group and you cannot force anyone to take on a job there is a higher level of expectation. A person, of their own free will, stepped up and said they would do a job or accomplish a task. No one forced them to accept. No one forced them to "volunteer".

All Rotarians are capable. Each is an owner, manager, director or at some level of management in their professions that indicates success and capability. When a Rotarian accepts a task, they should be able to know if they can accomplish it or not. As you give a task, you should provide an acceptable level of guidance and instruction so that it can be completed and provide an offer of further assistance if needed. It therefore follows that if the task is not completed it is probably due to the Rotarian not wanting to finish the task. (Well, it's a volunteer organization you can't expect someone to honor his or her commitments.)

Another cliché is "If you can't do the time, don't do the crime." This can be related to our situation. If you won't complete the job, don't volunteer for it – just say no. Your voluntary "yes" has set a level of commitment and expectation in the person asking. They should be able to expect that the job will be completed. A club president should not have to do every job in the club, they should not have to follow everyone to see that each individual task is completed, they should be able to expect that their "volunteers" will complete what tasks they have accepted. One of the reasons that we have difficulty getting members to accept the obligation of club leadership is that in many cases we are dumping everything on to the leader. They are the only one expected to live up to their "voluntary" commitment. A member sees the lack of support and the heavy workload placed on club leadership and they are unwilling to be dumped on in the same way.

Are you meeting all your commitments; all that you "volunteered" to accomplish?

Would you please take a moment to update your personal information for the Zone 23/24 Directory? When complete please mail to the address below or save time and just email the information to – thewire@telebyte.com

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We are in the process of updating our distribution lists for The Wire, Director Ron's Zone 23/24 Newsletter. As you know, electronic mail is Rotary's officially preferred form of communication and there are many advantages to this form. It is faster, cheaper, more flexible and produces a more complete product (color). Base on printing and mailing costs the current newsletter has been limited to eight pages and printed in black and white. The copy posted on the zone web site is in color. In the future, the copy on the web may have more pages and cover some areas in greater depth. Reducing costs will allow a newsletter to be produced at a greater frequency. Each time the newsletter is published and posted on the Zone web site there will be a brief email with story titles from the newsletter and a link to click on that will lead you to the on line newsletter.

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November RI Board Meeting

The Rotary International Board of Directors met in Chicago recently and addressed a wide range of issues. This is a very brief article on some of the items considered. Be sure to visit the Rotary International web site for complete highlights. Many of the resolutions from the Council on Legislation were considered. Most were dismissed or referred for further study.

One of the first resolutions considered was the Council on Legislation itself when the board approved appointing a panel to study the COL. Following the meeting RI President Glenn Estess appointed a five member Review Committee chaired by Ray Klinginsmith.

The Board received a report of the recent meeting of The Rotary Foundation Trustees. Key items from that meeting were:

- the reinstatement of the 3-H Program
- the reinstatement of Annual World Fund Group Study Exchanges
- the Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace was discontinued.

A six member committee will be appointed to study the term of the trustee chair.

In the area of Leadership Development there were several changes made to the training at GETS including instruction on the role of the RIMC and the RRFC. If you don't know what all those letters stand for it shows the need for the GETS instruction. (Rotary International Membership Coordinator, Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator).

A club must have at least 20 members to sponsor a new Rotary Club. Should there be two or more sponsor clubs, only one of the sponsors needs to have 20 members.

There was a resolution that the board delete the RI President's representative at district conferences. The proposal was that a district be responsible for all costs if they desired a RI President's Representative. This was rejected by the board

- districts with fewer financial resources would be at a disadvantage
- presence is important
 - resource to district leadership
 - demonstrates internationality
 - interaction with leaders from out of district
 - convey RI Presidents message in a personal way
 - serve as a representative of RI

RI will continue to fund travel expenses. In a related action the board rejected a resolution modifying the requirements of the conference noting that there was a recent policy change that allows more flexibility and that the RI Rep needs current number of speaking opportunities.

There was an enactment to allow clubs to circulate statements in favor of peace. While one of the basic principles of Rotary is the support of peace and international throughout the world it was felt that no matter how carefully constructed a statement of peace risks being construed publicly as a stance on a particular side of a conflict.

Several new Rotary fellowship were approved including: doll lovers, Rotarian dental volunteers, prevention of drug abuse, football world fellowship, Rotarian Gourmets, literacy providers, and International Convention goers. This shows that Rotary has many diverse fellowship areas and is one of the least understood areas to the average Rotarian.

The board endorsed the Youth Exchange program and requested the General Secretary to develop a club and district certification program aimed at protecting students from sexual abuse and harassment, develop procedures for handling cases of abuse including guidelines for investigation and counseling and to conduct investigations into historical cases. There will be a mandatory group discussion session on sexual abuse and harassment prevention for the DGE at the International Assembly.

The board agreed in principle to the opening of Libya and Qatar for the extension of Rotary clubs.

The Board directed that the Districting Committee develop a comprehensive plan for evaluating district reorganization options to implement the elimination or boundary change for small districts in accordance with the COL Enactment.

In the area of meetings the board suspended the International Institute in Copenhagen due to costs. They also selected Salt Lake City for the 2011 convention pending resolution of several key negotiations. Other cities considered included Cairo, Denver, Minneapolis and Washington DC. The 2009-2011 International Assemblies will be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Diego. In addition there some questions about the Anaheim Hilton renovation plans. The general secretary is to investigate cancellation of the 2006-2009 international assemblies and moving them to San Diego also.

Based on the fact that the District Leadership Plan is recognized as a successful administration structure it was felt that Rotary clubs would benefit from further guidelines to extend the District Leadership Plan to the club level. It is expected to include a Club Leadership Plan as a portion of the District Plan to provide and administrative framework of an effective club. The Club Leadership Plan would be one of the Board recommended topics at the 2005 Zone Institutes.

Considering that this article has been extracted from a 43 page "Draft Decisions" report it is obvious that many important items were not included. Board decisions are posted on the Rotary International web page and they are interesting reading.

Convention Deadline

Beat the price increase -

Registration costs for the RI convention in Chicago will increase on 31 December. Remember to register before the price goes up. See you in Chicago



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Foundation Giving



*PDG Joe LaGuess,
RRFC Zone 24*

Congratulations! Zone 23 and 24 Rotarians contributed very generously to The Rotary Foundation in 2003/04. Zone 24 Rotarians were first in the world in total gifts as well as Permanent Fund giving, second in Annual Programs Fund gifts, and fourth in Polio Plus. Rotarians in Zone 23 achieved fourth place in total giving and fifth in Polio Plus.

The worldwide \$70 million Annual Programs Fund goal for 2003/04 was exceeded by more than \$350,000. As encouraging as these results are, we need to remind ourselves the dollars raised only represent the means by which the Foundation's programs improve the lives of countless people in our own communities and around the world.

So, what can we Rotarians do to make 2004/05 a year of even greater accomplishments? Here are a few thoughts.

- Polio-Complete our outstanding commitments to

the Campaign.

- Annual Programs Fund. *Make your own gift now!* Emphasize the importance of the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" program in your club.
- Invite current and former GSE team members, and Ambassadorial Scholars to speak at your club.
- When a Matching Grant project is completed, be certain the results are reported. (Rotarians need to hear how their support has changed people's lives.)
- Report on the accomplishments of your District Simplified grants.
- Club presidents and Foundation chairs should know which club members are not giving. Make a point to *ask personally* for the gift.
- Make a "big deal" of presenting the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" stickers when members contribute \$100 or more to the Annual Programs Fund.

At the 1914 International Convention, Paul Harris said, "Rotary means many things to us, but to the world it will be known by what it achieves." Let's each one of us resolve to make the 2004/05 year one of even greater achievement through our service and our gifts to The Rotary Foundation.