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Governor's Message

By Raghada Khoury

August, 2017

The new Rotary year with the theme of Rotary International "Making a Difference" is well underway. Our District is off to a great start. I have spent the better part of the month of July on the road visiting clubs at either Club Assemblies or Group Visits. What an exciting journey it has been thus far.

Since July 1, we have inducted 24 new members and I want to thank you for the honor you have granted me by allowing me to take part in your induction ceremonies.

We have small clubs doing big projects. Large clubs are doing giant projects. Both large and small projects are going almost unnoticed because they will never hit the 6 o'clock news or the newspaper. However, they make an enormous difference in the lives of the people we serve and you my friends have the right to BRAG! I am truly humbled to be part of such an amazing group of Rotarians that give hope to the hopeless. Keep up the good work. Humanity needs you.

August is Membership month which is a great time to refocus our efforts to attract and retain new members.

Action steps to Keeping the Member in Rotary, Keeping Rotary in the Member Contact your Membership C-chairs:

- INFORM
- INVITE
- INDUCT
- ORIENT
- EDUCATE
- INVOLVE

or, your Regional Membership Coordinator

***Tell me and I will forget, teach me and I may remember,
involve me and I will understand. "Benjamin Franklin"***

Rotary International President-Elect Dies

We received news about the death of Rotary International President-elect Sam Owori, who died unexpectedly on July 13 after complications from a planned surgery. Sam was a member of a Rotary Club in Uganda for 38 years and would have become president of Rotary International next

July 1. There has been an outpouring of heartfelt messages since President-elect Sam's passing, and members of the public have been sharing memories and recalling how Sam inspired them through his hard work as a Rotarian and as a dedicated civil servant. It is clear that his impact and legacy were felt worldwide. Memorial contributions in honor of Sam will be directed to the Sam F. Owori Memorial to Polio. This fund has been established to honor his commitment to Rotary's polio eradication efforts. Sam was a member of both the Africa Regional PolioPlus Committee and the International PolioPlus Committee. You can make online contributions to the fund by clicking here <https://map.rotary.org/en/selfservice/https://map.rotary.org/en/selfservice/pages/SelectFundF.aspx?FUND=PP>

The 2017-18 nominating committee will select a new president-elect, in addition to the president-nominee, during its scheduled meeting in early August.

Raghada Khoury
District Governor
2017-2018

Rotoplast Gala being held

August, 2017



It is with great excitement that I share that Past R.I. President Richard D. King will be our keynote speaker at our ROTAPLAST 25th ANNIVERSARY GALA celebration "Saving Smiles and Changing Lives."

Please have your club represented to hear this great PRIP Rotarian Rick King and celebrate with us on August 11th at the Julia Morgan Ballroom on California Street in San Francisco at 6:00 pm.

Tickets may be purchased online www.rotaplast.org/gala. Tables of ten are temporarily discounted at \$1500. Single tickets are \$175.

PLEASE JOIN US! Without Rotary there would be no Rotaplast!

Emerson Parker Receives Presidential Award From Shelterbox

Claremont, CA area volunteer earns President's Volunteer Service Award

SARASOTA, Fla., July 18th, 2017 – Claremont area volunteer, Parker Emerson, has been recognized by President Obama and humanitarian organization, ShelterBox USA, with the President's Volunteer Service Award for his efforts in 2016 to assist disaster survivors.

When disasters like Hurricane Matthew and the Syrian refugee crisis strike, many want to help. Emerson took action as a volunteer with ShelterBox. ShelterBox is an international disaster relief organization that delivers emergency tented shelter and other lifesaving supplies to survivors of disasters and other humanitarian crises.

Through Emerson's efforts of raising awareness and funds for ShelterBox, the organization was able to respond to 14 disasters last year, providing families with disaster relief tents, solar lights, water filters, blankets, mosquito nets, children's packs and other essential equipment. In total ShelterBox served over 149,000 people around the world in 2016.

"I am incredibly honored to work alongside our volunteers, including Parker," said Kerri Murray, ShelterBox USA President. "It is through their continuous efforts that we are able to help transform lives and rebuild communities around the globe."

The President's Volunteer Service Award is a special recognition presented on behalf of President Barack Obama. The award is part of a national recognition program created in 2003 through the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation for individuals of all ages who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer activities.

About ShelterBox

Since 2000, ShelterBox has provided emergency shelter and other lifesaving supplies to more than 1.1 million people in nearly 100 countries around the world who have been displaced by natural disasters or conflict. ShelterBox responds urgently by hand delivering essential aid, including disaster relief tents, blankets, water filtration systems, solar lights, tools, and children's activity packs. ShelterBox USA is headquartered in Sarasota, FL and Santa Barbara, CA. ShelterBox is an official Project Partner of Rotary International. Tax-deductible donations can be made at ShelterBoxUSA.org or by calling 41-907-6036.

Women In Rotary Celebration

Congratulations, Rotary!

We are celebrating 30 years of accomplishments of Women in Rotary---all done in heels.

So we'd like to give others the chance to celebrate and raise money for the RI Foundation---in heels!

By we, I mean the immediate past presidents of San Marino, Pasadena, South Pasadena, West Covina Sunrise and current president of Sierra Madre Clubs (and any others who'd like to help, just email Camille at levee68@gmail.com)

From Aug 1, 2017-Feb 1, 2018, you have an opportunity to:

Make a donation to the RI Foundation in honor or in memory of a woman who made a difference in your life

and/or

Challenge some who doesn't wear heels (maybe a man??) to wear heels for about 100 steps for a donation of \$30

and that person has the opportunity to either wear them, or to decline the honor for a donation of \$60 to the RI Foundation.

I have heels in all sizes for men, and am willing to help you orchestrate this at your local meeting, an event which is already planned or at a challenge between clubs and/or Interactors and Rotoractors

The Club which raises the most \$\$\$, as well as the individual who raises the most \$\$\$ will be recognized at the Foundation Dinner February 24 on the Queen Mary.

However, the **real winner** is the RI Foundation and all the projects worldwide.

Let's start walking!

Camille Levee

Immediate Past President, South Pasadena Club

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