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District Governor  
2015-16

## From District Governor Randy Pote

March, 2016

As we enter into the ninth month of the 2015-16 Rotary year, many exciting activities are still happening around our District.

Your District 5300 Conference team is hard at work. They are scheduling many exciting activities and finalizing the menu for the May 19-22 event. For example, included in the registration is a free ticket to beautiful PETCO Park to enjoy a San Diego Padres game on Thursday, May 19. Many captivating and inspirational speakers will be conducting numerous break-out sessions. President Ravi just dropped me a note and let me know his Presidential Representative will be a PDG from India and his wife.

District Conference registration will open this week to those currently holding a Horton Grand Hotel reservation. Open registration will be available in mid-March.

Currently there are Rotarians from throughout the District contacting members to place an advertisement in the four-color souvenir Conference program. Please tell them yes, either to showcase your business or thank your Club or special members who made a difference this year.

During the Governor visits we had many Clubs excitedly pronounce their desire to purchase a table in the hospitality room. There are a few hospitality tables available, please have your Club notify PDG Roy York in the District office your intention and mail a check to the District office for \$195 this week. payable to District 5300: memo - Hospitality Table. Remember, for \$195, your electricity and ice are included!

We just had a dedicated team of Rotarians and family members return from a National Immunization Day in India. They, along with President's Rep J.B. Kamdar, should have some heart-warming stories to tell about India and the continuing Polio Plus activities.

RYLA chair John Chase (District Governor Designate) and his committee are actively working on making this year's program exciting for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade participants; but as importantly, the adult Rotarians who attend. Not many know RYLA was started to benefit Club members and allow them to mold and build themselves into great Rotarians. This year's team has decided to grow the program to over 320 students and therefore, the need for facilitators has expanded as well. You all received a note through DACdb several days ago with the details. If you have been to RYLA and you have members of your Club who haven't, please share with them the immense joy and satisfaction you got out of your participation. Urge them to sign up!

Our District Literacy chair, Kathy Mahon, has recently requested all Clubs send her what Literacy projects they have accomplished or still have planned to accomplish this Rotary year. She can be reached at [kmm47@aol.com](mailto:kmm47@aol.com).

On March 10, District 5300 is honored to have the Zone 6 Foundation team

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On March 19, District 5300 is honored to have the Zone 26 Foundation team, at NO cost to us, train key Club members in how to build Foundation giving. This is the same team which helped D5340 raise over \$31 million. To be part of this world class training, please contact our District Foundation chair, Mike Driebe at [Michael.driebe@methodisthospital.org](mailto:Michael.driebe@methodisthospital.org). You can be part of history. Only 19 seats remain available, call Mike today.

District 5300 has currently maintained a positive membership number and is ranked second in Zone 26. The final four months of any Rotary year is critical. These final four months are when you want to attract and induct those final few people who have been hanging around but haven't committed. Remember, showing current members the value of Rotary can help keep your retention level at 100%.

Please continue to e-mail District Governor aide Richard Reed the new number of proposed members at the end of the month. I want to continue to visit Clubs and deliver the huge trophies until June!

Presidents and Awards chair, please look for the e-mail from Renee Reed, North Las Vegas club, via District Communications Chair, Mike Soden, regarding this year's District awards this week.

Have a tremendous March and thank you for everything you are doing and will continue to do in "Being a Gift to the World!"

Yours in Rotary spirit and service,

Randy Pote

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## **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award)**

March, 2016

Dear Rotarians, Club RYLA Chairs & Club Presidents

RYLA 2016 will be held at Thousand Pines Camp in Crestline, CA on April 15-17, 2016. We have expanded to 324 HS Juniors, approximately 24 more than 2015. If you have not sent in your Intent to Participant forms or if your club has already submitted an Intent to Participate, and would like to increase your participation, please feel free to resubmit utilizing the link below. Please do so ASAP.

Below are links to our program flyer, and online Intent to Participate web page.

Participation link:

[http://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/Accounts/5300/Forms/RYLA\\_intent\\_form\\_2016.htm](http://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/Accounts/5300/Forms/RYLA_intent_form_2016.htm)

Flyer link: <http://www.district5300.org/ryla/20152016/RYLA2016.pdf>

Participation cost for your Rotary club will be \$300.00 per student. As the camp is evenly balanced between boys and girls, we kindly ask that you submit your Intent to Participate in even numbers, i.e. 2,4,6,8....24, and that boys and girls be balanced 50/50.

Want to experience a true Rotary Moment? Become a RYLA Facilitator. We need 36 Adult Rotarian Facilitators, each responsible for 8-9 students. We encourage you to volunteer as we need 18 men and 18 women from as many clubs as possible. While we seek Rotarians who have never served in this capacity, for the first time, we also welcome Rotarians who served as Facilitator over five years ago. I assure you, your role as Facilitator will be one of your best, most rewarding experiences in Rotarian.

RYLA provides a lifetime experience for students and Rotarians as well! I encourage you to step forward and become a RYLA Facilitator by simply contacting our Facilitator Coordinator or contact one of our Continent Leaders or Assistant Governors for more information.

Adult Rotarian Application link:

[http://district5300.org/ryla/20152016/RYLAFacilitatorApplication2016\(Rev3\)-1.pdf](http://district5300.org/ryla/20152016/RYLAFacilitatorApplication2016(Rev3)-1.pdf)

Club Presidents & Club RYLA Chairs, We thank you for your efforts & support of RYLA by sponsoring student attendees and by providing Adult Rotarian Volunteers as Facilitators! Your

Club and District 5300 benefits from your leadership & support of RYLA 2016!

## Education for Girls

March, 2016

An urgent request from PDG Sylvia Whitlock currently in India

Dear Rotarians of District 5300,

I have many fond memories of your generous responses to Education for Girls during my year as District Governor. Most of the girls you sponsored are still students who need your help to sustain their effort. Please send your donations to the District 5300 Foundation with the memo: Education for Girls, and let me know, too. There is an URGENT need for your help.

Thank you, PDG Sylvia Whitlock

## **Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea May 28 - June 1, 2016**

March, 2016

The Rotary International Convention is a little less than 90 days away. This years convention will be held in Seoul, Korea from May 28 until June 1, 2016. If you plan to attend the convention and have not registered with RI, here is the link to do so now!. Pre-registration rate ends March 31, 2016. Here is the link to register.

<http://www.riconvention.org/>

Our Far West Zones 25 & 26 will partner with The Northland Zones for a breakfast event which will be held on May 30, 2016 from 7 to 9 AM at the Kintex Convention Center, Hall 10. Register at [www.GreatAmericanBreakfast.com](http://www.GreatAmericanBreakfast.com). The Zone Breakfast information can be found on the District web site. Click here to see it: [www.district5300.org](http://www.district5300.org)

If you are interested in pre and post convention tours please go to the District Web site or click here for more information:

[http://www.district5300.org/pdf/Fanda%20-%20SeoulKorea-01\(2\).Final.pdf](http://www.district5300.org/pdf/Fanda%20-%20SeoulKorea-01(2).Final.pdf)

## Foundation Dinner Photos

March, 2016

For those who didn't have a chance to get to the Foundation Dinner and would like to sit back and enjoy the festivities; or were there and simply want to revisit the wonderful time that was had, visit the link below to take a look at the pictures courteously provided by fellow Rotarian, Harry Heflin.

Provided is a link for your viewing pleasure:

[2016 Foundation Dinner](#).

Enjoy

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