



District Governor
Raghada Khoury

Governor's Message

By Raghada Khoury

November, 2017

I want to wish our Rotary Family many heartwarming blessings for this Holiday season.

How we use our blessings is a true measure of our Thanksgiving.

"Blessed are those that can give without remember and receive without forgetting"

In light of our hectic holiday schedule we will be combining the November and December Newsletters.

Please keep in mind that November is the Rotary Foundation Month. Thank you for giving and thank you for saving a life.

December is disease Prevention and Treatment Month: Rotarians around the world are involved in projects to prevent disease and promoting health

As we do our Christmas shopping and look forward to the festive season perhaps some consideration could be given to a donation to the Rotary Foundation where your dollar can "Make a Difference".

Dedicated to serving you and your club,

Raghada Khoury

District 5300 Governor 2017-18



PEACE IN DISTRICT 5300



There are many outstanding initiatives for peace around the globe. On October 21, 2017, our very own Rotary District 5300 Peace Conference brought initiatives for peace close to home by discussing media's role in peace building. This year's peace conference theme was "Traditional and Social Media: Their Impacts on Peace Building," and was held at the world-renowned Huntington Library in San Marino, CA.

Like many conferences that have come before, the audience was filled with practitioners, activists, youth, humanitarians, technologists and media professionals from around the District and across the US. The conference allowed media experts to share their experience and ideas on the history of media as well as the direction and future of media, both traditional and social, in the peace building effort.

In a unique format, the conference added a mini one-on-one Q & A by PDG Gene Hernandez to allow the audience to get to know each speaker on a personal basis and help set the stage for their presentations. Questions from the audience were collected and later answered by the panel of speakers to enable audience participation.

Our speakers included:

Steve Lambert, a partner in The 20/20 Network, national award-winning reporter, editor and publisher.

Gavin Sullivan, a principal at Seattle-based media production house, The Madrona Bureau, and current writer, producer, and moderator of the current affairs TV series, *Inside Outlook*. He is a past US Fulbright Scholar and a Rotary World Peace Fellow.

Zeb Welborn, the president of Welborn Media, creator of Defining Success Podcasts, Welborn Media University, and 19th Hole Media. Zeb is also the current president of the Rotary Club of Chino.

Georgia Houston Webb, a thirty-four year counselor and administrator in colleges and universities in the Big Ten, the Ivy League, the Claremont Colleges and UC Berkeley and activist in media.

In addition to gaining a broader understanding of the evolution of media and its role, we recognized the Rotary peace initiatives implemented by **Rudy Westervelt**, PDG Rotary District 5330 and president of the Rotary E-Club for Peace. Rudy was this year's recipient of the Peacemaker-of-the-Year Award.

We hope you will join us next year at the District peace conference. Our date and focus will be unveiled soon. For additional information about District 5300 Garbis Peace Institute and it's initiatives, please contact Garbis Der-Yeghain at mashdots@aol.com.

Sierra Madre hosts second Annual Rotary Star Awards

Events

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June 30

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July 01

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December 07





INTERACTORS ATTEND PEACE CONFERENCE

West Covina High School Interact was sponsored to attend Rotary's 28th Annual Peace Conference at the Huntington Library, Saturday, October 21, 2017. This year's peace conference focused on traditional and social media and their impact on peace building. Vicky Abbott, Interact Advisor, proposed that members be involved in the important process of peace building through social media since it affects members of Interact the most since their generation involves more technology and media than ever. Ten Interact members were allowed to attend free of charge to give them the experience of exchanging ideas with Rotary members.

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