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To: Assistant Governors, District Leadership Team, Presidents,
Secretaries, ICO's
District Committee Chairs, PDGs, District Rotarians
From: Nick Mascitelli, District Governor
Subject: Weekly District Update



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Important Dates

January 24, **Tomorrow**
Mid Year Assembly (morning) and PROJECT HOPE informational meeting (after lunch)
February 7, District Cabinet Meeting - Salida
February 13, RI President Jonathan - Majiyagbe dinner – San Jose
April 16 – 18 District Conference – Sparks, Nevada

Tomorrow – Mid Year Assembly – Special Project Hope meeting

If you are interested in Project Hope there is a special meeting for anybody that is interested in participating in the project. This meeting will be held immediately after the Mid Year Assembly on this Saturday January 24 at 1:45 PM. Any Rotarians who are interested in possibly traveling to Kenya and participating in the hands-on portion of Project HOPE should attend. Please contact David Gallagher at dg2020@aol.com or at 209-523-9575 for more details.

Rotary Commemoration Week

Did you know that this week is Rotary Commemoration Week? If you do, do you know why? Please send me your ideas as to why it is Commemoration Week. nmascitelli@capax.com

Stockton East has new President

Congratulations to Rotarian Dave Wilcox who has stepped up to fill the vacancy created when Craig Veteran, 2003-04 Club President, moved out of town and had to resign his position. This is the second time Dave has been President, the first time being 1990-91. It doesn't stop here either, next year he will be President Elect and will serve his third term as President in 2005-2006. Thank you Dave.

Madera Rotary Club Receives District Simplified Grant

Jane Wiebe and Mirsad Golubic of the Madera Rotary Club have put together a project to send school books, children's shoes and clothing, and food staples such as; flour, sugar, oil, salt and coffee to Bosnia. Madera Rotary Club and a District Simplified Grant are funding the project. People in the small villages, where the pair visit, are in urgent need of these basic items.

District Simplified Grants are available to all Clubs in the District and can be used for local community service projects or world community service projects. Funds are limited.

Seven Habits of Highly Effective Rotarians

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1- ATTENDANCE: - They always make it a point to attend as many Rotary meetings of their clubs and also of other clubs, as is possible. They are aware that attending Rotary meetings is a very important part of being a Rotarian. They do not miss any chance to attend such meetings. They also attend meetings of various committees of which they are members and even some others if they are invited. They are keen to attend various district functions and all projects of their club. They are proud to attend the district assembly and the district conference every year. They would try to attend the Rotary convention at least once in five years.

2- FELLOWSHIP: - They enjoy meeting other Rotarians. They often feel that in some of the Rotary functions meeting and exchanging greetings with others is often as important as actual transactions of the meeting. They go out of their way to talk to those whom they do not know. They go by the dictum that a stranger is a friend whom you have not yet met. Even outside Rotary they enjoy meeting people and getting acquainted with them. At large gatherings of Rotarians they try to meet members from other clubs, rather than fraternizing with members of their own club.

3- VOCATION: - They have respect for every vocation. Vocation and classification are the basis of Rotary. They firmly believe that each vocation provides a cog in the wheel and each one has its own importance, however insignificant it may appear by itself in comparison with others. They firmly subscribe to the view that each person should try to excel in whatever he is doing and try to help others to reach a higher level of efficiency in their work.

4- DISCIPLINE: - They believe that no useful work can be achieved in a productive manner without discipline, both within and outside. They appreciate the value of self-discipline because they are aware that like charity, discipline begins at home. Not only do they practice discipline but will also enforce it when needed.

5- TIME, MONEY AND ENERGY: - They know that they are in Rotary for a purpose. They fully realize that they have to earmark a certain amount of time, money and energy for Rotary as a part of being a Rotarian. They also realize that they are members of a society where all these three items are to be shared for their vocation, family and the community. They see to it that a proper balance is maintained while rationing out these commodities.

6- EMPATHY: - They put themselves in the position of the other person, especially if the other person is in difficulty. They know that mere sympathy is never enough. They feel the pain and experience difficulties of others themselves. They also understand that what they are doing for the community is merely returning a very small part of what they have received from it. They know that it is only human to expect some kind of recognition for what they are doing but do not hanker after getting credit for it.

7- IMAGE OF ROTARY: - There may be moments when they feel that all is not right with Rotary. They may feel that there is 'politics' in Rotary. They know that there are some elements in Rotary who should not be there. They, however, look at the good aspects of Rotary. In public and outside Rotary, they always make it a point to project the best face of Rotary. They would not like to let the public image of Rotary get tarnished.

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