



Lend a Hand

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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



Lend a Hand February is World Understanding Month

Important Dates

February 13 - RI President - Jonathan Majiyagbe dinner – San Jose
February 15 - Deadline to reserve tables for club exhibits/displays at the District Conference.
April 16 – 18 District Conference – Sparks, Nevada
May 15 - District Assembly

District Conference – Club Exhibits

I want to encourage all our District clubs to have a display of the club's 2003-04 accomplishments at the District conference. It is an opportunity to "parade" all the work the members have done this year and to let the other clubs appreciate your efforts. Do a little bragging. Make sure your club is signed up.

Beware of Internet Scams

Please be aware that there are many scams coming via email to Rotary Presidents and other Rotarians. Most are from a person claiming to be a Prince of the Democratic Republic of the Congo but there are many variations. They are all scams and easy to see through but be aware. The story line is pretty much the same – they want your money or the club's money. For more information go to www.google.com and type in Congo scam – you will be amazed.

Paul Harris to be honored in U.S. capital for going the extra mile

Rotary founder Paul Harris is among more than 70 outstanding U.S. volunteers who will be honored through a new national memorial in Washington, D.C, located on a one-mile path adjacent to the White House and U.S. Treasury Department.

When completed, "The Extra Mile" Volunteer Pathway will feature bronze medallions with a likeness of each honoree, a description of his or her achievements, and/or a quotation. Each of the medallions will measure 42 inches (more than 1 meter) in diameter. Dedication is planned for mid-2004.

The RI Board of Directors has approved a project to facilitate the construction of the Paul Harris medallion, which will be placed in a block of granite set into the sidewalk. An effort is under way to raise US\$50,000 toward the cost of the monument.

"More than 1.7 million visitors are expected to see the Pathway each year and the medallion will remain there in perpetuity, creating a wonderful public relations opportunity for Rotary International," according to RI Vice President Frank C. Collins Jr. and Past District Governor Jack B. Blane, co-chairs of the project, in a letter addressed to all U.S. district governors, RI general officers, and The Rotary Foundation Trustees.

The Points of Light Foundation, initiator of the program, believes that the memorial will help promote the spirit of volunteerism among visitors who walk along the pathway.

More details are available from the official memorial Web site at www.extramile.us. Contributions toward the special tribute to Paul Harris may be made by check only to Points of Light Foundation, c/o PDG Jack B. Blane, 2750 Ridge Road, Highland Park, IL 60035, USA.

Rotary Club President at 100 years old

Earle Frank, will turn 100 in March. On March 5, 1904 I came into the world at our home in Ravenna, Ohio. Who would have thought that I would see 2004? I joined Rotary on November 7, 1927; two years after the club was chartered. My father, Levi, was a chartered member of the Rotary Club of Ravenna. My family moved to Phoenix Arizona in 1960 and then in March of 1961 moved to Prescott Arizona and became a member of the Prescott Rotary club. In 1990 we moved to Salt Lake City and I became a member of the Sugarhouse Rotary Club, in which my son Dick was a member. After we left those cold winters in Salt Lake City, we returned to Phoenix and I joined the Phoenix Thunderbird Rotary club with my son, Dick. I have been able to keep a perfect attendance record through all of these 76 years 3 months.

Rotary District 5220 "Friday Facts"

This coming year, the Centennial of Rotary, I will be the president of the Phoenix Thunderbird club. I have been very lucky and have enjoyed life. How is it to be 100, unbelievable, I have out lived all my friends and still plan to keep on going? I guess I have to contribute long living by keeping busy with work, hobbies, and my Rotary clubs. Rotary has been the catalyst in keeping young. Being around many members that are younger and being around good friends, the comradeship and the interactions with so many Rotary International projects has led to my great life.

Advice to you younger and even older members in Canada and even in the entire world of Rotary, live a good rounded life and this means taking care of your own health, your family, and those in need throughout the Rotary world. Keep up the many friendships you have made in life. Don't be afraid to take a risk and even at 100 years old become your club's president.

God be with you

Earle L Frank,

President-elect 2004-2005

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