



# The RotaPoint



Rotary Club of Point Loma

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## Rotarians Mobilize to Aid Hurricane Katrina Victims

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history, Rotary clubs and districts from throughout the affected Gulf Coast region and beyond sprang into action to collect necessary food and supplies, to raise money, and to provide shelter to evacuees. Rotarians have responded en masse to R.I. President **Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar's** call to help communities affected by the disaster.

Districts in Louisiana and Mississippi have led the charge. Throughout the area Rotarians are doing what they can to ensure the most affected regions are stable. District 6820 (Mississippi) Governor **Stuart Vance** reported that Rotary districts 6820 and 6840 (Louisiana) established a relief fund and have the mechanics in place to collect money. Funds will be made available to all affected areas. Donations may be sent to the Rotary Katrina Fund, **Bill Simmons**, District Treasurer, 627 Sherwood Road, Starkville, MS 39759.

District 6200 (Louisiana) Governor **Don Chauvin** reported that the district committee held a meeting on September 2nd to develop a course of action. Chauvin noted that the District 6200 Foundation is accepting monetary contributions for hurricane aid. Checks may be mailed to **Janice Bradshaw**, P.O. Box 44365, Lafayette, LA 70504.

Rotary clubs on Marco Island (Florida) are collecting donations as well. Rotary club secretaries and presidents can consult their Official Directory for club contact information.

In Tennessee, Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of Oak Ridge-Breakfast

and Oak Ridge parked a truck at a local Wal-Mart and sought donations of hygiene and health necessities over the long Labor Day weekend. Water, paper products, personal hygiene products, diapers, baby formula, and canned foods were accepted. Working with the American Red Cross, the group took the truck to a designated relief center in the affected area.

Farther from the immediate fray, the Rotary Club of Decatur, Illinois, is collecting summer clothes in an effort to meet basic needs of victims. Donation centers are set up at a local mall and radio station.

For more information on relief efforts, please visit R.I.'s World Community Service Disaster Relief



## From the District Governor

Once again the Rotarians of District 5340 have heeded the call. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, my phone has not stopped ringing and my email box never empties with offers from Rotarians to provide whatever assistance they can. In light of that, and with a great deal of input from club presidents in our district, I am proposing the following approaches.

President Carl-Wilhelm had initially suggested that we send money to the American Red Cross because of the magnitude of the problem and the inability of local Rotarians to even get into the affected areas. The Red Cross certainly is one avenue to which you may provide support.

Yesterday [September 1st] I finally was able to get through to one of the district governors of the two devastated districts in that region. District Governor 6200 **Dan Chauvin** has established a foundation to start providing immediate relief in his district and the other more damaged District 6840. He asks that checks be made payable to Rotary International District 6200 Foundation Inc. and that they be sent to **Janice Bradshaw** (complete address is included in the lead article on this page).

One of the things that makes Rotarians so great is that we feel the need to do something "right now." I understand that urge and applaud all of you for it. It

### **Rotary Foundation Spokesperson**

*On September 9th, Miko Peled (left) spoke to the club about the Rotary Foundation. His talk included a short video presentation about Foundation support for projects worldwide.*



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is important though to recognize the severity of this calamity and that your decisions to help will be directed to where they can do the most good immediately. It is with that in mind that I recommend the District 6200 Foundation as an additional avenue.

I have suggested that your presidents support either the American Red Cross or the District 6200 Foundation initially. Please understand that club-to-club donations possibly will not be as effective in the beginning. I hope that each of you, as you make these decisions, will seek input from your own clubs as to what they are doing. Your presidents have been addressing these issues for the past two days or longer.

District Governor Dan has asked that all of you remember his neighbors in your prayers and understand that this is not a problem that will be solved in the next week or so. He also has asked me to tell you that the reports you are seeing of the violence have been vastly overstated and that he wishes that you could see the bigger picture of the dedication of the rescuers and the incredible acts of kindness and selflessness that are being exhibited in a thousand different ways each and every day.

Let's make every dollar count. If you feel the need to look for other opportunities to help, please refer to the Rotary International website at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

Your is Rotary Service,  
**Bob Watson**

### Today's Thought

*If you wish to conduct offensive war, you must know the men employed by the enemy. Are they wise or stupid, clever or clumsy? Having assessed their qualities, you prepare appropriate measures.*

— Sun Tzu

### Invocation/Pledge Assignments

- September 16—**Dave Leedom**
- September 23—**Alfred Lewis**
- September 30—**Claudia Low**
- October 7—**Mike Nelson**
- October 14—Club dark
- October 21—**Mark Nokes**
- October 28—**David Pettigrew**

### Membership Note

Try to make up at another club, just for the fun of it.

*How do I find out where and when other clubs meet, so that I can do a makeup?*

Go to the District 5340 website, [www.rotary5340.org](http://www.rotary5340.org). Click on Club Web. There all of the clubs are listed by the day of the week on which they

meet. Next click on the club that you desire to visit for meeting time and location.

### “Oktoberfest” Alert

The annual PLRC Indian Summer bash will be held Friday, October 14th, at the home of **Shannon** and **Ken Osborne**, 3211 Freeman Street, Point Loma. The club will be dark that day.

### District Council

The next District Council will be held on Tuesday, October 11th, at the La Jolla Marriott. Registration/fellowship, 5:30 PM; dinner, 6:30. The guest speaker is **Paul Downey**, President/CEO, Senior Community Centers.



### Blue Badge Awarded (Left)

*Larry Brenner (left) received his blue badge from George Klein during the September 9th club meeting. Congratulations, Larry, for achieving this important Rotary milestone.*

### PLRCers Fined (Right)

*On September 9th, Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Thomas (standing) managed to dig up reasons to lighten the wallets of a few club members to ensure their support for the club's endowment fund.*

— Photos by **Judy Byram**



## Calendar of Events: September-October 2005

**Friday, September 16:** Club meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 12:10 PM. Speaker: **Ward Gill**, Executive Director of the San Diego Symphony.

**Friday, September 23:** Club meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 12:10 PM. Major **Andy Hewitt**, U.S. Marine Corps, will speak about Iraq and swimming the English Channel.

**Friday, September 30:** Club meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 12:10 PM. PLRCer **Larry Blumberg** will talk about the Fleet Week Coronado Speed Festival.

**Friday, October 7:** Club meeting, Southwestern Yacht Club, 12:10 PM. Speaker **Dr. Frank C. Garland** is Technical Director of the Naval Health Research Center in San Diego, and a Professor, Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at the UCSD Moores Cancer Center. NHRC is the

primary Navy Military Operational Medicine Research Center. Dr. Garland will present a brief overview of NHRC, a discussion on biomedical and bio-terrorism surveillance in San Diego and, as time permits, the role of Vitamin D in cancer prevention.

**Friday, October 14:** Club dark. No meeting. PLRC annual "Oktoberfest" at the Point Loma home of **Shannon** and **Ken Osborne**, 6:00 PM.

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