



JANINE'S MESSAGE

This is a time of such great activity in the clubs throughout the District. You are so busy with your Super Bowl Breakfast Fundraisers, your Crab Fests, Wine Tasting events and more. Your communities are so fortunate to have you because your dedication and hard work bring such fantastic financial results that enable you to do so many worthwhile projects at home and abroad.

I recently attended the World Community Service Committee where PDG Dave Gallagher shared interesting information from the Annual Report of the Rotary Foundation. The total amount of Humanitarian Grants given out by The Rotary Foundation in the 2007-2008 year was 40.7 million dollars. Remember, all of this happens, 3-H Grants, Matching Grants, District Simplified Grants, because YOU donate to The Rotary Foundation. We should all be very proud of the positive impact Rotarians have on the lives of others by means of these grants.

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Big News in District 5220 is our on-line Business Directory that allows Rotarians to list their business free of charge. Vocational Service is so often overlooked and this directory will be a resource for Rotarians to do business with other Rotarians in the District. If there ever was a time to support each other, it is now. Look for details on this exciting development inside this **Rotary Times (page 4)**.



We are all on the look-out for something that is a good value. I have the inside scoop on something and would like to share it with you...District Conference May 15-17 in Monterey. Now, you might wonder where the value is. Well, the weekend event will provide the opportunity for you to celebrate this Rotary year, to learn more about projects and activities of other clubs, to make new friends, and have some well-deserved fun. Something else this weekend will provide is the opportunity to network with others about business ideas and opportunities. Part of Rotary is Vocational Service so it is OK to talk business with each other. Another thing, besides work and Rotary we do have a personal life. This weekend in May will have something for that too...FREE TIME! On Saturday we will adjourn at noon, so you have free time to walk on the beach, stroll in Carmel, take advantage of one of the sightseeing activities being offered, or ...the list is endless. You know what! You can do the same thing on Sunday afternoon too. Do what YOU want to do. We all need down time. Let's share it at the District Conference. And...it's not all bad that we are staying at a 4* property at a discounted rate! The food will be good, the entertainment top notch, the clubs hospitality hour's fun, the speakers inspiring...all this in a fantastic setting. Don't forget the golf tournament on Thursday (the 14th) at the Del Monte Golf Course...\$85! The value IS there. Please share this weekend with Jim and me. We look forward to spending the time with you. Details at www.rotary5220.org.

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