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## The Life Of RYLA 2010!

RYLA weekend...It comes around so fast... four days away from family...why would anyone want to spend it with strangers?

Lake Havasu Sunrise Rotarian, Della Gray has been a facilitator in the District 5490 RYLA program for the past four years. She keeps coming back despite the burdens, "By the end of the weekend I am so glad I had the time and opportunity to be part of these wonderful teenagers."

Many of the delegates, of which there were 118 this year, often feel the same way, coming to the program, out of their "comfort zone" and grouped with kids of vastly different backgrounds. Della says, "The kids come scared and not knowing what to expect but willing to have fun, willing to meet new kids from around the state of Arizona. Some kids, however, come to the event angry, as unwilling subjects in what they think is a behavioral experiment, yet by the end of the weekend they are crying and telling us this was the best experience of their lives."

One thing is sure, the delegates are kept totally busy the entire weekend starting with personality profiles, team bonding, communication training, ethics training, culture awareness, motivational speakers, leaderships skills

training, skip presentations, square dancing, high rope bonding, gathering around the campfire, good food and foreign exchange friends.

Lake Havasu City Delegates, Carly Anderson and Lance Grango related their feelings at a recent Lake Havasu Sunrise Rotary meeting; Carly could hardly contain her enthusiasm stating that "RYLA was the best experience of my life." A Rotary Youth Exchange seed was planted; Carly hopes to join the Youth Exchange and study in Germany. Lance called it "Life changing." He hopes to return next year as a JC.

Other delegates have enthusiastically joined in; "I honestly can say I'm a better person now because of this crazy and life changing experience!"

"Before I came I felt unsure about my dreams and afterward I feel that whatever I do, I will succeed."

"I learned to push myself and be more positive."

"It helped me understand that even though we live in different places, we are all the same."

"Before (RYLA) I was lost. Nothing or no one mattered. I'm changed, and now I'm a leader. I chose my road!"

"Thank you for the best three days of my life!"

Della would second that emotion.....

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## ***Meet This Year's Rotary Youth Exchange Students***



### ***Iram Martinez Villanueva***

**Home Country:** Mexico

**Hosting Rotary Club:** Chino Valley Rotary Club

**School Attending:** Chino Valley High School

**Favorite Teacher at School and why:** Mr. Kervin, because he is really funny

**Favorite American Food:** Hamburgers especially if it is Jack in the Box

**What you miss most about home:** My family and My friends, oh and my pet

**Best experience in America:** I think that my best experience here is that

I meet this wonderful people like Nico, Julie, Marco, Helene, Marie, Celine, Vienna, Kasia, Jonas, Johana, Samanta, Katrin, Micha, Niki, Lucas, Justine and Murillo



### ***Celine Cocagne***

**Home country:** France

**School attending:** Centennial High school

**Favorite teacher at school and why?** Mr Wolff, my journalism teacher, because he is very nice, very interesting and he helps me, and thinks I'm doing a great job!

**Favorite American food:** Except cookies, pizza and hamburgers, which are really good there is no really specific American food..

**What I miss about home:** I miss my family and friends, the food a lot and The trees and grass lol!

**Best experience in USA:** I have a lot, but maybe meet wonderful people, The grand canyon and the professional basketball game that I saw!!!



### ***Michaela Anderlov***

**Home Country:** Czech Republic

**Hosting Rotary Club:** Sunup Rotary Club, Prescott Frontier Rotary

**School Attending:** Prescott High School

**Favorite Teacher at School and why:** Mr. DeKemper, my history teacher, because he helps me very much. He teaches us about the world during the first World War and the second World War. He asks me questions about my country and about the history which is related to our studies.

**Favorite American Food:** Turtle cheesecake

**What you miss most about home:** My family and my friends

**Best experience in America:** Giving day for the organization Big Brothers/ Big Sisters. I visited so many places and I got to do so much stuff, but this experience filled me with pride for your country.

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## DATE CHANGE !

### HERMOSILLO, MEXICO POLIO PLUS

New Date: Friday, February 26, 2010  
to Sunday, February 28, 2010

Seats are available !

First come, first serve!

Reservation Deadline is Monday,  
February 8, 2010

Contact PDG Don Schiller now to reserve  
your seat!

Rotary International District 5490

email: [schiller@commspeed.net](mailto:schiller@commspeed.net)

home phone: 928-717-1000

cell phone: 928-710-2383

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Trip Costs: \$235 per person. Includes Transportation, Friday Lunch & Dinner Event, Saturday Lunch & Dinner Event, Sunday Breakfast & Lunch, Drinks & Snacks on the Bus). Saturday breakfast with host families or included at hotel. Hotel at approximately \$87.00 per night single or double occupancy room, includes breakfast. Hotel reservations are made for you by the trip chairs. Home hosting for those who would like that fellowship. All payments are NON-REFUNDABLE. If you cancel and your paid reservation is filled from the waiting list, that person will reimburse you directly.

**Current valid USA passport is required!** Any one under the age of 21 must have an adult chaperone on the trip. Please include the following information with your payment: 1. Full names of each participant as shown on passport 2. email address 3. cell phone number and home phone number 4. Rotary Club Name and District 5. Mailing address 6. Date of Birth: month/day/year 7. Passport number & Country 8. Indicate choice of home hosting or hotel and if you want a single room or share. 9. Indicate level of speaking Spanish. (Fluent speaks and understands Spanish very well, Good- speaks and understands most conversational Spanish, Limited- speaks and understands very small amount of Spanish, None does not speak or understand any Spanish) 10. Indicate if you have a Polio Apron from a previous Arizona Polio Trip

Make checks out to "Rotary District 5490" Note on check **2010 Hermosillo Polio Trip**

Mail Checks to: **PDG Don Schiller,**  
**1195 Fox Trail**  
**Prescott, AZ 86303**

## District Leadership

District Governor:

**Jeanie Morgan**

District Governor-Elect:

**Jim Green**

District Governor-Nominee:

**Sara Jane Feldman**

District Secretary:

**Larry Thornton**

Assistant Governors

Area 1 **Sara Jane Feldman**

Area 2 **Mark Carpenter**

Area 3 **Kevin Beamon**

Area 4 **Katherine Kaczorowski**

Area 5 **John Stewart**

Area 6 **Connie Bullock**

Area 7 **Stuart Anderson**

Area 8 **Dennis Van**

Area 9 **Jim Bultema**

Area 11 **David Shelton**

Area 11 **Valerie DiSciascio**



## Call for District Governor Nominee Candidates to serve as District Governor 2012-2013

Helen (Jeanie) Morgan District Governor 5490

As District Governor, one of my responsibilities is to chair the District Nominating Committee. This is one task that I consider to be of primary importance. The future of our district is literally in the hands of this committee.

As I consider this awesome responsibility, I realize, the responsibility is also on the shoulders of every Rotarian in the district to encourage qualified leaders to make the gift of time and talent. If you know a Rotarian who might be willing, offer to work to support them if they are selected. The commitment includes nearly two years of training and preparation and one year of intense service. And it doesn't stop there, there are by-law required Past District Governor positions on elected committees within the district, so the opportunities to serve can last the rest of the life of the individual who makes this initial commitment.

It is not a decision to take lightly - it truly is a marriage of service into the life of the Rotarian and his or her family. This being said, while at some moments the responsibility can be overwhelming, serving as your District Governor has been the most worthwhile, interesting, and rewarding path I ever

chose to walk.

If you are qualified (a qualified Rotarian must have served a full term as club president, or as charter president from the date of charter to 30 June--six month minimum--at the time of nomination), please download the attachment, and complete it and ask your club to endorse your application. The completed form with the club's endorsement should be sent to me at P O Box 2726, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405, or it can be faxed to me at 928 453 9049.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS MARCH 30, 2010. INTERVIEWS AND SELECTION ARE SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010.**

Rotary International bylaws prohibit campaigning, electioneering, or canvassing.

It is my sincere wish we will have a wide field of qualified candidates so we can select the best of the best. Because it is a large commitment, qualified individuals may not see themselves in the role. It will take the encouragement of their Rotary friends to inspire qualified leaders to consider taking this challenge. That is why:

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### Nobel Peace Prize nominee to speak in Montreal

By Ryan Hyland Rotary International News

Greg Mortenson, Nobel Peace Prize nominee and coauthor of the *New York Times* bestseller *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace ...*

*One School at a Time*, will speak to Rotarians at the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada.

Mortenson is cofounder and executive director of the Central Asia Institute, which promotes and supports community-based education in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

He has established or significantly supported 131 schools in rural areas, often within war zones, providing education to 58,000 children, including 44,000 girls who might not otherwise have had the opportunity.

Mortenson was among 205 nominees for this year's Nobel Peace Prize, awarded 9 October to U.S. President Barack Obama.

Other keynote speakers at the Montréal convention will include Jo Luck, president and CEO of Heifer International, and Robert Mazzuca, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America.





## **P.R. Grant is Ours: Now's The Time To Get It Done!**

Our District received the RI PR Grant for the soft cover booklet that will feature all Rotary Clubs in District 5490 and all District related projects or activities. For example Gift of Life, Youth Exchange, GSE, the District Water Project in Kenya, U-Mom, Rotaract, Interact clubs, the reversed 3-H Grant for the Murphy School District Education/Health Center, etc.

Each Club will be featured on one or two pages of this 4-color publication.

Each club is responsible for submitting an article for the booklet that: Demonstrates the respective club's impact on the community. An international project could also be featured. Such significant impacts may feature literacy, water, sanitation, health, hunger, humanity. Length is 1,000 words maximum. 3 to 5 photographs should be included. Photos should be in color, high resolution (300 dpi) in jpg format. Deadline for submission of article is **February 15, 2010**. Submit your article with photos to District PR Chair

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A photo contest for the front cover is planned. Photos can be of locations that are pertinent to AZ and or Rotary's impact on the community/world.

The publication will be placed in dental, legal, libraries throughout our District. As has been demonstrated by other Rotary Clubs throughout the world, such a publication has generated greater awareness of Rotary, increased funding and has led to an increase in membership – even in these troubled economic times.

Each member will receive 2 copies –one to keep and one to place in strategic locations as mentioned above for others to see and read.

**The Grant was awarded for only 50% of the request.** This means we will also need to raise additional funds through our clubs, foundations, businesses, etc. Club Presidents and Area Governors, and DG Jeanie will be asking you/your club for financial recommendations and support. We need your assistance: Raising Funds. We need to raise approximately 20 or 25 thousand dollars to fund the publication: Individual Clubs' and members' contributions; Businesses, organizations, companies who would be willing to contribute from \$1,000 to \$5,000 or would set up a program to match funds raised by individual clubs within an area, community. Please consider making a financial donation to make our District 5490 soft-cover publication a reality. The publication will raise awareness of all the good that Rotary does and assist us in our pursuit to grow Rotary.



### **Rotary Leadership Institute**

The next Rotary Leadership Institute Training has been set for Saturday, February 20th at the Crown Plaza Hotel (I-17 & Peoria Avenue) in Phoenix. All three sessions will be offered. The hotel has given us a \$79 rate for those who will need accommodations on Friday evening.

The training is open to all District Rotarians regardless of their number of years in Rotary. Each club should promote this exceptional training to your club members.

Question should be directed to PDG George Wheeler (623 546-2647/georgewheeler@cox.net) or Kevin Pitts (928 778-4512/kevin.pitss@wachoviasec.com)

Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about Rotary from a perspective beyond the Club Level. The knowledge gained will be "beneficial to all concerned!"

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## PETS Is Set: March 5-7, 2010 Registration is On-Line



The Arizona Presidents-elect, Secretaries-elect, Treasurers-elect and Presidents-nominee Training Seminar (PETS) is being held beginning Friday, March 5th this year.

PETS is a program of long standing multi-district PETS training sessions. AZ PETS is a joint effort of the three Rotary districts in the state of Arizona. AZ PETS is managed, prepared and conducted by a PETS committee and the District Governor-elect from each participating District. Consisting of well known exceptional speakers, informative workshops, detailed district training sessions and fellowship and networking, the basic purpose of our PETS is to have the best prepared, most enthusiastic club leaders in the

Rotary world. Annually, the attending Presidents-elect, Secretaries and Treasurers leave well prepared to carry out their Rotary duties.

To achieve the stated purpose of the program, the following components and learning objectives will be included in the PETS.

- Presentation of the Annual Theme
- Role and Responsibilities of the Club President
- Goal Setting
- Selecting and Preparing Club Leaders
- Club Administration
- Membership Recruitment and Orientation Effective Service Projects
- The Rotary Foundation Resources - Where They Are and How to Use Them
- Planning for the Year

To register go to <http://www.rotary5490.org>

Click on **PETS 2010**

### Every School A Star toolkit helps with literacy projects

In 2007, Rotary International and the [International Reading Association](#) (IRA) developed *Every School A Star*, a Web-based toolkit designed to help Rotary clubs and districts and IRA reading councils carry out literacy projects.

Available in English, the toolkit includes examples of successful club and district literacy projects, needs assessment questionnaires, a teachers' wish list, and other useful resources.

Since 2002, Rotary International and the IRA have collaborated on literacy projects worldwide.

Rotary clubs and districts that have successfully undertaken a literacy project with their local IRA reading councils and affiliates are invited to share their success stories for possible inclusion in a

## Mark Your Mark Your Calendars

**February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Rotary Leadership Training Institute Session  
Crown Plaza, Phoenix, Arizona

**March 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Rotary PETS/SETS Conference  
Mesa Hilton, Mesa, Arizona

**May 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Rotary District Conference  
Squire Inn, Grand Canyon, Arizona

**June 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010**

Rotary International Convention  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

forthcoming update to *Every School A Star*.

To participate, fill out the [IRA-RI Model Literacy Project Description Form](#) and submit the form to RI.

[Learn more](#) about Rotary International's relationship with the International Reading Association.

## International Assembly inspires future leaders

By Donna Polydoros Rotary International News -- 25 January 2010

Incoming district governors left the 2010 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, inspired to begin *building communities and bridging continents*.

The 2010-11 RI theme announced by President-elect Ray Klingensmith struck a chord with many of the district governors-elect who attended the six-day annual training event.

“I really felt inspired. The question becomes how can you possibly bring back to your district the knowledge you got and the feelings and emotions you got?” said Woody Northup, of District 6710 (Kentucky, USA).

“I enjoyed seeing the internationality of Rotary in action,” said Maxine Neighbour, of District 9910 (New Caledonia; parts of New Zealand; Norfolk Island; Vanuatu). “It helps to hear that some of us are having the same problems and we’re not alone.”

The future leaders had several opportunities to network and discuss service projects, which was particularly important to incoming governors from [Future Vision pilot](#) districts. Leaders from the 100 pilot districts convened for two days before the assembly to receive special training on the three-year pilot of The Rotary Foundation’s new grant structure. [Read more](#)

“Future Vision was a clear session, and I feel I know the way forward,” commented Richard Alborough, of District 9270 (South Africa). “I find it refreshing that we are able to start questioning and trying to find better ways of doing things.”



Incoming district governors link hands during the closing plenary of the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. Rotary Images/Alyce Henson

Remembrance of the devastation caused by the earthquake in Haiti was omnipresent. During the presentation of the flags of the Rotary world, the Haitian flag received a standing ovation. The country’s humanitarian needs were widely discussed as an example of the urgent work the governors-elect would execute during their year of leadership.

Outreach to youth, one of Klingensmith’s emphases, also received special attention during plenary sessions on the [Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution](#) and Rotary [youth programs](#). Several incoming district governors pledged to reinvigorate their district’s

commitment to youth.

“I’ll probably put one of my younger past presidents as a chair of a New Generations community,” pledged Donald Thomas, of District 6960 (Florida, USA). District governors-elect extolled the event’s multiple networking opportunities. Allan Maclaughlan, of District 1020 (Scotland), and Paul Scott, of District 7150 (New York, USA), said they were pleased to track down and talk face-to-face with other district leaders about current and potential service projects.

During the closing plenary session and group discussions, governors-elect reflected on the knowledge and inspiration they had gained.

“I had the knowledge. The difference is that now I know how to use it and I have the motivation to use it,” said Syed Shahab Balkhi, of District 3271 (Pakistan).



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## More RYLA

### My Pinerock Weekend

By Della Gray Lake Havasu Sunrise Rotary

I was lucky to be paired up with a first time facilitator this year his name is Jerry Tambe. Jerry is from District 5300 / Southern California. During our first meeting, Jerry and I talked about what brought us there for the weekend. Jerry told me that he had asked if he could come to our RYLA to observe our program but was happily told no, they would prefer if he came to be a facilitator because they could use his help and that he would be paired with a senior facilitator (me). I noticed that Jerry was being asked a lot of questions about how he liked RYLA so far; and that he better not be stealing any of our ideas. It was all in fun. Anyway to make a long story short, Jerry Tambe is THE Responsible Officer of the Rotary International Youth Exchange program. He is the man in charge of all Youth Exchange students coming and going, I guess. I wonder why they paired him with me. I was so lucky to him as my facilitator this year, and we were so lucky to have a great Czech Republic group of goal seeking delegates.

#### One of the many reasons I love Rotary

To: Scott Taylor, Lake Havasu Sunrise Rotary  
Hello -

This last week, my family went on a road trip. On our way back, about one hour outside of Kingman, my engine seized up. Being stuck left us with a feeling of helplessness. Not sure where to tow the car, or what to do, I immediately thought of my dear Rotarian friend, Charlie Stevenson. I called Charlie and he gave me some guidance, he called another Rotarian who lives in Kingman, Charlie Tegarden, and the two of them traded phone calls with each other and with me to establish a plan. We were able to get some help thanks these two great Rotarians. After our tow into Kingman, our family rented a car and were back home in Phoenix that evening. But my little car was stuck in Kingman.

Yesterday morning, Charlie Stevenson and my husband drove to Kingman, put the car on a trailer



and towed it back to Phoenix (with time to spare so they could both watch the Cards game!). I told Pam and Charlie that we are blessed to have them in our lives. It gives me a true sense of comfort to know that I can call on Rotarians for help if needed. I am so happy to be a Rotarian and to have my Rotarian friends. I will pay my happy buck at our next meeting. Take care my dear Rotarian friends.

Warmly,  
Staci Glass  
Rotarian

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