

# ROTARY CLUB OF MOAPA VALLEY



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## SERVICE Above Self

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### Interesting Links

*Rotary International*

<http://www.rotary.org/>

*Rotary District 5300*

<http://www.district5300.org/>

*Rotary Club of Moapa Valley*

[http://enos.comnett.net/%](http://enos.comnett.net/%7Emvrotary/)

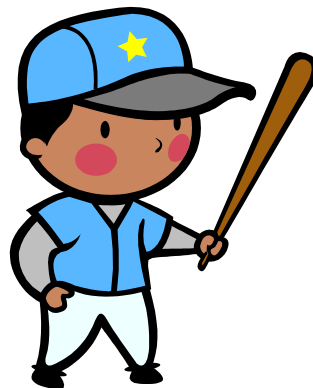
[7Emvrotary/](http://enos.comnett.net/%7Emvrotary/)

*M.V. Chamber of Commerce*

[www.moapavalley.com/](http://www.moapavalley.com/)

### Jess Campbell and Moapa Valley Little League

Rotary has once again signed up to sponsor another youth Little League Team and Jess was on hand to tell us all about the organization. Moapa Valley youth sports are continually on the lookout for funding, volunteer coaches and enough facilities to practice and conduct the games and this year is no different. Jess was pleased to inform us about the growth of the



league, the relative low cost for signing up each youth and the availability of funds to sponsor any youth who cannot afford the fee.

Jess took the opportunity to show his appreciation of the support we show as a club and invited us to the opening BBQ celebration Friday May 12 and, of course to sit in on a game or two throughout the ball season.

### New Member Proposal LORI WATERS

Membership Chair Dave Cook has been busy spreading the work and word of Rotary and has presented Lori Waters for membership. For those who are unfamiliar with Lori, her life has been filled with great volunteer efforts including youth sports,



CC Fair and, most recently as President of our Moapa Valley Chamber of Commerce.

*By The Way (hahahah—get it?) ... your board has approved her application and the club will vote at the next meeting.*

## Group Study Exchange Opportunity

submitted by District 5300 Greg Custer, CTFA

What are 5 strangers doing in our District? If you didn't already know, we're currently hosting 5 great individuals from Group Study Exchange with District 1910 Austria-East, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary and Slovenia. Chris Leydolt is the team leader and recently retired from natural gas and investments. Masa Ostruh a lawyer. Iris Marlovits works with the chamber of commerce. Szabolcs Horvai is an ENT doctor. While Simone Scholz works in the telecommunications industry.

They are here to travel through our district, experience our culture and visit with Rotarians of their same vocation. We are charged with hosting them, showing them a good time, cultural and civic experience. In return they will speak to a few of our clubs while they are here. In these talks they will share their experiences and describe their lives back home. Please contact GSE Chair Charles Barr for more information about this group. They arrived on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be finishing off their tour with our District Conference on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Now our district needs your help. We're looking for a few great Rotarians. Do you fit the bill? Do you know someone else? We need some applicants to travel to Austria-East, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary and Slovenia next April. Yes that's right, we need to find someone willing to travel through Europe and lead a group of young professionals. This is an incredible opportunity for anyone. Please contact Greg Custer, 2006-2007 GSE Chair. He can be reached at 626-441-5111. There is a team leader application at the following District 5300 website.

<http://www.district5300.org/gse/index.html>

The general schedule for the next few months is as follows:

Team Leader Applications Deadline - June 1, 2006

Team Leader Interviews - July 8, 2006

Team Member Applications Deadline - August 25, 2006

Team member Interviews - September 16, 2006

# OUT with the OLD, IN with the NEW

STAY TUNED...President Steve days are numbered!!! That UP-START James is ready for the HANDOFF, and members and their guests prepare for DEBUNKING

**\*BAM\* \*KAPOW\* Moapa Style IMPLOSION \*KAPOW\* \*BAM\***

## Treasurers Report

May 2, 2006

### Current Assets

#### Checking/Savings

Assisted Living - MVFCU	532.21
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#### Bank of America

Interact	350.00
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Katrina Relief	1,575.00
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Bank of America - Working Account	8,073.25
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Total Bank of America	10,628.25
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Moapa Valley FCU Savings	25.21
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MVFCU Scholarship Foundation	70,881.41
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Total ASSETS Checking/Savings/Foundation	82,067.08
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## April/May Business Report Notes

( or better titled, "What I mostly remember and you didn ' t hear for you were talking or absent" )

**Surprise Fund Raiser THANKS MONA:** Here is a great way to fund-raise.....clean out your garage, donate it to your club, THEY find a buyer and VOILA. . . . FIVE HUNDRED BUCKS to Rotary!

**Building Rotary Scholarship CD and/or Providing Funds for Rotary International Foundation:** Discussion about raising member yearly dues or conducting periodical fundraisers with the intent of increasing our CD ( and increasing our yearly interest ) or contributing to the RI Foundation. Kathryn Olson recently gave a quick view of RI Foundation and the terrific good that comes from the funds each year all around the world. Pres Steve asked that Glen Hardy please chair a fundraising group and assist the club with coming to a good resolution to our goal of raising MORE MONEY!

**Welcome Proposed Member Lori Waters:** Board approved nomination and now members have a week to submit any written objections to the Board. Member vote will take place at next meeting.

**Scholarship vs: Educational Grants:** Much discussion regarding terminology and intent on Rotary funds that comprise the interest from the Foundation CD ( and some from our general funds ). The talk centered around the description of "Scholarship " and changing the quantity of grants and giving more money to fewer graduates. The end product was the club wanted the " Grant " Committee to decide on the basis and increase the value of their budget of \$5,000.00 ( and ps: If you hear any Rotarian use the term Scholarship.....they *really* mean Educational Grant ! ). Good Luck as Rotarians interview and decide just how to do that with lots of good candidates.

**Valedictorian Recognition:** Once again, our local High School has eleven Valedictorians! Club discussion of IF and HOW we want to recognize them. After much discussion, It was decided that since the funds are TIGHT and the list so LARGE, we will have to pass this year and hope the description of what constitutes a Valedictorian gets TIGHTER!.

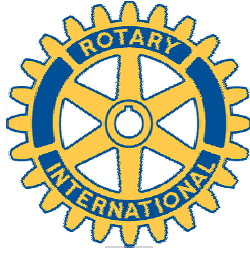
**Partners In Conservation Volunteer Appreciation Party:** Elise delivered an open invitation to Rotarians and their partners to join all those who helped PIC with all their projects. DATE: MAY, 19, 2006 TIME: 5 pm through 8 pm LOCATION: MOAPA PARK, directions approximately ½ mile west of I-15 on SR 168 on the north side of the road.

**Consolidating Banking :** Discussion regarding why Rotary has Bank of America for checking and Moapa Valley Credit Union for the foundation, Assisted Living and Savings. APPROVED Moving our checking to MVFCU where we will get free checking no matter the balance .

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## Up-Coming Events

Historical Awareness Month	May	PIC Volunteer Appreciation BBQ	May 19th, 5 pm
District Conference	May 18-21st	4th of July FREE Rotary Breakfast for Moapa Valley	



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*Any questions regarding recruiting*

*new members - call Dave at 397-2600*

**Rotary membership provides**

**the opportunity to:**

- become connected to your community;
- interact with other caring individuals in addressing community needs;
- assist with RI's international humanitarian service efforts;
- establish contacts with an international network of caring individuals
- develop leadership skills; and
- involve family in service efforts

*Join us for Breakfast EVERY Wednesday  
at OLSHACS 6:30 A.M.*

## **Rotarian Speaker Sheri Davies and Pirate Cove (Ag Farm)**

The Pirate Cove Concept: The Clark County School District's Moapa Valley High School Ag Farm is the last remaining school district owned agricultural farm and a unique phenomenon in the State of Nevada.

Located in the heart of Moapa Valley's green belt, and identified as a priority in the valley's recent Visioning Project, it is the desire of the citizens to preserve existing agricultural land where possible. The Ag Farm would be a perfect potential property to meet this objective and adjacent private lands could be acquired to compliment the Ag Farm Conservation Easement Initiative.

Securing a conservation easement for the Ag Farm and associated water rights is 'top priority'. Funding sources for the initial acquisition are being identified now. A conservation easement will provide the stable and secure environment needed to pursue long-term goals and associated capital improvements and will also provide the independence needed to advance innovative and cutting-edge educational opportunities for the entire student body, thus creating a realistic transition into viable careers in the fields of agriculture, culinary arts, business and marketing, scientific research, conservation, the environment, and construction, as well as advancing artistic talents and craftsman skills.

Ag as Business Small agricultural operations are evolving to meet the demands of today's mass "consumption" market, so adaptation is key to providing the goods in demand. The Moapa Valley Ag Farm is poised to offer specialized products and services to the consumer driven, Las Vegas market. Expansion of the farm to include alternative types of agricultural products (i.e. herbs, pomegranates), Ag tourism products (i.e. corn maze, pumpkin patch, farm chore tours, hayrides) and a general store could meet the following objectives:

Ag as Education Educating on the importance of agriculture, both historically and today, allows people to connect with the earth and understand that food doesn't magically appear at the grocery store. An additional component would be to educate about preserving what is valuable to a community; preserving history; preserving and building on a unique asset.

Ag as Tourism and Community Builder Partner youth with community groups and organizations creating a benefit to all. Allowing rental of Ag Farm facilities for private parties. Project would benefit the citizens of Moapa Valley by preserving agricultural spaces and a link to their history.

*For more information, call Principal Sheri at 397-2611*