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## **DISTRICT 5190 LEADERSHIP LETTER FOR PRESIDENTS AND DISTRICT LEADERS**

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**DISTRICT GOVERNOR DOUG McDONALD**

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### **FIRE DISASTER RESPONSE INFORMATION HERE'S HOW YOUR CLUB CAN BEST HELP VICTIMS**

Donations are being accepted to benefit the victims of the disastrous fires in Sonoma, Napa, Mendocino and Lake Counties through a tax-deductible foundation organized by District 5130, which serves those counties. Contributions can be directed to District 5130's and a Rotarian-led committee will direct immediate support to community members affected by the fire.

Donations may be made on line using a credit card, and a mailing address is also available if Rotarians or clubs would like to send a check. Gift cards for major stores and gas cards are also needed so that victims can purchase clothing and personal items which they may have been forced to leave behind during the evacuation.

Go to [www.larca5130.org](http://www.larca5130.org) to learn more about the fund and how to make contributions. Paste the address in to your web browser.

A conference call with Rotary Director John Matthews and the five District Governors in Northern California most affected by recent events was held on Saturday morning, October 14. Rotary International has already linked donation and response information to the News & Features portion of the rotary.org website, and Rotary International is standing by to assist us as needed.

The District Governors in Northern California are setting up a donor-advised fund with The Rotary Foundation to solicit donations, which will be used for longer-term needs during the rebuilding process, to be advised by the local DGs.

It is stressed that in-kind donations of clothing, footwear, and other goods are not needed, as it is difficult to distribute these items to people who can use them. Experience has shown that these items often sit unused for long periods of time. Monetary donations are more easily distributed and are best used by the victims in order to be able to purchase more exact needs.

Thank you to Rotarians and Clubs for your support of those in true need at this time.

**PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL WHEN WE CAN BE OF SERVICE TO YOU OR YOUR CLUB!**



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