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## Chilean districts organize efforts to aid quake victims

Rotary districts in Chile are organizing efforts to aid tens of thousands of homeless people in areas devastated by a powerful earthquake and tsunami that struck the country's Pacific coast on 27 February.

Chile's government, along with other international aid organizations, has supplied food and water to desperate survivors as the death toll has risen to nearly 800. Many coastal towns were destroyed, first by the 8.8 magnitude quake, then by surging tsunami waves. Luis Veliz Severino, governor of District 4320, has allocated an initial US\$9,500 to relief efforts.

Four clubs in the hardest-hit areas of Bío-Bío and Maule have set up donation drives for clothes, shoes, and blankets.

A ShelterBox response team is en route to Chile's capital, Santiago, to deliver an initial shipment of 448 ShelterBox containers. The Rotary Club of Santiago will conduct an emergency meeting on 3 March with the ShelterBox team to decide where

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### Upcoming Events

???? ROTARY RELAY'S

MAY, 2010

15-16 RELAY FOR LIFE

22 FINE ART AND WINE FESTIVAL

JUNE 2010

11 GRAD NIGHT

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to distribute the containers.

"The full extent of the damage in Chile is yet to be seen, but there will undoubtedly be a need for emergency shelter," says John Leach, head of operations for ShelterBox. "Our response team will work closely with Rotarians in Santiago to make sure the aid reaches the people who need it most."

## The Four-Way Test dissected

In 1932, Herbert J. Taylor wrote down four questions on a small white piece of paper to serve as an "ethical yardstick" for his employees.

His simple creation has come to be known as The Four-Way Test. Revered by Rotarians, it has been translated into more than 100 languages and recited weekly at club meetings around the globe.

When Merv Hecht, a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica, California, USA, challenged the notions behind the test as unrealistic and impractical in today's world, his letter in the December 2009 issue of *The Rotarian* prompted a flood of responses, many in defense of the test.

"Is it the TRUTH? The truth is variable," Hecht writes in his letter, reflecting on the first tenet of the test. "It used to be the 'truth' that the world was flat. And if you didn't accept that truth, you were burned at the stake. Then for many years it was taught that the world was round. Now they say it's elliptical because of the pull of gravity. Which is true?" He goes on to argue that what is fair for some is seldom fair for all, and that the final two points of the test are "not the way the world works." ( [Read the full letter.](#) )

Hecht says he is surprised by the response his letter has received. "It was a spur-of-the-moment letter, but in thinking about it now, I think it's a reac-

Six Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars who were in affected areas have reported in safe. RI President John Kenny offered condolences via e-mail to governors of districts 4320, 4340, 4350, and 4360 in Chile. He asks Rotarians to learn the latest on Rotary's relief efforts and how they can help as it becomes available at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).



Herbert Taylor with The Four-Way Test.

tion to the black-and-white attitude that is permeating our society," he says. "Absolutism is dividing our fellow Americans as well as our interna-

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## The 4-Way Test!

Is it the TRUTH?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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tional friends. The Four-Way Test is another of these absolutes that fails to train people to see the grays in social relationships. Perhaps Rotary, one of my very favorite organizations, could be improved with a new Four-Way Test that includes an openness to other points of view."

Below are a few of the many responses that have poured into *The Rotarian*'s mailbox.

- Dale Bailey, of San Diego, California, USA, agrees with Hecht: "You're right -- The Four-Way Test is obsolete. We now live in a world where absolutes only erode our freedoms. Truth is now only that which benefits the bearer."
- John Collier, president-elect of the Rotary Club of West U (Houston), Texas, USA, writes: "If I am committed to the truth, I do not deceive people. I am transparent. I am committed to full disclosure and the truth as I know it, because deception is a practice that tries to persuade someone to believe a lie."
- Marsha Doyle, treasurer of the Rotary Club of Lamar, Missouri, USA,

responds: "The Four-Way Test isn't supposed to be easy. I believe it is supposed to make one think hard and search to the heart of every matter to ensure that the one asking is diligently seeking integrity. We try and fail now and then, but we try. We succeed far more often. Rotary should continue to promote the test as a standard to which all persons of integrity and goodwill can aspire."

- George Paden, a member of the Rotary Club of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, USA, and district Rotary Peace Fellowships chair, says: "I respectfully submit that 'this is not the way the world works' is precisely the reason every member of Rotary should totally embrace the principles set forth in our Four-Way Test. Rotarians do not work the way the world works. Rotarians are not people who are motivated by what's-in-it-for-me or what-have-you-done-for-me-lately kinds of thinking." Connie Cockcroft, president of the Rotary Club of Athens, Pennsylvania, USA, writes: "The Four-Way Test is the purest, most humble way to gauge the ethics of our professions."

**Programs**

**March 2010**

2 Board Meeting

4 Peter

Schimmelfennig

11 Mike Fagalde

18 Troy Foster

25 Earle Jorgensen

**April 2010**

1 Neil Stonum

6 Board Meeting

8 Jim Tucker

15 Vince Kehoe

22 Bill Atwood

29 Richard McInturff

**May 2010**

4 Board Meeting

6 Norm Murrell

13 Bob McHugh

20 Elaine Seymour

27 Eric Oster

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NAME	CLASSIFICATION	NAME	CLASSIFICATION
<b>ABBOTT, Tim PHF</b>	Postal Service	<b>ROBERTS, Tony PHF</b>	Chiropractic Services
<b>ATWOOD, Bill PHF</b>	School Admin. Jr. High	<b>ROBINSON, Duane PHF</b>	Architecture
<b>BARR, Larry PHF</b>	Commercial Flying	<b>ROBINSON, Susan PHF</b>	School Administration
<b>BEERY, Pam</b>	Commercial Banking	<b>ROTHELL, Glen PHF</b>	Project Management
<b>CHUCK, Bill</b>	Hospital Administration	<b>SAUNDERS, Marilyn PHF</b>	Insurance Management
<b>BROWER, Heath**</b>	Communications	<b>SCHIMMELFENNIG, Peter</b>	Hotel Management
<b>BROWER, Randy SPHF</b>	Construction	<b>SCHULZ, Wayne PPAC PHF</b>	Forestry Services
<b>BUTLER, David PHF</b>	Construction	<b>SEYMOUR, Elaine</b>	Retail Sales
<b>BUTLER, Mark PHF</b>	National Park Planning	<b>SIEVERT, Steph</b>	Plumbing Supplies
<b>CANN, Kevin PP PHF</b>	National Park Admin.	<b>SMEAD, Larry SPHF</b>	Design Engineering
<b>CASSADY, Dan PHF</b>	Physical Therapy	<b>SMITH, Karen PHF</b>	Real Estate Sales
<b>CASTO, Kris PHF</b>	Wine Grape Growing	<b>SMITH, Kori SPHF</b>	Real Estate Sales
<b>CHYNOWETH, George</b>	Mediation	<b>STONUM, Betty PHF</b>	Title Services
<b>DAHLEM, Steven PHF</b>	Civil Law	<b>STONUM, Bob CM PP PHF</b>	Title Services
<b>DAVIS, Chery PHF</b>	Real Estate Sales	<b>STONUM, Neil CM PP PHF</b>	Title Services
<b>DE BRY, Phillip PP PHF</b>	Dentistry	<b>SUTHERLAND, Glenn PHF</b>	Bank Consulting
<b>FAGALDE, Mike PP PHF</b>	Criminal Law	<b>THORSON, Jeff</b>	Retail Sales
<b>FAGALDE, William</b>	Criminal Law	<b>TUCKER, Jim PHF</b>	National Park Admin.
<b>FOSTER, Troy PHF</b>	Merchandising/Retail	<b>VAN GORKOM, John SPHF</b>	Religion/Christian
<b>GARDNER, Clifford SPHF</b>	Wine Making	<b>WISE, David PHF</b>	General Contracting
<b>GLOOR, Herb PP PHF</b>	Motel Management	<b>YALEY, Bill PP PHF</b>	Real Estate Appraisal
<b>HAMILTON, Jeff SPHF</b>	School District Admin.		
<b>HARRIS, Larry</b>	National Park Admin.	<b>Honorary Members:</b>	
<b>HORNER, Daniel</b>	National Park Service	BROWDER, Hal	MARKS, Reid
<b>IUDICE, Ron PHF</b>	Photography	DOWLAN, Tom	RADANOVICH, George
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<b>JORGENSEN, Earle PHF</b>	Farm Equipment Sales	GILL, Lynn	MARI, Ken
<b>KEHOE, Vince PPAC SPHF</b>	Real Estate Appraisal		
<b>KENDALL, Chuck PP PHF</b>	Test Laboratory	<b>Deceased Members:</b>	
<b>LACH, Steve</b>	Beer Brewing	SHACKELTON, Lee	
<b>LEONARD, Roger PHF</b>	Education	WALLINGFORD, Jim	
<b>LYONS, Barbara**</b>	Book Sales		
<b>LYONS, Vincent**</b>	Viticulture	CM Charter Member	
<b>MARKS, David PHF</b>	Herb Farming	PP Past President	
<b>MCCREARY, Mike</b>	Education	PPAC Past President of Another Club	
<b>MCHUGH, Bob PHF</b>	Insurance Sales	PHF Paul Harris Fellow	
<b>MCINTURFF, Richard PHF</b>	Personnel Recruiting	SPHF Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow	
<b>MICKEL, Gene PP PHF</b>	Real Estate Agency		
<b>MICKEL, Kay PP PHF</b>	Real Estate Sales	<b>** Newest Member</b>	
<b>MURRELL, Norm PHF</b>	Lodging-Bed & Breakfast	<b>Clog Club Members</b>	
<b>NELSON, Mike</b>	Post Secondary Education		
<b>OSTER, Eric PP PHF</b>	Public Accounting	<b>Sponsored at least one member</b>	
<b>PARRISH, Lyle PHF</b>	Retail Management		

## Where to make up-Locally

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Lodi Tokay</b>	<b>Tokay Bowl</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Oakhurst Sierra Sunrise</b>	<b>Ol' Kettle Restaurant</b>	<b>6:45 AM</b>
	<b>North Merced</b>	<b>The Bistro Restaurant</b>	<b>Noon</b>
	<b>Groveland</b>	<b>Charlotte Hotel</b>	<b>7:00 AM (1st Tues 7 PM)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Oakhurst Sierra</b>	<b>Sandino's Velvet Rose</b>	<b>Noon</b>
	<b>Merced</b>	<b>Branding Iron</b>	<b>12:15 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Yosemite</b>	<b>Ahwahnee Hotel</b>	<b>Noon</b>
	<b>Chowchilla</b>	<b>Farnesi's Restaurant</b>	<b>12:10 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Merced Sunrise</b>	<b>Paul's Place</b>	<b>6:30 AM</b>