

WELCOMING REMARKS, GOVERNOR VICTOR ATIYEH
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ZONE I AND VII INSTITUTE, 1983
RED LION INN, JANTZEN BEACH
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PREPARED TEXT

I AM DELIGHTED TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OREGON, TO THE MANY ROTARIANS WHO GATHER HERE BOTH FROM OREGON AND FROM THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN UNITED STATES.

OREGON IS HONORED TO HOST THE ZONE I AND VII INSTITUTE THIS YEAR. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME OUR STATE HAS HAD THE PLEASURE OF HOSTING THE MANY DISTINGUISHED DISTRICT GOVERNORS -- PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE -- WHO MEET FOR THIS ANNUAL EVENT. I KNOW THAT YOUR PLANNING AND EDUCATION SESSIONS WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE GOOD WORK THAT ROTARY DOES HERE AND AROUND THE WORLD.

OREGONIANS ARE WELL AWARE OF THE FINE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY ROTARY TO FULFILL ITS MISSION OF "BUILDING BRIDGES OF FRIENDSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."

AND ROTARIANS KNOW, I AM SURE, THAT YOU ARE IN A STATE WHICH TAKES A VERY LIVELY INTEREST IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS. OREGON HAS TRANSLATED THAT INTEREST INTO NATIONWIDE LEADERSHIP IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS, LAND USE PLANNING, AND RESPONSIBLE PROGRESS TOWARD A SOUND, SECURE FUTURE.

I INVITE ALL OF YOU TO ENJOY YOUR STAY IN OUR BEAUTIFUL STATE; TO PARTAKE OF THE MANY SCENIC AND CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS THAT AWAIT YOU. RAIN OR SHINE, OREGON IS PROUD TO GREET YOU -- AND HONORED TO HAVE YOU MEET WITHIN OUR BORDERS.

NOW, I WANT TO BE CERTAIN THAT ALL MY TALK ABOUT OUR SCENIC ATTRACTIONS DOES NOT DELAY YOUR ATTENTION TO SOME OF OREGON'S CULINARY ATTRACTIONS -- LIKE THE COLUMBIA RIVER SALMON BAKE THAT AWAITS YOU AS SOON AS YOU CAN PRY ME LOOSE FROM THE SOAPBOX.

I AM DELIGHTED TO SEE YOU, I AM HONORED TO ASSIST IN GETTING A PRODUCTIVE CONFERENCE UNDERWAY, AND I HOPE THAT OUR GUESTS FROM OUT-OF-STATE WILL PAUSE HERE TO ENJOY OUR BEAUTIFUL STATE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.

FROM ONE GOVERNOR TO MANY MORE: WELCOME TO OREGON!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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