

# ROTARY DISTRICT 5190

Alan Cain \* District Governor

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## *Notes from the Rotary Trail...*

Greetings Dear Rotary Family,

Jeanne and I wish to express our fondest wishes to each one of you dear friends for a happy and prosperous New Year. It's hard to imagine that we are now turning the calendar to a fresh new year, one that holds untold adventures for each of us to experience. It's simply amazing how time flies by, at "warp speed" as Captain Kirk would ask for. As I think back over this past twelve months the old "shoulda-coulda-woulda" syndrome sets in and I often end up disappointed in myself when I focus on missed opportunities, goals that weren't met, and people I didn't express my appreciation for. It becomes apparent that we can only do so much with the time and resources we are entrusted with and the sense of disappointment is soon replaced with a feeling of deep gratitude for each opportunity that did present itself, each accomplishment, and in particular, each new friendship developed.

I was chuckling to myself as I typed the words "Notes from the Trail" as this past month has seen little "trail" time. Compared to the previous four months December was quite a change. So much so that it required serious attention to make some adjustments back to the old life pattern. We made only a couple trips out of town for Rotary and the lack of almost daily face-to-face interaction with Rotarians left me in withdrawals. Add to that the need for Jeanne and I to spend as much time as possible back at our business to give daughter, Kelly, and son, Tom, a much needed respite (with all new computer software and re-arranged work stations) and, well, life was getting pretty frazzled. Oh, did I mention that in August my office computer crashed with a ton of Rotary documents

and address books going with it and more recently my personal computer decided to end its life,

taking much valuable information with it, too? So here I sit and type, a new year, a new computer, and (hopefully) a new attitude! A number of you know how I feel about our dependence on computers so you understand when I say that I need the adjusted attitude.

Let's get back to the "new year" part. There are a number of activities on the horizon that are worth getting excited about. Notably is the fact that DGE Woody Wilbanks is quickly getting the 2012-2013 Club Presidents in gear with Pre-PETS and PETS just around the corner (sooner than you think, Woody!). Having delivered in early December what was, by all accounts, a fabulous Assistant Governors Training, Woody is quickly getting his team ready. Add to that the 2012 International Assembly in just two short weeks which Woody and Kim will be attending in San Diego and they will be experiencing the "warp speed" syndrome. There the 2012-2013 RI Theme will be unveiled by RI President Elect Sakuji Tanaka, as well as the art work to go with it.

Ongoing programs of great value in the district are moving forward as well. The Rotary Youth Exchange outbound



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**Assistant Governor**

**Area 10**

**Greg Hunewill**



Hello from Area 10. We hope you had a Very Merry Christmas and Wish you a Happy New Year!!!!

Just think it's a New Year but we still have 6 months left in our Rotary Year. January is Rotary Awareness month, a great time to think about what that means to your community and your club. It's a time for us to see what we can do for Rotary and what Rotary can do for us. Giving to the Rotary Foundation helps on both sides, giving and receiving. Just remember if every Rotary member in District 5190 gave \$20.00 every month for the rest of our year your club would be EREY and 100% Sustaining.

Earlier this month I asked each Area 10 club what Awareness means to them and a little about their year so far.

The Fernley Club has been very active. They recently received 2 generous donations for their Backpack for Kids Program. This program provides weekend food supplies to 145 Fernley students every weekend. They had their Annual Golf Tournament in July which provides funding for the Backpack program and the Boys and Girls Club of Fernley. So far this year they have been visible in their community by sponsoring a Little League team, having floats in their July 4<sup>th</sup> and Christmas parades, distributed dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, and put Polio Plus jars in over 30 business in Fernley. They are also working on starting an Interact Club.

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Fallon started their year off with their traditional Steak and Lobster dinner on the beautiful lawns of the Frey Ranch and Vineyard. Since then the club has enjoyed several outstanding speakers at their Tuesday lunch meetings. Their main project this fall has been fund raising for the Rotary Foundation, the main event being the hosting club for the Area 10 Foundation Dinner. The keynote speaker was Deepa Willingham. Deepa addressed extreme poverty in the world and the Rotary Foundation's efforts to make a difference. The dinner was well attended and included

DG Alan Cain and Jeannie, DGE Sam "Woody" Wilbanks and Kim, Rotarians from Yerington, Smith Valley and Fernley. Also visible were the Fallon Soroptimists, Women in Education, PEO and the American Association of University Women. The evening ended with both a live and silent auction, which raised the clubs Foundation goals for the year. They are also hosting Area 10's Speech and Music Contest.

Tonopah this year has inducted 5 new members and have more looking to join. Their traditional event which really raises awareness of Rotary is their Annual Fathers Day Fishing Derby at Sportsman's Park. The Rotary club adopted the park and has made many improvements over the years...picnic tables, shade trees, bathrooms, and well pumps. In 2010 they developed a relationship with Change the World With Love, a non-profit organization which has been working in a small village in Mali called Nana Kaneiba to bring better healthcare and educational opportunities. In November they held a Magic Show which featured a Magician/Comedian from L.A. The event sold out and they made enough money to give \$2000.00 for the school in Mali, \$500.00 for a school in Ghana, \$500.00 for Polio Plus, and enough to send 2 youth to RYLA. The event was a huge success which raised awareness of what the Rotary Club of Tonopah does both locally and internationally. The Rotary Club of Tonopah is very active in the local community. Although we like to build awareness of Rotary in Tonopah, "we don't feel like it is always necessary to be recognized for our service, Rotarians often jump to help people because they are compassionate to embrace humanity."

The Rotary Club of Smith Valley has been active keeping everybody aware of Rotary so far this year. 2 of the functions they put on have been going for almost 45 years. In August it was the Annual Lamb Feed and in October it was the Annual Rotary Fun Days. Each was a great success. They are working on their annual Spring Brunch and Dessert Auction coming in May. In this small community they are visible donating to the Dressler Park and the S.V. Community Hall. They sponsored the S.V. Junior Rodeo, donated to the area 4-H kids trip to Washington D.C., and Dictionaries for 3<sup>RD</sup> graders. . Their Annual 1<sup>ST</sup> Grade Christmas Party has been around for over 55 years.

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students are having another orientation this month. The RYE Committee's skilled trainers and presenters do a remarkable work in helping the students get prepared for their year abroad in a totally different culture and language. Similarly, the Group Study Exchange outbound team to Brazil (D4310, Sao Paulo) begins its trainings this month. The GSE team is slated to depart April 28 for a month's vocational, cultural, and friendship exchange, while we enjoy hosting the Brazilian GSE team here during the same time frame.

District Executive Assistant Ginny Lewis is busy working with ClubRunner to get D5190 up to speed with the operational programs that we will be utilizing. Clubs with questions about our move to have all D5190 club and district data on ClubRunner are invited to contact Ginny for assistance.

*Rotary Awareness* is the theme for January and what better way to make our communities aware of Rotary than to promote Rotary's *End Polio Now* program. This is slated to be done in a big way in February in the Reno area with a great number of the hotels and businesses with electronic marketing screens agreeing to continually cycle the *End Polio Now* and Rotary logo through their media presentations on Rotary's birthday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. In the interim, clubs can actively address Rotary awareness in each of their own communities through local media usage to share what Rotary is accomplishing locally and internationally. Additionally, awareness of Rotary opportunities can be shared at club meetings by individual Rotarians who have had special Rotary experiences that have made an impact on their personal lives. Lest our lives in Rotary become a little dull or fuzzy, we need to be refreshed about the good Rotary does in, "...transforming the world, one life, one family, one community at a time".

I would like to end this month's article by saying how much I appreciate what RI President Kalyan Banerjee has shared in a number of his speeches. Banerjee reminds us of the challenging words of Mahatma Ghandi, "Be the change you want to see in the world". Banerjee also reminds us that peace begins in the home, in our own lives, and in our outreach. We each have a responsibility to make this world a better place. One of the things this

world needs is peace and if we are to have a part in bringing peace to the world we must first have peace in our own lives and in our Rotary clubs. Only then can we be messengers of peace to a troubled world. As we look to the New Year and the adventures that await us in Rotary, let us each examine our own lives to make certain we are at peace with ourselves and at peace with one another.

Yours for a peaceful world,

DG Alan

**Rotaract Club of Reno Plans 5k Run/Walk for Polio**



The members of Reno's Rotaract Club are once again putting on their very popular 5k run/walk to raise funds for Polio Plus! If you missed last year's event you'll surely not want to miss this one!

The event will be held on April 1st at Rancho San Rafael Park in Reno. Registration is required and you can do this on line at [www.poliurun.com](http://www.poliurun.com). They are also looking for sponsors (information for sponsorship can be found on this website as well).

Last year's event brought a great response, generating \$400 per member to Polio Plus.

**ROTARY RADIO**

Turn back your radio to 1955 (some of you might remember that year), and listen to the Rotary Golden Theater Radio Show! This is a 13 episode series of radio dramas that were created for the 50th Anniversary of Rotary.

You can [click on this article](#) and get the direct links to all 13 episodes which range from a young reporter's exposure to the Rotary Headquarters to how a Rotarian's career became richer and happier by following the 4 Way Test, and much more!

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The 1<sup>ST</sup> grade teacher is asked if she would have the children write a letter to Santa telling him what they would like to receive. The Club takes the letters, buys the gifts and then Santa delivers them at a Rotary Christmas Dinner. They are currently working on their annual Easter Egg Hunt. At their Christmas Dinner on December 22<sup>ND</sup> they were presented with 2 awards, The EREY and 100% Sustaining Club banners.

The Yerington Rotary Club also has been very visible this year. They sell beverages at two large functions in Mason Valley, Night In The Country and The Lyon County Fair and Rodeo. How can you miss a bunch of Rotarians in Rotary shirts, hats, and aprons. These events generate funds that are used to support the Mason Valley Boys and Girls Club, numerous scholarships, including students to RYLA. This year they sponsored the Yerington Interact Club and inducted officers and members at their November 29<sup>TH</sup> meeting. I also understand that they planning to bring back one of their famous fund raisers, the Sweetheart Dinner and Dance in February.

These are very short descriptions of what these clubs have done, but Rotary is the most VISIBLE of all service clubs in their communities. We know that “With Helping Hands”, “Rotary Shares”, “To Make Dreams Real”, “BY Building Communities Bridging Continents”, so we can “Reach Within To Embrace Humanity”!!!!!!



The New Generations Club of Reno has organized a book drive for the students of Lincoln Park Elementary. Through January 31, books can be dropped off with Jay Kolbet at Coldwell Banker Select Real Estate at 6512 S. McCarren, Shauna Morris at Re/Max Realty Associates at 10539 Professional Circle #100 or Faith at State Farm Insurance at 4792 Caughlin Parkway, #204 in Reno or with Rodney Lee at Coldwell Banker Select Real Estate at 3080 Vista Blvd in Sparks. For more information on the book drive and on reading for kids, go to [www.lincolnparkbookdrive.blogspot.com](http://www.lincolnparkbookdrive.blogspot.com).

**ROTARY CLUB OF JACKSON**  
**COMPLETES FOUNDATION HAT TRICK**

As of December 13, 2011 the Rotary Club of Jackson has completed a Rotary Foundation Hat Trick with every member reaching EREY status, Sustaining Member status and achieving Paul Harris status. This is the first time in the Club’s history that all three have been achieved in a single year. Initially Foundation Chairman Patrick Crew and President John Sullivan set the Club’s Foundation goal at achieving EREY status for every member. As the year progressed they established a stretch goal of every member achieving Sustaining Member status. Finally they established a super stretch goal of every member achieving Paul Harris status. As part of the Club’s efforts to achieve Sustaining Member status Pat Crew created commemorative Sustaining Member wine glasses which were awarded to individual members when they reached that goal. Enthusiasm built and the 100% goal was achieved. The Club started Foundation Month early emphasizing the \$2 for \$1 program that the Rotary Foundation had for Polio Plus at the end of October. The Club used Recognition Points to make it \$4 for \$1 for those working on their Paul Harris level one. Again the 100% goal was achieved. In addition, the Club has met its Annual Programs Fund and Polio Plus goals for the year.



Amador Lifeline was the recipient of \$3,896 from the Rotary Club of Jackson. Presenting Virginia Mannor of Amador Lifeline with the check are Ron Floyd (left) and John Sullivan (right). Half of the donation was from a Rotary District 5190 District Simplified Grant. The donation is sufficient to purchase six of the phone units used by the public to maintain independence by permitting them to live in their own environment rather than a nursing facility.

## A Life of Service

By Lynne Tinel

Gold Country Rotary PR & Club Bulletin Chair

Gold Country Rotarian, Alan Young, has given his life to the service of others. As a firefighter, he has saved lives. As a consultant on natural disaster rescue and recovery missions, he has helped families to start anew. And as a Rotarian he has rolled-up his sleeves to support his community and give a helping hand to those who need it most.

Philosophically at least, Alan hasn't strayed far from his roots. He was born November 1946 in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, just outside Villanova, best known for Villanova University. The University's motto is 'learn to think critically, act compassionately, and succeed while serving others', which are principles Alan has lived by.

Alan's father was a career military officer, serving in the Navy during WWII, and later the Air Force. Typical of the military brat lifestyle, Alan moved around a lot, including three years in France from ages seven to ten. His family was one of the first American military families to live in Bordeaux, France after WWII. Alan recalls, "Cyclists in the Tour de France rode on the cobbled streets just outside our house." Alan would later move back to Pennsylvania to live with grandparents who could provide the young lad with a more stable environment.

Alan began his firefighter career at age eighteen, working for the Citrus Heights (now Metro) Fire Department. Alan left fire service temporarily to serve in the military, including two tours of duty in Viet Nam as a Marine Sergeant. Returning to civilian life in August 1971, Alan joined the McClellan Fire Department, and later the Sacramento Fire Department where he retired as Assistant Fire Chief in 2002. As if firefighting weren't enough, Alan also took on a part-time job instructing students on fire management and safety at American River College.

Alan describes the firefighter community as a large extended family. "I worked with the same people doing the same job for thirty years, and we're still close friends to this day. We watched our kids grow-up and shared family functions. We shared our lives. That's why the fire service is so different than a regular job."

In 1975, just ten years after starting the job, Alan received the highest honor given by firefighters to firefighters – the California State Firefighters' Association Valor Award. "We had a fire next door to our house when I was off-duty. I took four people out of the burning building, and I was able to save them all."



*Alan Young and Duncan Patty enjoying fellowship at a Auburn Gold Country Rotary's luncheon meeting.*

Alan is now semi-retired. As needed, he's called upon to consult on rescue and recovery operations for James Lee Witt who was FEMA Director under Bill Clinton. Assignments have included recovery operations following the Haiti earthquake; work in Biloxi, Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina; fire investigations in Chicago high-rise buildings; and various projects in California. "My main mission in Haiti was to help people get closure." Alan recalls a gentleman from Columbia who was separated from his new bride during the quake and spent weeks trying to find her. Alan's team found her remains among the debris of a hotel that had collapsed, and they were able to identify her. "I helped him get closure after the frustration of waiting so long to find her. That was very rewarding after all that tragedy."

This past summer Alan suffered a serious illness and says he was reminded again of the importance of a good attitude and a strong support system. "Rotary people were so good to me. It's incredible how much strength you can get from people concerned about your well-being."

Given Alan's background, it was no surprise to anyone that he was asked to become a representative of Shelter-Box, a disaster relief organization that both he and Jeanette Bullock (also a representative) are very passionate about. That was in 2009. To date, Auburn Rotary Clubs and other local service organizations have donated twenty-one shelter boxes at a cost of \$1,000 each.

Alan's other passion is kids. Since joining Gold Country Rotary in 2003, Alan managed the club's college scholar-

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ship program for four years, and the speech contest for two years. Last year Alan established the “Bootstrap” award. It’s given to a graduating high school senior who, in spite of adversity, accomplished their goals through hard work and perseverance. “There are a lot of kids that don’t get an opportunity for a helping hand. The bootstrap award is there to help them move forward.” Asked why he joined Rotary, Alan says “I wanted to be a member of a service group who gave back to the community. My sponsor, Jimmy Mullenix, asked if I wanted to join Rotary. I had a little knowledge as my daughter Amy was in Rotaract, and a RYLA participant.”

Alan and wife Lindy moved to Auburn over 30 years ago when Amy was just seven. These days Alan loves spending time with his two grandchildren, Maggie who is four and a half, and Seamus Patrick who will be two in April. “Maggie, Seamus, and I spent the day playing in the leaves. Burying each other, running through them, and throwing them in the air.”

Family is at the heart of everything Alan does, whether it’s his immediate family, his family of firefighters and rescue workers, or his Rotary family. Family has been a primary source of strength and inspiration, and indeed Alan’s starting point to serving others. Which brings to mind RI President Kalyan Banerjee’s challenge to “unhesitatingly and unflinchingly encircle the world to embrace humanity.” It seems that Alan Young has made one heckava good start!

## Club Attendance Report: November 2011

John Sullivan

NR = No Report

Area	Club	Total	Gain	Loss	Attendance	Annual Giving YTD	Restricted Giving YTD	Area	Club	Total	Gain	Loss	Attendance	Annual Giving YTD	Restricted Giving YTD
12	Alturas	24	0	0	91%	\$1,083	\$3,105	7	Plymouth-Foothills	26	0	0	55%	\$886	\$0
12	Alturas Sunrise*	25	NR			\$1,350	\$0	6	Pollock Pines-Camino	14	1	1	56%	\$20	\$125
7	Amador Upcountry (Pioneer)	23	0	0	57%	\$0	\$100	2	Portola	38	1	0	94%	\$700	\$2,028
5	Auburn	105	1	1	88%	\$5,870	\$200	2	Quincy	45	4	0	81%	\$2,285	\$1,471
5	Auburn Daybreak	14	0	0	86%	\$1,500	\$100	8	Reno	178	1	2	69%	\$22,004	\$7,613
5	Auburn Gold Country	38	0	0	94%	\$1,950	\$2,500	8	Reno Centennial Sunset	30	1	0	70%	\$2,450	\$500
6	Cameron Park	63	0	0	71%	\$989	\$1,950	8	Reno Central	58	0	2	80%	\$100	\$0
9	Carson City	82	0	1	62%	\$2,600	\$347	8	Reno New Generations	25	0	0	75%	\$50	\$300
9	Carson City - Sunset	22	0	0	69%	\$0	\$70	8	Reno South	66	0	0	67%	\$3,237	\$275
1	Chester	27	0	0	58%	\$2,600	\$552	8	Reno Sunrise*	53	NR			\$2,608	\$1,625
11	Elko	79	1	0	48%	\$1,249	\$20	10	Smith Valley	26	0	0	46%	\$130	\$285
11	Elko-Desert Sunrise	30	0	0	55%	\$2,653	\$3,181	9	South Lake Tahoe	49	0	0	36%	\$2,350	\$100
11	Ely	33	0	0	71%	\$100	\$900	8	Sparks	123	1	0	85%	\$12,490	\$3,124
10	Fallon*	48	NR			\$800	\$436	8	Sparks Centennial Sunrise	28	0	0	89%	\$3,706	\$1,300
10	Fernley	26	0	0	62%	\$1,795	\$329	12	Surprise Valley (Cedarville)	23	0	0	72%	\$0	\$0
6	Georgetown Divide	30	0	1	35%	\$0	\$125	1	Susanville	61	0	0	71%	\$0	\$0
4	Grass Valley*	69	NR			\$11,430	\$575	1	Susanville Sunrise	31	0	0	68%	\$2,400	\$105
2	Greenville	11	1	0	60%	\$1,020	\$1,000	3	Tahoe City	43	0	2	83%	\$900	\$1,050
3	Incline Village*	26	NR			\$1,125	\$0	9	Tahoe-Douglas	49	0	0	68%	\$10,575	\$1,750
7	Ione	28	0	0	56%	\$3,775	\$2,580	3	Tahoe-Incline	39	0	0	92%	\$0	\$375
7	Jackson	46	0	0	84%	\$7,432	\$3,060	10	Tonopah	18	0	0	88%	\$300	\$800
2	Loyalton*	28	NR			\$500	\$1,020	3	Truckee	92	1	0	89%	\$4,440	\$160
9	Minden	37	5	0	77%	\$541	\$793	3	Truckee Sunrise	25	0	0	68%	\$1,297	\$1,094
4	Nevada City*	47	NR			\$0	\$1,134	1	Westwood-Lake Almanor	9	0	0	90%	\$1,000	\$0
4	Nevada City 49er Breakfast	86	1	1	89%	\$10,141	\$1,350	11	Winnemucca	39	0	1	45%	\$0	\$77
4	Nevada County South	31	0	0	72%	\$900	\$200	10	Yerington	35	0	0	91%	\$2,400	\$980
4	Penn Valley*	33	NR			\$5,850	\$1,422		TOTALS					\$144,826	\$52,310
6	Placerville	45	1	0	46%	\$1,246	\$125								

## Tales from the Trail . . .

Ron Floyd (left) and John Sullivan (right) of the **Rotary Club of Jackson** present a \$600 check to



Kathy Harmon, Interfaith Food Bank, and Tom Thompson, Raley's to be used in conjunction with Raley's Food For Families Holiday Bag Promotion. It will result in \$1,200 in food being donated to the Food Bank. Part of the donation was a speaker's thank you gift presented to District Governor Alan Cain for a recent visit to the Club.

February 4th is the date for the **Rotary Club of Grass Valley's** 19th Annual Casino Night! All attendees to the event at the fairgrounds will be treated to a night of gambling for fun, door prizes, dancing to the music of "Runnin' 4 Cover", silent auction and refreshments...not bad for only \$20! Tickets can be purchased from any club member, any Tri-Counties Bank branch or by calling Jack Emery at 274-8720.



Congratulations to the **Sparks Rotary Club** on their recent "Mad Money" raffle! The club raised over \$47,000 on the 943 tickets sold to community members. Sparks Mayor Geno Martini came up the lucky winner when his ticket was drawn for the grand prize of \$10,000!

Cameron Park's **Ponderosa High School Interact Club** completed a huge undertaking for the holiday season. They provided funds for the renovation of 50 bicycles for local elementary school students. Prisoners at Folsom State Prison used the funds to fix up all the bikes and the high school students passed them out.

The **Rotary Club of Truckee** will host the Senior Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 8 at the Truckee Senior Center. Club members serve breakfast to the area seniors.

The **Rotary Club of Tahoe City** presents the 36th Annual Dick Linkey Rotary Ski Challenge on Friday, March 9. The fun day full of skiing and fellowship is one not soon forgotten so sign up today on their website [www.Tahoecityrotary.org](http://www.Tahoecityrotary.org) and [fill out this form](#). The event takes place at Vail Resort's Northstar at Tahoe.



**Alturas Rotary** hosted a lovely Holiday Tea in December to raise funds for the Modoc County Breast Cancer Support Group. Guests enjoyed tea and lunch, all made and assembled by the Rotarians and Modoc High Schools students.

**Sparks Rotarians** go Hawaiian for their January 27 "Luau For Literacy" event. They will have entertainment, good and a white elephant style silent auction.

The members of **Nevada County South Rotary** have been splitting wood over the Rotary year for their Senior Wood Project. To date they have split 21 chords of wood for area seniors.

### GSE Team Selected to go to Brazil

Interviews were held on December 2 and 3 for the D5190 **GSE team** that will head to Brazil's D4310 on April 28. The panel has selected the following members and leader:

**Leader:** Dan Halloran, PP Penn Valley Rotary. He is a retired executive with Motorola and extensive experience living and traveling abroad with broad knowledge of the host city, Sao Paulo.

**Team members:** Robin Krueger (PR and fundraising for Disability Resources of Reno), Lyndsay Bryant (owns a child care service in South Lake Tahoe that serves locals and tourists), Kimberly Phipps-Nichol (President of Blue Water Studio in Reno) and Carly Nilson (lead outreach person for Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board in South Lake Tahoe). Alternate is Jessica Ernster of Reno

Many thanks to the panel of DG Alan Cain, Virginia Hallowell, Dan Halloran, Thom Collins, Dave Bianchi and Martha Green.

Top Five Stories of 2011

Logging onto [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) this week will get you a wealth of information including a story on the top five stories to hit in 2011. Here is their story:

1. **Tsunami Hits Japan** The Rotary Foundation established the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund which has raised almost \$6,000,000 for long-term recovery projects. The fund is being administered by a committee of local Rotarians who are identifying needs and have already completed 10 projects with \$400,000 of the fund.
2. **RI Theme** RI President Banerjee unveiled the 2011-12 RI theme “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity.” At the International Assembly in January he urged those in attendance to harness their inner strength to achieve success in Rotary.
3. **The Fight Against Polio** India saw only one case of Polio from January to December in 2011. This puts the world so close to seeing the end of the disease. Bill Gates praised Rotary for its success in the campaign to eradicate Polio and urged Rotarians to redouble their efforts to keep the disease from spreading. The 4 countries that saw a case (or more) of polio this year match the initials PAIN: Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nepal.
4. **2011 RI Convention** More than 16,000 Rotarians (and many of them from D5190) attended the annual convention in New Orleans, LA. Many of those attending participating in service projects helping families still recovering from 2005’s Hurricane Katrina.

5. **Strategic Partnerships** The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees approved 4 strategic partnerships in 2011. They will help Rotary broaden its impact in the areas of focus by offering service opportunities for Rotarians through packaged global grants. 1) Vocational training teams to enhance the clinical and administrative skills of health educators at the Aga Khan University campuses in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. 2) Teaming with UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education to train scientists and engineers to solve problems related to water and sanitation, particularly in developing countries. 3) Working with Oikocredit International to advance community and economic development through the Netherlands-based cooperative’s network of microfinance institutions. 4) Partnering with Mercy Ships to enable clubs to get involved in improving health care services in West Africa. You can find more information and links [here](#).



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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