



Highlights of Past and Recent Club History

➤ Community Service

o Our Club prides itself with ongoing hands on and financial support for service to our community. The annual Christmas Parade of Lights is our signature service event. The development of Rotary Centennial Park and its many uses is another signature project. Our Club typically completes over 2 dozen community service related projects or programs in the Rotary year. The most difficult thing here is our challenge in trying to keep track of these many project, programs or financial support that our Club gets involved with each year.

➤ Vocational Service

o Our Club has been very supportive of the needs for Veterans of the Armed Services for many years. We provide support to homeless Vets as well as provide an annual BBQ for disabled Vets through Operation Surf. Our Club uses District Grants to support a Homeless Veterans shelter in Santa Maria. We also provide annual recognition for the member's 'Employee of the Year'. Additionally, the Club conducts 4-6 club meetings annually to showcase member business and vocation. This is just a snapshot of our Vocational related services.

➤ Youth Service

o Our Club sponsors the Righetti HS Interact Club. We continuously stay active with their club with financial and hands on support. In the past, we have been active with hands on and financial support for our FFA Junior Live- stock Auction, Special Olympics, YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, CASA of Santa Barbara County; and we provide Scholarships to high school and community college students, as well as scholarships for targeted youth in the Probationary system. This is just a snapshot of our Youth related services.

➤ International Service

o Our Club has led, partnered, financed, or physically participated in over 28 distinctive parts of the World. A recent project that our Club provided key leadership in was support for teacher education in rural Sri Lanka. This effort provided over \$165,000 from 34 local Rotary Clubs and TRF. In the previous Rotary year; the Club partnered with a Rotary Club from Fargo ND to provide funding and hands on assistance with a school building project in Guatemala. The Club is working on another service trip to Guatemala in the future.

- o Our first International Service Project was to provide eye surgeries for the poorest people in the Celaya region of Mexico. This included (7) members of our Club traveling to the area and observing the clinic and procedures to help these people.

- o We have had at least (5) member/family participate in a Polio NID at least one time in India, Nigeria, and Ghana.

- o Our Club became a 100% Paul Harris Fellows Club in 2004. What separates us from many others is that our Club is a 'sustaining' 100% PHF Club.

- o Our Club has averaged about \$245 per capita giving to the TRF Annual Fund over the past (10) years. Our Club has (5) Major donors to the Rotary Foundation.

➤ Club Service

- o Our Club has been recognized by District 5240 as the Outstanding Medium Sized Club in the District (3) times in the past 20 years. Our Club has also been recognized as the Outstanding Medium Sized Club for Community Service, Club Service, Vocational Service, and Youth Service many times during this same time period.

- o Our Club has established a 'Compassion Fund' that assists its members and families in need of support during difficult situations.

- o Our Club mixes many Club Social opportunities with service projects as a way to Enjoy Rotary and to serve others.

- o Our Club established a 501(c3) Foundation in 1994 to further provide support for others. We primarily focus on education, but also set aside funds for the elderly, other local service providers, youth and family.

- o Our Club signature fundraiser is the Annual Barn Party and Luau. Since 1989, with the help of our Community's generous support of our Rotary Club's activities, our club has contributed well over \$1,500,000.00 to the many service projects and programs, not only in our community, but throughout our World.