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Posted on Mar 23, 2016

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The April 7th. program is.....

Posted by Max Bridges on Mar 31, 2016



Lorenzo Dueñas

Santa Rosa Junior College District Police Department



Lorenzo Dueñas is the Chief of Police for the Santa Rosa Junior College District Police Department. He is a Santa Rosa native and grew up in this community. He served in the Marine Corps for six years before graduating from SRJC. He started his 28 year distinguished career in law enforcement with the Healdsburg Police Department and is a former Sonoma County Assistant Sheriff with 25 years with the department.

The **Santa Rosa Junior College District Police Department** is a full-service, fully certified, police agency within the State of California staffed by sworn peace officers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year. The Department is not a branch of any other law enforcement agency. District Police Officers are empowered with full peace officer status with law enforcement authority throughout the state and make felony and misdemeanor arrests, investigate crimes, and enforce traffic laws. Each officer graduated from a regional police academy, receives training throughout the year, including firearms, defensive tactics, and first aid/CPR. All newly hired Police Officers must pass a 16-week field training and evaluation program. The District includes 13 sworn Police Officers, 6 police dispatchers, 6 non-sworn Community Service Officers, and 15 to 30 Cadets (varies by semester). SRJC has over 36,000 students, faculty, and staff a semester combined with dozens of other sites across Sonoma County.



**Weekly Sunrise Rotary Walk
'n Talk at Spring Lake every
Wednesday at 5 PM. Meet
by the rental boats. Route
varies depending on the
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Boost Camp

Posted by Rich Randolph on Apr 03, 2016



Boost Camp Boosts Hopes

Katie Lightfoot is the Director of BOOST Conductive Education, United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay's premier summer mobility clinic.

Ms. Lightfoot has nimbly guided hundreds of children and teens to increased mobility, independence and self esteem. Since 2003 when she was an eager teenager exploring career options, Katie has discovered her calling and transformed her vision into a fully functional education based rehabilitation program.

Boost Conductive Education Camp in Santa Rosa, is an intensive, six-week therapeutic movement program for children and teens with cerebral palsy and motor disabilities. Participants use repetitive motions to improve tasks from grasping utensils to taking first steps.

BOOST began in 2001 after two Sonoma County moms vowed to find an easier way than traveling out-of-state to help their daughters with cerebral palsy get the care and support they needed to progress. Since that time, BOOST has helped children by using the practice of Conductive Education (CE) to maximize participants' independence and quality of life, and to improve the confidence and psychological well-being of both BOOST participants and their families. Every day at BOOST, students are taught motor skills and their families learn how to integrate the practices of CE into all aspects of daily life. BOOST serves up to 20 participants in 3 classrooms, and each room is staffed with conductor-teachers, participants, parents, and volunteers. Participants' results and improvements range from



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sitting independently, to catching a ball, and to taking first steps. The results are life changing for BOOST participants and their families.

Ms. Lightfoot recently completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Oregon and has been accepted to Medical School at St George's University in the Caribbean. Her dream continues to grow, and envisions a year-round BOOST program with recognition from insurance carriers, providing extensive life enhancing benefits.

BOOST would love to invite anyone interested to come and see the program this summer at Spring Creek Elementary School. The dates for BOOST are June 20 through July 29. Mark your calendar for the BOOST graduation July 28 at noon.

As with Rotary Exchange programs hosting is an amazing experience. BOOST has two hosting openings still for this summer's program. Please contact Katie at 707.569.4412 or klightfoot@ucpnb.org

Go Katie: Your BOOST energy has bundles of BOUNCE, a prescription for SUCCESS!!



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Birthdays & Anniversaries
Member Birthdays

Paul O'Rear - Craft Talk
Covering Three Continents



Red Badger **Paul O'Rear** delivered an impressive, illustrated Craft Talk on his career in finance and real estate. From a University of California, Santa Barbara graduate to a loan (foreclosure?) specialist whose renowned clients included Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos; O'Rear's career has taken him to Europe, Asia, Australia and the South Pacific. His wanderlust was cured when, in Santa Rosa, he was introduced to a beautiful blond CPA named **Penny Millar**, who became his wife. If you have seen "The Big Short," check with Paul for the real story from someone who has been there and has lived to tell about it.

[Maternal Pride](#)

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 04, 2016

Proud Mother

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April 2

Steve Amend
April 10

Jon Stark
April 11

Peter Treleaven
April 12

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Terry Stark
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Carol Cercone



Cole Lorenzen joined his parents **Dave and Shauna Lorenzen** at breakfast. Welcome Cole!

Sunshine Report

Posted by Rich Randolph on Apr 02, 2016



Sunshine Report

The mother of Rolf Wessman, Sonja, died Friday in Sweden following an automobile accident. Rolf deeply appreciates our support in the form of visits. Afternoon, between 1 and 5 are his preferred times.

Sunriser Carolyn Anderson is patiently recuperating at home following recent globe trotting. Spirit lifting cards are prescribed.

golf tournament

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 04, 2016

April 28

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Eloise Tweeten

Jack Strange

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Judith Leasher

April 16

Join Date

Harry Coffey

April 3, 2008

8 years

Olin Leasher

April 7, 2005

11 years

Cindy Gillespie

April 8, 2010

6 years

Jim Moir

April 13, 2000

16 years

Sharon Wright

April 16, 2015

1 year

Steve Davis

April 20, 1989

27 years

Steve Amend

April 24, 1997

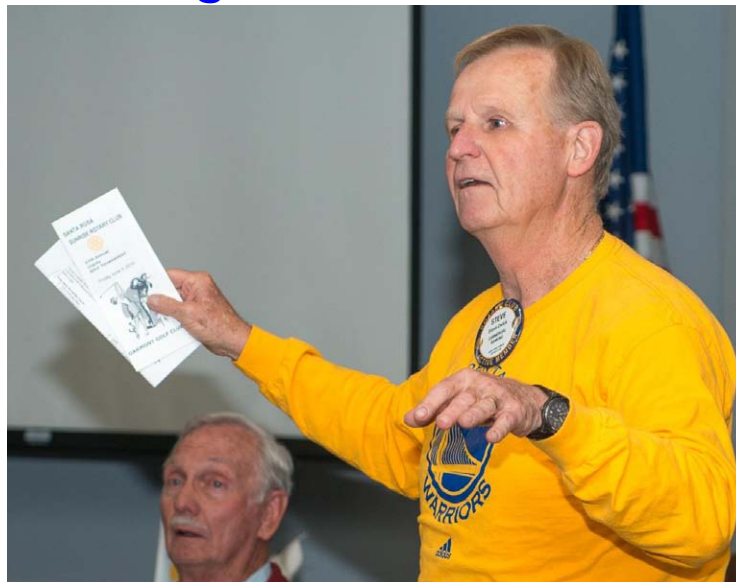
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Tell it again, Steve!



QUESTION: How many announcements does it take to get Sunrise Rotarians to actually hear what you say?

ANSWER: As many as the president will allow you deliver, again and again, at every meeting.

ALERT: President **Eloise Tweeten** has limited **Steve Zwick** to only three minutes at each meeting for announcements pertaining to our upcoming fundraiser -- one of only two S R Sunrise fundraisers each year that raise funds for local and international support of worthy projects. That just may be enough time for rotarians to get this important message:

SANTA ROSA SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
27 ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
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Oakmont Golf Club

See Steve Zwick for information on:

- Golf Foursomes**
- Tournament Sponsors**
- Volunteers**

Magical Transformation

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 04, 2016

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Noel Glab is transformed from a third time guest of **Warren Smith** into a gracious and smiling new member of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Sunrise. Welcome, Noel! And congratulations on being presented with the coveted Sunrise Red Badge!

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Rotarian Host families are needed for a May 2016 visit by Rotarians from District 3060 (State of Gujarat India). As part of this years RFE program, our District will host an 8 or 10 person Team from District 3060 Between May 3 - May 20 or 21.

We are looking for host families willing to host an Indian couple n their home for two or three nights during this time, from the three major areas in our District: Northern District clubs, Central and Coastal clubs and Southern District Clubs, including but not limited to the following cities: Napa, Sonoma. Santa Rosa, FT. Bragg, Mendocino, Arcata, Eureka, Sebastopol, Petaluma.

Your participation as a host will be a rewarding and enriching multi-cultural experience. You will make great friendships and have an increased opportunity to go on a future RFE exchange. Clubs can learn about this program and inform their members by having a speaker from the RFE program talk at your club.

Interested persons should contact:

Greg Freitas



District 5130 RFE Chair
gregcfreitas@comcast.net
707-763-5224 or 707-971-0770
[- See more at the District web site](#)

RI President's Message

Posted by Max Bridges on Apr 01, 2016



RI President's Message April 2016



K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran
President 2015-16

Many years ago, in Kolkata, India, I had the chance to meet Mother Teresa. She was an incredible woman with an incredible force of personality. When she walked down the street, the crowd parted in front of her like the Red Sea. Yet when

you talked to her, if you mentioned the tremendous things she had done, she almost did not engage in this topic at all. By many reports, if you asked her what her greatest achievement was, she would answer, "I am an expert in cleaning toilets."

The answer was both humorous and absolutely serious. Her business was caring for others. Toilets had to be cleaned, so she cleaned them. There was no question of a job being beneath her. Helping people who needed help was her work, and there was nothing higher, nothing in the world more important than that.

So one day, when an elegantly dressed man came to Kolkata looking for Mother Teresa, the nuns who answered the door informed him that she was at the back of the house, cleaning the toilets. They pointed the way, and indeed he found Mother Teresa scrubbing the toilets. She said hello, assumed he was there to volunteer, and began explaining to him how to hold the toilet brush correctly and how not to waste water. Then she put the brush in his hand and left him standing there, in his expensive suit, alone in the lavatory.

Later, the man came out, found Mother Teresa again, and said, "I have finished; may I speak with you now?" "Yes, certainly," she said. He took an envelope out of his pocket and said, "Mother Teresa, I am the director of the airline, and here are your tickets. I just wanted to bring them to you personally."

That airline director told that story again and again for the rest of his life. He said those 20 minutes spent cleaning toilets had filled him with the greatest joy he had ever known – because by putting his hands to Mother Teresa's work, he became part of that work. For those 20 minutes, he cared for the sick just as she did: with his own hands, his own sweat.

That is exactly the opportunity that Rotary gives us. We might not do what Mother Teresa did – give up our lives, our homes, our families. But for 20 minutes, 20 hours, 20 days of the year, we can be like her.

We can do the work that others will not with our hands, and our hearts, and our sweat, and our devotion – knowing that what we do is the most important work in the world.

Message from the Foundation Trustee Chair

Posted by Max Bridges on Apr 01, 2016



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April 2016



Ray Klinginsmith

Trustee Chair 2015-16

The numbers are impressive: Rotary comprises more than 35,000 clubs with 1.2 million members in 200 countries and geographic regions. It's big enough to be a major partner in the eradication of polio, the largest health initiative ever undertaken!

Despite its size and reach, Rotary is accessible to members through their individual clubs, which provide outstanding opportunities for friendship, fellowship, and networking at the local level. As a result, most Rotarians think of their involvement as primarily local, with ideas for service projects

limited to their communities. They should recognize that, with the assistance of The Rotary Foundation, the sky is the limit!

Every great idea in Rotary has started in the mind of an individual. Even the success of End Polio Now can be traced to a few notable Rotarians around the world: Clem Renouf of Australia, for example, proposed a large corporate project to increase Rotary's visibility, while U.S. Rotarian John Sever identified polio as a worthwhile target. Each had an idea that was accepted and supported by other Rotarians, and polio will soon be eliminated from the world as a result.

When Rotarians begin to think of service projects beyond the size and scope of their clubs, they have access to district and global grants from The Rotary Foundation. They also have access to a team of Rotary volunteers at the district level, starting with their district governors and district Rotary Foundation chairs, to help them along the way. They also have the support of regional leaders, including the regional Rotary Foundation coordinators, and the entire Rotary staff in Evanston, Ill., and in the international offices.

Who knows where the next great ideas for Rotary will come from? Since Rotary is a grassroots organization, they are likely to come from individual Rotarians. It behooves all of us to encourage good ideas within the six areas of focus and direct local Rotarians with good ideas to The Rotary Foundation's resources. After all, it is the mission of the Foundation "to enable Rotarians" to do good in the world!

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Posted by Max Bridges on Apr 07, 2016



Mike Roa **North Bay Science Challenge**

Competition



The North Bay Science Challenge is a fun and educational team event for students in grades 4-8. It allows students to demonstrate their science knowledge, understanding, and skills while competing in a variety of science-based events.

They also develop valuable skills such as teamwork, creativity, persistence, problem solving, and cooperation. Most importantly, students have fun while learning and developing those skills and knowledge. Schools that participate in the Science Challenge report that participation leads to increased interest in and enthusiasm for science among students, staff, and parents. Competitions include build an egg catcher from 9 sheets of paper, then dropping raw eggs from increasing heights to see which catcher can catch the egg from the greatest height without the egg breaking.

Mike Roa is a retired teacher. He has taught from grade 4 through post-grad, but his area of specialty is science and environmental education. He has been a classroom teacher, staff developer, and principal. He has authored several books on environmental education and currently works part time for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and as a naturalist for the Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods. He also is on the organizing committee for the North Bay Science Discovery Day, which drew over 13,000 people to the Sonoma County Fairgrounds in October.

Chief Lorenzo Dueñas SR Junior College

Posted by Rich Randolph on Apr 10, 2016



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Sometimes it is good to question authority figures. Lorenzo Dueñas did as an aspiring young man in high school when he ignored a counselor's suggestion that he need not apply to college. He was advised he would not be a successful student. Decades later, Lorenzo holds advanced degrees and is himself an unmistakably proven, trusted authority figure: He is Chief of the Santa Rosa Junior College Police Department.

Lorenzo studied and worked alongside colleagues in Brazil as part of a Rotary Group Study Exchange. He organized stateside efforts to aid disabled Brazilian officers who received no service benefits for on-the-job injuries.

Currently his department is larger than Healdsburg, Sebastopol and Rohnert Park Cotati's. With a student population as high as 36,000 and attendant problems of homelessness and drugs, his staff of 13 sworn Police Officers, 6 dispatchers, 6 non-sworn Community Service Offices and 15-30 cadets are responsible for the main Santa Rosa Campus, Petaluma, Shone Farm.

Challenged with recruiting qualified candidates to



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fill vacancies, Chief Dueñas informed the audience of the extensive background checks performed on applicants. Of a field of 30 applicants, only 20 make the first cut and only 1 in 10 make the second. Only 63% of officer vacancies posted in the county since 2011 have been filled.

Social Media is another new dimension of law enforcement, along with body worn cameras. Transported drug trafficking also is an issue. Chief Dueñas also commented on the effect AB 109 (Realignment) has had on jail populations and Proposition 47 passed in 2014 reduced many crimes from felonies to misdemeanors, and the subsequent reduction of fear of incarceration for many still criminal acts.

Chief Lorenzo Dueñas exemplifies well the principle of serving and protecting. With distinguished military service in the Marine Corps, Healdsburg Police and as Sonoma County Assistant Sheriff, Lorenzo sets a very high bar for local youth does well!

[**What's New in Rotary?**](#)

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 10, 2016

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Birthdays &

If you do not know any of the following new Rotary developments, ask one of the cowpokes above who braved the wilds of Ukiah to bring back word of the latest and best from District 5130. Front row, left to right: **Merle Hayes, Eloise Tweeten, Carmen Guitterrez, Steve Zwick**; Back row, left to right: **Doug Shureen, Rich Randolph, Peter Hoberg**. Not pictured: **Dicksie Tamanaha**

What is the new fifth truth of THE FIVE WAY TEST?

- Is it good for the environment?
- Will it bring peace to the earth?
- Is it fun?

What is the main change in the NEW ROTARY BRAND?

- The word "Rotary" is added to the left of the wheel
- The background is white, the wheel - gold and the word - Blue
- A chicken sits on top of the Rotary wheel

Who was included and honored at this year's assembly?

- Rotaract and Interact club members
- Current and Incoming District and Club leaders
- All of the above

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Posted by Rich Randolph on Apr 08, 2016

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Mendocino County Fairgrounds

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rocked Friday evening with District-wide western garbed Rotarians, country music and Sally Tomatoes' chicken and pork specialties. Erin Dunn, District Governor hailing from Fortuna introduced 2016-17 Governor-Elect Wulff Reinhold from Rohnert Park. Sunrise scion Del Raby received a hearty applause, as did each of the many past District Governors and current Club Presidents in attendance.

DGE Wulff presented his upcoming term's peace pursuit priority. With a straw vote, and there was a lot of straw/hay on hand for his western hoe-down theme, Wulff garnered a hearty affirmative response. Inspired by his experience at the recent Zone Peace Conference in Ontario, California, Wulff wants to further the efforts currently afoot to teach constructive conflict resolution skills and strategies.

The following day, Wulff introduced Keynote Speaker Elizabeth Gore and in this novel, informal interview format helped her share her insights and vision as former United Nations Chair of Global Entrepreneurs for Rotarian action in local and global peace initiatives: Attend, Join, Advocate!! YOU can make a DIFFERENCE.



Sunrise Rotary was well represented: President Eloise, President Elect Merle Hayes, District Vocational Service Chair Peter Hoberg, Carmen Gutierrez, Doug Shureen, Rich Randolph, PDG Del Raby, Dicksie Tamanaha and Steve Zwick nearly took an entire table end!

Eloise' husband Jack lead a session on leadership, Steve, Merle and Rich learned new District and RI rules for volunteers with youth. The Social Media marketing session led by Rotarian and Sonoma State University Professor Kerry Rego was extremely insightful to this Baby Boomer.

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April 16

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This annual event is a great way to energize the remainder of one Rotary year, and ramp up to the next.

District Conference

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 10, 2016

Explore the District 5130 Conference

Rotary
District 5130

MAY 6-8, 2016
NAPA, CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL GUEST STARS
MARILYN FITZGERALD, AUTHOR
"If I Had a Water Buffalo"
STEPHANIE DRACHKOVITCH,
CO-FOUNDER & PRESIDENT
44 Blue Productions
(producer of "Wahlburgers"
and many more)

DISTRICT 5130
CLUB CONFERENCE
AT THE NAPA VALLEY MARRIOTT

BUT WAIT...THERE'S MORE!

INVENTOR OF THE "SHOE THAT GROWS"
PERFORMANCE BY TRANSCENDENCE THEATRE CO.

CLUB AWARDS
POST POLIO SYNDROME, ROTARACT,
& YOUTH EXCHANGE PRESENTATIONS

SPECIAL PRE-CONFERENCE PARTY
THURSDAY NIGHT FOR PEOPLE ARRIVING EARLY!

Guys and Doll

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 10, 2016

Line' Em Up, Guys!



QUESTION: Why are these men lining up in front

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Hembd, Jennifer

of President **Eloise Tweeten**?

ANSWER: She told them to!

LeRoy Carlenzoli – Reported on the Bunny Barn he built.

Jim Moir – Invited Rotarians on a hike to Boverie Preserve.

Rick Lewis – Announced the Bocce Ball Tournament

Jim Kirkbride - Declared the March Madness winners

Rob Sanville – Wants you all to get Wine and Food at LBC

Kent Seegmiller – Auctioned off two symphony tickets

Mike Kelly – Boasted about a short sale that took 662 days

Senior Moment

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 10, 2016

Uhhh... Ohhh... Hmmm....????



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Zwick, Steve

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This space was reserved for a story on president **Eloise Tweeten's** "Senior Moment" of the week about a lecturer addressing the subject of absent-mindedness in the aging brain. However... I forget what it was all about???

Sunshine Report

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 10, 2016

Sunshine, Sorrow and Care



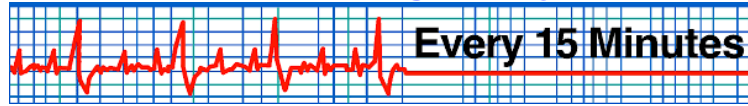
Sunrise Sunshine Coordinator **Rich Randolph** reported that **Carolyn Anderson** cut her vacation short because of a severe upper respiratory infection.

Rolf Westman is grieving the death of his mother in an auto accident last week. Rolf also needs short term, on call, caregiving to insure that his 24-hour support does not gap, even when caregivers are late or cannot remain after their shift. Training may not be necessary. Rolf is very articulate and knowledgeable. On call caregivers need to be able to respond quickly and may choose to work in pairs.

Teen Drunk Driving

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 10, 2016

Death on the Highway



When would you see an entire auditorium of teenagers struck stone silent? According to **Shauna Lorenzen** this happens during the two-day California Highway Patrol program for school children titled "Every 15 Minutes."

At the annual cost of \$7,000 the program, which includes police, ambulances, a helicopter and a fully enacted funeral, complete with grieving parents, portrays what occurs every 15 minutes, somewhere in the US, because of a drunk driver.

"Every 15 Minutes" seeks funding in order to continue its dramatic life saving work in Sonoma County schools. **Max Childs** reports that his twin daughters went through the program and were deeply moved.

Vets Lunch

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 10, 2016

Investment in Vets



Tom Croft of the Santa Rosa East Club presents the Sunrise club with a check for \$200 – a return on investment for underwriting the Annual Veteran’s Day Celebration. This past year’s event was heralded as the best ever! **Peter Treleven’s** masterful event coordination and **Dell Raby’s** delivery of the flag salute were some of the defining factors.

Guests

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 10, 2016

Guests Galore





The recent "Greatest Guest Day Challenge" produced and directed by Membership Chair **Marty Behr**, continues to bring promising guests to our breakfast meetings. We all hope that (above: left to right) **Jeff Bricker, Deb Francis and Karen Partovi** are following the example of newly initiated member **Noel Giab** in a continuing procession toward the coveted Red Badge.

SPECIAL NOTE: Noel is collecting business cards!

RI President's Message

Posted by Max Bridges on Apr 01, 2016



RI President's Message April 2016



K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran
President 2015-16

Many years ago, in Kolkata, India, I had the chance to meet Mother Teresa. She was an incredible woman with an incredible force of personality. When she walked down the street, the crowd parted in front of her like the Red Sea. Yet when you talked to her, if you mentioned the tremendous things she had done, she almost did not engage in this topic at all. By many reports, if you asked her what her greatest achievement was, she would answer, "I am an expert in cleaning toilets."

The answer was both humorous and absolutely serious. Her business was caring for others. Toilets had to be cleaned, so she cleaned them. There was no question of a job being beneath her. Helping people who needed help was her work, and there was nothing higher, nothing in the world more important than that.

So one day, when an elegantly dressed man came to Kolkata looking for Mother Teresa, the nuns who

answered the door informed him that she was at the back of the house, cleaning the toilets. They pointed the way, and indeed he found Mother Teresa scrubbing the toilets. She said hello, assumed he was there to volunteer, and began explaining to him how to hold the toilet brush correctly and how not to waste water. Then she put the brush in his hand and left him standing there, in his expensive suit, alone in the lavatory.

Later, the man came out, found Mother Teresa again, and said, "I have finished; may I speak with you now?" "Yes, certainly," she said. He took an envelope out of his pocket and said, "Mother Teresa, I am the director of the airline, and here are your tickets. I just wanted to bring them to you personally."

That airline director told that story again and again for the rest of his life. He said those 20 minutes spent cleaning toilets had filled him with the greatest joy he had ever known – because by putting his hands to Mother Teresa's work, he became part of that work. For those 20 minutes, he cared for the sick just as she did: with his own hands, his own sweat.

That is exactly the opportunity that Rotary gives us. We might not do what Mother Teresa did – give up our lives, our homes, our families. But for 20 minutes, 20 hours, 20 days of the year, we can be like her.

We can do the work that others will not with our hands, and our hearts, and our sweat, and our devotion – knowing that what we do is the most important work in the world.

Message from the Foundation Trustee Chair

Posted by Max Bridges on Apr 01, 2016



Message from the Foundation Trustee Chair

April 2016



Ray Klinginsmith

Trustee Chair 2015-16

The numbers are impressive: Rotary comprises more than 35,000 clubs with 1.2 million members in 200 countries and geographic regions. It's big enough to be a major partner in the eradication of polio, the largest health initiative ever undertaken!

Despite its size and reach, Rotary is accessible to members through their individual clubs, which provide outstanding opportunities for friendship, fellowship, and networking at the local level. As a result, most Rotarians think of their involvement as primarily local, with ideas for service projects limited to their communities. They should recognize that, with the assistance of The Rotary Foundation, the sky is the limit!

Every great idea in Rotary has started in the mind of an individual. Even the success of End Polio Now can be traced to a few notable Rotarians around the world: Clem Renouf of Australia, for example, proposed a large corporate project to increase Rotary's visibility, while U.S. Rotarian John Sever

identified polio as a worthwhile target. Each had an idea that was accepted and supported by other Rotarians, and polio will soon be eliminated from the world as a result.

When Rotarians begin to think of service projects beyond the size and scope of their clubs, they have access to district and global grants from The Rotary Foundation. They also have access to a team of Rotary volunteers at the district level, starting with their district governors and district Rotary Foundation chairs, to help them along the way. They also have the support of regional leaders, including the regional Rotary Foundation coordinators, and the entire Rotary staff in Evanston, Ill., and in the international offices.

Who knows where the next great ideas for Rotary will come from? Since Rotary is a grassroots organization, they are likely to come from individual Rotarians. It behooves all of us to encourage good ideas within the six areas of focus and direct local Rotarians with good ideas to The Rotary Foundation's resources. After all, it is the mission of the Foundation "to enable Rotarians" to do good in the world!

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Sunrise - Founded June 30, 1986



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Max Bridges

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Photo of the Week

Posted on Apr 16, 2016

Photo of the Week



On a regular basis, our resident photo pros **Warren Smith** and **Ross Andress** submit pictures of what is going on at the weekly meetings. You can always find the most recent pictures at the websites photo journal called "**Meeting Sighting**". Please note that all the meeting photos for the entire Rotary year are at this location with the most recent on the last page.

Thanks for all the great pictures Warren and Ross! [Link to Meeting Sightings](#). The most recent are on the last page!

Additional photos may be found on the [SR Sunrise Facebook Page](#).

The April 21st program is.....

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Posted by Max Bridges on Apr 17, 2016



Theo Fightmaster

The Sonoma Stompers

The Sonoma Stompers are an independent professional baseball team in Sonoma. The Stompers were purchased by Sonoma native and attorney Eric Gullotta, and President and CEO of Sonoma Sports and Entertainment, Inc. The Stompers began play as a member of the Pacific Association of Professional Baseball Clubs in 2014, and are the first professional team to make Sonoma County home since the Sonoma County Crushers ceased play following the 2002 season.

The Stompers announced their first professional signing, Tommy Lyons in March 2014, and shortly thereafter traded for a local hero, Jayce Ray. The team's first manager was Ray Serrano, who led the Stompers to a 42–36 record in their inaugural season. In 2015, Serrano accepted a full-time position with the Atlanta Braves to serve as the organization's catching instructor. Jayce Ray was signed to a minor-league contract with the Boston Red Sox following the 2015 season.

Former major league pitcher, 67 year old Bill "Spaceman" Lee, started a game for the Stompers on Aug. 12, 2014, pitching the team to victory over the Pittsburg Mettle. Lee set an all-time record becoming the oldest person to ever win a professional baseball game. In June 2015, the team made history when pitcher Sean Conroy became the first openly gay active professional baseball. That season, Sonoma tallied an 18-3 record.



Weekly Sunrise Rotary Walk 'n Talk at Spring Lake every Wednesday at 5 PM. Meet by the rental boats. Route varies depending on the walkers present. Join us for fitness, fellowship and fun. Friends and family welcome!



Speakers
Apr 14, 2016



Highlights were the Jose Canseco Weekend, when the 50-year-old former American League MVP played in two wins for Sonoma, and even belted

[Mike Roa](#)

The North Bay Science Challenge Competition

Apr 21, 2016

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May 05, 2016

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30th Anniversary Celebration

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SANTA ROSA SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
27th Annual
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday June 3, 2016
Save this Date for Golf!

OAKMONT GOLF CLUB

Tournament Fee: \$150 per person
Entry fee includes lunch, range balls, round of golf with cart, on course activities, adult beverages and dinner.

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Organizations who have received support include...

Rotary International Polo Eradication	Santa Rosa Senior Center
SRJC Rotary Leadership Center	The Living Room
Bouvene Preserve	Elise Allen High School Foundation
Inter Church Food Pantry	Youth Grants and Scholarships
Becoming Independent	Lake County Disaster Relief
Local & International Youth Dental Outreach	Social Advocates for Youth SAY
Rebuilding Together	Women's Recovery Services
Sheela Lake School Garden	Land Paths
Lighting Lives Music Center	Sonoma Land Trust
International Eyeglass & Eye Surgery Project	Santa Rosa/Kagoshima Student Exchange

APRIL IS MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH MONTH

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver"
Mahatma Gandhi

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one of his signature home runs.

Victims of their own success, the Stompers roster became a poaching ground as seven players, including four members of the Opening Day lineup were signed by clubs in higher leagues. Nonetheless, the Stompers fought to the finish, only falling short in a hotly contested championship game in San Rafael. Sonoma lost 4-3 as the Pacifics walked off with a win in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Theo Fightmaster serves as Vice President and General Manager of the Stompers. He oversees their business operations, including corporate partnerships, season and single-game tickets, merchandise, concessions, media and public relations, and manages the team's operations and front office staffs. Theo also presides over the Stompers baseball operations, including player-personnel acquisition, development, and scouting. He is a longtime Sonoma County resident and the Vice President of the Board of Directors for Children Family Circle — a non-profit organization that provides childcare for at-risk families. He and his wife, Erin, are Santa Rosa residents.

[North Bay Science Challenge](#)

Posted by Rich Randolph on Apr 17, 2016

NAKED EGG SAFELY LANDS



Mike Roa has spearheaded the North Bay Science Challenge for several years. While the County of Educations' Science Olympiad is open to grades four through eight, Mike's Community sponsored NBSC



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collaborates widely to sustain science exploration for grades four through six in the shadow of changing state requirements and curriculum adjustments.

Principally designed to develop student's knowledge, understanding and skills for scientific investigation and demonstration Challenge students are offered multiple categories to explore, collaborate and compete in groups up to seventeen in size. Verbal communication is challenged in such activities as replicating a lego's construct from behind a concealing panel. Students must articulate the pattern of a fixed, glued design as the team member on the other side attempts to build he same with equal numbers of loose legos.

Another very popular enterprise is designing and building a structure to protect a falling, uncooked "naked" egg. The winner's design safely caught the egg from a height of nearly 10 feet! Catapults are built, mystery animals identified, tall towers built and this year helicopter flight added.

Judging by the number of enthusiastic participants, scientific inquiry is alive and well in Sonoma County Schools!

For additional information, contact Mike at mroa@sonic.net.

[**Walk for ALS**](#)

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 17, 2016

PENNY -- POINT PERSON FOR ALS WALK ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30

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**2016 Hiking
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Bouverie Preserve
Apr 16, 2016

[May Hike - Hood Mountain](#)
Hood Mountain Regional Park
May 21, 2016

[Rotary Golf Tournament](#)



WALK for ALS

Greetings Rotarians and friends of Rotarians,

On Saturday, April 30th, the ALS Association is having their annual **Walk to Defeat ALS** at Howarth Park. Walk up check-in begins at 9:30am, and the 1.5 mile walk starts at 11am.

ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and then to the muscles throughout the body. The progressive degeneration of the motor neurons in ALS eventually leads to the death of the neurons, and when they die, the ability of the brain to initiate and control muscle movement is lost. With voluntary muscle action progressively affected,

Oakmont Golf Club
Jun 03, 2016

[SR Sunrise 30th Year Anniversary Celebration](#)

Fountaingrove Inn
Jun 30, 2016
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

[Culinary Classic Fund Raiser](#)

Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club
Nov 12, 2016
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Larry Martin
April 2

Steve Amend
April 10

Jon Stark
April 11

Peter Treleaven
April 12

Tom Eakin
April 12

Marty Behr
April 17

Jim Moir
April 20

Dicksie Tamanaha
April 22

Doug Shureen
April 23

Stacy Drucker-Andress
April 24

Ross Jones
April 27

Max Bridges
April 28

Spouse Birthdays

Marie Treleaven

patients in the later sates of the disease may become totally paralyzed.

It is estimated that as many as 30,000 American have the disease at any given time. About 15 new cases are reported every day. The ALS Association is committed to finding effective treatments and a cure. Global research efforts have produced new discoveries and treatments, and has shed light on the complex genetic and environmental factors involved in ALS.

Please join us in supporting Rolf Wessman and others like him with this terrible disease. The Association brings hope to people living with ALS, and raises money for research to find a cure. Be a part of the effort.

The link to join us is http://web.alsa.org/site/TR?fr_id=11521&pg=entry#.VJNo214ACK

Click on Get Started/Join a Team.
The team name is Wessman.

Rolf appreciates all the support you have already given, and he hopes to see many of you on the 30th.

See you at the Walk!

Penny

[Birthday hike](#)

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 17, 2016

STEVE CELEBRATES WITH A BIRTHDAY PREVIEW OF FIRESIDE HIKE

April 2

Joanne Eakin
April 13

Laura Martin
April 13

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Steve Amen spent his birthday hiking with his son in anticipation of the Club BBQ Fireside pot luck lunch and hike planned for April 23 at his home.

So far, 33 people have submitted their RSVPs and will be contributing desserts, drinks, and appetizers to supplement the burgers provided. Salads, sides and more desserts are needed. Contact Steve to reserve your place and enjoy an after lunch hike among the wild flowers.

Birthday BBQ

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 17, 2016

TWO TIMES FOR BIRTHDAY BARBECUE

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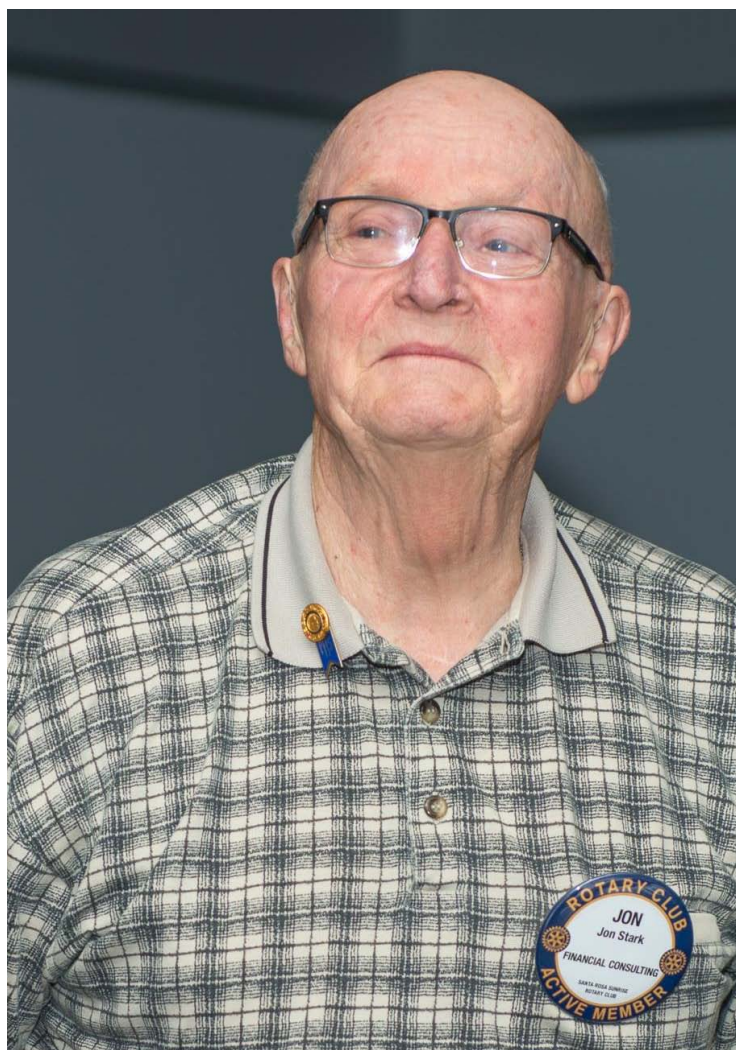
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Not satisfied with a birthday BBQ dinner in Healdsburg, **John Stark**, ordered enough to enjoy another dinner of leftovers on His actual birthday.

Rotary Bench

BEAUTIFUL BOUVERIE BENCH

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Warren Smith's exquisite photos, position and illuminate the beautiful bench, sponsored by the Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary, that graces the Bouverie Preserve.

Bouverie hike

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 17, 2016

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- Syrian refugees seeking a home.

- The multi-generation family of the patriarch standing on the left.

- **Group of Sunrise hikers who gathered on Saturday, April 16, to enjoy the Bouverie landscape.**

Bouverie Preserve Hike

Posted by Rich Randolph on Apr 18, 2016

LIZARDS AND TURRETS & HARES



Nearly Blue Badger Paul O Rear points out the natural

stone step set by fellow Sunriser and Bouverie Docent Jim Moir, aka Tall Dude, shown below.



Jim and Paul were among the 16 hikers trekking through the 550 acre preserve last Saturday, exploring Oak Woodland, Mixed Evergreen, Riparian and Chaparral habitats. Lizard critters basking in the warmth, newts cooling in Stuart Creek, turkey vultures circling above waiting for a straggler ~ which never appeared!

Most hiked to the Preserve's noted waterfall overlook to view Stuart Creek's headwaters, and site held sacred by the Native Americans who occupied the area less than 300 years ago. Peregrine Falcons now inhabit the nearby mountains nearby.

Wildflowers including Lupine, California Poppies, Sticky Monkey and Lavender punctuated the green meadows. A few pollinating butterflies and bees gleaned the remaining nectar and pollens. No known snake sightings by the biped humans, though odds are we were noticed by the legless slitherers!

Oh, the hare, he was burrowed down for the day.

Check the Homepage link for additional upcoming hikes!

Double birthday celebration

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 17, 2016

A DOUBLE BIRTHDAY WORTHY OF TWO CELEBRATIONS!

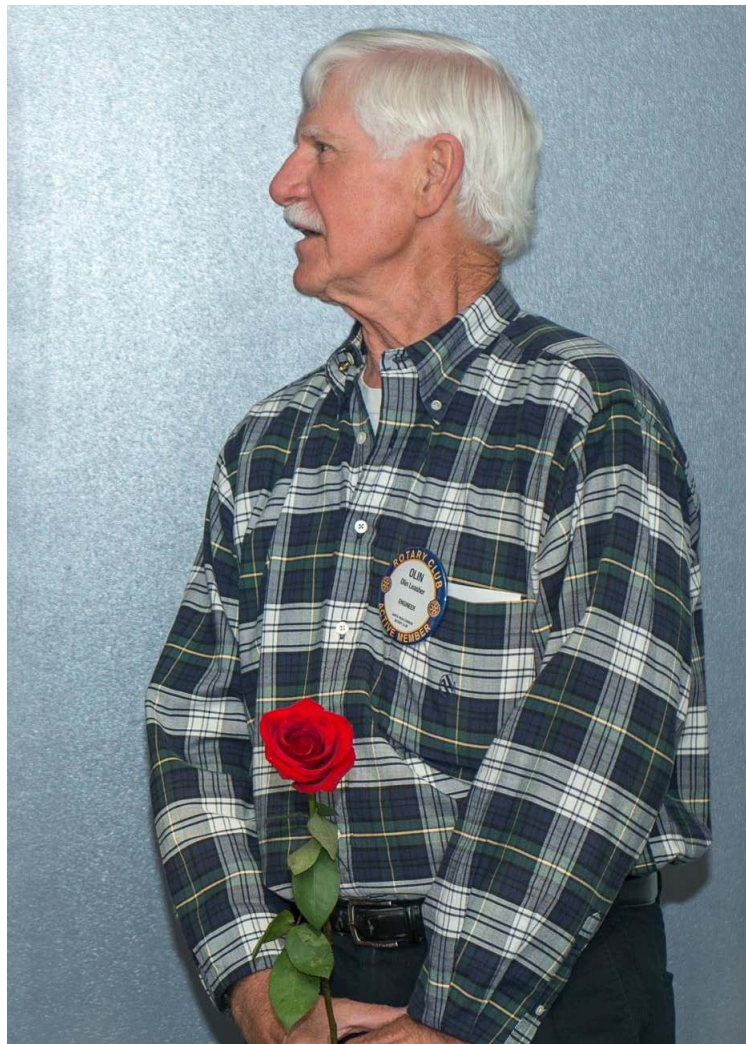


April is the month when both Rotarian **Tom Eakins** and his spouse, **Joanne Eakins**, both celebrate their birthdays. In order to appropriately acknowledge these occasions, the couple watched an exciting Warrior's game on Saturday and are looking forward to dinner at the Farmhouse Inn.

Anniversary celebration

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 17, 2016

A ROSE FOR 50 GOLDEN YEARS!



Olin and Judy Lesher are celebrating their Golden Anniversary with a red rose from president **Eloise Tweeten**. However, Olin needs something special to commemorate 50 years of wedlock. He is consulting with our resident expert on appropriate gifts for your wife, **LeRoy Carlenzoli**, and is considering ... a chainsaw???

District Assembly

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 17, 2016

WHICH OF THESE LOGOS IS PART OF THE NEW ROTARY BRAND?



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WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED AS THE NEW FIFTH TRUTH OF THE "FIVE WAY TEST?"

- Is it good for the environment?
- Will it bring peace on earth?
- Is it fun?

(Answers, that were presented at the District Training Assembly, will be published in the next Sunrise Bulletin)

District Conference

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 10, 2016

Explore the District 5130 Conference



From the District Training Assembly session, for Current Presidents, with DG Erin Dunn: Erin encouraged widespread participation at the District Conference in Napa May 6-8, which will offer both educational and networking opportunities with Rotarians from throughout the district. "We're in the final push for membership and foundation contributions through June: our work this year is not over yet!" Dunn promised.
--**Eloise Tweeten**, Sunrise Rotary Current President

From the Rotarian "Magazine Month:

A Wave of Compassion

From the [April 2016 issue](#) of The Rotarian



What Kerstin Jeska-Thorwart remembers is the silence. No birds chirping, no dogs barking, no car engines revving. Nothing. "I've never heard such a silence before, and never since," she says. "I knew something must have happened."

It was 9:35 the morning after Christmas 2004, and in Sri Lanka, it was a Poya Day, a Buddhist public holiday held every full moon. Jeska-Thorwart, a lawyer from Germany, was on vacation in Hikkaduwa, on the island's southwestern coast. Any other morning of her holiday she and her husband would have been on the beach, but today they stayed back at their vacation home, up a small hill about a half-mile from the water's edge, to clean and prepare for guests.

After a few minutes, sound returned, as though it had been switched on. Now she heard people running, crying. She went down the main road to see what had happened. She saw people in swimming suits, shoeless, covered in blood.

They told her there was a big wave.

The tsunami, as she later learned, was caused when an earthquake with the estimated force of 23,000 atomic bombs rattled the floor of the Indian Ocean. The seabed rose 10 feet, displacing 7 cubic miles of water. A wall of water, in some places up to 100 feet high, slammed into countries throughout Southeast Asia and as far away as Africa. All told, more than 230,000 people died in 14 countries, and 1.7 million were left homeless. More than half of the dead were in Indonesia, followed by Sri Lanka, where 35,000 people were killed.

Sri Lanka was hit by several waves that day. They knocked out cellphone service, land lines, electricity, television, radio. Jeska-Thorwart, then governor of District 1950 (Germany), opened up the house as a makeshift first aid clinic. Four days later, when the situation had stabilized, she and her husband, the late Carl-Otto Thorwart – himself a member of the Rotary Club of Nürnberg-Sigena – together with some Sri Lankan friends, drove down the coast looking for clues to the extent of the damage. "We had no information about what had

happened," she says. "Was it only Hikkaduwa that was hit, or other towns too?"

The first city they came to was Galle, about 12 miles south. Conquered by the Portuguese in the 16th century and fortified by the Dutch in the 17th, the city had long served as the main port between Europe and the East. The tsunami killed 4,000 people in the city and damaged 12,000 houses. "Every minute that went by," Jeska-Thorwart says of her Sri Lankan companions, "they were more and more silent. They were completely shocked. They realized their country was destroyed."

On the edge of the city, directly across the road from the beach, the group arrived at a hospital. It was Mahamodara Teaching Hospital, the primary maternity hospital in the province of 2.5 million people. "It was totally empty," Jeska-Thorwart recalls. One of the women in the car had delivered four children there, and when she saw the devastation, she cried out: "Where are the babies?"

When the first wave of the tsunami slammed into the hospital, deliveries had been underway. Although the 10-foot wall around the hospital could not stop the wave, it buffered its force, so the water was only 4 feet high by the time it reached the prenatal ward that faced the sea. The power failed, the backup generator failed, the water supply and sewer systems failed. Patients' mattresses were soaked with foul-smelling water. The 349 patients were evacuated, first to a nearby temple, then to the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital, a couple of miles inland. By the time the subsequent waves hit Mahamodara, no patients or staff remained on site. One baby had died.

Upon learning that the patients and staff had been moved, Jeska-Thorwart and her companions went to check on them. Only the most urgent cases had been transferred – others were sent home – and the maternity hospital had been squeezed into 70 beds in the male neurology wing and portions of two other wards at Karapitiya. Jeska-Thorwart saw pregnant women sitting outside in the rain. They lay in beds to deliver and moved to the floor to recover. There were not enough toilets; there was nowhere to eat or drink. "It was a horrible situation," she says. She asked to speak to a doctor.

Her first words to him were: "Don't worry. We will help you."

"Excuse me, may I know your name?" asked Malik Goonewardene, the head of the obstetrics and gynecology department at the University of Ruhuna

in Galle and a consultant at Mahamodara Teaching Hospital. He eyed Jeska-Thorwart, who was dressed in a T-shirt and shorts, like a tourist.

"I'm from Rotary. I want to help you."

Goonewardene invited her into a meeting where the Mahamodara doctors were gathered. Jeska-Thorwart explained who she was and asked the doctors to compile a list of everything they needed. (She still has it.)

A few days later, she drove to Colombo, which – because of its location on the island's western coast – had not been damaged as severely. She asked local Rotarians to email the list to her office in Germany. By the time she returned home on 6 January, her office was jammed with medical equipment, and by 10 January, German Rotarians had shipped the doctors 2 tons of supplies, including scalpels, drapes, arm slings, gloves, three ultrasound scanners, and 1,360 diapers. Less than a month later, they shipped another 7 tons.

And that was only the beginning.

A decade later, Mahamodara Teaching Hospital's only ward that has not been replaced or refurbished after the tsunami stands empty. Inside, pieces of plaster are falling off the walls. A couple of old bed frames are stacked in a corner, and wires hang from the ceilings. The building dates to the 1800s, when the hospital was built to quarantine South Indian immigrants arriving to work on Sri Lanka's plantations and vaccinate them against smallpox.

In contrast are the bright and airy new buildings designed by Lakshman Alwis, an architect and a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo. Inside one, lofted ceilings with vents allow the tropical heat to rise, so the building stays comfortable without air conditioning. Large windows illuminate a room filled with beds where women rest, waiting to deliver. Since patients come from all over the province, many arrive before their due date so they don't have to travel while in labor. The hospital serves the entire socioeconomic spectrum; the wife of its deputy director delivered her baby here.

Within a few weeks of the tsunami, more than 6,000 German Rotarians had donated €1.3 million, and in 2008, The Rotary Foundation supported the project. Other partners included German-headquartered global corporations such as Siemens, Trumpf, and Ejot, as well as a foundation set up by former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who had been vacationing at a coastal resort southeast of Galle when the tsunami hit.

In the past 11 years, this funding has helped renovate or build 10 departments and wards, and provided equipment worth more than €1 million. The Rotary Club of Colombo, which partnered with District 1950 on the Foundation grant, managed much of the construction. Since work started, 160,000 babies have been born and more than 2.5 million women have received gynecological care. In 2014, a year the hospital saw more than 12,000 births, not one mother died – a statistic many Western hospitals would covet. “That speaks volumes about what we have been able to achieve here,” says RI President K.R. Ravindran, a member of the Rotary Club of Colombo.

“When this hospital got damaged and we had to evacuate, it was an absolute calamity. We didn’t know what to do,” says Goonewardene. “Without our donors, including Rotary, who came to our aid from the start, I don’t know how we would have managed.”

The project has included many steps over the years: first, operating rooms and intensive care units for mothers and babies; then the prenatal wards; and, finally, training. Jeska-Thorwart, whom Rotary honored as a Global Woman of Action at the United Nations in November, says they plan to celebrate the completion of the project in January 2017.

Since 2010, a team of doctors, midwives, and nurses has traveled once a year from Sri Lanka to Germany, and another from Germany to Sri Lanka, for training. At the biggest hospital in Nuremberg, where Jeska-Thorwart lives, only a couple of babies are born each day. In contrast, the Mahamodara Teaching Hospital delivers 70 babies daily. Because of the number of births in Sri Lanka, the German doctors get more experience in the neonatal intensive care unit dealing with birth complications. Meanwhile, Sri Lankan doctors get experience on state-of-the-art equipment in Germany.

The neonatal intensive care unit, one of the few air-conditioned buildings at the hospital, is a world of beeps and scrubs and needles. A 19-day-old infant lies in an incubator, connected to a neonatal CPAP machine to support her breathing, donated by Rotary, which equipped the entire unit. The newborn, who arrived two months premature, was transferred here because the hospital has some of the most advanced equipment in the country. “When I started here, I was amazed,” says Selvi Rupasinghe, the chief neonatologist. “Rotary’s contributions have made a tremendous change to neonatal care.”

Outside the unit, a woman holds a sleepy toddler in

her arms. The child's eyes are closed and her head droops as her mother, a dance teacher, smiles and hugs her daughter tight. The child, now 21 months old, was born premature, weighing only 2 pounds. She spent a month in the neonatal intensive care unit and today loves to dance, like many girls her age. "Without all of this equipment, she would not have been able to survive," says Sumith Manathinga, the hospital's deputy director.

English isn't the mother's first language, but she does know four words: "Thank you very much."

Our video crew visited the Mahamodara hospital. [Watch this video](#) to learn how German and Sri Lankan Rotarians are collaborating and learning from one another.

By Diana Schoberg

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Photo of the Week

Posted on Apr 21, 2016

Photo of the Week



On a regular basis, our resident photo pros **Warren Smith** and **Ross Andress** submit pictures of what is going on at the weekly meetings. You can always find the most recent pictures at the websites photo journal called "**Meeting Sighting**". Please note that all the meeting photos for the entire Rotary year are at this location with the most recent on the last page.

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Weekly Sunrise Rotary Walk
'n Talk at Spring Lake every
Wednesday at 5 PM. Meet
by the rental boats. Route
varies depending on the
walkers present. Join us for
fitness, fellowship and
fun. Friends and family wel-
come!



Speakers
Apr 14, 2016

Thanks for all the great pictures Warren and Ross! [Link to Meeting Sightings](#). The most recent are on the last page!

Additional photos may be found on the [SR Sunrise Facebook Page](#).

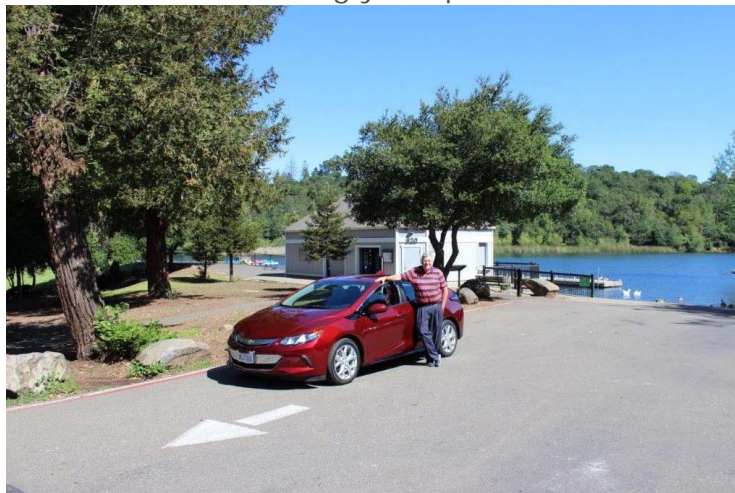
The April 28th program is.....

Posted by Max Bridges on Apr 21, 2016

Randy Seelye and Rich Randolph Revenge of the Electric Car

REVENGE OF THE ELECTRIC CARS

Sales and leases of electric cars are growing exponentially, with nearly 1 million cars projected to be leased or sold during 2016. It is projected that 5 million electric vehicles will be sold worldwide by 2025. Rich Randolph and Randy Seelye will talk about electric cars – and perhaps the biggest change on the horizon in mobility, Self-Driving or Autonomous Vehicles. We're really tackling two topics in one and self-driving vehicles could bring revolutionary change Perhaps more significant change than the technology boom of the last two decades. Bring your questions.



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Play Ball!!



SANTA ROSA SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB
 27th Annual CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday June 3, 2016
 Save this Date for Golf!

OAKMONT GOLF CLUB

Tournament Fee: \$150 per person
 Entry fee includes lunch, range balls, round of golf with cart, on course activities, adult beverages and dinner

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Theo Fightmaster pitched a game winning presentation, succeeding in enlightening us on the history and clubhouse scoop of managing a professional baseball team through a 78 game, (69



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at home) championship season.

The Sonoma Stompers succeeded the previous Crushers team in 2004. The team moved from their own stadium to Arnold Field, a Sonoma County 400 seat venue. Promoting baseball as a family oriented entertainment venture, the Stompers were their league champions in 2015. Players are either on their way up, or conversely looking for a soft landing after exiting AA, AAA or even Major League play. One player was with the Boston Red Sox. "Major League Baseball is an elite sport, with far fewer spots on the roster than there are players" Theo disclosed.

Life on the field reflects some social issues of society at large. Case in point gender equality. Last season the Stompers pitcher Sean Conroy came out of the closet in the team's LGBT Pride Night dubbed "Out at the Park". The team supported Sean by wearing rainbow armbands and socks. Conroy pitched a shut out.

Looking for a great read, and "Money Ball" is on your shelf already? Try Ben Lindbergh and Sam Miller's "The Only Rule is it has to Work". These two analysts wrote the book based on their theories of statistically based player selection. Their test case was the Stompers. Check out the process and results on Amazon, or Arnold Field.

For \$10 an adult can gain a seat at fan friendly Arnold Field. Another \$10 will get you a hot dog and beer. That isn't even enough for parking at Bay Area MLB stadiums. Some Stomper fans had such a great time have even forgot who won that day, they had so much fun watching the close up action from all prime behind the plate seats, or running the bases for the seventh inning stretch.

See for yourself: www.stompersbaseball.com
Play Ball!!

Sunrise Servers

Posted by Rich Randolph on Apr 24, 2016

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Oakmont Golf Club



Peter Steiner introduced Guest Speaker Theo Fightmaster, General manager of the Sonoma Stompers Prp Baseball team. In a true behind the scenes role, Peter organizes program speakers and assures their presentations are promoted accurately and timely in the club bulletin. Peter arrives early each week to prepare our audio-visual equipment as well.

Penny Millar, Sunrise Super Recruiter and frequent lottery drawing candidate creates excitement when her ticket is called. When she wins, she wins big, reflecting how Sunrise benefits her enthusiasm and new member sponsorship!!

Jun 03, 2016

[SR Sunrise 30th Year Anniversary Celebration](#)

Fountaingrove Inn
Jun 30, 2016
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

[Culinary Classic Fund Raiser](#)

Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club
Nov 12, 2016
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member Birthdays

Steve Amend
April 10

Jon Stark
April 11

Peter Treleaven
April 12

Tom Eakin
April 12

Marty Behr
April 17

Jim Moir
April 20

Dicksie Tamanaha
April 22

Doug Shureen
April 23

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April 24

Ross Jones
April 27

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[New Member Marina](#)

Posted by Rich Randolph on Apr 24, 2016

New Member Marina Gachet



Welcome Marina!

April 28

Spouse Birthdays

Marie Treleaven

April 2

Joanne Eakin

April 13

Terry Stark

April 18

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April 24

Carol Cercone

April 28

Anniversaries

Eloise Tweeten

Jack Strange

April 12

Olin Leasher

Judith Leasher

April 16

Join Date

Harry Coffey

April 3, 2008

8 years

Olin Leasher

April 7, 2005

11 years

Cindy Gillespie



Marina Gacher, her most recent Profession an Esthetician, joined Sunrise Rotary last week.

Sponsored by Penny Millar, Marina spoke of her lifelong interest in service, and being with like-minded people. Marina, a native Ecuadorian has lived in Peru and other South American countries.

Experienced also in the travel industry, Marina is eager to leverage her enthusiasm and service orientation in her new Rotary career!

[Rotary Visit form Chile](#)

Posted by Rich Randolph

[La Reine Alta, Chile Visiting Rotarian Nicole Handal](#)

April 8, 2010
6 years

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16 years

Sharon Wright
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27 years

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Past President of the La Reine Alta (The Tall Queen) Club in Santiago Chile, Nicole Handal provided a succinct portrait of her Club's project to support a clinic serving children with orthopaedic challenges.

Introduced by former District 5130 Assistant Governor Ann Mc Ginley, Nicole assured members her stature. 5'11", was not the source of her club's name.

For additional information on Nicole's project, contact the author.

District Conference

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on Apr 10, 2016

Explore the District 5130 Conference



From the District Training Assembly session, for Current Presidents, with DG Erin Dunn:

Erin encouraged widespread participation at the District Conference in Napa May 6-8, which will

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offer both educational and networking opportunities with Rotarians from throughout the district. "We're in the final push for membership and foundation contributions through June: our work this year is not over yet!" Dunn promised.

--**Eloise Tweeten**, Sunrise Rotary Current President

From the Rotarian "Magazine Month":

Clubs: The Body Politic



From the [April 2016 issue](#) of The Rotarian

Rotary clubs are catnip to people running for public office: Rotarians are involved in their communities, civic-minded, and engaged in public improvement. Especially in an election year, clubs are likely to receive calls from candidates in search of a receptive audience.

How a club responds to these requests is completely up to the club itself. For many, it depends on experience with politicians and the preferences of the club officers. Rotary International requires only that clubs not endorse candidates or take sides on public issues.

But the role of politics in Rotary has been debated since the organization's earliest years. At the 1916 Rotary Convention, R.B. Campbell of Wichita, Kan., opined on how involved clubs should be in political ("civic") affairs: "I believe that politics should be brought into the meetings," he said. "We are a business organization, and it is to our interest to

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see that the government of our city and state is run properly.”

Samuel Botsford of Buffalo, N.Y., took the opposing view: “Rotary clubs have no business in politics.” Politics, he said, was about personality rather than facts, and therefore should not be brought into clubs.

Eventually, it was decided that clubs should educate their members on local political issues and that individual members should do with the information as they saw fit. One hundred years later, that continues to be Rotary’s position on the place of politics in clubs.

Given that freedom, some clubs have embraced a role in local politics. In 2014, Alan Burns, president of the Rotary Club of Cape Charles, Va., saw a chance to provide a service to the community and raise Rotary’s profile at the same time by hosting a candidates forum. Local organizations that had held such gatherings were no longer stepping up, so he asked the members of his club to put on the forum as a community service project. They agreed. “We wanted to be able to educate the community about the candidates,” says Wayne Bell, who organized and moderated the event.

The key to success, says Bell, was the establishment of a set of ground rules. The candidates were expected to answer screened questions from the audience, to respect time limits, and, most crucially, to be respectful of one another. Nearly 100 community members showed up to hear the candidates speak, he says. “It was very successful. We’ll do it again this election year.”

Taking a different approach, the Rotary Club of Bangor, Maine, decided to devote a series of club meetings in fall 2014 to question-and-answer sessions with candidates for major political offices in the state. “We asked every candidate in our area, regardless of their prospect of winning,” says Susan Chaar, speaker coordinator for the club. Club leaders prepared a single set of questions for all the candidates in each race on issues such as Medicaid expansion, national security, and open primaries. Members of the audience also submitted questions.

One of the region’s incumbent politicians who had previously visited the club regularly, Chaar says, decided against it in 2014 when she learned she would have to answer specific questions and not simply give a speech. “With everyone who came, it was a positive experience, very educational, because we tried very hard to be fair,” says Chaar.

"It was well-received by our members, and we got to know the candidates' views on specific issues."

The Rotary Club of Lahaina Sunset, Maui, is an hour's drive from the seat of county government and a plane ride away from Hawaii's capital, Honolulu, on the island of Oahu. The club is open to visits from any elected official or candidate, anytime. "We want to know what's going on," says Jenelle Van Eynde, a charter member of the club. "If they want to come, we want them. Some of our largest audiences have been for elected officials."

The club also got a lot of recognition for bringing the mayor and his opponent to a town hall-style meeting about a month before the election. "We felt we were lucky to get them both as speakers," Van Eynde says. "We always try to get all sides. We think our club meetings are a healthy place for dialogue."

Many clubs invite elected officials to become members and believe they benefit from having these officials easily accessible. Other clubs, such as the Rotary Club of Barrington Breakfast, Ill., bestow honorary memberships on local politicians.

Still, your mother warned you against talking politics in polite company for a reason. As Rotary attracts a more diverse membership, people on all points of the political spectrum are likely to be at your club. That can be a problem if politicians, making assumptions that Rotarians all share a certain political leaning, go on the attack against their opponents. An incident of that sort, involving a prominent elected official, occurred at my own club several years ago, embarrassing the members who supported that politician and outraging the rest.

My club responded by barring political speakers, incumbent or not, during the year before their elections, a solution that has removed politics from the club but perhaps also robbed it of a certain sense of civic involvement.

The Rotary Club of Greater Rochester, Minn., devised a subtler approach. Its policy, posted on the club's website, allows officeholders to give presentations at meetings on preapproved informational topics related to their office. One candidate or incumbent per meeting is also allowed to give a five-minute stump speech. The policy also states that no political activity is permitted in the 90 days leading up to an election.

"We have a lot of requests during election season from political speakers, and we wanted to be 'fair to all concerned,'" notes member Bill Brueck. "This policy gives us more control over the number of

requests and the content. We want to avoid devoting a whole program to something that is political and not informational.”

Instead of listening to politicians, your club could just make money off them – and have fun doing it. The Rotary Club of Salem, Ind., finds that they are an irresistible attraction at its dunk tank at the county fair. “People stand in line to dunk the mayor, sheriff, councilmen, and other candidates and elected officials,” says John Mead, who helps organize the annual event at the Washington County Fair. The club makes about \$2,000 every time – and now it’s rebuilding the dunk tank and putting it on wheels. Is any politician safe this year?

Nancy Shepherdson is a freelance writer and a member of the Rotary Club of Lake Zurich, Ill.
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RI President's Message

Posted by Max Bridges on Apr 25, 2016



RI President's Message May 2016



K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran
President 2015-16

Some years ago, in the Kano plains of Kenya, a well-meaning development agency took on the task of improving water availability to a rural community. Committees were formed, meetings were held, and the local people were consulted. The main need the community identified was improved delivery of water for irrigation and livestock. A plan to meet this need was created, and the work was soon begun, exactly as the community representatives had requested.

Yet once construction began, it was met by immediate protest from groups of community women, who came to the site and physically blocked workers from building diversion channels. Upon further investigation, the agency realized that the water it was diverting for farming came from the only source, for dozens of families, of water for cooking, drinking, and washing. The entire project had to be scrapped.

Why? Because it had never occurred to a single

member of the all-male team in charge to consult the local women. At every stage, it was assumed that the men knew the needs, spoke for the community, and were able to represent it. Clearly, this was far from the case. The women knew the needs of the community, and its resources, far better – but their opinion was never sought.

We have had women in Rotary for only the last quarter of our history, and it is no coincidence that those years have been by far our most productive. In 1995, only 1 in 20 Rotarians were women; today, that number has risen to 1 in 5. It is progress, but it is not enough. It is only common sense that if we want to represent our communities, we must reflect our communities, and if we want to serve our communities fully, we must be sure that our communities are fully represented in Rotary.

Rotary's policy on gender equality is absolutely clear. Yet nearly one-fifth of our clubs still refuse to admit women, usually by claiming that they simply cannot find women who are qualified for membership. I would say that any Rotarian who makes this argument, or believes it, himself lacks the two most basic qualifications for Rotary membership: honesty and good sense.

A club that shuts out women shuts out much more than half the talent, half the ability, and half the connections it should have. It closes out the perspectives that are essential to serving families and communities effectively. It damages not only its own service but our entire organization, by reinforcing the stereotypes that limit us the most. It leads our partners to take us less seriously, and it makes all of Rotary less attractive to potential members, especially the young people who are so crucial to our future.

To tolerate discrimination against women is to doom our organization to irrelevance. We cannot pretend that we still live in Paul Harris' time, nor would he ever want us to. For, as he said, "The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again." Let us see to it that the story we write in Rotary is one of which he would be proud.

Message from the Foundation Trustee Chair

Posted by Max Bridges on Apr 25, 2016

Message from the Foundation Trustee Chair

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May 2016



Ray Klinginsmith

Trustee Chair 2015-16

The 100th anniversary of The Rotary Foundation will occur in June of next year, and a full year of activities is planned leading up to it, starting with the 2016 convention in Seoul and culminating with the 2017 convention in Atlanta. I remember well the excitement of the Rotary centennial in 2004-05, and I hope that Rotarians worldwide will treat the Foundation's centennial with the same enthusiasm!

The centennial celebration will launch at the Seoul convention, and the entire general session on

Tuesday morning will feature the Foundation's programs. However, it is the activities of clubs and districts that will determine the success of the centennial celebration. To assist in the planning of centenary events, the Rotary Resource Center in the House of Friendship in Seoul will offer Rotarians helpful materials and ideas.

For Rotarians who are unable to attend the convention, the same materials will be available for download at www.rotary.org/foundation100. The tool kit includes:

- Ideas and activities for clubs and districts
- Promotional flier and bookmark for the centennial book, Doing Good in the World
- Promotional postcard
- Sample press release for clubs to promote activities in their communities
- History of The Rotary Foundation PowerPoint
- Centennial letterhead and PowerPoint template
- Centennial video (highly recommended)
- Centennial logo

Rotary would not be as strong and vibrant as it is today without the tremendous support of The Rotary Foundation, and it is now time to celebrate its 100th birthday. Rotary is a grassroots organization with more than 35,000 clubs, most of which have directly benefited from support of The Rotary Foundation. Therefore, I truly hope that all of you – and your clubs – will show your appreciation for the Foundation that Rotary created for the purpose of Doing Good in the World!

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