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Lisa G. Carreño: Regional Director for Sonoma County for 10,000 Degrees

10,000 Degrees tackles the challenge of education and social justice. For children in elementary and middle schools, the College4Kids program plants the seed of higher education by touring a college campus. The program for high school students, the 10,000 Degrees Institute, and undergraduate scholarships, provide the preparation and resources for low-income students to get to and through college. 84% of their students graduate from college compared to 24% nationally from low income households.

10,000 Degrees vision is that every student, regardless of race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status, will have the support and resources to earn a college degree and achieve his/her potential.

Lisa G. Carreño received her bachelor's degree from The Catholic University of America, and then received her Juris Doctor from The Columbus School of Law at Catholic U. After admission to the Maryland Bar and a short stint in private practice, Lisa was appointed to direct the Maryland Commission for Women. From 1993 to 2005, Lisa directed the YWCA Sonoma County. After admission to the California Bar in 2006, Lisa joined Spaulding McCullough & Tansil's civil litigation and estate planning departments. Lisa joined Community Foundation Sonoma County to launch the Scholarship Sonoma County partnership with 10,000 Degrees in April 2012, and, in November 2013, was appointed Regional Director for 10,000 Degrees

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in Sonoma County. Lisa chairs the board of directors for Forget Me Not Farm Children's Services, serves on the steering committee of Los Cien Sonoma County, and as a member of Congressman Mike Thompson's Immigration Advisory Group, the steering committee for VOICES Sonoma County, and the advisory board for Summit State Bank.

[District Conference--Yosemite](#)

Posted by Harry Coffey on Apr 30, 2015



District Conference--Yosemite

What a great site for a conference. It was well attended as the rooms were packed and the entire Lodge was Rotary decorated.

Carolyn and George attended as well as the always reliable Del Raby.

Carolyn got the stage for the 'ALIVE NOW' program and we saw the video of Eloise. Carolyn was terrific.

I was on stage talking about Scotts Mount Everest climb. At 8:30 am on Saturday. I had just heard about the earthquake in Nepal. Not knowing any facts on Scotts condition.

I moved into the presentation on a positive stance. My prayers were answered----he was safe and unhurt. Everyone expressed sincere concern for our Brother Scott.

I asked the entire crowd to shout out a very healthy "GO SCOTT"----So he could feel the Love all the way from Yosemite.

On to the subject of awards. Our Club came away with some serious awards for our efforts this year. And Thanks go out to my mentor-- Past President Mike Kelly--for the work he did in submitting the paperwork

outlining our accomplishments.

We were awarded the Presidents Citation --- which covers all categories of service. We were 1 of 8 clubs to receive this award, of the 47 clubs in the district.

We received three other awards:

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In all these categories we were 1 of 10 clubs to receive these top recognitions.

Del made a very special presentation, and did a marvelous job---meaning no notes---

In our Districts history, only two others have received this award for the highest of service citations --Distinguished Rotarian. Past district Governor Bruce Campbell was presented this award.

And in his acceptance speech, he insisted on sharing the award with Del. He says Del was the one person who pushed or rather, assisted Bruce in many of the projects he accomplished.

So-- I count Del Raby as number 4 to receive Distinguished Rotarian award in our district.

I was honored to represent our club-----even in the Jeopardy Game that D.G. Kevin organized. Four people were chosen from a random table selection process. Yes, your truly as chosen.

I was pitted against a past District Governor , an assistant D.G. and husband of our R.I. Presidents representative-Jim McCambridge from Colorado.

On the very last question----I pull out a winning answer----I was crowned the official Rotary Jeopardy Champion. I ask D.G. Kevin if this means he would send me to the R.I. Headquarters

in Evanston --for the Rotary Jeopardy Championships-----he said "no"--- Oh Well! It was fun---and that's Rotary for you----great people doing great things and having fun along the way.

[Sunrise Supports Project Tecolutla](#)

Posted by John Dolinsek on Apr 30, 2015



Sunrise Supports Project Tecolutla

The Manzanos and the whole team at Vida Milenaria want the Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotarians to know how happy they are for your support! They have purchased the educational equipment which your club funded, and set it up for this photo-shoot, so you could see.

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Various members of the Vida milenaria Team.
Papa and Mama Tortuga are on the right



Papa Tortuga (Fernando Manzano) gives a big
"thumbs up" to the Santa Rosa Sunrise
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Posted on May 01, 2015



The Climb Up Everest - Updates - Scott Returning Home After Assisting Red Cross

May 1

Some Good News from Everest Base Camp

By: Mountain Trip

It's been a super challenging time for the entire country of Nepal, and our team who has been there and witnessed the destruction and suffering of the people have had a life experience they will never forget. There has been a stream of bad news coming from Nepal, but there was a small bright spot in Everest Base Camp yesterday. Jacob and his girlfriend of several years, Ann got engaged at EBC yesterday!! They've been working together closely during the days since the earthquake and avalanche, and we are super excited to hear the news, and Jacob gave us permission to spread the word.

All Expeditions from the S. Side are officially off now for the season, and the climbers who remain at Everest Base Camp are working on packing up and cleaning up now. Jacob and our Sherpa team plan to remain at base camp for a few more days to clean up our gear, and the gear that was spread around during the avalanche. The villages in the Khumbu region below base camp are struggling right now, and many in base camp have decided to remain where they are for a few more days so as not to stress the already thin resources. Helicopters, which sometimes are used to travel down valley and/or to Kathmandu, need to focus on the needs of the earthquake victims right now. When they do leave, sometime in the next week, they'll travel with whatever food they have and bring tents with them so they won't impact or use resources needed by the local people. All of our Sherpa crew has had a chance to talk with their families, and everyone is OK, but they are obviously anxious to get home very soon to begin to rebuild their lives.

Scott Holder is on his way home now after several very emotionally draining days in Kathmandu doing what he could to help with the enormous needs of the local people.

The Germers arrived back home in Alaska today, after an emotionally draining and surreal drive across the country from Pokhara to Kathmandu where they were witness to the suffering and devastation across Nepal.

We hope to have some first hand reports from David, Alisha, and Scott after they have a chance to settle in and adjust to home for a few days.

Earlier today we posted some links to some organizations that are in a position to help the people of Nepal. Please look at that post and give generously, the needs of the people there are huge right now.

April 29

Everest Update Jacob Calls From EBC

By: Mountain Trip

Jacob called in twice from Everest Base Camp, but neither call was very clear. I'll post both, as it is nice to hear from him, regardless of how garbled the transmission. He is planning to stay at EBC for a few more days, helping clean up and organize equipment and supplies.

David and Alisha Germer are stateside and almost home, after a challenging trip back to Kathmandu from Pokhara, Nepal's second largest city, which was severely damaged by the earthquake. Our contacts were able to secure them seats on a bus back to Kathmandu, where they spent a couple days waiting for a flight out. Their reports of the extensive devastation were very compelling.

Scott Holder is still in Kathmandu, where he is helping the efforts of local Red Cross teams. He will board a plane for home tomorrow.

We will post information about organizations that we are supporting to help with the general relief effort in Nepal. We have had numerous climbers contact us, asking for advice as to which organizations they might make donations. Some of our past climbers have made donations directly to our Sherpa team members, and we appreciate and applaud any generosity to those whose lives have been so tragically disrupted. More on this theme later today.

[Sunrise Travelers](#)

**NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST
, ALL ARE BEST~~~~**



The Azores population has dropped this past week: Sunrise Rotarians and Friends have come west to roost. Unbeknownst to the author last week, members Steve Davis with Sarah and Nancy Aita with Bob concluded their southsea adventure onboard the two masted schooner. Closer to home, Rich & Betsy Randolph have been luxuriating in Wisconsin, enjoying not only the state's greenery, cheese and hospitality, but moreover it's abundance of WATER! A long hot shower is a wonderful respite from California's drought imposed submarine style rinses!



On the east side of the pond, the Bridges have spanned the globe and are cruising the Elbe with John & Ardis Jones, on their way to Berlin.





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News From RI

Posted by Dave Lorenzen on May 01, 2015



May 2015 Focused Filmmaker



With a small cassette recorder, Anna Jones set out to tell the story of her father, North Carolina's first black school board chairman. Anna Jones set out with a little RadioShack cassette recorder in 2007 to document a few stories about her parents. When a mayor of a small North Carolina town told her, "Your father did more for Northampton County than anyone," she recalls, "that was surprising to me. I wanted to know, what did he do?" Inspired by the film festival in her hometown of Durham, Jones enrolled in a documentary filmmaking program to tell his story. The result, *Chairman Jones: An Improbable Leader*, is an hourlong film following James Henry Jones' journey from sharecropper to the first black school board chairman in the state. He fought to integrate schools, which – despite the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* decision that separate but equal schools were

unconstitutional – remained separate and inferior in many places. With only a seventh-grade education, James Jones “always mourned the loss of his education,” says his daughter, a member of the Rotary Club of Durham. “He wanted to make sure that anyone who wanted that opportunity, whether they were black or white or whatever, would get it.” Anna Jones’ adventure in cinema was funded through an ambitious online crowdfunding drive, grants, and contributions from family and friends. That assistance, combined with a daughter’s dogged determination, helped craft a resonant tribute to a man who strived to show that “cooperation is possible between races,” Jones says. – *Brad Webber*



[* Remember the Pictures](#)

Posted by Max Bridges on Apr 06, 2015



Check Out the Pictures from the Weekly Meetings

[Link to Meeting Sightings](#)

On a regular basis, our resident photo pros **Warren Smith** and **Steve Davis** submit pictures of what is going on at the weekly meetings. You can always find the most recent pictures at the website's 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 Steve! [Link to Meeting Sightings](#). The most recent are on the last page!

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



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Eloise Tweeten: Visioning the future of Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary-part 2

This is a continuation of our visioning exercise late last year to help develop a strategic plan for the club.

10,000 Degrees

Posted by Dicksie Tamanaha on May 07, 2015

10,000 Degrees - College Programs Accelerated to the Power of the Sun

In a well modulated voice, with low key delivery that underscored the magnitude of the content she presented, Lisa Carreno, Regional Director for Sonoma County for 10,000 Degrees, introduced Rotarians to her organization's extraordinary powerhouse of national citations, top ratings, index of awards and impressive statistics for helping underserved students in the North Bay get into and through college at an unprecedented rate. The incomparable heat of our sun --10,000 degrees -- is the source for the organization's distinctive name. And the profile of 10,000 Degree's services to students lives up to that super power designation.

- More than 3,000 students were served in 2013 – 2014.
- 100% are from low-income households
- 84% are people of color
- \$2.8 million in aid has been awarded by the organization
- \$18 million in free financial aid has been found from other sources and awarded to

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- \$21,148 is the average leverage package of aid per student

In comparing the organization's graduation statistics, 10,000 Degrees also claims supremacy. The percentage of students who graduate from four-year colleges in up to six years, is 79% for students from affluent families. While 10,000 Degree student alumni achieve an impressive 84% graduation rate.



"Grit" is the answer, according to Carreno. Students are selected for the program not on merit, but rather for demonstrated persistence. Carreno says, "(We tell them) If you stick with it, we will be with you all the way. You can never give up, and we will never give up on you." Perhaps "Grit" is also the secret of the organization's nationally recognized success as a Four-Star Charity by Charity Navigator and designation as a Lumina Education Foundation's Recognition as a National Model as well as the winner of Social Impact Exchange's National Business Plan Competition. 10,000 Degrees of "True Grit" equals "Hot Stuff!"

[Interact Retreat at Alliance](#)

Posted by Eloise Tweeten on May 11, 2015

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Interact retreat at Alliance Redwoods (overnight Sat-Stacy and Doug Gibson, interact advisor were the overnight volunteers)



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Rotary volunteers: Stacy, Ross A, Carmen, Penny, Eloise

I was there in the PM so missed the climbing wall in the AM...

Eloise

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Posted by Peter Banks on May 11, 2015



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Our Next Hike - Fort Ross, Saturday, May 16th

Greetings Hiking Enthusiasts:

Our next hike will be centered on Fort Ross (north of Jenner). We will start our activities from the Fort Ross State Park parking area at 9:15 am. In addition to hiking along the coast north of the parking lot, we will can participate in the Fort Ross Conservancy's Alaska Native Day celebration (see <http://www.fortross.org/events.htm>), to be held in the main stockade area. We will eat lunch (bring your own) at about noon at the cove to the south of the stockade, then hike further south along the coast to several headlands, according to the wishes of our group. You can see our post-lunch route at <http://www.everytrail.com/guide/overview-walk-at-fort-ross-state-historic-park/map>. We will end our hiking/social/cultural event at about 2:30 pm, leaving time for those who wish to see more of the Alaska Native Day activities on their own.

All is in order for our hike next Saturday, May 16th. Weather Underground says that there will be morning fog, afternoon sun, a high temperature of 63F and light winds off the ocean. Dress accordingly. Info about time and activities is as given in the original announcement at the end of this update.

To repeat, our hike will begin Saturday, May 16th at 9:15 am at the west side of the Fort Ross Park Headquarters parking lot . For those of you who are carpooling, we will meet earlier at the PG&E substation located on River Road just west of the intersection with US101. We will depart from there at 8:15 am in order to make the 9:15 am departure from the Fort Ross Parking lot. The travel is about 35 miles, requiring just under an hour. In making carpool arrangements, remember that the Alaska Native Day activities continue to about 4 pm.

For those who wish to carpool, we will plan to meet at the PG&E parking lot on River Road, just to the west of the US101/River Road Overpass, departing for Fort Ross at 8 am.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email or phone (707 326-1767), Marty Behr,

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Jim Moir, or Rick Lewis.

See you soon,

Peter

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Posted by Rich Randolph on May 11, 2015

TRAVEL IS FATAL TO ~ ~ ~

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow mindedness..... Mark Twain

Not that this suggests Sunrises's sojourning are in need of any such enlightenment, getting "out of Dodge" does have remarkable restorative re-visioning.

Most recently three very diverse itineraries have filled members photo albums and emptied a couple of bucket list destinations.

Case in point, members Tamanaha, Lockner, Aita and Davis explored The Portuguese Azores on a sailing ship they had a role in crewing. The series of Islands have early names derived from non-human inhabitants: Pico~ pigeons, Conigi~ rabbits, Madiera~ wood. Azores itself is a likely transliteration of Zorzo, or Sao Jorge, St. George.

The Randolph's gained heritage and girth on their odyssey to America's Dairyland, Betsy's home state. With a native population of just 6 million, 20th rank in the US, (California is #1) with nearly 39 million. While Californian's contend with a prolonged drought, their population has just 5% of the state's area covered with water. Wisconsinites in contrast claim 17% of their surface area aquatic. The current abundance of water attracts fishing enthusiasts, kayackers, water skiers and other water sports by the thousands during summer and snow mobilers in winter. Traffic signs guiding these winter wayfarers are permanent parts of shared traffic paths. Bordered on the northeast by Lake Superior, the nearby towns of Superior, Washburn, Bayfield and Ashland have become major shipping and tourism hubs. With access to the Atlantic, the lake services freighters destined for Europe, often transporting US heartland grown grains.

During the early 20th Century, DuPont Corporation operated the Barksdale Explosive Plant, manufacturing dynamite and other explosives for the US wartime and industrial

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demands. The plant was largely a secret, shrouded behind barbed wire and tight lips.

Couples Jones and Bridges have been enjoying relative privacy in their Elbe cruise between Hungary and Germany. Sketchy Internet can be a welcome disconnect, and we look forward to hearing more of this foursome's favorite highlights.

A combined program from all these land and water adventurers is on the horizon!

Auf Wiedersehen, Adios, For Sure!!

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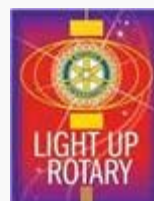
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GARY C.K. HUANG

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One of my favorite parts of a Rotary convention is the House of Friendship. In Chinese, we say: 有朋自遠方來 不亦樂乎. "To have friends come together from faraway places is a wonderful thing."

At the 106th annual Rotary International Convention, 6-9 June, the House of Friendship will reflect the excitement and the diverse blend of cultures of São Paulo, the host city.

In between general sessions, you can relax and enjoy all that Brazil has to offer – sample the cuisine, browse locally made gifts, and take in top-quality entertainment. You also can get ideas for service and find partners at booths showcasing Rotary projects and Rotarian Action Groups.

And best of all, you'll have the opportunity to spend time with old friends and make many new ones.

The House of Friendship is a wonderful place to bring your convention guests – your family and your friends from home. By attending conventions with me, my family experienced the true internationality of Rotary. Eventually my wife, Corinna, and all three of my children joined Rotary clubs.

You and your guests will want to be sure to come early for World Water Summit 7, on 4

June, sponsored by the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group, or for the Rotary Peace Symposium, 4-5 June.

This year we are honored that Dr. Oscar Arias, former president of Costa Rica, will be the keynote speaker at the Rotary Peace Symposium. Arias received the Nobel Peace Prize for brokering a peace agreement that ended the brutal civil wars in Central America.

Other events 4-5 June include the Rotaract Preconvention Meeting, the International Institute, and the Youth Exchange Officers Preconvention Meeting.

When the convention is over, spend time exploring all that Brazil has to offer – pristine beaches just a few hours away, the excitement and glamour of Rio de Janeiro, and the wonders of the Amazon rain forest.

Every year, I return from the Rotary convention inspired to do more, to give more in Rotary service throughout the year. Register today at www.riconvention.org. I look forward to seeing you in São Paulo!

[* Message from the Foundation Trustee Chair](#)

Posted by Max Bridges on May 12, 2015

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**Message from the
Foundation Trustee
Chair**

May 2015



As we
enter into

May, we have two months left to ensure that you have made your contribution to Rotary's charity, our Rotary Foundation.

There is still time to ensure that it is greater than it was last year – our goal for the Annual Fund is US\$123 million, the highest it's ever been. There's still time to ensure that we achieve our goal. And there's still time to ensure that your contribution enables our Foundation to continue to do good in the world – and that you can have the personal satisfaction of contributing to this in a meaningful way.

Remember that the good we can do is limited only by the contributions we receive.

May means that there's also just over one month until the Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil. Convention delegates like to know who will be speaking.

This year we have outstanding speakers on Foundation-related topics, both at the convention and at the Rotary Peace Symposium held immediately prior to the convention. They include Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Oscar Arias, Australian entrepreneur Steve Killelea, Rotary Peace Fellow Katia de Mello Dantas, and Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award winner Geetha Jayaram.

Arias was president of Costa Rica from 1986 to 1990 and 2006 to 2010, and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1987 for his role as architect and peace-broker in ending multiple conflicts in

Central America. Arias continues to be an international force for peace-building through his personal activities and the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress.

Killelea is an Australian entrepreneur and philanthropist, known internationally as the developer of the Global Peace Index. In 2007, he established the Institute for Economics and Peace as a vehicle to build a greater understanding of the interconnection between business, peace, and economics.

Dantas received her master's degree in international development policy from Duke University in 2009. She works tirelessly on behalf of vulnerable children as the Latin America and Caribbean policy director for the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children.

I look forward to seeing you in São Paulo.

John Kenny
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[May 2015](#) - Young Professionals in Ghana Start a Club of Their Own



The Rotary Club of Sunyani Central is attracting

young professionals in Ghana.

Rose Meda Donkor ignored her father's repeated invitations to join the Rotary Club of Sunyani Central in Ghana, 200 miles north of Accra. Donkor, 36, wasn't interested in attending meetings because those Rotary people, she thought to herself, were just too old. That was four years ago, before she was introduced to a visiting Rotarian, Walter Hughes, a member of the Rotary Club of Rocky Mount, Va. "You love people," he said to her. "You want to give back. So why not join?" She told him the truth: She felt out of place; there wasn't anyone her age. Meanwhile, Senyo Agbedra, a Sunyani Central club member, had been trying unsuccessfully to bring young professionals into his club. When he met Donkor, he shared an idea for creating a new club for younger members. She was excited about the possibility and talked to friends, including Michael Kwabena Gyamfi, 30, a civil servant. They too expressed a passion to serve and, at this stage in their careers, a desire to form professional connections. With guidance from Agbedra and Emmanuel Foster Boateng, a past president of the Sunyani Central club, they founded the Rotary Club of Sunyani East in 2013. Gyamfi was the club's first president, and Donkor was vice president.

The 35 members – professionals who include a nurse and a doctor – soon developed the new club's identity by serving the community. Their signature project is supporting the education of inmates at Sunyani Central Prisons: The Rotarians volunteer to teach the inmates in their areas of specialization and are working on a US\$20,000 renovation to improve the vocational training facilities, with the goal of better equipping inmates to reintegrate into the community. The club also funds quarterly disinfestations to reduce disease related to overcrowding. (The facility was built for 300 inmates, but now holds 900.)

The club is also working with the Rotary clubs of Sunyani Central and Nanaimo-Oceanside, B.C., on a project, funded by a Rotary Foundation Global Grant, to update and repair three schools in the city of Sunyani.



Rotary offers young men and women in Ghana a unique perspective, notes 2012-13 Sunyani Central club president Kofi Nyamaah-Koffuor. "In our country," he says, "everything is politicized. If the politicians realize you didn't vote for them, they don't bring their work to you. But Rotary is nonpartisan. These young members see that we go everywhere and we accept everybody." "Getting younger folks into Rotary is a little easier for some of us," Gyamfi says, "because throughout the day we interact with young professionals. And then you get the chance to chip in a few things about 'Why don't you join us to do some good?' 'How do you spend your evenings?' Most of the time, you realize that these are people who want to do something, but they don't know what to do. And so the idea of Rotary comes in very handy for them." The Sunyani East club has created excitement, Donkor says, partly because it's informal and spontaneous. "Sometimes we show up to our meetings in jeans, and other times we decide to come in traditional wear. Every day we try to spice it up a little so it doesn't become boring." The club has incorporated technology into its activities too. Through social media platforms, members can join meetings if they're out of town, and provide live updates if they're visiting other clubs. The club also holds a quarterly social activity, in which a member hosts other Rotarians for a day of fun. Serving others is a valuable experience for young people, Gyamfi notes. "At our age," he says, "we spend most of our time trying to find ourselves, but we also need to find how to improve the community in which we live. By doing that, we make ourselves better." – *Stephen Yafa*

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Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County

(Habitat SoCo) is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. *Habitat for Humanity International is a faith-based organization and welcomes volunteers from all faiths who are committed to Habitat's goal of eliminating poverty housing.* The affiliate was formed in 1984 by a group of Sonoma County residents who wanted to end poverty housing. As an all-volunteer organization with limited resources, the affiliate focused on rehabilitating existing housing for low income households. Community volunteers completed 18 rehabilitations, and in 1991 built the first Habitat home in Sonoma County for the Efrén Carrillo, Sr. family. In 2000, with the support of the Methodist Church, the affiliate initiated a 'blitz build' and built the second home for a family in need in one week. In 2002, the Board of Directors made a bold decision to build multiple homes over the next five years. They hired a small staff to coordinate the recruitment of volunteers, and to provide training, planning and supervision of home building.

Club Assembly May 14 2015

California Sunrise Dreamin'

"If you don't have a dream, how you gonna have a dream come true?"

These wise lyrics were first sung in 1949 on Broadway by Bloody Mary in Rodgers and

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Hammerstein's South Pacific endearing musical, and reprised in the film version of 1958.

Their inherent truth echoes true still today, and Sunrise President Elect Eloise Tweeten resonated the call for us to awaken our dream for Sunrise Rotary.

Prompting our discussion with a helpful summary of the Club's areas of giving ~ over \$1.2 million over our 28 year run, members brainstormed and envisioned where we would like to focus our emphasis in Eloise' and several years ahead. A common theme was being able to have an impact on donees, focusing on a few, rather than spreading our outreach too thin. Another dilemma dealt with the issue of local versus international support.

Club members raised more questions than were immediately answered. Eloise succeeded in generating attention to our re\$ource allocation\$, and concluded the Club Assembly with a "to be continued...."

No one slumbered during this lively session!!!

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Rotary to honor U.S. lawmakers for supporting a polio-free world

Evanston, Ill., USA (13 May 2015) -- Rotary will recognize five members of Congress for their support of the humanitarian service organization's top priority to eradicate polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that still paralyzes children in parts of the world today.

The following lawmakers will be presented with Rotary's *Polio Eradication Champion Award* during an event at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. on May 13, 2015: Sen. Lamar Alexander (Tenn.), Sen. Patty Murray (Wash.), Rep. Charlie Dent (Pa.), and Rep. Barbara Lee (Calif.). Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (N.H.) will be accepting the award earlier in the day in her D.C. office.

These five lawmakers serve as advocates for



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securing U.S. government funding for polio eradication activities through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). As key allies, they influence both their constituents at home and Congressional colleagues to support a polio-free world.

Polio affected scores of Americans during epidemics in the 1950s, but has since been reduced by 99 percent worldwide. Rotary launched its [PolioPlus](#) program in 1985 and in 1988 became a spearheading partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI) with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Since the initiative launched in 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted from about 350,000 cases a year to less than 400 in 2014.

Rotary's main responsibilities within the initiative are fundraising, advocacy, and social mobilization. To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion and countless volunteer hours to fight polio. Through 2018, every new dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to \$35 million a year.

As the world's largest funder of polio eradication, the U.S. government has contributed more than \$2.6 billion since the mid-1980s. To support the final push to end polio, Rotary and its partners are asking for \$227.8 million in U.S. funding in 2016 through the CDC and USAID.

Though eradicated in the U.S. in 1979 and from most of the world today, polio remains endemic in three countries; Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Significant progress has been made this year. In Nigeria, no cases have been reported since July 2014, the longest polio-free period for the country to date. Pakistan, which accounted for nearly 90 percent of the world's polio cases in

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2014, has reported less than half the number of cases to date in 2015 as the same time last year. No single case of polio has been reported on the African continent since August 2014.

Rotary established the *Polio Eradication Champion Award* in 1995 to recognize heads of state, health agency leaders and others who have made a significant contribution to polio eradication. Past recipients of the Rotary award include Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany; Prime Minister Tony Abbott of Australia, Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada, Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, and 38 current members of the 114th Congress previously recognized by Rotary as Champions.

About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. Visit rotary.org and endpolio.org for more about Rotary and its efforts to eradicate polio. Video and still images will be available on the [Rotary Media Center](#).

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Tamara Stanley has seen civilization's outlying regions and places high value on community collaboration: As a Rotary Group Study Exchange participant she visited Siberia and studied Not For Profit, community ventures. Her local leaderships posts include Hanna Boys Center and Sonoma County Volunteers. As Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity (H4H) Sonoma County since September 2014, Tamara is directing this Chapter in keeping pace with the organization's national standing as the #1 ranked Harris Poll rating in the United States Not for Profit category. Her recap of H4H's accomplishments and goals is edifying.

Josh Blankenship, local founder of Sonoma County's H4H in 1984, had vision, and a plethora of perspiration: From his driveway nearly 30 years ago he was determined to see Habitat for Humanity become more than an address in Sonoma County. Today, Habitat has inspired & constructed multiple homes and significantly improved people's lives, providing shelter, hope and success driven stability through community partnerships and good old fashioned sweat equity. H4H has a home-a-year to the credit of its volunteers and recipients.

Dedicated volunteers of all skill levels in over 1400 local chapters in the United States and 70 abroad are building affordable homes. Through alliances with groups and individuals, ranging from Whirlpool Appliance, Lowes, Delta Faucets, Faith-based communities and service clubs, Habitat builds and sells homes to persons qualifying through three main criteria: Level of need, willingness to work 500 hours (either building or in a Restore location) and ability to repay their loan. Loans typically do not exceed 30% of income.

If being part of providing affordable housing appeals to you, Habitat for Humanity can be your window of opportunity: Volunteer labor, donate or purchase

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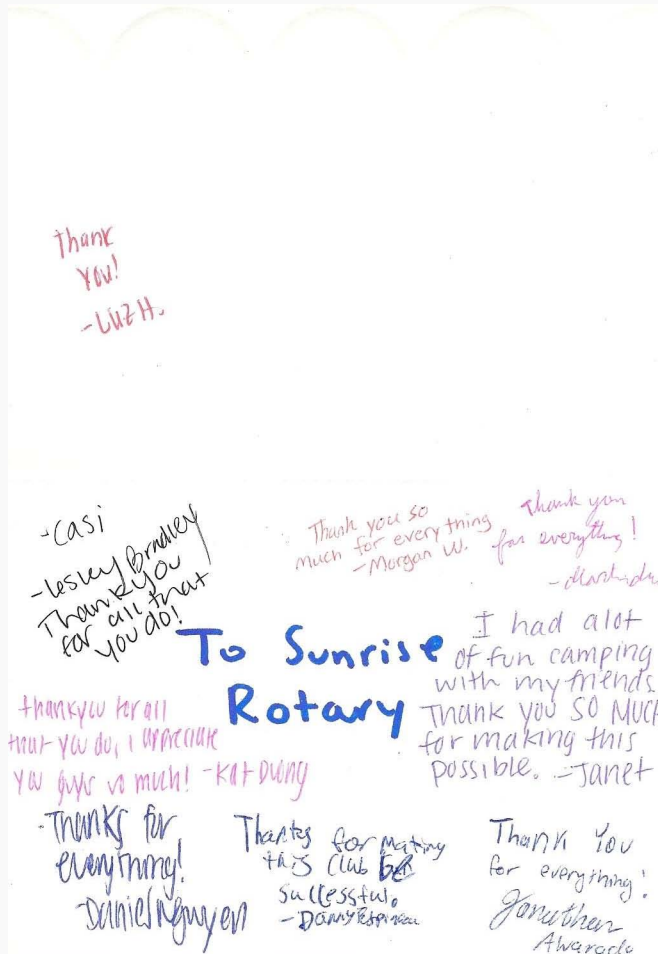
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materials at Restore. Your contribution adds to community stability, enhanced self-esteem, and sharing success with people moving on up!

[Thank You From Interact](#)

Posted by Harry Coffey on May 22, 2015

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[Bocce Ball](#)

Posted by Rick Lewis

Help Needed!



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Members that come to help would not have to pay anything and they should still be able to have fun and watch the games.

The event is to be held at the NW corner of Julliard Park in Santa Rosa. Participants and helpers should be at the venue by 9:00 am. Volunteers should contact Rick Lewis as soon as possible either by telephone (546-9856) or by email at burforb@att.net.

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According to a 2012 report by UNICEF and the World Health Organization, Ghana has made great strides in providing its people with clean drinking water. But access to better sanitation has lagged.

Only about 14 percent of Ghanaians have access to improved facilities, compared with the 54 percent target set for 2015 by the [United Nations Millennium Development Goals](#). Addressing the issue isn't simple, as pit latrines need emptying, toilets need maintenance, and promoting hygiene requires education.

The H2O Collaboration, a partnership between Rotary and the [U.S. Agency for International Development \(USAID\)](#), is working to alleviate the problem. Between 2009 and 2013, the collaboration invested \$2 million in water, sanitation, and hygiene initiatives in Ghana, along with equal amounts in the Dominican Republic and the Philippines.

In Ghana, the effort resulted in 57 boreholes, 20 wells, latrines for 41 public schools, three public toilet and shower-block units, and three mechanized water supply and distribution systems for rural communities.

In each community, Rotary members and USAID partnered with Ghana's [Community Water and Sanitation Agency](#) to set up local water and sanitation committees that assume ongoing oversight of the improvements. They have also worked with the country's Ministry of Education and its local affiliates to promote a health curriculum that teaches the importance of hand washing with soap, safe water storage, and use of improved household latrines.

The collaboration is poised to enter its second phase this year with commitments of \$4 million each in Ghana, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, and Uganda.

Unique strengths

[Rotary and USAID](#) both bring unique strengths to the effort. Rotary's global network of members raise money and oversee construction of the improvements. USAID provides the technical support to design and carry out the initiatives, and works to build the capacity of local, district, and regional agencies to operate and maintain the systems and oversee education and training.

"Working with USAID has been great because they have been in the development business for years and have the backing of the U.S. government," says Ako Odotie, a

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member of the Rotary Club of Tema, Accra, who serves on a committee overseeing the effort in Ghana. "In Rotary, we are volunteers and many individual clubs. USAID is one unit, and that provides strength to our effort."

One of the first steps for Rotary was the creation of a host organization committee made up of Rotary leaders who could steer the project. The committee members sat down with representatives from USAID and the Community Water and Sanitation Agency to determine where the need was greatest; they selected the Volta, Eastern, Central, and Greater Accra regions. Sites were then chosen, and Rotary's share of projects in 114 communities was divided up among 16 clubs.

The clubs met with each community to get their input before seeking bids for projects. Local water and sanitation committees participate in decision-making, donate land for the improvements, set up bank accounts, establish and collect user fees to cover ongoing costs, and receive training in the use and maintenance of the facilities. Health and sanitation teams from local government units and the Community Water and Sanitation Agency regularly inspect and monitor the sites and evaluate reports from the communities.

Sustainability

"Some of the water and sanitation committees have done so well with the fees they get from users that they have expanded things," says Odotie. "In one community where we dug a borehole, they got additional funding from a church camp and installed pump-to-pump water into a tank and built themselves a complete water system."

"Sustainability is built right into the project," notes Robert Holden, who served as international project sponsor for District 7630 (Delaware and Maryland, USA). "When we entered a village, they had to show us their bankbook and deposits, which were enough to keep the projects running. I was very impressed with how much prior planning went into this project, its detail, ingenuity, and foresight."

Odotie says it has been rewarding to see the reaction of villagers to all the improvements.

"Sometimes it is very emotional to see the joy and appreciation on their faces," he says. "When you bring in water -- clean water versus what they are used to drinking, which is very pitiful -- you can tell straightaway that their health situation is improved. This is what I live for. It is what makes Rotary what it is."

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