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International Projects

Sololá, Guatemala

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Our RC of Dublin, under late member Michael Prilutsky, wrote our first Global Grant (GG) in the focus area of Education and Literacy. This grant funded computer labs in select schools and community centers in Sololá, Guatemala. This area of indigenous Mayan villages has little access to the internet. In the schools, learning is limited to paper and pencil and rote repetition as textbooks are also not readily available. Each program site received a RACHEL System (Remote Area Community Hotspot for Education and Learning) which connected each laptop to a digital library of pre-loaded educational resources such as Khan Academy, math and literacy software. Therefore, the introduction of digital resources in the students' primary language was a game changer!

Based on the success of the first GG, a second grant was written by David Gilpin of the Rotary Club of Tri-Valley Evening (TVER) and funded by Area 5 Tri-Valley Rotary Clubs. This grant is currently being implemented and expanded the number of schools involved. This grant funded a stronger teacher training/monitoring module provided by World Possible in Guatemala. However, access to Chromebooks was limited to scheduled time in a school computer lab with little impact on day-to-day classroom lesson integration.



Teachers in Sololá, Guatemala learning how to use a Chromebook

The RC of Dublin is now the lead International Club in developing the RACHEL 3 Global Grant. It is slated to be implemented when the new school year begins in February 2025. David Gilpin of TVER worked with our Host Club Vista Hermosa (Satellite) and support partner World Possible in Guatemala to submit our application for RI funding. RACHEL 3 proposes bringing the Chromebooks into select sixth grade classrooms. With daily access, each student will be able to integrate resources with daily lessons. A strong teacher training program delivered by staff at World Possible will provide teacher training in lesson planning, new teaching strategies, and how to integrate resources into daily student learning. There is also a bolstered assessment component. Again, the consortium of Area 5 Tri-Valley Clubs contributed their DDF to earn the 80% TRF funding match. Stay tuned as your club's International Team (Lee Denlinger, Val Williams and Christy Li) continues to promote educational literacy through digital learning.

Article By Lee Denlinger, Fundraiser Project Chair 2024-25



Upcoming Events November 2024

*November is
Rotary Foundation Month*

November 4

Club Board Meeting
Location: Zoom

November 6

Veteran's Day Event w/City of Dublin
Location: Shannon Community Ctr.

November 13

Club Lunch Meeting
Location: Dublin Library

November 20

Club Lunch Meeting
Location: Dublin Library

November 27

Dark, No Meeting
Due to Thanksgiving Holiday



Students with Chromebooks in Sololá, Guatemala



Christy Li Club President 2024-25

A Message from your President



Dear Dublin Rotary Club Members,

I hope this letter finds you all well. Reflecting on September and October, I am filled with pride and gratitude for everything we have accomplished together as a club. These months have been filled with vibrant activities and milestones that highlight the strength of our Rotary community.

A special highlight was District Governor Jill's visit, where we inducted three outstanding new members: LTC Richard B. King, CSM Steven D. Lorey, and Razi Hasni, our former Dublin Chamber of Commerce Chairperson.

Each of them brings unique experience and immense value to our club, and we are so excited to welcome them into the Rotary family. Additionally, we proudly awarded Service Awards to members who have dedicated over 20 years to our club. Their commitment and service are truly commendable—thank you all for your unwavering dedication to our mission.

The World Polio Day is on October 24, I want to take a moment to reflect on our club's contributions to polio awareness. On October 15, our team proudly received a Polio Proclamation at the Dublin City Council meeting. We also hosted our 2nd Annual End Polio Walk at Don Biddle Park, helping to raise awareness in our community.

I'm also thrilled for the launch of a new Dublin Rotary Foundation initiative, which allows members to donate \$100 to the NPO of their choice. This is a wonderful opportunity to support causes close to your hearts.

Special kudos to Vocational Chair Horatio for sending out the club survey and for working diligently on launching a new vocational service program. I'm excited about the positive impact this program will have once it is up and running! A big shout-out to Kamal for his hard work as part of the District Avenue of Service event planning team, and to Membership Chair Tim, who has done an amazing job connecting people and growing our community. And a heartfelt thanks to Patty, Linda, and Tim for stepping up and leading us to support Trunk or Treat event which we co-hosted with the Dublin Police Department—your contributions are greatly appreciated!

As we move forward, I encourage everyone to get more involved and continue to bring fresh ideas, passion, and dedication to our club's mission. Together, we will continue making Dublin Rotary stronger and better.

Thank you all for your hard work and commitment!

Yours in Rotary,
Christy Li
2024-25 President, Dublin Rotary Club



Upcoming Events December 2024

**December is
Disease Prevention &
Treatment Month**

December 1
District Leadership Meeting
Location: TBD

December 2
Club Board Meeting
Location: Zoom

December 4
Club Lunch Meeting
Location: Dublin Library

December 11
Club Lunch Meeting
Location: Dublin Library

December 18
Club Lunch Meeting
Location: Dublin Library

December 25
Dark, No Meeting

Date TBD
Build-A-Bike
Location: Fallon Middle School



A Message from The Mayor of Dublin Michael McCorriston



The last calendar quarter of 2024 has been and will continue to be active for the City of Dublin. Newly appointed City Manager, Colleen Tribby took the reins on October 10th. Colleen has 11 years of experience leading the city in key management positions as Assistant City Manager and Director of Finance and Administration. We wish the best to outgoing City Manager Linda Smith D'Ambrosio in her new role as City Manager for the City of Orinda.

There will be a new mayor and at least one new council member for Dublin after the November General Election results are compiled. These new members of city council will take their seats on the dais during the second council meeting in December. The city will begin to implement two of four new council districts this election. Districts 1 and 3 will be phased in followed by districts 2 and 4 in two years.

Dublin voters will also be asked to weigh in on two ballot measures, including measures II and JJ. Measure II is focused specifically on the last half mile of unincorporated land between Dublin and Livermore determining whether council should be given authority to make decisions about potential development and annexation. This measure relates to the larger plan for the Dublin Boulevard extension which proposes to extend the roadway 1.5 miles east from Fallon Road to North Canyons Parkway in the City of Livermore.

Measure JJ addresses government accountability for members of the city council and commissioners, prohibiting gifts from lobbyists and city contractors, and prohibits city contractors from sitting on the city council. The measure also addresses a term limit extension for council members from a total of eight years to 12 years.

The city continues to move forward with several large projects, including the Dublin Commons (Downtown Dublin), the Dublin Centre project, and the extension of Dublin Boulevard to Livermore. Dublin Commons is envisioned to become an important downtown gathering place which will include development for retail (275,000 sf), office space geared toward life science (500,000 sf), and residential (1,500) units. Importantly, The project will have a town center park. The Dublin Centre project has started grading work on four parcels along Tassajara Road (former location of Rotary's fireworks stand), and include a mix of residential (500 units, 100 units for adults with intellectual disabilities), retail shops (40,000 sf), and commercial space (360,000 sf) that will include a "main street" experience.

The Dublin Boulevard extension is planned to have four to six travel lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, traffic signals, street lighting, and much more. The preliminary cost estimate for the roadway is estimated to be \$151.5 million.

It's reassuring to know that with these planned projects and other infrastructure projects in the queue the city has remained fiscally well positioned with strong reserves.

Article By Michael McCorriston, Mayor of Dublin, California



Kamal Della giving thanks to District 5170 Governor Jill Duerig

From the Editor's Desk

Our intrepid reporting staff met with the incoming Rotary Club of Dublin President Linda Smith D'Ambrosio. The interview took 5 hours and 35 minutes, so our group of editors decided to condense it down for your easier consumption.

Linda was born in 1989 with a yearning to give back to her community. Her first words as a baby were "Service Above Self." She joined our illustrious club in 2012 at the behest of Rich Boschetti. Mrs. Smith joined because she wanted to get more involved in the community and she stayed in the club because she had developed many treasured relationships. Along with being President elect, Linda is actively engaged in the Rotary Leadership Academy.

Linda's favorite Rotary event is the Veterans Day celebration, and she loves working in the fireworks booth. Linda is not a fan of Star Wars or Star Trek, but she mentioned her favorite Rotary member is Larry (clearly, she is buttering up the Newsletter editing staff – so transparent!).

Linda wants more interaction between the club members and plans to make that a pillar of her Presidency. She wants to increase the engagement by making meetings more interactive and socials more engaging. She may propose a pickleball tournament? Overall, Linda just wants our members to have more fun.



Linda Smith D'Ambrosio
President Elect 2024-25



As your club president, I plan to....

- ✓ Have more interaction between club members
- ✓ Increase Engagement
- ✓ Make meetings more interactive
- ✓ Make club socials more engaging
- ✓ Propose a Pickleball tournament
- ✓ Encourage members to have more fun



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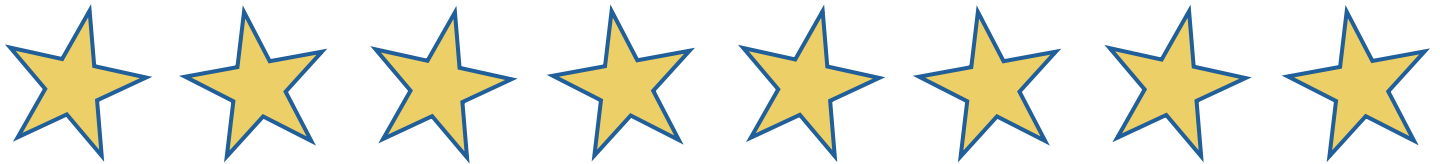




The Giving Project

Each Rotary Club Member is asked to direct one \$100 grant to any organization or individual that is consistent with the Foundation's Purpose.

*Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dublin Foundation
Grant Amount: Up To \$5,000 Total*



DEDICATION | Service Awards

Service Awards recipients who have dedicated over 20 years to our club:



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| 53 years | Harold Ceizler |
| 52 years | Bob Tucknott |
| 41 years | John Ichiuji |
| 33 years | Bill Moy |
| 28 years | Ed Raney |
| 28 years | Jeff Leuchi |
| 27 years | Dennis Ackley |
| 20 years | Lee Denlinger |



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