

District 5190

Striving Together Achieving Results



THE HALF WAY POINT

We are at the half-way point of the Rotary Year, “Rotary Serving Humanity. I have visited 58 Clubs and attended many other functions, including Foundation Dinners, driving a total of 13,763 miles.

As I mentioned in my Club visits, I found each Club was special and unique. Emphasis was on local projects and having fun doing so.

I was amazed by the variety of projects that helped our local communities. Frequently we measure the success of a Club by numbers such as net change in membership or donations to the Rotary Foundation. To me the real measure of success is impact on our communities. I wish we had some kind of measurement such as per capita impact. Every Club would score through the roof.

The year actually started a bit early with a visit to RYLA and then to speak to the RYE Outbound students. What an impact these programs plus REGL, Interact and Rotaract are having on these Youth. Watching the participants at RYLA and REGL have personal breakthroughs was truly amazing.

As Sandy and I visited the many Clubs it was clear that even the most modest sized Clubs are having a tremendous impact on their communities. We heard about drive-through flu clinics, financial literacy programs, food for the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas and projects to improve community facilities. Many times, it was elbow-grease, perhaps even more than money, that was making the difference. Even though it was completed several years ago, I understand the pride one President demonstrated when she showed us a Rotary Park next to a long-term care facility that provided a place for families and patients to relax.

And let’s not forget Rotary Serving Humanity on a global basis. Several Clubs have continued work on international projects helping provide clean water, provide vocational training, provide equipment for a girl’s secondary school and there are other grants in progress.

STARS-Striving Together Achieving Results is certainly a motto our Clubs have been following this year. Members have been generous with their time and finances supporting local projects and donating to the Rotary Foundation. Just a reminder, if you have not made a donation this Rotary year please consider doing so. I know some

Rotary Club of Tahoe City Presents:

THE 41st ANNUAL DICK LINKEY ROTARY SKI CHALLENGE

Friday, March 3, 2017



The WORLDS largest GATHERING of skiing ROTARIANS

Circle the date! The 41st Annual Dick Linkey Rotary Ski Challenge looks to be better than ever. Check the Fact Sheet for specifics. As has been our aim in the past, this event benefits the many programs of the Rotary Club of Tahoe City and its Foundation. Join us for a day of friendly competition and Rotarian fellowship.

Our race this year will again be held at Northstar California

We are offering Apres Ski with heavy hors d'oeuvres beginning about 3:00 pm just before the awards ceremony. It will still not be an official dinner, but we have a good selection of food. We will have completed all activities by 5:00 pm.

Once again we have decided to invite significant others and children over 13 to join the race. We feel it is a positive to invite family members and friends, who have accompanied the Rotarians to our event, to participate in our race. We have reduced the fee somewhat to encourage them to participate. I have personally spoken to the Race Course Manager and have been assured that the course will be maintained as well as any other sanctioned race at Northstar. The additional guests will be racing with their clubs. We don't feel that there will be enough additional attendance to deteriorate the course significantly.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

We are requesting that all registration and release forms be filled out online at our website - www.tahoecityrotary.org. Each participant should fill out the release form online then print, sign and give to the Team Captain, The Team Captain should fill out the registration form online and submit all forms with the club check.

Please pass this information on to your Bulletin Editor to insert in your newsletter. Editor: reference our Web site (<http://www.tahoecityrotary.org>) for members to look up information under "Annual Dick Linkey Rotary Ski Challenge". Most importantly, arrange to have the completed registration package including the release form (one from each racer), and a **Rotary Club Check to us by February 24, 2017. *Please don't forget to include racer's age.***

Chairman's Note:

We are, as usual, expecting a wonderful day of racing, skiing and Rotarian camaraderie. We would like to encourage your club to spread the word about our ski race to any club in your area that we may have missed in our mailing. If your club has any raffle items to contribute to our ski day raffle, we would be most grateful. As you know there is always a new set of skis and bindings but all other contributions are welcome.

We also want to assure your skiers that the course will be a gentle Giant Slalom and not a Slalom course. We look forward to seeing you March 3, 2017.

Sincerely,

Gary Meadville, Ski Challenge Chairman

<http://www.tahoecityrotary.org>

If you need any further **registration information** please call the following:

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Rotary Club of Reno Sculpture Garden

Dedicated on November 4, 2016

After four years of research, planning, fundraising and building, the Rotary Club of Reno's Sculpture Garden was dedicated on November 4. The new sculpture garden is in Bicentennial Park in downtown Reno. The dedication event drew hundreds of people from the community, including members from many Rotary clubs.

This project recognizes the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Reno with a high-exposure location along the Truckee River in downtown Reno—the downtown club does a downtown project. The project involves six locations and pedestals that were constructed for large-scale outdoor sculptures. The first group of featured artists are all local/regional residents. The sculptures are temporary and will be changed out annually. Local arts organizations will take turns to curate the artwork.

The \$200,000 in project funding came from the downtown club's foundation that put up the first \$25,000. The City of Reno's Arts & Culture Commission contributed \$50,000. Sponsors were also sought to fund the rest of the project; almost all sponsorships came for the club's membership. Local construction businesses also reduced their services and materials to get the job done.

"It's been four years since we assembled a group of past presidents to explore a project that would commemorate our 100 years of service," said Club President Craig Wesner at the event. "We wanted a project that would be in downtown Reno, family friendly, sustainable and would have ongoing community presence for Rotary International. A gift to our great city. We reviewed many ideas, but this one just made sense. It was a concept that the city had already envisioned for this location. And, what better partner could we have than the City of Reno? What better location than Bicentennial Park along the Truckee River?" he concluded.

In addition to seeking and vetting project ideas

from the club membership, the 100th Anniversary Committee project managed the city approvals, permitting, engineering and construction and did all fundraising. The project included six concrete pedestals and pads, seating, landscaping changes and electrical installation. The City of Reno also had a big role in the project, as well. The Arts Commission did the Call for Artists, led the selection process, provided artist stipends, helped with the planning and permitting process, and was there on site whenever help was needed. The city is committed to this project and will be leading the sculpture selection process every year with the downtown club's participation. It has been a perfect pub-



lic/private partnership.

In addition, the Rotary Central Club has sponsored the gardens within the park, including maintenance and upgrading of the gardens, with assistance from the downtown club membership. This ends up to be yet another great partnership—the City Parks Department and another Rotary club.

Every Rotarian will be proud when they see the larger-than-life Rotary sign in this beautiful setting. It is located at the corner of First and Ralston Streets. Each sculpture has a sign with a telephone number and extension to call that will describe each sculpture in the artists' own words.



Marlene Olsen
project chairman
Rotary Club of Reno

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BISHOP BRINGS TOYS AND GIFTS FOR THEIR ANNUAL DONATION TO IMACA DECEMBER 14, 2016



Kathie Keesler, IMACA Program Coordinator accepted toys and gifts from Rotarians Nancy Lowthorp and

Pat Nahin. Vicki Plume and Margaret Phelps helped sort and wrap the toys and clothes to be given out to the 300 children who had ornaments given out in the community with their "gift wish" list on them. Inyo Mono Advocates for Communi-

ty Action, Inc. (IMACA), is a private non-profit corporation. IMACA was created to work with and serve low-income residents of Inyo, Mono and Alpine Counties in California. It is the mission of IMACA to empower low-income people, to advocate for their needs and to find and maintain a healthy lifestyle by breaking the cycle of poverty. Taking ornaments and purchasing gifts for IMACA to give to those children in need is one of The Rotary Club of Bishop's many community service projects.

Submitted by Pat Nahin

Pictured: Kathie Keesler, Nancy Lowthorp, Pat Nahin, Vicki Plume and Margaret Phelps

ROTARY CLUB OF CAMERON PARK BIKES FOR CHILDREN

Inmates at Folsom State Prison are fixing broken and used bikes for children in need this Christmas. Mauricio Argueta, an inmate, works on the bikes everyday. "I was thinking about opening my own bike shop when I get out," Argueta said. Bikes have been a passion of his ever since he was little.

So far this year he's fixed more than 200 bikes for kids and also adults to give away for the holiday season. He works on a couple of bikes everyday and nearly everything he needs from tools to parts are all in his shop.

This program at the prison is more than 20 years old. Cameron Park Rotary funds the project and also pays for any extra parts and tools an inmate needs to get the job done.

"I think this program is wonderful," said Joe Ryan with Cameron Park Rotary. "Win win on many levels starting with the work ethic an inmate would learn here. We have schedules to meet for this kind of thing." The program is for non-violent offenders at the prison.



COMING SOON: CLUB LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

For all incoming Club Board members, committee chairs, aspiring leaders, and new Rotarians, Club Leadership Assembly is for you! The core objective of the Assembly is to jump start Club leaders for a fast launch of our upcoming new Rotary Year. The Assembly sets the tone and the vision for the new year, provides core training for Club leadership, and stimulates new ideas and perspectives.

Looking to the 2017 Club Leadership Assembly with DG Doug's leadership, we are taking a different approach to this year's program format. Our morning session is going to be an all hands, interactive **Membership is Priority #1** program hosted by Zone 25/26. In an engaging session, we will examine lessons gleaned from Rotary's Siegel + Gale report on why people join Rotary and why we Rotarians stay engaged and foster new possibilities. The intention is to jointly, as a District, transform our traditional thinking around who Rotary is, how we present ourselves to our Clubs and communities, and how we attract, engage and retain Rotary members.

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VOLUNTEERING IN TANZANIA 2016

By Wend Schaefer / Tahoe Incline Rotary Club

This trip was the most rewarding of any trips that I have made to East Africa in the past 24 years. I had a wonderful team of three RN's, Ellen Murphy who did recovery work, Tom Marsh, circulating nurse, and Dave Shuurman, nurse anesthetist. In addition, Dr. John Felder, a plastic surgeon from Washington University in St. Louis, joined us for several days. Dave and Tom formed a strong bond as they were both wounded in Viet Nam years ago when they were Navy corpsmen for the Marines. Dr. Isidor Ngayomela, chief of orthopaedics at the Bugando Medical Centre in Mwanza also joined us for a few days.

We performed 56 major surgical procedures and 12 minor procedures in our 3 ½ weeks at Kagondo St. Joseph Hospital. The most frequent operation was for infections in the bones of children. These infections come from blood borne bacteria that most often come from conditions like tonsillitis or middle ear infections. Once the infection of the bone sets in, the bone is rapidly destroyed and the bone dies. Our procedures were to remove the dead bone and leave the wounds to granulate in. These procedures are almost always effective.

Other common conditions were the procedures to correct severe bow legs and severe knock knee conditions. These conditions are easily correctable and are generally free of complications. Pictures will follow at a later date.

This letter will focus on the amputees and our amputee center. About seven years ago, it was my good fortune to be present when Rotarian Don Short from England visited the Kagera region of Tanzania; his mission was to establish a Jaipur Amputee Center in the area. Of the many candidates, he chose Kagondo St. Joseph Hospital because of its long-term service to the community for over 100 years. Initially the project was funded by another charity which can no longer fund the project. UNICEF also funded a onetime project to fit the children with prosthetic devices. Unfortunately, today the only charity funding the Centre comes from our organization.

The Jaipur foot prosthesis originated in Jaipur, India and is constructed with all in- country materials. The prosthesis is usually unpadded and made with at very low cost.

Our organization transferred \$13,000 to the hospital to pay for our surgeries and for artificial limbs. Each applicant was screened by our representative, Josue Joseph, and most were able to contribute to the cost of the prosthesis. This helps the recipient to develop a sense of ownership and prevent the feeling of being a charity case. In

spite of the screening process our funds were exhausted and we now have nearly \$2,300 owed on our account.



Picture below is Margreth, a single peasant farmer, who tends the land. She presented to me two years ago, requesting a prosthesis but we do not have the heavy-duty hook that she would need to continue farming. I told her that I would seek the parts and return in a year. I forgot my promise but she returned, much to my embar-

arrassment. This year I was able to obtain the necessary parts to allow Mr. Mgogwa, the prosthetist, who is pictured, to construct this AE prosthesis. You see Mr. Mgogwa teaching the patient how to use the prosthesis. We all were very happy to provide this prosthesis to this courageous woman.

SAVE THE DATE

January 7, 2017 District Leadership Meeting in Reno

February 3, 2017 Grants Management Training

February 4, 2017 Pre-PETS in Reno

March 3-5, 2017 PETS in San Jose

March 31, 2017 Paul Harris Society and Major Donor dinner in Reno

April 1, 2017 Club Learning Assembly

April 22, 2017 Rotary at Work Day

May 18-21, 2017 District Conference in Reno

ROTARY MONTHS

July-New Rotary Year Starts

August-Membership and Extension Month

September-Basic Education and Literacy

October-Economic and Community Development

November-Rotary Foundation Month

December-Disease Prevention and Treatment

January-Vocational Service Month

February-Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

March-Water and Sanitation

April-Maternal and Child Health

May-New Generations Month

June-Rotary Fellowships Month



**ROTARY
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November Attendance			November Giving Data		
	Official Start Number	Current # Members	Attendance	Annual Giving YTD	Restricted Giving YTD
Alturas Rotary	26	27	83.00%	\$1,926	\$1,425
Alturas Sunrise	28	27	70.00%	\$894	\$2,650
Amador Upcountry Rotary	22	24	77.33%	\$900	\$125
Auburn	110	108	90.08%	\$6,087	\$11,049
Auburn Daybreak	NR	NR	NR	\$0	\$0
Auburn Gold Country	33	29	82.14%	\$1,950	\$100
Auburn Sunset	16	16	87.50%	\$53	\$0
Bishop	34	34	57.50%	\$4,822	\$75
Bishop Sunrise	32	32	46.09%	\$1,710	\$100
Cameron Park	58	53	81.10%	\$7,431	\$2,513
Carson City	70	72	60.69%	\$6,000	\$0
Carson City - Sunset	13	13	NR	\$1,376	\$91
Chester	18	15	54.00%	\$0	\$0
E-Club	21	21	82.86%	\$0	\$0
Elko	72	72	NR	\$1,590	\$810
Elko Desert Sunrise	34	34	52.04%	\$2,425	\$15,573
Ely	29	32	NR	\$0	\$0
Fallon	38	39	69.70%	\$725	\$550
Fernley	33	34	NR	\$1,520	\$704
Georgetown Divide	35	32	35.00%	\$126	\$0
Grass Valley Rotary	59	63	75.30%	\$1,425	\$1,608
Grass Valley South			NR	\$4,822	\$1,500
Greenville	7	8	NR	\$876	\$250
Incline Village	25	25	NR	\$0	\$0
Ione	34	34	43.18%	\$3,425	\$0
Jackson	55	55	73.37%	\$7,320	\$2,975
Loyalton	18	16	NR	\$510	\$827
Mammoth Lakes Noon	40	36	37.58%	\$1,410	\$100
Minden	35	34	72.46%	\$100	\$0
Nevada City	33	34	70.38%	\$1,240	\$467
Nevada City 49 Breakfast	93	90	82.13%	\$5,305	\$2,692
Penn Valley	30	33	78.21%	\$3,130	\$1,000
Placerville	31	30	38.83%	\$2,424	\$0
Plymouth-Foothills	42	41	65.00%	\$2,145	\$0
Pollock Pines-Camino	16	24	56.94%	\$360	\$1,000
Portola	22	22	NR	\$200	\$0
Quincy CA	45	44	86.34%	\$540	\$0
Reno	190	195	64.10%	\$11,647	\$28,470
Reno Centennial Sunset	35	40	79.46%	\$2,526	\$195
Reno Central	67	76	NR	\$11,303	\$4,225
Reno Midtown	24	25	58.00%	\$50	\$1,000
Reno South	53	56	68.00%	\$3,193	\$925
Reno Sunrise	50	50	NR	\$3,826	\$893
Sierra Passport					
Smith Valley	30	36	81.48%	\$3,967	\$307
South Lake Tahoe	32	32	35.45%	\$1,045	\$50
Sparks	111	106	75.82%	\$10,220	\$7,142
Sparks Centennial Sunrise	34	30	69.57%	\$6,115	\$2,935
Surprise Valley	16	16	84.00%	\$0	\$0
Susanville Rotary Club	63	65	73.08%	\$350	\$220
Susanville Sunrise	32	33	52.69%	\$192	\$4,869
Tahoe City	28	32	64.52%	\$1,525	\$500
Tahoe-Douglas	58	56	49.04%	\$8,672	\$125
Tahoe-Incline	NR	NR	NR	\$2,635	\$600
Tonopah	19	21	39.04%	\$0	\$500
Truckee	92	89	66.48%	\$3,145	\$0
Truckee Sunrise	14	13	50.00%	\$0	\$0
Westwood-Lake Almanor	16	8	NR	\$0	\$0
Winnemucca	50	52	36.47%	\$2,495	\$150
Yerington	43	41	57.58%	\$350	\$0
TOTALS	2364	2375		\$148,023	\$101,290

NR - No Attendance Report Filed Last Known Member count used

THE HALF WAY POINT

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Clubs have fundraisers to raise money for the Rotary Foundation but personal donations are always important. While many members are able to be even more generous, consider at least a \$25 donation to the Annual Fund and another \$25 to Polio Plus. We are so close to slamming the door on this terrible disease and every dollar helps.

Happy New Year.



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LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY

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For the afternoon, a smorgasbord of breakout sessions will offer core training and new approaches in each Avenue of Service and functional leadership role. Whether you are stepping into a new responsibility or continuing in a familiar role, Leadership Assembly will inspire new ideas and expand our horizons for our Clubs and in service to our communities. We encourage Clubs to send their full leadership team. And for new Rotarians, there is no better introduction to the full expanse of who Rotary is locally and globally.

This year's Club Leadership Assembly returns to The Atlantis Casino and Spa in Reno. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday April 1, 2017 - No fooling!

Robin Milam; Club Leadership Assembly

Rotary District 5190

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