



Rotary D5180 Newsletter January 2022

Happy New Year!

As the New Year dawns, I hope it is filled with promises of a brighter tomorrow. As glasses were raised and fireworks exploded in the sky, it's important to recognize the special symbolism that the New Year brings – new beginnings and fresh starts. A time to appreciate all the good things that the past year has given us and all the good things that are yet to come. Despite the many challenges of 2021, Rotarians continued to do what we do best...serve to change lives! And for that and for all of you...I am forever grateful!

January is Rotary's Vocational Services month! Vocational Service is focused on:

- The contribution of your vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of the community.
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just those that are pursued by Rotarians.
- Adherence to and promotion of the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors and the public.

During January, take time to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational Service Month is a great opportunity to begin year-long vocational activities...to let those discussions lead to needed community service projects.

If you need help on Vocational Service projects or ideas, reach out Rita Gordon Anderson, District Vocational Services Chair, at rita.marie.gordon@gmail.com. You can also refer to the Rotary's "Vocational Service in Action" guide for more assistance at www.rotary5180.org.

Last month, several District leadership team members met with retiring Sacramento Police Chief, Daniel Hahn, to thank him for his consistent support of Rotary and our efforts to make a difference in the lives of others in our communities. Our District awarded him with a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize him for being an ardent supporter of our District's Human Trafficking Initiative as well as many of our clubs' activities over the years. Joining me to present the PHF were PDG Bob Deering, Dr. Brian Gladden, District Public Image Chair Marsha Vacca and District Foundation Chair Joe Scheimer.

Let's make it a great year!

Yours in Service,
Desirée Wilson
District 5180 Governor





Rotary Club of Elk Grove Thankfulness Project Meals for Some Special Families

Two years ago, the Rotary Club of Elk Grove started the Thankfulness Project, where the club provides complete Thanksgiving dinners to those in need in their community.

This past Thanksgiving, 100 baskets were filled with everything for a complete Thanksgiving dinner, including ingredients for green bean casserole, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, and more! Plus, a \$25.00 gift certificate for their choice of meat (be it turkey, ham or whatever they choose). This year's Thankfulness Coordinators included Club President Maryl Lee Babcock along with members Debbie Paulson, Amy Souza, and Nancy Lucia. Numerous other Club members assisted with packing the baskets for delivery.

A special thanks to Lucas and his crew at Bel Air (Store 525) for gathering all the food and helping us load it into trucks.

The food baskets were delivered by Rotarians to families identified by the Elk Grove School District as food insecure or needing a little extra help during the holidays.

As Club President Maryl Lee said Giving is not only the right thing to do at this time of the year, it is Rotary's mission all year round. Our Club's members receive much joy being able to provide help and happiness to those in our community."





San Juan School District Families and Students.. Need Our Help!

A Special Request

Who in Rotary is in the hospitality industry in Sacramento??

Vicky Boatwright, Rotary Club of Carmichael, is looking for a local Sacramento Rotarian who can with alongside them and the Sacramento Kindness Campaign to provide 240 nights of emergency shelter for unhoused children and their families.

Sacramento Kindness Campaign, a local nonprofit, will pay for the shelter housing and is looking for a motel/hotel partner to help meet the current needs of the kids and families.

If you can help or need more information, contact Vicky Boatwright at email: abbeerlady@gmail.com...or phone: (916) 208-7140.





End Polio NOW!!

Let's Finish the Job!!

Over 35 years ago, Rotary made a commitment to immunize the world's children against polio.

Thanks to Rotary, the number of polio cases was more than 350,000 annually. Since 1985, that has been slashed by more than 99.9 percent, preventing five million instances of childhood paralysis and 250,000 deaths.

In 2020, there were 140 new cases reported worldwide. In 2021, the total number of new cases of the wild poliovirus that have occurred worldwide were 5...four in Afghanistan and one in Pakistan. Pakistan has now been almost a full year without a new case being reported. This is amazing progress as we have never before seen so few new cases in one year!

The final 0.01 percent of cases will be the most difficult and expensive to prevent for a variety of reasons, including geographical isolation, worker fatigue, armed conflict, COVID-19 and cultural barriers.

For these reasons, it is so important to continue to generate the funds needed to finish the job. To ease up now would be to invite a polio resurgence that would condemn millions of children to lifelong paralysis in the years ahead.

The stakes are high. As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, all children – wherever they live – remain at risk.

How can you help? If you haven't done so, please join this fight by signing up for the Polio Plus Society (PPS). Give at least \$100 to 'End Polio' this year and pledging, by signing the PPS form, that you will donate \$100 per year until our world has been declared Polio-Free. You will receive Paul Harris Fellow credit as well. And, if you have already given \$100, that counts too! You just need to sign the PPS form to receive your End Polio Now wristband and Polio Plus Society pin. For a PPS form, go to www.rotary5180.org.

In advance, thank you for your commitment!

Tom Cicchini
District 5180 Polio Plus Chair





BUILDING YOUR CLUB'S WEBSITE WITH CLUBRUNNER

WHEN:

**January 26th
5:30-7:30 pm**

WHERE:

Zoom

(link will be sent when registered)



WHO TO ATTEND:

**PRESIDENTS,
PUBLIC IMAGE CHAIRS,
WEBSITE MANAGER,
ANYONE INTERESTED IN
LEARNING ABOUT CLUB
WEBSITES**

REGISTER ON DISTRICT 5180 WEBSITE

www.District5180.org

TRAINER:

CLUBRUNNER STAFF

TOPICS:

- ✓ **New website designer platform**
- ✓ **Build a website menu**
- ✓ **Choose a website theme**
- ✓ **Create a banner**
- ✓ **Widgets**
- ✓ **Calendar and event features**

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It's District Conference -- April 29-May 1, 2022
Hotel Info/Register: www.rotary5180.org

 **Rotary District 5180**
CONFERENCE!
April 29 - May 1, 2022

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 **CREATING TODAY'S SUPER HEROES**

MONTBLEU RESORT, CASINO & SPA SOUTH LAKE TAHOE

BOOM!

Keynote Speakers
Adrienne Bankert
(formerly of KCRA Channel 3 and Good Morning America!)

Father Boyle
Homeboy Industries

Wade Nomura
PDG D5240

Join us for a great weekend of celebration, awards, and fun!