



Rotary D5180 Newsletter

July 13, 2021

Welcome to the New Rotary Year!



It's a new Rotary year and it's so exciting to see that clubs are starting to meet in-person again! Fundraisers, projects and events are being planned! We are 'People of Action' doing amazing things in our communities and across the globe!

As your new District Governor, I'm excited about what the year ahead holds for us and for those we serve. Our new Rotary International President, Shekhar Mehta, from the Rotary Club of Calcutta – Mahanagar, India, has chosen his theme for the new year – “Serve to Change Lives.”

President Mehta's theme sums up what we do in Rotary - we positively impact the lives of people in our own communities and in other countries, most of whom we will never meet. If there is one thing Rotarians are – we are “change agents.”

The District theme for this year is “Creating Today's Superheroes” to reflect the incredible work done by Rotarians in our district, most often in their spare time. In the midst of family, work and other obligations, Rotarians still find time to help those in need – truly reflecting “Service Above Self.”

As change agents, Rotarians are truly Superheroes. Look at the efforts of local Rotarians in continuing to serve our communities in spite of a pandemic. Past DG Brent Hastey led our District through a tumultuous time and under his leadership our Rotarians didn't miss a beat – providing much needed food to local families, turning RYE into a fabulous virtual experience and finding new ways to do fundraisers (virtually!) so we could continue to support our communities. These projects and many more were ignited by Rotarians with a passion and commitment to identify problems, find solutions and transform communities while changing lives in the process. All the while, becoming Superheroes who care and inspire others to make our communities better in every way.

But there is still so much need locally and in the world. Rotarian Superheroes are needed now, more than ever, to work together to assist and strengthen our communities and continue to change lives for the better.

Welcome to a new Rotary year – and new opportunities to work together, as Superheroes, to create positive change and make a difference!

Yours in Service,
Desirée Wilson



Last Year's Support for Rotary Foundation from D5180 Blew Through a 26-year-old Landmark!

In our 2020-2021 Rotary year, all 37 clubs in District 5180 contributed to both The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and PolioPlus!! That had not happened in 26 years (since we became D5180 in July 1995)!

Under the able leadership of District Governor Brent Haste and District Foundation Chair Joe Scheimer, our Rotarians showed their support for The Rotary Foundation, which is the lifeblood of Rotary. It is what allows us to continue to “do good in the world.”

The RI Annual Fund provides funding to support our global grants and district grants. During the past Rotary year, (ending June 30, 2021), D5180 Rotarians donated a total of \$297,280 to the Annual Fund!

In addition, our support of PolioPlus, Rotary's main objective since 1988, saw our district donate \$198,085 (with the World Fund match) for our fight to eradicate polio.

To show how effective the PolioPlus effort has been only two cases have been reported this calendar year, one each in Pakistan and Afghanistan – never before have we seen this few cases so far into the calendar year! We must continue and cannot declare the world free of polio until three years after the last known case has been identified.

A BIG thank you to our D5180 Rotarians! You are truly Foundation Superheroes! For this year, let's commit to surpassing the great numbers we achieve last year and ensure that District 5180 Rotarians make an even bigger impact in improving the lives of others!

***SUPERHERO TRAINING
CAMP:
Membership,
Foundation and Public
Image/Brand***



WHEN: **Saturday, August 7, 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon**
Ascension Lutheran Church, 7607 Garden Gate Drive,
Citrus Heights

WHAT: Special training focusing on how to connect the three essentials for our Rotary Clubs: building our membership, increasing our Foundation giving and getting our story out to our local communities.

WHY ATTEND: New club leadership needs this time together to refocus, re-energize and renew their club's efforts on how to grow membership, find the best approaches to building Foundation support and knowing how to get your message out to the community about all the wonderful things Rotary does!!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: All Club Presidents, Membership Chairs, Foundation Chairs and Public Image Chairs (and, as always, any other club members who can benefit from this training!!)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!

Go to our District 5180 website to register: rotary5180.org

Hold the Date!

D5180 End Polio Now Golf Tournament is happening!!

October 18, 2021, at 12:00 Noon at Yocha Dehe Golf Resort. More info to come!!!

