

ROTARY DISTRICT 5130 NEWSLETTER



Come Fly with Us



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**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

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**One person's idea
can make a
huge difference --
What's yours?**

JULY 2017 – HAPPY ROTARY NEW YEAR

“Rotary, Making A Difference”

Rotary International President Ian Riseley's theme for 2017-18

RI Secretary John Hewko recently said, “We are on the verge of leaving the world a gift that will last for as long as humans inhabit this planet.” A planet free of the poliovirus...How's that for...

“Making a Difference”

I start off by quoting President Ian's theme and Secretary Hewko's comment, because they meld so beautifully together. And because total polio eradication will rank as one of the biggest accomplishments in medical history...and we will all be a part of it.

As you may all know, The Gates Foundation, for the last 4 years, has offered us a 2:1 match for PolioPlus funds, up to \$35 million per year. At the recent Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Bill Gates Jr. announced they will continue the 2:1 match, have INCREASED the match to \$50 million (from \$35 million) and extended it for 3 years.

To that end, District 5130 is striving to do its part to help raise that \$50 million, by staging a 6 day bicycle ride, from one end of our district to the other called **Pedal 4 Polio**. A dedicated cadre of Rotarian bike riders will ride from Crescent City to Petaluma and solicit pledges for their rides, at the very minimum, of 10 cents per mile (Remember the March of Dimes?). 10 cents times 350 miles equals \$35. If each and every one of us in this district donated \$35 towards a rider, that would amount to \$84,000 (And after the Gates match, \$252,000)...That's **“Making a Difference”** Please consider supporting your favorite rider. As of publication date, the riders are:

6 DAY RIDERS:

- ♦ Kevin Eisenberg – Calistoga
- ♦ Monica Rosenthal – Middletown
- ♦ Peter Hoberg – Santa Rosa Sunrise
- ♦ Bob Rogers – Sebastopol
- ♦ Sid Noyes – Southwest Eureka
- ♦ David Moon-Wainwright – Calistoga
- ♦ Chris Ranney – Petaluma
- ♦ Greg Gill – Sebastopol
- ♦ Brain Bauer – Sebastopol Sunrise
- ♦ Ellie Laherty – Spouse of Seb. Sunrise (1/2 relay)
- ♦ Patrick Laherty – Sebastopol Sunrise (1/2 relay)
- ♦ John Cottle – Mendocino
- ♦ Matthew Carter – Hon. Mbr. Petaluma Vly.
- ♦ Richard Power – Sebastopol
- ♦ Bill Sauber – Sebastopol Sunrise

3 DAY RIDER: ♦ Brad Walton – Willits

2 DAY RIDER: ♦ Mike Merrill – Santa Rosa West

1 DAY RIDERS:

- ♦ James Brenton – Healdsburg
- ♦ Ryan Mason – Petaluma Sunrise
- ♦ Jennifer Carter – Petaluma Valley
- ♦ Julie Montgomery – Santa Rosa East
- ♦ Brian Ling - Windsor
- ♦ Paul Frechette – Healdsburg
- ♦ Andrea Pierotti – Petaluma Sunrise
- ♦ John Fitzgerald – Petaluma Valley
- ♦ Michael Hixson – Sebastopol
- ♦ Mel Schatz - Healdsburg
- ♦ Al Statz – Petaluma Sunrise
- ♦ Mike Pastryk – Rohnert Park/Cotati
- ♦ Troy McAdams – Friend of Sebastopol

SAG (SUPPORT & GEAR) DRIVERS

- ♦ Larry Lira – Santa Rosa East
- ♦ Peg Rogers – Sebastopol
- ♦ David Mark-Raymond – Sebastopol Sunrise



Ask your club President, Foundation Chair, Treasurer or one of the riders how you can make a pledge and donate to their ride. Remember, PolioPlus donations count towards your Paul Harris. We are looking for more riders for the last day's ride from Cloverdale to Petaluma. Can't make it to Cloverdale? Then join the ride in either Healdsburg or Santa Rosa as they come through your area. The 3 Petaluma Clubs, along with Rancho Cotati and Rohnert Park-Cotati are puttin' on a party to end all parties as the cyclists arrive at Lucchesi Park in Petaluma. Music, food, beer, wine, and good ole Rotarian Fellowship. What's not to like. To find out more information about the ride, the party, and to register, go to:

<http://www.imathlete.com/events/EventDetails.aspx?fEID=65555>

One additional thought. This is truly a District wide event. Clubs all along the ride will be supporting the riders as they arrive, with either a rest stop, or at the end of the day, with a potluck/social, host them for the night in their homes, and then send them off in the morning with a hearty breakfast and a God speed. For this to succeed we need everyone's help...and donations...\$35 or more, to make this a great District 5130 success. Feel the pride of being a District 5130 Rotarian!!!

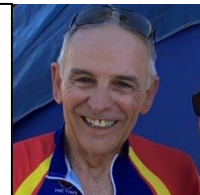
As a polio survivor, this will be one of my main focuses this year.

Please support us and do every child on earth a favor...

End Polio Now!

ROTARY DISTRICT 5130 – NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, USA DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

DG BOB ROGERS



Rotary: Where Dreams Take Flight

Have you, or someone in your club ever had an idea...or a thought...that you dismissed as just too "out there" to even consider? Too impossible, or too unthinkable, to even pursue? You are not alone. Some of the world's greatest inventions and greatest steps forward were in those very same categories. But the dreamers persevered...and today we have global air travel because two brothers thought, and believed so strongly in their dream, that it happened.

In a way, you, and the "dreamers" in your club, have an advantage over the Wright brothers, because you have the support, financial, professionals, and otherwise, that they didn't have. You have Rotary and all of its resources at your beck and call. Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much." And Rotary is a perfect example of that.

We have done some amazing things, we Rotarians, because one person had an idea, a thought, a dream...and shared it with their fellow Rotarians...What's yours?



AREA 1 – CRESCENT CITY AND DEL NORTE SUNRISE

AG COLEEN PARKER



Crescent City Clubs – Supporting our Community



Rotary Club of Crescent City “Noon Club” (President Robert Bliesner) provides clean drinking water right here at home to local school children. The club purchased and installed a hydration station for Redwood Elementary School which serves just over 500 students in Del Norte County. The hydration station is a water fountain that provides filtered, chilled water for students and staff. This new type of water fountain features a water bottle filling station as well as the regular water bubbler drinking option. The club also purchased water bottles for the students with the school logo and of course with the Rotary symbol. So students can freely fill their new water bottles and drink clean water daily. The station gives kids a new choice in what they drink at no cost to them. Club members met with students and staff and explained Rotary’s mission to provide clean drinking water around the world. The kids came away with a real understanding that fresh, clean drinking water is something to be cherished and respected.

Rotary Club of Del Norte Sunrise (President Meagan Curtis) kicks off the year with a community service project. Crescent City Chamber of Commerce provides a Fourth of July celebration that attracts over 30,000 travelers to its community each year. When you drive into Crescent City one of the first sites seen is South Beach and the

entrance to the harbor. At the entrance are a large, metal anchor and a boat. The boat is owned by the club but the anchor is owned by the harbor. A dilapidated anchor is certainly not the first thing you want visitors seeing when they drive into town. Del Norte Sunrise members pressure washed the anchor and the boat, sealed it with proper sealant to slow down the rust process, and then painted the anchor and the boat. Now upon entering the town you see a beautiful little boat which proudly sports the Rotary wheel and a freshly painted anchor in Rotary colors.



AREA 2 – ARCATA, ARCATA SUNRISE, EUREKA, OLD TOWN EUREKA, SOUTHWEST EUREKA, AND MAD RIVER

AG LORI BREYER



New Presidents: **Rotary Club of Arcata -- Brian Lovell, Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise – Dustin Littlefield, Rotary Club of Eureka – Bruce Smith, Rotary Club of Old Town Eureka – Lisa Fryrear, Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka – Matt Nilsen & Rotary Club of Mad River – Bill May**

--- No further Material Received --- See next issue ---

AREA 3 – FERNDALE, FORTUNA, FORTUNA SUNRISE & GARBERVILLE

AG ROSS ROWLEY



(Eel River Clubs is something the four Rotary clubs call themselves. We do many projects together as a foursome and we all have our proximity to the actual Eel River in common. The Eel River Valley is a common namesake for this area of Humboldt County and the residents and clubs share little in common with the other Redwood Region Rotary clubs in Eureka, Arcata, and Crescent City.)

The Eel Valley Clubs have begun the 2017-2018 year filled with Rotary fervor.

Without a hint of slowing down, the **Garberville Rotary Club**, led by **President Tina Tvedt**, is beginning the 2017-2018 year with on-going support for schools in the Southern Humboldt region. Whether it's school sports programs, culinary arts or student of the month awards, education remains a high priority when giving to the community. Add to this, support for the local hospital foundation, beatification projects and volunteering during many town events gives the local residents cause to be thankful for having such a wonderful service organization in their area. Let's cheer them on as they celebrate their 80th birthday as a club in 2018.

Ferndale Rotary's new president, **Laura Olson** will be instituting a Senior Help program assisting home-bound townspeople with assistance in changing lightbulbs, small repairs, yard maintenance, and other necessary household fixes. Look for the club to host clean-up projects around town by mentoring high school students in their community service requirements. Ferndale Rotary Club's annual Alexander Family BBQ Scholarship Night is a must attend.

Chartered in 1927, (that's 90 years this year, wow!) **Fortuna Rotary** is just coming off of their successful 28th annual Art & Wine in the Park event in June and gearing up for **President Glen Senestraro's** year of leading the club in community and international service. Student scholarships, international projects, community service projects, and foreign exchange students are just a small part of the work of this active and giving Rotary club.

President **Peter Fennell** has some great plans for the **Fortuna Sunrise Rotary Club**. Beyond raising funds for Polio Plus, backpacks for kids, scholarships, sponsoring Miisa from Finland and contributing in many ways to Fortuna schools and organizations, Peter is planning for the club to install hydration stations for thirsty residents at area parks and sports fields. The club is also planning to plant a tree for every club member at the soon to be built Fortuna Community Health Center in honor of RI President Ian Riseley's request for Rotarians to plant trees throughout the world. This year, the club is proud to continue placing over 100 American Flags along Fortuna's main street in honor of flag-based memorial holidays.



AREA 4 – FORT BRAGG, GUALALA & MENDOCINO

AG ART JUHL



Fort Bragg Rotary's new President is **Robert ("Bob") Adamczak** who promised to keep the club assembly as short and on point as possible. He warned: "Anyone caught dozing, will pay dearly!" His two main goals are: "To have fun, laugh and enjoy Rotary and to outrun whoever is after me!" He started by giving a big shout out to all the members that helped out with the corn at the Salmon Restoration Barbecue (Held on July 1).

Robert started a new Rotary club tradition by pulling a raffle ticket from the basket and declaring that the winner will get to be "Judge for the day" and dole out fines as he/she sees fit or pay a fine of \$20.

President Bob proposed to add a line item in budget of \$1,000 to promote, advertise, and/or thank those who help us with our fund raising events. Club needs to come up with an idea for a fourth fundraiser for the year. (Now have Crab Feed, Beer Fest, and dine out for a Year.

Fort Bragg Rotary publishes a great weekly newsletter – editor is Kathy Holmes. Nice work with all the Rotary logos and marks properly displayed. (The newsletter has a masthead motto "*Si Hoc Legere Scis Nimum Eruditionis Habes*" that sets an appropriate academic tone.) ("If you can read this, you are over-educated.")

The **Rotary Club of Gualala (President Ron Miles)** has their fund raiser, "Taste of the North Coast," on September 23. This is an upscale dinner fundraiser and a wonderful three-course dinner and silent auction at the Sea Ranch Lodge. It starts at 5pm. The cost is \$125.00 per person. It is the fund raiser for Gualala Rotary Club Scholarship and Service Foundation. (It also has a single malt scotch bar at which **AG Art Juhl** is the expert bar tender (and taster?). The evening features live music, delicious appetizers, and a three-course dinner.

Donna Schuler is the new **President of Rotary Club of Mendocino** – Her club has a Golf tournament on 8/21 at the Little River course.

AREA 5 – SOUTH UKIAH, UKIAH & WILLITS

AG HARVEY BARKER



The **Rotary Club of Ukiah (President Andy Jahn)** and **Rotary Club of South Ukiah (President Kathy Schommer)** will be assisting Ukiah's Interact Club in their major fund raising event, the parking at the Redwood Empire Fair. The event starts Thursday and runs through Sunday, August 6.

The **Rotary Club of Willits (President Holly Madrigal)** is getting ready for their annual Claws for Cause which helps fund the Therapeutic Riding Center which provides horses to help disabled children.

AREA 6 – CLEAR LAKE, KELSEYVILLE SUNRISE, LAKEPORT & MIDDLETOWN

AG DANA MOORE



--- No Material Received --- See next issue ---

AREA 7 – CLOVERDALE, HEALDSBURG, HEALDSBURG SUNRISE & WINDSOR

AG PAM MOULTON



Suzanne Imhaus, President of Rotary Club of Cloverdale, was inducted on June 29th, 2017 at the Railroad Station Bar and Grill in Cloverdale to the sounds of an enthusiastic membership eager to get a great start on a new year! A group of almost 40 members and spouses engaged in conversation about the activities planned for the new year, including their participation in the upcoming Pedal 4 Polio. The local newspaper, Reveille, shot and posted some photos of Suzanne with new Board of Directors in this week's newspaper, giving reason to "fine" some of the members at their new President's first meeting. The Club's tradition of greeting every member with a sincere and enthusiastic handshake as they enter clearly punctuated their dedication to welcoming the community and the new year of "Making a-Difference" in Rotary.

The **Jesters**, as the members of the **Rotary Club of Healdsburg Sunrise** are known, will be guided by **President Dan Erickson**, a long standing Rotary Member, this coming year. Dan, who has maintained perfect attendance for 23 years, was previously a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa before transferring to the Sunrise Club. He "held out" on any interest in being in administration until he could retire and decidedly dedicate time to his club and community. His inaugural event, The Annual Fourth of July Duck Dash, the Club's premier community event, was held on July 4th! Dan and his wife, **Sonya**, were both actively involved in selling tickets, distributing the prizes, and engaging with the local crowd of participants. Dan is excited about encouraging the club to move forward with a solid and steady plan to support the existing programs and increase membership to be more reflective of the local community.



The **Rotary Club of Windsor's** new president, **Steve Klick**, has just returned from Spain where he was regaling the Rotary Club of Marbella, with stories of his local club's accomplishments and dreams. A Rotarian for less than ten years, Steve has jumped into his local community and Rotary with enthusiasm and excitement. He has taken time to fully understand and articulate the mission of Rotary, the avenues of service and mission of the Rotary Foundation to those who will listen! A resident of Windsor, he lets little grass grow under his feet, and can be seen at local events, on the Windsor Fire Board and with his two children who attend Cali Calmecac. Steve mentioned that he is totally dedicated to the local community and is excited about finding and encouraging more "hands on" projects for his club this coming year.

Kate Buchanan, President of The Rotary Club of Healdsburg (Noon), was off to a rousing start at her first meeting, with "Girls Just want to Have Fun" playing as she successfully displayed her Hula Hoop skills! Kate gave a short "Craft Talk" to introduce herself and her involvement in Rotary. She revealed that she started her journey to California from Michigan via New York (where she attended NYU), to San Francisco (working for AT&T) and then to Santa Rosa where she raised her three children and subsequently joined Santa Rosa East Rotary Club in 2007, before joining the Rotary Club of Healdsburg Noon. She made note that she would be dedicating her year of service to past President Kent Mitchell, who passed away unexpectedly last year. She is also dedicated to "having fun" this year, and started her year by celebrating her birthday on July 4th, donating money to the Club's scholarship fund! Kate is a devotee of Lucille Ball, whom she quoted in an effort to squash any attempts at revealing her age stating "live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age!" Kate looks like she is off to a great start with her inaugural meeting including honoring of birthdays and anniversaries of several other members, inducting a new member and raising money for Paul Harris.



AREA 8 – RUSSIAN RIVER, SEBASTOPOL & SEBASTOPOL SUNRISE

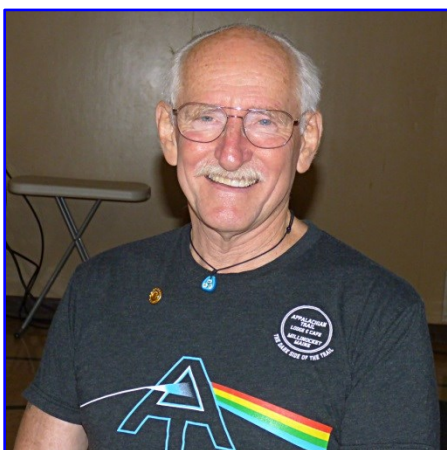
AG MIKE PASTRYK



New President of Rotary Club of Russian River is **Ed Smith**. AG Mike Pastryk has been trying to reach **Ed Smith** to find out what their club is up to – and has determined that **Ed** is not in Malibu (!). We'll hear more about **Russian River Rotary** next issue.

Jack Blasco is the new **President of Rotary Club of Sebastopol**. Jack was born and raised in New York City. He came to California to attend UC Berkeley and never looked back. Before he became a gentleman of leisure, Jack was an environmental consultant, specializing in cleanup of hazardous waste sites and transportation of dangerous goods. He is proud that he helped his clients do the right thing to protect human health and the environment, or at least stay out of jail. Jack joined Rotary because his friend Mario took him to so many Rotary meetings there was no graceful way to say “no.” His goals for the club this year are have fun, make a difference, do good works, and make new friends. Jack lives in Graton with his wife Marie and a large population of gophers.

The Rotary Club of Sebastopol is a large club with many things going on – some 47 committees at last count. Unique programs in our club include Learn to Swim, Overcoming Obstacles Award, Community and Teacher Mini-Grants, Domestic Violence Awareness. Emphasis this year is to support our Membership Committee with formal programs for recruitment, education, and retention; increase membership (net) by +2; attract new younger members; add two significant hands-on community projects; fund our club projects with two major fundraisers, a Lobsterfest (Sept 30) and Crab Feed (Feb 10), and solicited donations; and support our **DG Bob Rogers**.



The Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise is breaking in a new **President, Bill Sauber** – teaching him about such things as PowerPoint, large flat screen TV's, HDMI, VGA, and even “synching up” (with the assistance of five pretty tech-savvy helpers). Bill succeeded, so far, and began his inaugural meeting by borrowing a laptop – enabling him to “pitch” PolioPlus and the District 5130 Pedal 4 Polio 350 mile bike ride coming up in August 13-19. (Bill is asking every club member to sponsor at least one of the riders in the event at \$0.10 per mile.) Bill got assistance from **DG Bob Rogers** in promoting the ride. Bob showed up in his PolioPlus T-shirt and explained that, as a polio survivor himself, he knows all too well the potential horrors of this disease, and the importance of our goal to rid the world of polio.

On a somewhat sadder note, during Bill's 2nd meeting Sebastopol Sunrise was preparing to bid farewell to Felicia, their Rotary Exchange student from Taiwan. Sebastopol Sunrise sponsors inbound and outbound exchange students every year and they make it a point to have their students attend as many meetings as

possible throughout the school year so that they get to know one another quite well. It is always sad when they return home, but it is also exciting and joyful anticipating arrival of the next year's student.

AREA 9 – SANTA ROSA, SANTA ROSA EAST, SANTA ROSA SUNRISE & SANTA ROSA WEST

AG MARNIE GOLDSCHLAG



President Julia Parranto writes about the **Rotary Club of Santa Rosa**: “This year our Rotary Club sponsored a group of 21 students from seven different high schools in Santa Rosa to be a part of the NewGen Peacebuilders program. They learned about different types of violence and ways that peace can be built. An essential part of the program is developing a Peace Project that they then implement. This year the group chose two different projects with about half the students working on each. One of the projects is H.O.P.E. (Homeless, Opportunities, Possibilities, and Equality) is bringing awareness of the Homeless in Santa Rosa. The second project, Plant Roots of Peace, worked with a non-profit group on raising awareness and funds for a project in Vietnam that removes landmines from fields and gives farmers supplies to plant and grows peppercorn trees. At our July 19th meeting, students described each of their projects and how the program has impacted their lives.”



President Brian Reed of Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East listed the following goals for his year: “Membership (+3 to 53); Rotarian Engagement (100% participation); Foundation Giving \$5,000 and EREY; PolioPlus \$3,000; Community Service: like last year, Helping Interact, Rotaract, 20/30, YWCA hands-on projects, Multi-club multi-year project, Multi club Rotary sign project, Multi-club tree planting; International Service – Global Grant project where we are the lead; Presidential Citation – Achieve goals.

The real changes are an increase to existing goals, partnering with other clubs and organizations for our community service projects and utilizing the power of Rotary by increasing our international project(s) into global grants. Here are some of the ideas to achieve these goals: Membership – Social Media, Events/work parties, Wednesday night Market – Shoes that Grow, Follow up calls/emails to guests by Membership Committee, Club sign at events, Bring a Prospective Member Days, two more Rotary Clubs, Meetings (More time to speakers, Corporate speakers, Rolling PowerPoint of club pictures, Foundation videos, Craft talks, Greeters, Visiting Rotarians, Rotary Education game format – Foundation giving benefits, points, EREY, Global and District Grant benefits and process, Different financial buckets within club, different avenues of service.”

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West’s new President, Chris Parr-Feldman, describes her club projects: “Worldwide Club-Since 1982 over 100 young people have participated in our annual youth exchanges with our “Sister Club” in Heerhugowaard-Langedijk, The Netherlands. Santa Rosa West is a “Sister Club” to Club Rohmoser in San Jose, Costa Rica and has participated in World Community Service Projects in that country, including the construction of a Radio Tower on the campus of the University for Peace, a United Nations chartered institution. Other efforts have supported clean water projects in Madras, India; provided educational supplies for schools in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and reading materials for Uganda, Africa. “The heart of a Rotarian is not measured in size, but by the depth of their commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.” Our Club President, Chris-Parr-Feldman is in love with everything Rotary! Chris has been a member of Rotary International since 1987, the year when women were invited to join this great organization. Over the years she has served on many club and district committees, attended 10 Rotary Int’l Conventions and 27 district conferences, and facilitated membership sessions at the district assemblies. She enjoys traveling with Rotary. Chris served as the Group Study Exchange Team Leader to District 3810, Manila, Philippines in 1996. She had the opportunity to travel to Uganda in 2010, where she visited orphanages, a woman’s hospital, and 2 more Rotary Clubs, and villages as large as 5 to 6 thousand people. Chris has many interests, but most of all she enjoys cycling for good causes. One of Chris’ greatest hopes is for everyone to know more about the good works of Rotary, so they, too, will fall in love.

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Sunrise (new President Doug Shureen) didn’t send us information on their club projects yet and we could not find any more on their webpage – nor an explanation of this photo of a special ritual.



AREA 10 – PETALUMA, PETALUMA SUNRISE, PETALUMA VALLEY & ROHNERT PARK-COTATI

AG LEN GERALDI



Heather-Ann Young, President of Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati lists some activities being implemented during her year: First Tuesday meeting of the month will be spirit days—s/a Bling and Baseball caps. Folks who participate will earn extra raffle tickets for a Queen of Hearts raffle (50% to the person who wins, 25% to the club and 25% to a second raffle tickets winner to go to their next Paul Harris). Will sell Queen of Hearts tickets every meeting and give tickets to members who participate in spirit days, visit other clubs, attend SCARC or district events. Rotarian of the Month will be celebrated and acknowledged on club website and FaceBook. Member who made a difference for the week will receive a “Rotary Challenge Coin” with this year’s theme and will be acknowledged as going above and beyond. We will be preparing tokens of appreciation for the first responders (cops and fire fighters) in Rohnert Park. “2 Truths and 1 Lie” - Will have a different member give this every week. It’s fun and helps us learn interesting facts about one another. Honoring Vets Celebration - Have a team working on celebrating vets and honoring the 40th anniversary of Vietnam, this is shaping up to be likely a free BBQ. All of the above ties in with my year theme of “celebrate” - celebrating the community, members of our club and folks in the community



Received this from **President Chris Ranney** of the **Rotary Club of Petaluma**: “Well, I finally had my first meeting and it was a blast! At our club, the tradition is the board puts together some antics that the incoming president has no clue about. True to form, I didn’t know what the heck was going to happen. I was all set, we had a great crowd, and all of a sudden, I see 5 big boxes behind the podium, along with a new agenda next to mine – So much fun....

Let me highlight some of the key projects and other things I have planned for my year: 1. Breaking ground with the Miracle League Baseball field in Petaluma, sometime in late 2017. We are planning to build their snack shack, restrooms, and a Rotary Community Pavilion with a built-in BBQ tables and benches for community activities. When the site is finished there will be a number of ways our club will be involved including being Buddies for the kids on the field, cooking at the snack shack, and volunteering in a variety of ML activities and events once the field is fully operational. 2. We formed a new District Grant Team with the goal of expanding the number of people in the club who can learn about the grant process from beginning to end. We will form an alliance with the Petaluma Valley and Sunrise clubs, where we will be the lead club on a multi-club project planting ~160 trees in fields, parks, playgrounds in Petaluma, including trees at the new Miracle League site. 3. We are working together with the five local Rotary Clubs (Valley, Sunrise, RP/Cotati and Rancho Cotati) to host the Aug 19th Pedal 4 Polio Finish Line Celebration at Lucchesi Park. All proceeds will support PP. Larry Meyers and Bob Rogers will be our keynote speakers at the event. 4. “Working Meetings”. 2-3 times during the year, our program time will be spent having the different working committees get together as teams and focus on their event/initiative or project for 40 minutes. 5. We plan a few “field trips” for our meetings, including a local steel business, Cornerstone in Sonoma, and riding the SMART train from Petaluma to San Rafael. 6. A multi-club social is planned on Aug 4th where there will be 60 of us (in three busses) going to the Broadway Under the Stars show at Jack London Square. 7. We have a “Rotary Family Day” meeting planned where members are encouraged to bring their kids and grandkids to the meeting. Both “kid and adult food” will be served! 8. We plan four “Friendship Feasts” planned (Oct and April) where members host a dinner at their home. 9. I’m bringing back the “Rotarian of the Month” to our club and the first one will be announced on July 27. 10. I had a graphic designer create a number of 2 ft. x 3 ft. posters I’m using now in the room at the meeting: “Welcome to Rotary Club of Petaluma,” “Goodbye, See you next week,” “Rotarian of the Month,” “Our Club in Action,” etc.



Richard Pitts wore his formal (dual function!) attire for his first meeting at **Rotary Club of Petaluma Sunrise**.

AREA 11 – RANCHO-COTATI, SONOMA VALLEY & VALLEY OF THE MOON

AG VICKI WHITING



Alice Kibwaa, new **President of Rotary Club of Rancho-Cotati** is founder and owner of her own business for over 20 years as advocate for homelessness. She has two sons, Billy and Ben, one grandson, Dominic, 4yrs old, and a granddaughter, Sureya, 2 years. She became a Rotarian about 13 years ago and, during that time, she has served in the Youth Service Committee, hosting an exchange student and also traveling abroad with SSU and Santa Junior College do international projects and participated on Polio vaccination in Nigeria. She has been an International Chair and Community Chair in the Rotary club. Alice's theme this year will be "Having fun while making a difference serving Humanity through Rotary"

Marck Zuehlsdorff, 41, new **President of Rotary Club of Sonoma Valley**, is a Community Banker by trade is husband to Alison (1st Grade Teacher) and father to Connor (8) and Kate (2). He has been an active Sonoma Valley Rotary member for 6 years having served as both Sergeant-at-Arms and Community Service Chair. Marck's presidential theme will focus on "Legacy" as a means of bringing meaning to one's life while inspiring others to adopt Rotary's ideology of "Service above Self".



Chuck Broward 68, Retired Computer professional. Married 38 years to **Vicki Broward** (Retired Middle School Teacher) and have 2 grown sons living in Portland, OR. He has been in Rotary for 4 years and served as Sergeant-at-Arms for 3 years prior to becoming **President of Rotary Club of Valley of the Moon**.



AREA 12 – CALISTOGA, NAPA, NAPA SUNRISE, NORTH NAPA & ST. HELENA

AG DAVID MOON WAINWRIGHT



Calistoga Rotarians are supporting our local police department by joining them for the upcoming National Night Out, a community building campaign that helps foster better relationships between citizens and law enforcement – enhancing the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Our members will be providing the staff and BBQ equipment to help feed 150 hungry parents and children, so this will be a great community service event for everyone involved.

Here is a photo of new Area Presidents: **President Danielle Barreca** of Rotary Club of North Napa, **President Jason Dominici** of Rotary Club of Napa Sunrise, **President Ben Hill** of Rotary Club of St. Helena, **President Brian Gross** of Rotary Club of Napa, and **President Scott Cooper** of Rotary Club of Calistoga:



AREA 13 – GLEN ELLEN - KENWOOD

LT. GOVERNOR & AG, VALERIE HULSEY



Alec Peters is new **President** of the **Rotary Club of Glen Ellen**.

"Rotary Club of Sonoma Sunrise" – A new Rotary Club is starting up in Sonoma. It will be a Sunrise club starting at 7:00 AM on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. They are currently meeting at The Red Grape, 529 1st Street West, just off of the historical Sonoma plaza. **Tony Moll** will be the **Charter President** and he says "We are very excited about this new club, about extending Rotary's reach even further, and getting even more businesses involved." What type of community members is the club looking for? Forward thinking and outgoing people who don't have a problem lending a hand. "People who care, and want to be around like-minded others."

