



October 2021

Rotary's Promise

Savi Bhim, Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator

In 1979, Rotary International and the Government of the Philippines committed to a joint five-year effort to immunize approximately six million children against polio.



James Bomar immunizing the first child.

On the September 29, 1979, the then Rotary International President James Bomar was invited to launch the effort by immunizing the first child. The first mother in line handed him her baby daughter and

he carefully put the 2 drops of vaccine on the child's tongue.

As he handed the child back to the mother, he felt a tugging on his trousers. When he looked down, there was this little boy crippled from polio and in a wheelchair. The boy looked at the Rotary International president and said thank you, thank you Rotary. The baby girl was his sister, and he knew that those two drops of vaccine spared her forever from a faith like his.

The success of this campaign set the stage for Rotary's declaration in 1985 of its plan to wipe polio off the face of the world.

It was as audacious and as it was historic. Polio has been around for much of human history. In the 1980s the estimated global number of paralytic cases was **more than 350,000 per year** and the disease was still prevalent in 125 countries.

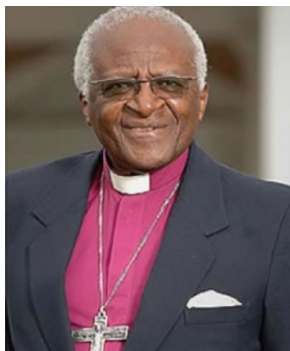
Yet the goal was so compelling that the world turned its head towards Rotary and through our advocacy, countries, and the world's leading organizations such as UNICEF, WHO, CDC and The Bill and Melinda Foundation combined forces to protect all the children of the world from polio.

Today there are only **two cases of the Wild Polio Virus in the world**, one in Pakistan and the other in Afghanistan, with no new cases reported since January 2021.

We are almost there. Yet if all eradication efforts stopped today it is estimated that within 10 years, polio could affect as many as 200,000 children each year.

On **October 24th World Polio Day**, let us renew our promise to all the children that we will not stop until we drop to zero so that they can live in a world free of polio.

UBUNTU



Archbishop Desmond Tutu is a retired South African Anglican Archbishop who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 for his opposition to apartheid. The hallmark of his inspiring leadership is his unwavering opposition to all forms of abuses in power both during apartheid as well as in post-apartheid South Africa. Here are his thoughts on Ubuntu:

A person with Ubuntu is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, for he or she has a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in a greater whole and is diminished when others are humiliated or diminished, when others are tortured or oppressed.

Ubuntu says when I have a small piece of bread, it is for my benefit that I share it with you. Because, after all, none of us came into the world on our own.



The
Rotary
Foundation



Inside this issue

Understanding Rotary Zone 26.....	2
The Rotary Foundation Disaster Relief Grants.....	3
If You Don't Know, Now You Know.....	3
District Updates.....	4-5
Giving Made Easy.....	5
Living with Polio.....	6
Club Information.....	7

REGIONAL ROTARY FOUNDATION COORDINATOR

Kevin Padilla - rotarykevin@att.net

ASSISTANT REGIONAL ROTARY FOUNDATION COORDINATOR

Savi Bhim - rotarysavi@gmail.com

UBUNTU NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Cindy Jacoby - cindyjacoby3@gmail.com

Rotary Zone 26

Interview with Kevin Padilla, Rotary Regional Foundation Coordinator



As the Regional Rotary Foundation Chair for Zone 26 what do you do?

I work with District Governors, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chairs and District Foundation Teams to provide training and support as they develop, organize, and coordinate their fundraising efforts to meet their District goals.

This is obviously a big responsibility and surely it takes a lot of your time, why do you do it?

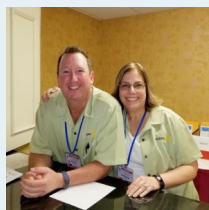
I love our Foundation for what it has done since it was founded more than 100 years ago, and what it continues to do not only at home but in places we will never visit. How it transforms donations into service projects that change lives. I also get a lot of personal satisfaction in helping others understand all aspects of Our Rotary Foundation so they will hopefully give their support. And lastly, I totally enjoy people and being with them and working together to make a difference in the world.



Kevin became a Rotarian in 2003 when he joined the Rotary Club of Placentia, and he served as the Club President in 2009-2010 Rotary Year. At the District and Zone level, Kevin has served as:

- Assistant Governor 2010-2012
- Chair of the Angels' End Polio Now Game in 2012
- District Conference Chair 2014
- Member of the RI District 5320 Charitable Foundation Board 2011-2014
- District Governor 2015-2016
- District Foundation Chair 2016-2019
- Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator 2018-2019
- Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator 2019-2022
- Rotary Zone 25/26 Institute General Sessions Coordinator 2017-2018
- Rotary Zone 25/26 International Convention Fellowship Party 2017-2018

Kevin is a State Farm Insurance agent, and his office is located in Placentia. Kevin and his wife Lorraine have resided in Orange since 1991. They are both very active in Rotary at the Club, District and Zone level. Kevin enjoys woodworking and golf, and he and Lorraine enjoy spending time with their dogs, traveling, and wine tasting.



Zone 26 consists of 16 Districts (the --- and below) 935 clubs and 34,195 Rotarians South-West United States from Hawaii to West Texas.



How does Zone 26 Foundation contributions compare to other zones?

Zone 26 is consistently one of the top 5 zones in the world in giving to all TRF (The Rotary Foundation) funds. We are very fortunate to have some of the most generous Rotarians in our Zone

What is the secret to this success?

I firmly believe that our projects, not only just at home but around the world, are what drives the generosity. When Rotarians have the opportunity to visit a global grant project or see a presentation, they begin to understand how these grants deeply affect the people in those areas. As a result, our members tend to make our Rotary Foundation a bigger part of our lives and donate knowing how the funds will be utilized.

What are your goals for the Foundation for this Rotary Year?

We plan on building on our past successes and set our future direction to ensure that we continue to grow, unite people and make a lasting impact. Below are the four priorities that will direct our work this year:

1. Increase Our Impact
2. Expand Our Reach
3. Enhance Participant Engagement
4. Increase Our Ability to Adapt

October 24th is World Polio day. Some say we have spent a lot of time and treasure in this venture and it's time to focus on other areas of need. Any comments?

We cannot lose our focus at this important juncture. This is Rotary's NUMBER ONE priority and will continue until we have eradicated this virus from the face of our planet. We made a promise to the children of this world we need to honor that obligation.



Photo taken in 2016 when Kevin was 5320 District Governor.



DISASTER RELIEF



The Rotary Foundation—Did you know?

The Rotary Foundation supports disaster relief and recovery efforts through grants from the Rotary Disaster Response Fund.

What do Rotary disaster response grants support?

This fund was created as the single mechanism for Rotarians to give to the Foundation to support disaster recovery and rebuilding efforts. Districts that have been affected by natural disasters can use Rotary disaster response grants to launch their own projects or work with established relief organizations to help their communities recover. The Rotary Foundation also offers funding to support long-term disaster recovery efforts through global grants.

***ShelterBox** was founded in the small town of Helston, Cornwall UK, by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in 2000 to help provide emergency shelter and other aid items to families around the world who have lost their homes to disaster or conflict.*

*Now 20 years later, with global Rotary support, **ShelterBox** has developed into an independent, international disaster relief organization, providing emergency shelter, tools and other essentials so families can rebuild after disaster.*

In that time, together we have supported over 1.5 million people with emergency shelter aid and other essential items and training to help recovery after disaster.

What can the fund be used for?

Grant funds can be used to provide basic items such as water, food, medicine, and clothing. Districts should work closely with local officials and groups to ensure that the funding will meet a specific community need.



Who can apply for a disaster response grant?

Once qualified for Rotary grants, districts in an affected area or country may apply for a maximum grant of \$25,000, based on the availability of funds. A district may apply for subsequent grants after it successfully reports outcomes from previous grants.



How to apply

The district governor and district Rotary Foundation chair complete the Rotary Disaster Response Grant Application and send it to grants@rotary.org.

How can I make a gift to the fund?

You can make a gift to the fund at rotary.org/donate. Just click the Donate button and select Disaster

Response Fund. Gifts will be credited toward your club's annual giving goal, but will not apply to SHARE or generate District Designated Funds. Gifts are counted toward Annual Fund club recognition including 100% Paul Harris Fellow, 100% Foundation Giving, and Every Rotarian, Every Year.

In Case You Don't Know, Now You Know

U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was a member of the Rotary club of Albany, New York. When he was 39 years old, he contracted polio and became permanently paralyzed. He created the March of Dimes and Americans were urged to send their loose change to the President. Millions of dollars were collected and went to support the research and development of the polio vaccine by Jonas Salk. After his death in 1945, the U.S. Department of the Treasury honored him by placing his portrait on the dime.

The Rotary Manual of Procedure states that in business and professional relations, "A Rotarian should not expect, and far less should a Rotarian ask for, more consideration or advantages from a fellow Rotarian than the latter would give to any other or professional associate. Any use of the fellowship as a means of gaining an advantage or profit is contrary to the spirit of Rotary." This policy was originally approved by the Rotary International Board in 1933.

The design on the Rotary Flag was described in this way: The main portion to be white, which is the banner of Internationalism and is looked upon as the lily-white banner of international amity and goodwill. It stands for advancement among men and nations and is the flag of humanity. In the center of the flag should appear the official emblem of the organization worked out of gold and blue and containing the words 'Rotary International'. The blue stands for constancy of purpose and the gold stands for the pure standard upon which rotates the wheel of eternal progress. The flag was first flown in 1915.

District 5330 Run through the Vineyard



After a hiatus due to COVID-19, the Temecula Sunrise Rotary Club is returning with the annual Run Through the Vineyard planned for Saturday, October 9, 2021.

The 33rd Annual Run Through the Vineyard is Temecula's premier running event and is the Temecula Sunrise Rotary Club's major fundraiser for the various community service projects such as a literacy program with local elementary schools, youth leadership programs and scholarships for at-risk youth.

Surrounded by the Temecula Valley's beautiful hills and mountains, the course will take runners through the lovely vineyard at the Maurice Car'rie Vineyard and Winery. The course is challenging with several hills running up and down the rows of vines.

Click this link to Register: <https://www.active.com/temecula-ca/running/distance-running-races/33rd-annual-run-through-the-vineyard-2021?int=>

33rd Annual "Run Through the Vineyard" October 9, 2021

WINE TASTING
2 for 1
Race Day
From 9:30-11am

This is a non-profit fund-raiser. Thank you for helping and making the Run Through the Vineyard a success.

RACE LOCATION:
Course runs through Maurice Car'rie Vineyard
34205 Rancho California Rd.
Temecula, CA 92590

Rotary Temecula Sunrise

The Rotary Club of Temecula Sunrise is a local service organization serving the needs of the Temecula Valley community and the world through Rotary International.

For more information, contact:
Frank Apples, Race Chairman
951-622-0507
frankapples@att.net

Mary Allen, Race Co-Chairman
951-631-0812
mallen@csdmail.com

• Race day registration 8:00 - 7:00 am
• Pick up bibs and/or pre-race day registration Friday, October 8 at The Training Center, Temecula, from 6:00 - 10:00 pm
• Race Times: 5K: 7:30 am, 9K: 7:45 am, 2K: 8:00 am
• Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each age group for 5K and 10K only and presentation will begin after completion of the 5K race
• Donated finisher medals are provided for all weekend participants AND a quality Gilbert T-shirt
• 2 for 1 Wine Tasting race day only from 9:30 to 11:00 am
• Online registration closes October 7, 2021 at 11:59 pm

www.active.com or www.temeculasuniserotary.com

• Sign up before September 15 and save \$5 • Team discount available

District 5240 Picnic with A Purpose — Creating Lasting Bonds with Interact Students

Planning events to engage and enlighten Interact students can be challenging. But never underestimate the power of promotion via word of mouth. What started out as just a picnic for one Interact Club turned into an amazing event for eight different high schools - Agoura, La Reina,



Students and Rotary Club members making connections!

Newbury Park, Oaks Christian, Oak Park, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks and Westlake. This joint picnic held in September, was the first ever for these students and schools, and many Rotary members and parents came to support this fun event. There were nearly 50 attendees and more than 30 were Interact students. The students had such a wonderful time meeting one another and made lots of new friends in the process. They now plan to do joint community service projects together.

Knowing that high school students would find younger members more relatable, Next Gen Rotary Club members along with Conejo Valley Rotaract members from USC and Cal Lutheran University were invited to speak about their own involvements. They shared their personal Rotarian experiences with the kids and let them know why "Serve Above Self" is so important to remember as they look forward to their college years and the rest of their lives. Special guest speakers were: Catherine Betancur, Chase Dapello, Lauren Graf, James Hilser, Anya Prasad, and Robert Rosenberg.

Interact Rotary Sponsored Club

Interact Picnic for High Schools in Conejo Valley

Sunday, September 12th 11:30am - 2:00pm

Thousand Oaks Community Center
2525 N Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks
Pizza • Sodas provided!

All High School Students are Welcome!

RSVP to
peashe@peashtrc-financial.com

Meet other young leaders just like you who are making a difference in our community!

For more information contact Peashe Jensen at
peashe@peashtrc-financial.com

Interact Rotary Sponsored Club

Interact Picnic for High Schools in Conejo Valley

Sunday, September 12th 11:30am - 2:00pm

Thousand Oaks Community Center
2525 N Moorpark Rd, Thousand Oaks
Pizza • Sodas provided!

All High School Students are Welcome!

RSVP to
peashe@peashtrc-financial.com

Meet other young leaders just like you who are making a difference in our community!

For more information contact Peashe Jensen at
peashe@peashtrc-financial.com

Rotary District 5300 Recognizing Our Heroes

As a service organization, the Rotary Club of Green Valley recognizes that there are countless heroes in our lives who often fail to receive the recognition they deserve. The club decided that a large display of American flags, each representing a "hero," would be a fitting way to show the community how fortunate we are to live and work in the Henderson area.

Colonial Flag Foundation provides support, materials, flags and assistance each year in preparing the field.

The flags in the Field of Honor fly throughout Memorial Day weekend in honor of Active Duty Military personnel, Fallen Servicemen and Women, Veterans, First Responders from our Police, Fire and Medical agencies, and those people who are identified as "heroes" in our lives.

Sponsorships are available and the beneficiaries from previous Field of Honor events include a variety of local

organizations such as: Three Square Food Bank, Teacher Mini Grants, Project 150, Opportunity Village Magical Forest, student scholarships, literacy initiatives, bicycle safety programs for grade school students and others.

The Club also actively supports several international programs including Rotary's End PolioNow campaign.

Contributions to the Field of Honor should be directed

to the Nevada Rotary Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit group.



Giving Made Easy



Raise for Rotary uses a peer-to-peer fundraising model that lets us leverage our social networks to raise money for Rotary causes. Members, donors, and participants use Raise for Rotary to support The Rotary Foundation by creating fundraisers for birthdays, anniversaries, athletic challenges, and events like World Polio Day, to share with their friends and family online. It is mobile-friendly, making it easy to post fundraisers and updates on social media to expand support for a favorite Rotary cause. Visit <https://raise.rotary.org/> for more information.



When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases, at no cost to you, to the charity of your choice. Why not choose Rotary Foundation Evanston?



Rotary Direct is Rotary's recurring giving program. Have a small amount deducted (as low as \$10) from your bank account or added to your credit card every month, quarter, or year. You decide the amount, method, and timing. It's easy to sign up—just visit rotary.org and sign into Member Access. Click on **Contribute to The Rotary Foundation**.



From January through September 2021
there have been **no**
new cases of the Wild Polio Virus.
It remains at 2 cases us in the world.

Living with Polio

Story of Jim Lewis' Journey

Jim Lewis will never forget the date of August 27, 1948. It was his parents 10th wedding anniversary, but it was also the day he and his brother Larry, were rushed to the County General Hospital in Los Angeles. They were playing in a stream near their home and soon became ill and very quickly lost movement in their limbs. He remembers that it was a long distance from his home to the car, but his distressed parents thought nothing of it as his dad lifted him and his mom carried Larry. Jim was 5 years 9 months and Larry was 3 years 10 months old.

At the hospital his parents were told to wait in the lobby as he and Larry were taken into a room, where spinal tap was administered on both. Jim remembers the crazy long needle and how painful it was but hearing the frightened screams of Larry made him immediately forget his own pain. The results showed that the polio virus was in their systems. They were immediately taken to the polio ward where there were rows upon rows of polio patients, most of them children. Larry was the lucky one and within 2 weeks he was released but Jim remained.

*Out of every 200 children infected, one was likely to become paralyzed.
Jim was that one.*



Protecting Lives with 2 Drops

In 2004, Jim went on the first of nine NID (National Immunization Day) trips to India. He remembers the first child that he immunized, a little girl with beautiful brown eyes. It was a very emotional moment for him because he knew that those two drops of vaccine would protect this child, an option that he did not have, and he said a silent prayer of gratitude

Jim recalls on one trip they were wrapping up immunizing a village in India when the children who were following them pointed to a house and said there were four children who were not inoculated.

Their team leader, who was a Indian doctor, rapped on the door and it was slowly opened by a woman. The doctor convinced her into letting them in. She told them her children could not be vaccinated because her husband would kill her. Jim lifted his pants and showed her his legs that were in braces and the doctor explained the ravages of polio.

Although she was very scared, she agreed. They were careful not to leave any evidence of the immunization and gave her a card with a number to call if she found herself in danger.

He still remembers the metal gurney that brought scalding hot, black woolen towels. These towels were wrapped around his little body, and he could feel, as it burnt through his body. This was 1948 and the polio vaccine had not yet been developed. It was felt that the heat would kill the virus, help with the circulation, and prevent paralysis. Painful as it was, Jim attributed this treatment for saving him from paralysis. His headaches receded and he was able to move. But it was a lonely and scary time for a 5-year-old boy who could not see or talk to his parents. However, after two and a half months he was well enough to be released.

And now started the long journey of healing. He loved western movies and when his dad promised to buy him a cowboy outfit and a cap gun if he learned to walk, Jim laughingly recalls that this was incentive enough. His father took him to water therapy three times a week. It was here that Jim learned to swim. When he eventually returned to school he set many records in swimming. He became the captain of his team and was voted the most inspirational and valuable swimmer. When he moved on to college and university this feat was repeated. He said he was so grateful for a second chance to life that he became an overachiever.



Because of the weakness in his upper leg, he kept falling although he was fitted with braces. He had to go through a painful procedure of muscle transplant. In those days it was advised to exercise the muscle to bring back what was lost but that proved to be detrimental and the exercise destroyed his nerves from ever regrowing, which created post-polio syndrome.

Jim became a water polo and football coach and a teacher. As a teacher he wanted to meet businesspeople and ask them to allow his students to do apprenticeship at their places of business. Rotary was recommended to him and in 2001 he joined Rotary

Imagine his surprise when a few months later he learned that Rotary's number one priority was the eradication of polio.

The effect of polio never leaves the victim and in Jim's case he continues to lose the use of his legs and now in addition to braces he uses a walking stick yet he considers himself one of the luckiest survivors.

Jim is one of world's leading authorities on polio and has done countless presentations at Rotary and at other organizations. He has received many awards and tributes for his relentless work.

Yet he says the greatest reward for him is having the platform of Rotary to bring awareness of the continuing fight to eradicate this disease and the opportunity to contribute hands on. He lives every day of his life as an investment in the future of a polio free world.

A Look at Our Three Rotary Districts

Rotary District 5240



Arroyo Grande
Atascadero
Bakersfield
Bakersfield
Breakfast
Bakersfield East
Bakersfield North
Bakersfield
Twilight



District Governor
Dana Moldovan

Bakersfield West
Buelton
Camarillo Rotary
Camarillo Sunrise
Cambria
Carpinteria
Carpinteria
Morning
Carpinteria
Sunset
Cayucos
China Lake
Conejo Valley
Delano
E-Club of One
World
Fillmore
Goleta
Goleta Noontime
Grover Beach
Indian Wells
Valley
Kern River Valley
Lompoc
Los Olivos Rotary
Los Osos
Montecito
Moorpark
Moorpark
Morning
Morro Bay
NexGen
Nipomo
Ojai
Ojai West
Oxnard
Paso Robles
Rotary
Paso Robles
Sunrise
Passport Club of
the Central Coast
Pismo Beach-Five
Cities

RC5CE
Rotaract Santa
Barbara
Rotaract Santa
Maria Valley
Rotaract Cal
Rotaract UCSB
Rotaract Ventura
San Luis Obispo
San Luis Obispo
de Tolosa
Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara
North
Santa Barbara
Sunrise
Santa Maria -
Noon
Santa Maria -
Breakfast
Santa Maria
South
Santa Paula
Santa Ynez Valley
Shafter
Simi Sunrise
Simi Sunset
Simi Valley
SLO Daybreak
Solvang
Taft
Tehachapi
Templeton
Thousand Oaks
Vandenberg
Village
Ventura
Ventura East
Ventura South
Wasco
Westlake Sunrise
Westlake Village

Foundation Chair:
Frank Ortiz
Frankortizdg1213@yahoo.com

Rotary



District 5300

Alhambra
Altadena
Antelope Valley
Apple Valley
Arcadia
Azusa
Barstow
Boulder City
Boulder City
Sunrise
Chino Valley
Claremont
Covina
Covina Sunrise
Downtown Las
Vegas
Duarte
East Los Angeles
Five Points/El
Monte/South El
Monte
Glendora
Greater Chino
Hills
GSGV
Green Valley
Henderson
Industry Hills
La Verne
Lancaster
Lancaster
Sunrise
Lancaster West
Las Vegas
Las Vegas After
Hours
Las Vegas Red
Rock
Las Vegas
Southwest
Las Vegas Spring
Mountains
Las Vegas
Summerlin
Las Vegas West
Las Vegas WON



District Governor
Elizabeth Barry

Monrovia
Montebello
Mesquite
Sunrise
Moapa Valley
(Logandale)
Monterey Park
North Las Vegas
Ontario -
Montclair
Pahrump Valley
Pasadena
Pasadena After
Hours
Pico Rivera
Pomona
Rancho
Cucamonga
Rancho Del
Chino
San Dimas
San Gabriel
San Gabriel
Valley NG
San Marino
Sierra Madre
South Pasadena
The High Desert-
Hesperia
Upland
Victorville
Walnut Valley
West Covina

Foundation Chair:
Mark Mariscal
markmariscal@yahoo.com

Rotary District 5330



Arlington
(Riverside)
Beaumont-Cherry
Valley
Big Bear Lake
Cathedral City
Cathedral City
Evening
Coachella East
Coachella Valley
Colton
Corona
Corona-Circle City
Crestline-Lake
Gregory
Desert Hot Springs
E-Club of San
Bernardino
E-Club of World
Peace, D5330
Fontana
Greater Eastvale
Hemet
Hig
hland
Idyllwild
Indian Wells
Indio
Indio Sunrise
Joshua Tree
Jurupa Valley
La Quinta
Lake Arrowhead
Lake Arrowhead
Mountain Sunrise
Lake Elsinore
Menifee
Moreno Valley
Moreno Valley
Morning
Murrieta
Norco
Old Town
Temecula



District Governor
Dan Goodrich

Perris
Rancho Mirage
Redlands
Redlands Sunrise
Palm Desert
Palm Desert
Sunset Club
Palm Desert-Palms
Palm Springs
Palm Springs
Sunup
Rialto
Riverside
Riverside East
Riverside Sunrise
San Bernardino
San Bernardino
Crossroads
San Bernardino
North
San Bernardino
Sunset
San Gorgonio Pass
(Banning)
San Jacinto
Sin Fronteras
Temecula
Temecula Sunrise
Temecula Valley-
New Generation
Twentynine Palms
Wildomar
Yucaipa
Yucca Valley
Yucca Valley
Sunset

Foundation Chair:
Steve Yager
Yager.steve@gmail.com

Rotary is 1.2 million members in over 35,000 clubs all over the world. Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.