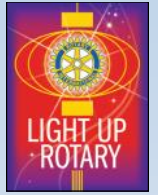


# District 5170



*From the desk of District Governor Ed Jellen*

**May 2015**



**Rotary**  
District 5170



## **Calendar of Events**

**June 6-9**  
**RI Convention**

**July 8th**  
**Cabinet Meeting**

**July 15th**  
**Roast and Toast**

Dear District 5170 Rotarians,

It is hard to believe, but this Rotary year is going to be over in about five weeks. I am proud of what we have accomplished so far this year. As a district, we have enjoyed a record year in membership. As of this writing, we have 3,917 Rotarians in the district, an increase of almost six percent since the start of this Rotary year. Can we hit 4,000?

And, as a District, we have exceeded the clubs' combined annual giving goal. I am hoping that we can do even better. After all, we are the best District and our Rotary Foundation does so much good.

Through our club Presidents' Project, we donated thousands of items and thousands of dollars to help the schools in our local communities. We helped the victims of the recent earthquake in Nepal. We visited Monterrey, Mexico, where we

worked on a variety of hands-on projects at schools, and assembled and handed out some 250 wheelchairs to the needy. We developed, funded, and worked on many hundreds of service projects in our local communities and around the world.

And we had a lot of fun doing it.

I feel very privileged and honored to have served as District Governor this year. And I am most grateful to the Rotarians that made all the above-referenced good things happen.

Thank you.

Ed Jellen  
Rotary International  
District 5170  
District Governor 2014-2015

## Rotary Fellowships Promote Member Retention

By Lee Denlinger, Rotary Club of Dublin



How would you like to cycle through Europe with fellow Rotarians to raise money for *Polio Plus*, sponsor a national young musicians' competition or tour model railroad stations throughout the country? These are just a few of the fun activities that fellow Rotarians do as a member of one of the **Rotary Fellowships**. Fellowship membership is the "fun" part of Rotary and is, perhaps, one of the best ways to engage and retain members in your club. Rotary Fellowships are groups of Rotary members who:

- ♦ Share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions,
- ♦ Further their vocational development with others in the same profession or field,
- ♦ Enhance their Rotary experience by exploring new opportunities and making connections around the world.

Each Fellowship functions independently of Rotary International, establishing its own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure. Membership is open to Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors. Fellowships are international in scope and,



- ♦ Enable Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country;
- ♦ Contribute to the advancement of Rotary's public image and identity;
- ♦ Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for continuing as a member.

Quite a few of the Fellowships also have their own non-profit foundation and fund grants internationally. For example, the International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians (IFRM) co-sponsored a Global Grant for a van that provided books, music and snacks for poor pre-schoolers in areas of Manila, Philippines. IFRM linked with Mr. Holland's



Opus to fund school bands in New Orleans and on an Indian Reservation in New Mexico. Most recently, IFRM provided instruments and musical instruction to young teens in Kenya. Locally, IFRM members Don Lewis (RC of Pleasanton) and David Scharf (RC of Oakland #3), on keyboard and drums respectively, led the Holiday Sing-Along at the pre-Cabinet meetings in both 2012 and 2013.

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when Rotarians with a shared interest in the language *Esperanto* joined together. In 1947, a group of Rotarian boating enthusiasts began flying the Rotary flag from their crafts, calling themselves the

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International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians; this fellowship now boasts the longest continuous existence. The scope of Rotary Fellowships has changed much over the years, but today their purpose is still to unite Rotarians in friendship and provide venues for enjoying their favorite recreational or professional activities. There are currently 64 active Rotary Fellowships with a combined membership of over 33,000 Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, and Rotaractors in 104 countries.

June is Rotary Fellowship Month. It would be the perfect time to have a program speaker from one of the Fellowships to come and speak to your club members. You can get a list of current Rotary Fellowships at [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org) or by contacting Lee Denlinger, District 5170 Chair, Global Networking Groups, at [lee\\_denlinger@yahoo.com](mailto:lee_denlinger@yahoo.com).

## Big West Rotaract Institute

Last July Rotary E-club of Silicon Valley Rotarian Mitty Chang, helped to organize the first-ever **Rotaract President-Elect Training Session**. This coming July, the official Big West Rotaract Institute will be held at the Sheraton San Jose Hotel, July 17-19, 2015. The event has expanded to hold tracks for Rotaract Presidents-Elect, Governors-Elect and Board members. There is a networking social scheduled for Friday, July 17th that will be open to Rotarians to attend and connect with Rotaract leaders from across the West Coast. Go to [www.bigwestrotaract.org](http://www.bigwestrotaract.org) for more information.



## Rotary Clubs Celebrate 50 Years in Pleasanton

By Lee Brice, Rotary Club of Pleasanton

Pleasanton's three Rotary clubs collaborated on "50 Years of Rotary in Pleasanton," a celebration of their community service efforts coinciding with the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, the chapter that started it all with a charter from Rotary International in 1965.

Pleasanton North Rotary and Tri-Valley Evening Rotary Clubs, which received their charters in 1987 and 2002, respectively, contributed financial and volunteer support for well-attended events in April and May. All three clubs participated in the 25-member steering committee, led by Pleasanton Rotarian Brad Hirst, for the two-year planning effort preceding the celebration.

The Pleasanton City Council, city government staff and the Museum on Main lent strong support. During April 30 ceremonies, Mayor Jerry Thorne cut a ribbon to open Rotary Park (*see photo on right*), a renovated  $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre public space on Main Street in the downtown business district. Pleasanton's Rotary clubs contributed \$17,000 toward the park's new centerpiece: a traditional town clock mounted on a granite base with inscriptions that commemorate the dedication of the three clubs and Rotary International and their "Service Above Self".



Bob Silva, Gary Harrington, and Nancy Harrington, all members of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton, were instrumental in securing city government support for the park name change, base design and clock acquisition. Carol Vander Meulen, president of the Tri-Valley Evening Club, cut a ribbon to symbolically unveil the clock. The photo to the left features the clock and Rotarians from all three clubs.

Numerous honors and citations include the city council's designation of May 4-10 as 50 Years of Rotary in Pleasanton Week and proclamations by the U.S. House of Representatives, and California State Assembly.

On May 6, a historical exhibit of "50 Years of Rotary in Pleasanton" was opened at the Museum on Main. The displays feature mementos of local Rotary club traditions, fund-raisers, and ambitious local and international projects. The exhibit continues until

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August 2. In addition, the museum videotaped interviews with 45 former club presidents for an oral history of the three Rotary clubs in Pleasanton. Rotarians and Interact Club members prepared additional displays for the Pleasanton city hall and public library.

As their gift to the city, Interact Clubs at Pleasanton Foothill and Amador Valley high schools refurbished "Welcome to Pleasanton" signs that display the Rotary wheel and symbols of other community service organization serving the city.

On May 8, more than 280 members, former members, spouses and friends of Rotary attended the gala "50 Years of Rotary in Pleasanton" dinner-dance at Castlewood County Club, the same site of the inaugural Charter Night on June 15, 1965. Master of Ceremonies, Scott Raty, president of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton and CEO of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, opened the Gala by chiming the same bell that sounded in the 1965 Charter Night. Scott Adams, creator of the syndicated newspaper cartoon strip Dilbert, was keynote speaker.



Steering Committee Chair Brad Hirst (pictured on the left) and guests at the Gala Dinner.

Special honors were presented to Don Roberts, a charter member of Rotary Club of Pleasanton who continues to serve as the club's photographer, and Jack Bras, who has been a member for two months short of the chapter's half century of service. The Rotary Club of Livermore was acknowledged for its sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Pleasanton leading to its charter.

Success toward a goal of attracting new members to Pleasanton's clubs is reflected in 12 new members recruited by Pleasanton North Rotary President Tom Hall in the past year.



Looking back at the celebration, Steering Committee Chair Hirst credited inter-club cooperation for its success. "Everything we achieved reflected the power of collaboration," he said. "We couldn't have done this without everyone's help."

## Club News



**The Rotary Club of Milpitas** held their Annual Fishing Day, Saturday, March 7th, hosting 60+ Rose School 4th Grade students. Volunteers assisted the students, helping them learn the art of casting, preparing lunch and making it a great day for the students. On May 1, the students were honored by the Milpitas Rotary Club for their Fishing Day stories, with three students receiving special awards for their essays. For the full story and photos go to: <http://patch.com/california/milpitas/congrats-milpitas-rose-school-4th-grade-fishing-day-story-winners-0>

**The Rotary Club of Santa Clara** continues to raise funds for relief efforts in Nepal in the wake of the April 25th earthquake. New club member Suresh Ojha is originally from Nepal and shared his story with the club recently. You can read about the clubs continued outpouring and a little about Suresh at this link: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/4212/Stories/president-s-message-36>



Saturday, May 16, the **Rotary Club of East Palo Alto Bayshore** held a Donation and Recycling drive in conjunction with Goodwill Silicon Valley. They filled a trailer 28 foot trail with donated items (shoes, clothes, electronic items, etc.) and gave away usable bicycles to children in the community. The club raised funds for future projects and enjoyed the outreach to their community at the same time.

## RC of Watsonville's Vocational Day

By Murry Schekman, Rotary Club of Watsonville

On March 25, 2015, the Rotary Club of Watsonville hosted over 80 Watsonville High School students following a morning of job shadowing. Over 40 Rotarians offered this job shadowing experience to students from seven different California Partnership Academies at the high school. The professions were varied - Engineering, agriculture, business, marketing, law, law enforcement, college instructors and administrators and more.

The event included about 20 guests of Rotarians that also served as "shadowees". It gives the students a hands on experience of the career field they may be considering in their future. Students are surveyed, as are the adult shadowees, and the feedback is always positive. The experience for many of the students would not take place at age 16 or 17 if it were not for the volunteers from the Rotary Club of Watsonville.

The program for the day is designed to target the young people in the room. Watsonville Rotarian Renee Mello (District Vocational Service Chair) gave words of wisdom about making mistakes, the point being that it's what we do with our mistakes that helps us grow. Most of us are taught that mistakes are bad and should be avoided at all costs. Renee shared that it is through mistakes that we learn how to do things differently. The students were enthused and engaged, as well as the adults.

The event exceeded expectations with extra food needing to be ordered and many extra tables having to be brought in because the large crowd. Four years ago the Club hosted 50 students and now it's grown to over 80! Some of the participants are members of the local Interact club. The Rotary Club of Watsonville anticipates that some of the students will join Rotary at some point in their future!





## Upcoming Club, Area and District Events...

(Some photos are linked to club websites. Please click on the photo to see if that option is available.)

### Rotary District 5170 Annual Roast and Toast

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

Celebrate soon-to-be PDG Ed Jellen  
Welcome soon-to-be DG Susan Valenta

6:00pm-9:00pm

Saratoga Springs

22801 Big Basin Way, Saratoga

Cost: \$42 per person

6:00 PM No host bar & hor d'oeuvres

7:00 PM BBQ dinner, wine and dessert

8:00 PM Roast & Toast Ceremony

Dress: Casual—be prepared, it gets chilly!

Direct your questions to:

Event Chair: Bob Barbatti (mbarbatti@aol.com)

Event Host: Lt. Governor Robert Kidd (robertfredkidd@gmail.com)

Please RSVP by July 7, 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/MC# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a vegetarian meal ☐

If paying by check, make check payable to Rotary District 5170

RSVP by mail to Bob Barbatti, 18570 Montpere Way, Saratoga, CA 95070

RSVP by email to mbarbatti@aol.com

RSVP by fax to Bob Barbatti (408)378-7739



The Campbell Rotary Presents

## VALLEY FLAVORS 2015

SUNDAY, JUNE 7  
4PM - 6PM

ORCHARD CITY BANQUET HALL  
TICKETS \$25 ADVANCE/\$30 AT DOOR

Join Rotarians for an evening of  
Food, Wine and Beer!

Highlighting local restaurants,  
wineries and breweries.

Proceeds go toward our efforts to fund  
projects and events that have a positive  
impact in our community.

For tickets and more information  
visit: [campbellrotary.org](http://campbellrotary.org)



Rotary Club  
martini mixer

Wednesday June 17, 2015. 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Ristorante di Palermo, 22532 Foothill Blvd (btw A & B Streets), Hayward

Delicious appetizers by Ristorante di Palermo. \$5 entry includes one Soprano Martini (Tony or Carmella) or beer/wine/soft drink. Suggested attire: New Jersey chic.

Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Hayward, San Leandro, Castro Valley and F.U.N. Sunset, with additional support from Ristorante di Palermo  
For more information visit [www.bitly.com/bada-bing](http://www.bitly.com/bada-bing)





Gilroy Sunrise Rotary  
**Scholarship Golf Tournament**  
 Friday, June 5, 2015  
*Be a 2015 Sponsor*

**Eagle Level****\$2000**

Team Entry (4 Players)

Company Name on event flyer  
 Company Name on tournament banner  
 Company Name on three tee signs  
 Company Name listed on all media  
 Acknowledgement during Tournament & Dinner

**Birdie Level****\$1000**

Team Entry (4 Players)

Company Name on event flyer  
 Company Name on Tournament Banner  
 Company Name on three tee signs  
 Company Name listed on all media  
 Acknowledgement during Tournament and Dinner

**Tee Sponsors \$100 each or 3 for \$200***Be a 2015 Player*

Golf Package.....\$155 each or 4 man team \$620.....\$  
*Includes lunch served from 11:30-12:30; range balls; green fees & cart; entry into win-a-car; Tri-tip dinner & raffle*  
 Bonus Pack of Mulligans, Putting strings & Entry into Putting Contest \$20 ea. (no limit) .....\$  
 Dinner only.....\$45 each.....Qty.....\$  
 Donation for Sunrise Rotary Scholarship Program (Thank you!).....\$

*\*Professional golfers not eligible to participate in the Win-A-Car Competition*

TEAM CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER #2: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER #3: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER #4: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY NAME FOR SPONSORSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_



Checks Payable to Gilroy Sunrise Rotary

Mail entries & fees to: Vanni-Humphrey, CPA's  
 7937 Hanna Street, Gilroy, 95020  
 For Tax purposes use our Non-Profit # 94-3016176



**The District Office will be  
 closed Friday, May 29 through  
 Sunday, June 7, 2015.**



Looking for information on  
**The Rotary Foundation?**  
 Download a copy of the TRF  
 NewsToday from the  
[District website.](http://www.rotarydistrict5170.org)

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
 TO CELEBRATE  
 ROTARY CLUB OF HOLLISTER  
 90TH ANNIVERSARY**

**—♦—**

**REDGEMARK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB  
 JUNE 8TH, 2015**

|                             |                          |                            |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>COCKTAILS<br/>5:00PM</b> | <b>DINNER<br/>6:30PM</b> | <b>TICKETS<br/>\$30.00</b> |
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**RSVP BY 6.15.015  
 AMALIA@AMALIADDESIGN.COM  
 831.673.6767**



**Start your Father's Day under the Arch in Downtown Pleasanton with family and friends.** The Rotary Club of Pleasanton is proud to announce it's 22nd annual Father's Day Spirit Run starting at 8am June 21. There is a race event for every member of the family: 10k, 5k walk/run, Kids challenge.

This event has raised over \$900,000 for college scholarships. This year we celebrate 50 years of The Rotary Club of Pleasanton building good will, better friendships and a strong community.

For more information or to register: [www.spiritrn.com](http://www.spiritrn.com)



## ALAMEDA ROTARY OPEN JULY 17, 2015





**Earl Fry North Course**  
 Chuck Corica Golf Complex  
 1 Club House Memorial Drive • Alameda, CA 94502  
[www.golfinalameda.com](http://www.golfinalameda.com)

All tournament proceeds go into our [Community Grants Account](#) to help Non-profit Charities here in the Alameda area that serve youth, low income, homeless, seniors, the disabled community and the arts

**For any questions: Contact Harry Hartman, Chair**  
**(510) 814-0572 or [info@hartmaninsurance.com](mailto:info@hartmaninsurance.com)**



**Breakfast & Check-in**  
**7 am - 7:50 am**  
**Shotgun Start : 8 am**

Checks made payable to:  
 Alameda Rotary Endowment Foundation (AREF) - (ID# 94-3050844)  
 Alameda Rotary Club address: P.O. Box 2403, Alameda, CA 94501  
**Players can also sign up and make payment with their credit card at: [alamedarotary.org](http://alamedarotary.org)**



Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling cordially invites you to:



## Dinner at the Dump

Serving Up  
A Trashy Affair

**Saturday: June 27, 2015**  
Beginning at 4:00 pm

Located at: 3355 Thomas Road, Santa Clara, CA 95054

### TICKET PRICES

\$50.00 - Adults  
\$20.00 - Children (8-12)  
Free - Children under 8  
50% of fee is tax deductible.

**Ticket Required For Entry**

**Make Check Payable to:  
Dinner at the Dump**

Please Mail to:  
Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling  
3355 Thomas Road  
Santa Clara, CA 95054  
Attn: Rebecca Buldo  
(408) 566-1802



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Sunnyvale Rotary Club  
Interact District 5170  
Sunnyvale Community Services  
Bishop School Literacy Program



Thank you for helping us raise  
monies last year for those in need.

Let's Do It Again This Year!

Y.M.C.A.  
Leadership Sunnyvale  
Homestead Interact Club  
Kids Summer Food Program

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41ST ANNUAL CHARLIE WEDEMEYER

# ALLSTAR FOOTBALL GAME

Saturday, August 1, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.  
**Levi's Stadium**

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# Rotary District 5170

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The District Office is located at 2570 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95131.

The office is open Monday—Thursday, 9am-4pm.

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To highlight your club projects and events in the District newsletter, please email the information to [Brittany](#) by the 10th of each month.

## Happy Birthday Wishes to our District Leaders and Club Presidents!

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| PDG Loren Harper (Fremont Warm Springs Sunrise) | June 3  |
| Debby Rice (Saratoga)                           | June 8  |
| Cheryl Rebottaro (Scotts Valley)                | June 19 |
| Eric Emmanuele (Milpitas)                       | June 22 |
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| Don MacKenzie (Palo Alto University)            | June 28 |
| PDG Roger Hassler                               | June 29 |
| Trixie Johnson                                  | June 29 |

