



From the desk of District Governor Ramesh Hariharan

August 2019

Dear Fellow Rotarians from District 5170,

Welcome to this second newsletter of the Rotary year. We try to capture the essence of what is happening in our Rotary World here!

We have many things to feel happy about the first two months of this year in our District. To mention a few:

- Rotary Club of Silicon Andhra was chartered on July 23, 2019 with 221 charter founding members. This is a world record! The glittering charter ceremony on August 4, was attended by Rotarians and senior leaders from our District and our zone.
- The membership seminar on August 17th led by PRIP Richard King and PRID Ken Boyd was attended by 114 members. It was well received.
- The Foundation giving is going well, and our District is off to a blazing start!



We will continue to work on our new initiatives:

- Rotary @ Work: To form new clubs at the workplace to make it convenient for people to join and engage in Rotary
- Rotary @ Community: To form new clubs partnering with Community organizations and creating new connections
- Rotary @ Home: To widen our connections involving our families

As you already know, our monthly District leadership meetings are open to Rotarians across our District. There are tremendous networking opportunities over free food and wine! We will provide a facility for members to participate via GoToMeeting.

There will be no Avenues of Service Event. In its place, the monthly meetings will be focused around Avenues of Service.

- September 11 - at DRYCO Fremont - New Generations: Rotaract, Interact, Youth Exchange
- October 5 – Business Expo at Ohlone College, Newark – 100 businesses, 700 participants
- November 6 – Foundation Giving – Let us soar to greater heights!

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- December 14 – Rotary @ Home – Invite family to celebrate Rotary!
- January 11 – Mid-year meeting
- February 1 – International Expo – We will invite the communities we are serving
- March 4 – Community – Celebrate our outreach and partnerships
- March 28 – District Training Assembly
- April 8 – Service Above Self – That’s what Rotary is all about!
- May 16 – District Conference – Casa Real Winery – Gorgeous Livermore Valley!
- June 6-10 – International Convention in Honolulu – Aloha!
- June 17 – A grand finale!

Why should we attend the September 11 meeting dedicated to New Generations? Let us recognize our District’s unique blend of youngsters we already have. We will also reflect on how we are going to attract this dynamic generation in order to remain a vibrant 21st- century service organization. How are we going to help them balance their careers, their family responsibilities? Our success is closely tied with the success of younger generations in Rotary. Let us open our doors, and do it in a fun way!

And finally, why should we attend the Business Expo on October 5th? For the first-time ever in our District, we are doing this Business Expo. This expo is also open to non-Rotarian owned businesses. Let us recall that the first Rotary club formed in 1904 by Paul Harris was with business professionals. Since that time Rotary has always provided us a powerful avenue of service that utilizes our vocational skills. Doing business with Rotarians implies forming relationships with people and mentors with highest standards of professional integrity and ethical behavior, leading to lasting friendships.

Let’s connect! Let’s grow! And yes, let’s enjoy!

In Rotary service,



Ramesh Hariharan
District Governor



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2022-2023

The time has come to nominate individuals to serve as the 2022-2023 District Governor for Rotary District 5170. Each Rotary Club in the District may nominate one of its members for District Governor Nominee Designate, or propose a member of another club with the latter club's concurrence. A nomination form and a biographical information sheet must be filled out and returned to District Administrator, Olivia Poe (admin@rotarydistrict5170.org) **prior to**

November 1, 2019. Interviews for the position will be conducted on November 16, 2019, Saturday. All nominations will be handled in accordance with Article 13 of the By Laws of Rotary International. If you have any questions on the nomination process, please contact the District Office at (408) 273-4577.

An informational workshop for those interested will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2019 from 1-3 p.m. at Los Gatos Lodge, 50 Los Gatos Saratoga Road, Los Gatos, CA. Please encourage curious members or potential candidates to attend. A panel of Past Governors will provide input and answer questions.



Where Do District Governors Come From?

*They come from Rotary Clubs just
like yours!*

This is an opportunity for you and other Rotarians to learn more about the *District Governor* position:

- Who can be District Governor?
- How is the District Governor selected?
- What roles does a District Governor have in the years before and after the DG year?
- What is the expected time commitment?
- Is there a financial commitment?
- What resources does the District provide to assist the District Governor?

These and many other questions will be answered by a panel of the people who know the job best: the past, present and future District Governors of District 5170. Whether you are seriously considering the position...or just curious about answers to these questions, this is the program for YOU!

**Saturday, September 21, 2019
from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Los Gatos Lodge**

50 Los Gatos Saratoga Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032

*Enjoy an informal discussion with District leaders, who
will answer your questions about District
Governorship!*

(Significant Others are invited as well)

Membership Committee

Hung Wei, District Membership Chair

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August is Membership and New Club Development Month – we are very happy to report that 114 Rotarians joined the District Membership Seminar on

August 17, 2019 for a morning of inspiration, learning, brainstorming, and practical training, in bringing back to their Clubs actionable membership retention and attraction activities. This Membership Seminar walked the attendees through a step by step process on how to recruit and retain members, as well as how to form new clubs. District Membership Committee will follow up with Club Presidents and Membership Chairs to offer assistance in supporting Clubs to develop a customized action plan to “ignite” Clubs to new levels in this Rotary Year and beyond! The District will update its Membership Section on the District website to include materials from the Ignite Program introduced by Past Rotary International Director Ken Boyd at the Membership Seminar – coming soon, please stay tuned.

I’d like to introduce again the following goals set for this Rotary Year by our District Governor Ramesh Hariharan:

- 1) To grow and diversity our membership and participation
- 2) To create new channels into Rotary
- 3) To increase Rotary’s openness and appeal
- 4) To build awareness of our impact and brand

District 5170 is committed to growing Rotary through outreach to new perspective members,

engagement of our current members, and the creation of alternatives for membership. Critical to that growth is becoming more diverse and providing more opportunities for leadership for all Rotarians.

Rotarians join and stay in Rotary for many reasons, and the following sums up answers from many Rotary members:

- 1) To participate in service projects
- 2) To enjoy goodwill, friendship, and fellowship
- 3) To connect with people outside of their own circle of work and personal life

District 5170 is offering an exciting opportunity to connect with people. This year’s Vocational Avenue of Service Event is being re-invented: On Saturday October 5, 2019, please mark your calendar for the very first **District 5170 Rotary Business Expo**, in promoting Rotary businesses, entrepreneurs, club projects, and much more. Every activity, event, or gathering is an opportunity for membership development – **Rotary Business Expo** will provide excellent opportunities for Rotarians to outreach, engage, and connect with new perspective members, thus, this is also a Membership Expo! All Clubs will receive more information to invite Rotarians and non-Rotarians to participate as exhibitors and/or visitors to this exciting Rotary Business Expo.

Membership growth equals more resources, more projects, thus more Rotary impacts! Together, let’s create a culture of innovation in bringing Rotary to people who simply need a bridge built to connect them with Rotary’s spirit of service. We will strive to achieve “Rotary connects the world”!

Come, Meet and Network
with hundreds of entrepreneurs and guests!

ROTARY BUSINESS EXPO

DATE: Saturday, October 5th, 2019

TIME: 12:00pm - 5:00pm

COST: \$10.00 register at: <http://bit.ly/Rotarybizexpo>

Complimentary Food + Beverages Served!

WHERE: Ohlone College of Newark
39399 Cherry St., Newark, CA



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**ATTEND FOR A CHANCE TO WIN ROUNDTRIP TRAVEL FOR TWO TO
ANY SOUTHWEST PUBLISHED, DOMESTIC DESTINATION.**

Southwest

For event and sponsorship information, please contact
Daniel Mai at 510-828-9376 or email dmai@novateckit.com.

Youth Service

Yvonne Kwan, District Youth Service Assistant Chair

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Interact 5170 has completed their first major event of the year, the New Presidents' Meeting (NPM)! Nearly 200 Interact leaders from around the district gathered at the Saratoga Prospect Center

to learn about club management and communication skills. They also took time to reflect upon their Interact moments and why they joined and stayed in this organization.



Look forward to the next big event, Fall Leadership Conference, in October!



An update from Youth Exchange Chair, Darlene de la Cerna:

District Interviews will be held on December 8, 2019.

All interested clubs and

students can contact Darlene at

dmdsc57@gmail.com for more information.

Our first 2019-2020 Outbound for Germany, Melissa De La Vega, departed on Thursday, August 8, 2019.



My How We've Grown! Photo taken at the **Welcome Back Class of 2018-2019/Farewell Class of 2019-2020.**



Welcome Amelia Saehlbrandt, Germany, and Julia Zwann (first Inbound Students to arrive)



YOU'RE INVITED

ROTARY DISTRICT 5170 LEADERSHIP MEETING

FEATURING NEW GENERATIONS

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2019
FROM 6-7:30 PM

WHERE: DRYCO CONSTRUCTION, 42745
BOSCELL RD, FREMONT, CA

WHY: TO CELEBRATE THE SUCCESS OF
ROTARY YOUTH AND ROTARACT PROGRAMS
IN OUR DISTRICT, HEAR ABOUT PROGRAM
UPDATES AND LEARN HOW TO BECOME
ENGAGED!

Click on the link to register— <https://events.rotarydistrict5170.org/>

Rotaract Clubs at a Glance

Lianne Woo, Rotaract District Governor (Rotaract Club of Greater Fremont)
email— lianne.woo@gmail.com

August is Membership month—and every month we value and appreciate our Rotaractors and Rotarians making a difference to improve our community! From hosting virtual blood drives with the Santa Cruz County Rotaract club, to sorting fruits at the Second Harvest Food Bank with the Silicon Valley Rotaract club, Rotaractors regularly participate in a wide variety of service projects and make great friends along the way.

Rotaract members identify needs in our community and work to fill them, by proposing, planning, and carrying out ideas for service projects both locally and internationally.

Being a member in a Rotaract club has a variety of benefits like:

- Taking action in your community and abroad to create sustainable change
- Developing your professional skills through leadership experience
- Making new friends through the global community of Rotaract

We welcome you and your friends to join us at one of our Rotaract events in your area!

If you know someone between the ages of 18-30 who would be interested in joining Rotaract, please share the information below:

For young professionals who live or work in Silicon Valley, we recommend—the **Rotaract Club of Silicon Valley**

- Contact us: svrotaract@gmail.com

- Join our events: [meetup.com/BayAreaRotaract](https://www.meetup.com/BayAreaRotaract)
- Visit our Facebook: [facebook.com/svrotaract](https://www.facebook.com/svrotaract)

For young professionals who live or work in Fremont-Newark, we recommend—the **Rotaract Club of Greater Fremont**

- Contact us: president@rotaractfremont.org
- Join our events: [meetup.com/BayAreaRotaract](https://www.meetup.com/BayAreaRotaract)
- Visit our Facebook: [facebook.com/rotaractfremont](https://www.facebook.com/rotaractfremont)

For young professionals who live or work in Santa Cruz, we recommend—the **Rotaract Club of Santa Cruz County**

- Contact us: rotaract.santacruz@gmail.com
- Visit our Facebook: [facebook.com/rotaractsantacruzcounty](https://www.facebook.com/rotaractsantacruzcounty)

For young professionals who live or work in Union City, we recommend—the **Rotaract Club of Union City California**


- Contact us: josemarimgalang@gmail.com



Rotaractors from Greater Fremont and Silicon Valley celebrating at the Chartering Ceremony for the Rotary Club of Silicon Andhra

Club Events

Click on event flyers to be taken to the Club websites for more information



Claws for A Cause!

15th Annual

Lobster Party At The Los Gatos Lodge
Saturday, Sept. 7th, 5:30 - 10:00 pm

Featuring: **The Hatmen**, CB's Bodacious BBQ & JV's Chowder

For Tickets \$95/Per Person Or Reserve A Table
Visit: Iglobsterparty.com

Limited To All You Can Eat On Site Or,
Take A Lobster Home \$20
While Supplies Last
Corkage \$10/Bottle
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Uber, Lyft, Carpool Or Walk
Parking Is Limited

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Presented by: Los Gatos Morning Rotary Charitable Foundation



Blood Emergency—Give Now!

Blood products are currently being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in. Your donation is crucial in helping support patients' ongoing needs as well as unforeseen trauma situations. Give now and help overcome a blood emergency!



Summer Blood Donation Challenge

Go to our special link: <https://sleevesup.redcrossblood.org/campaign/rotary-district-5170-summer-campaign/>

Make an appointment anywhere that is convenient for you

July through September 3

Join us as we host a virtual blood drive to help with the summer need for blood products. Only 3 out of every 100 people donate blood, and every year, fewer and fewer blood donors step up. That is why we hope you will join us in the District Rotary 5170 Sleeves Up Campaign. Our goal is 100 donations!

Rotarians can support this campaign in a few ways:

- Make an appointment – Go to our special link: <https://sleevesup.redcrossblood.org/campaign/rotary-district-5170-summer-campaign/>

Once you make a pledge, schedule an appointment at an upcoming drive or fixed site near you.

- Use the hashtag #RotaryDistrict5170 to encourage others to donate blood and make an appointment using [this link](#).
- Encourage others – Send out emails or post on your social media our special link and ask your friends and families to pledge to give and then make an appointment.
- Host a drive - If you or someone you know is interested in hosting a Red Cross blood drive in the future, visit RedCrossBlood.org/HostADrive.

Thank you for helping to ensure lifesaving blood is available for patients in need.

Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

Rotary District 5170

2019-2020 Officers:

District Governor: Ramesh Hariharan
 Immediate Past District Governor: Tim Lundell
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 Sergeant at Arms Co-Chair: Aggie Freeman
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 Rotary Business Expo: Daniel Mai
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The District Office is located at 2570 N. First Street, Suite 200, San Jose, CA 95131.

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To highlight your club projects and events in the District newsletter, please email the information to admin@rotarydistrict5170.org by the 15th of each month.



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