

From the desk of District Governor Tim Lundell

May/June 2019



We have entered the final month of our 2018-19 Rotary year, and, just as in every year past, it is time to take stock of how we did in making Rotary and the world a little better than when we

started. In summary, I think we did very well in putting into practice my theme for the year, "Learning, Leadership and Inspiration". Our District grew by two new clubs, with a third ready to charter any day now. We added well over 100 new members net, largely through the increasing adoption by the Clubs of the new flexibility options in club meeting structure and membership opportunities. Our Clubs continued to provide strong support and guidance to our D-5170 Interact District, the largest in the entire world. Our support of The Rotary Foundation was amazing, and by June 30th I expect that our total giving for the year will exceed \$1,220,000, making this a record year for the always-generous Rotarians of District 5170. The Clubs continued to take advantage of our "Max the Match" program, providing extra TRF dollars for both Global Grant and District Grant projects. The year saw the rebirth of our Leadership Academy, preparing a whole new cadre of future Rotary leaders, and we welcomed a new

program of "pure" leadership training from our own leadership guru, John Lipp. As the year neared its conclusion we presented a unique opportunity for Rotarians to celebrate our veterans and our Rotary year at the 2019 District Conference on the historic USS Hornet in Alameda (more details in this Newsletter). In the end, through a lot of hard work by more hands than I can ever count (or thank), I think we were successful in executing Rotary District 5170's sole mission, which is to "inspire and support the Clubs". But who deserves the credit for all of these accomplishments? As I told my own Club so many years ago at the end of my President year, "This was the year that YOU made!" And so it has been again, through my Chief of Staff, the marvelous Debby Rice, our Assistant Governors, the Membership and Foundation Committees, the Avenues of Service Chairs, the District Committee Chairs, the Club Presidents and their leadership teams, our dedicated group of Past District Governors...and Rotarians putting their boots on the ground and their hands reaching for wallets. It would not have happened without the dedicated efforts of every one of them...and YOU! And a very special "Thank You" to the spectacular woman behind the curtain, our District Administrator, Olivia Poe!

My journey as your District Governor began over 3-1/2 years ago, when I received a call

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on a crisp November Saturday afternoon advising that I had been selected to lead our District in 2018-19. Over the intervening months, I have been privileged, in so many ways, to learn with my Zone 25/26 Governor Classmates; to work with the most dedicated and experienced leaders in the Rotary world; to explore new ways to keep Rotary relevant and growing; to select a team to implement our theme and vision for the year; and, most of all, to make the most wonderful lifelong friendships that one could ever hope for. I encourage every one of you to find a role in Rotary that calls your name, whether as a Club Committee chair, Club Officer, District leader, or even District Governor. Being a member of the Family of Rotary is unlike any other experience in a lifetime...but you must open your eyes, your arms and your heart to let it carry you to its full potential. Be well, be safe, be generous...and enjoy the ride!









Roast 'n' Toast Celebrate soon-to-be PDG Tim Lundell and welcome soon-to-be DG Ramesh Hariharan







Enjoy a Rotary tradition with a delicious BBQ dinner catered by the BBQ Boys

Where: Blackberry Farm, Cupertino

21979 San Fernando Ave, Cupertino, CA

When: Sunday, July 7, 2019 - 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Dress: Casual- be prepared for late afternoon/evening cool weather

Price: \$40 adults

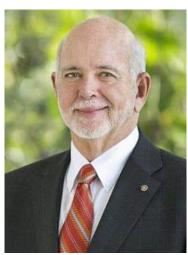
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A Message from Rotary International President Barry Rassin

Dear Rotarians:

As I look back on all the things I have seen and the people I have met since becoming president of Rotary International last July, I am certain of this: Rotary's capacity to transform lives for the better is unparalleled. Our impact is far beyond anything I could have imagined when I first became a Rotarian.

I think about the Rotarians I met in Pakistan, who partnered with Coca-Cola to improve sanitation in Karachi's neighborhoods while supporting polio eradication efforts. I think about the Puerto Rican Rotarians who are helping entire communities rebuild their lives after Hurricane Maria. I think about the German Rotaractors who are working to save bees — whose role as pollinators is so important to our planet — from extinction. I think about the six Rotarians and Rotaractors who were honored as People of Action: Young Innovators at Rotary Day at the United Nations in Nairobi, Kenya, in November for their work to create novel solutions to tough challenges.



It seems like only yesterday that I stood on a stage in San Diego and asked you to Be the Inspiration in your clubs, in your communities, and in the world. Your response was an inspiration to me. You are paving the way for Rotaractors to become our future leaders, helping start new Rotaract clubs and working to include Rotaractors in Rotary events and projects in your communities. You are working hard to eradicate polio, participating in 4,200 events in more than 100 countries for World Polio Day. And you are carrying out transformative projects that will create lasting change in your communities and in the world.

This year, I also saw how Rotary's work to build peace is bearing fruit. The 98 Rotary Peace Fellows who are studying at our peace centers will soon graduate, joining more than 1,200 others in applying their conflict resolution skills to problems that need solutions. And this month, Esther and I will travel to Hamburg, Germany, for a convention where people of all races, nationalities, religions, and political backgrounds will unite because they want to make the lives of all people better.

Seeing what Rotary means to people — to the communities we serve and to Rotarians themselves — has deepened my affection and admiration for all that Rotary is and does.

Soon it will be time for Esther and me to return home to Nassau. When we get there, I will look out on the vast sea that surrounds our island, and it will remind me of Rotary's limitless possibilities, and of the amazing future that awaits us beyond the horizon. I look forward to sailing there with you.

Barry Rassin President 2018-19 Page 4 District 5170



District Conference Was Out-of-This-World Great!!

Governor Tim wanted something interesting and unique for his District Conference to celebrate those who lead. The USS Hornet, with its strong tie to the 50th anniversary of one of the greatest achievements in our country's history – the mission to the moon – seemed a perfect choice.

It was important to get leadership approval, so once Rick King gave his blessing, the two-year planning process began to make this a truly memorable event. Here are some of the highlights:

Friday Night

We were lucky to receive permission for an exclusive showing of the 2019 Sundance Film Festival Award-winning documentary, "Apollo 11". Additionally, Todd Douglas Miller, the film's director flew out from New York to intro the film and give us a little background on its making.





Our Veteran's Committee led by Jim Bell and Pat Fox presented a tribute to veterans who have fallen with an Honor Table ceremony. All branches of the military were recognized by their anthem and as all those affiliated stood as their music was played.



"The best talk on leadership I've ever heard." "His comment that leadership is not management was so true." Those were comments after Rear Admiral John Bitoff spoke on leadership



qualities and how men like Admiral Chester Nimitz exemplified those impressive traits.

The Fabulous Girl Group, the Swingin' Blues Stars entertained!



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Saturday

Bob Fish, a member of the USS Hornet Board of Trustees, gave us a glimpse of the fascinating history of the USS Hornet at breakfast.



Morning Breakout sessions included "Tips on the Hamburg Convention", "Tips on Leadership from John Lipp", "The History of the USS Hornet", "How You Can Impact Energy Conservation", by Jim Sweeney, Director of Stanford's Precourt Energy Institute.





Saturday Lunch was sponsored by the Los Gatos Morning Rotary and featured our Youth Exchange students; our Leadership Academy Graduation; our RI President's Rep, Larry Lunsford; this year's Ricard D. King Speech Contest winner; a special appearance by our magician, Kim Silverman; and our first ever Parade of Club Flags.



















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Afternoon forums included a reenactment of the classic radio series, "The Lone Ranger", a talk on Fifty Things You Absolutely Need to Know About Rotary, What Makes Rotary Cool; Moonshine Tasting and Craft Beer Tasting!









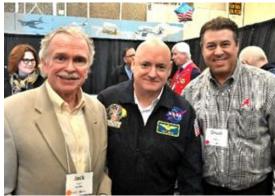


House of Friendship opened up with a Tropical Theme, fitting on the USS Hornet. Area 3 opted to go with a Gilligan's Island theme – it was fabulous!





Astronaut Captain Scott Kelly had a chance to meet Rotarians up close and personal at a VIP reception. Wine was provided by Left Bend Winery and Joseph George.







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Saturday Dinner







After Dinner











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Thanks go to the many people who worked hard and lent their support to make this a fabulous event! A special thanks to our sponsors.



























And most thanks of all goes to our wonderful leader, DG Tim Lundell. His leadership has been outstanding. We are fortunate to have Tim among those who step up to serve. Thanks for all you have done this year, Tim!



Rotary Day of Service

District Conference May 19, 2019

Area 4 Rotarians showed up in force to sort clothes at The Hanger, a vocational skills classroom on the Village High School campus in Pleasanton. Led by the Rotary Club of Tri-Valley Evening, this project on Sunday, May 19, 2019, was one of four District-wide community service projects in conjunction with this year's District Conference.

Bonnie Schmidt and President David Gilpin of the Rotary Club of Tri-Valley Evening look on as Lee Denlinger, Assistant Governor Area 4 and Rotary Club of Dublin, helps out.



Youth Service

Yvonne Kwan, District Youth Service Assistant Chair email— yvonne.kwan90@gmail.com

Interact 5170 is proud to announce Soha Manzoor and Emily Lam as the Interact District Governor and Lieutenant Governor for the 2019-20 Rotary year! They are currently putting together their District Council, and we look forward to the exciting year they have planned!



A message from District RYLA Chair, Jenn Chang:

Registration for **Camp RYLA 5170** has passed! The new online registration system is proving to be very efficient, and there have been many more timely responses than in the past. We're excited for a full camp in June! Our staff has been selected and oriented, and our campers are registered. We have buses (thanks, LinkedIn!), and we're on track!

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Rotary Project: Sending Books to Uganda

Linda Anderson, Rotary Club of Mission San Jose

Being the head of a household is a formidable job, but imagine having that responsibility as a child. Yet many orphaned children in Uganda assume that role resulting from years of civil unrest and war.

Enter a missionary from California whose goal is to build a school, in hopes of educating children and help to support their fragile families. Books and other learning materials will be needed, creating an opportunity for local Rotary clubs to be of assistance.

Demonstrating that we are "People of Action", nearly 50 Rotarians and Rotaractors from the greater Fremont, California area came together for a service project to pack up over 1,000 books, tapes and CDs from the extensive library of a retired elementary school teacher. Additionally, more than 1,000 books were also donated from a recently shuttered pre-school, all of which were packed into shipping boxes.



Several conditions had to be met prior to shipping that included removing all identifying markings, alphabetizing and labeling each book, CD and tape, creating spreadsheets with that information and packing them into each box.



What began as a casual conversation during a holiday gathering in December, blossomed into a fulfilling service project on a Saturday in March. It was a joy to see so many industrious volunteers putting "Service Above Self" into action, a powerful testament to the many ways that Rotarians enrich the lives of others around the globe.

Happy voices could be heard as we visualized how each book that we touched would be given into the hands of children who, perhaps, had never held a book before. It was a meaningful reminder that we could "Be the Inspiration" by helping children build better lives, one book at a time.





Rotary Means Business is dedicated to one of Rotary's founding principles: friendship and business connections

Unique Fellowship Opportunity

The Silicon Valley Rotary Means Business (SVRMB) Fellowship provides Rotarians with unique opportunities to meet, network, and socialize with like-minded business leaders. SVRMB members can network, discuss their business, and learn from others about trends and patterns impacting their markets and industries.

"I'd rather get to really know 50 Business Rotarians than meet 250 'connections'. I'm excited about the potential impact a strong RMB group can have on all of us, our clubs, and the community."

Mark Vickers - RMB Champion

Rotary Means Business Makes Rotary Stronger

SVRMB supplements the service and fellowship aspects of Rotary. Stronger businesses make our members stronger. Stronger members create stronger clubs, enabling Rotary to do more to strengthen our community. SVRMB returns us to our roots by creating an opportunity that helps us attract and retain club members.

Typical Agenda

5:45 - 6:00 Networking with Food & Drink

6:00 - 6:45 Introductions and Ice Breaker

6:45 - 7:15 Member Spotlight & Business Challenge

7:15 - 7:30 Break

7:30 - 7:55 Professional Development

7:55 - 8:00 Wrap Up

8:00 - 8:30 Networking



For more information or to RSVP

https://SVRMB.com/#tickets

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Rotary Vietnam Project

Sue McKinney, Rotary Club of Oakland Uptown

The RotaryVietnamProject.com – RVP – grew out of D5170's 2015 service trip to Vietnam to distribute 2.400 of the ultra-durable soccer balls to orphanages, schools and youth soccer teams. **The Rotarian** sent a reporter along. **The Goodwill** Games is in The Rotarian March 2016. Co-Founders Sue McKinney, Nick Leon and Avis LaGrone realized they were on to something special bringing young adults and Rotarians to Vietnam for a life-changing experience. In 2016, when Interact 5170 chose Trafficking as their international project, the idea took hold to use proceeds from soccer ball donations to fund scholarships for at risk Vietnamese girls to stay in high school and avoid the clutches of traffickers. Enter the Pacific Links Foundation, a Santa Clara County 501(c)3 that operates an award-winning the scholarship program in Vietnam. In addition to supervising the scholarship programs, Pacific Links helps desperately poor, mostly rural, Vietnamese parents recognize the ploys used by traffickers to trick them into losing their



Vetted by Vanguard Charities in New York, Pacific Links is among the top charity organizations operating in Vietnam for transparency and exemplary use of funds. A final piece fell into place with an anonymous donor agreed to match all RVP donations deposited to the Rotary District 5170 Foundation.

Now in its fourth year of collaboration with Pacific Links, RVP has raised over \$100,000 in the last 18 months to fund scholarships. In addition to service trips to Vietnam, RVP has manned booths at Rotary International conventions in Seoul, Atlanta and Toronto to raise awareness about human trafficking. All Rotary and Interact travel is paid by the participants, not from scholarship funds. In July 2019, RVP will take its fourth group of Interact/Rotaract volunteers to Vietnam to participate as teachers in the annual RYLA-style summer camp run by Pacific Links for 750 scholarship recipients. How does RVP work?

- Interact is a driving force behind RVP with a committee of 20+ students and 5 Rotary advisors that fuel RVP, manage a website, a YouTube channel, fundraising events, outreach & awareness
- Rotary and/or Interact speakers are available for club programs
- Interact support also comes from Oakdale
 High School D5220 and Fort Bragg High School
 D5130, Rotaract support is always welcome
- Scholarships are \$300 a year
- Tax deductible donations come from private individuals, grants and Rotary Clubs
- encouraged to take along a case of ultra-durable soccer ball for *any* international project! Just check the 14 lb. box as a piece of luggage, pack extra space around the balls with toothbrushes, socks, etc. \$550 delivers a case of 10 balls *anywhere in the U.S.* <u>and</u> funds 2 one-year scholarships in Vietnam

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 KIND Snacks has agreed to a 2nd year as a sponsor. KIND bars are available for sale from Interactors at schools or any Rotary project requesting them. All funds go to scholarships

 Remember all monetary donations and funds raised are MATCHED by a generous donor!

The RVP achievement in fundraising raises the prospect of applying for a Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation. Please consider joining this

team to help us achieve even more to provide education and hope for girls in Vietnam. For more info, please write to us at RotaryVietnamProject@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

RVP Gala is on 2 November 2019 at Ta Restaurant, Milpitas



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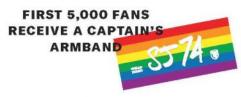
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SATURDAY JUNE 8, 12:30 p.m. AVAYA STADIUM



PRE-GAME RESOURCE FAIR JUST \$25 PER TICKET (USUALLY \$34) IN THE PRIDE SECTION

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PRE-GAME CEREMONY

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JUNE 19, 2019 3PM TO 5PM

CHARTERING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF EVERGREEN VALLEY

Please join us for our Rotary club's formal induction celebration into Rotary International. The celebration will be in the beautiful Rotunda of the San Jose City Hall. The program will include San Jose City Council Member Sylvia Arenas (charter member of the club), San Jose City Council Member Johnny Khamis, Past Rotary International President Rick King, Past Rotary International Director Steve Snyder, Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator Joe Grebmeier, District Governor Timothy Lundell, District Governor Elect Ramesh Hariharan, and Emcee Charlie Wasser, President of the Rotary Club of Evergreen Valley.

Tickets are \$29.95 at the following link:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chartering-of-rotary-club-of-evergreen-rotary-tickets-60564465948

This new club will be giving the long awaited need in East San Jose to assist our neighbors

New club inductions are very important to Rotary for growth and to reinvigorate Rotarians on their humanitarian missions.

Come celebrate
with us and learn
about Rotarian
spirit. You will
probably leave the
event giving strong
consideration to
joining.

And of course, to our fellow Rotarians, please join us as we begin our Rotary journey as the newest club in District 5170.

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10th ANNUAL LOS GATOS PLEIN AIR

Events Are Free. Open To The Public

Artists Preview: Best Of Plein Air

Art Silent Auction, Live Music,
Testarossa Wines
SAT, June 22nd, 5-7:30 pm
100 N. Santa Cruz Ave., Downtown LG

Plein Air Art Festival

27 Artists, 100 Original Oils, Pastels & Watercolors, Live Music,
Wine and Craft Beer Tasting
SUN, June 23rd, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

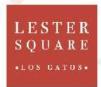
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For Info: Igpleinair.org



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Rotary District 5170

2018-2019 Officers:

District Governor: Tim Lundell

Immediate Past District Governor: Orrin Mahoney District Governor-Elect: Ramesh Hariharan District Governor Nominee: Gregg Giusiana

District Governor Nominee Designate: Richard Flanders

Chief of Staff: Debby Rice

Lieutenant Governor: Judy Wilson District Treasurer: Joe Pfahnl Sergeant at Arms: John Bruzus District Administrator: Olivia Poe

District Chairs:

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Marketing/Public Image: Ginger Taylor McDonald

Membership: Hung Wei

District Trainer/Technology and Communication for Enhanced Training: Arley Marley

The Rotary Foundation: Russ Hobbs

District Conference Co-Chair: Deb Knowles District Conference Co-Chair: Debby Rice

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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 10th of each month.



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https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50083/ User/Login

Assistant Governors:

Area 1: Ruben Sundeen

Area 3: Jim Bell Area 4: Lee Denlinger Area 5: Art Taylor Area 6: Art Testani

Area 7: Karen McNamara Area 8: Tina Orsi-Hartigan Area 9: Richard Schoelerman

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