

# Rotary

## District 5170



*From the desk of District Governor Susan Valenta*

*February 2016*



This month marks a key change in our Rotary District 5170. Brittany Overbeck, our District Administrator for almost four years, will be advancing in her career.

Brittany has been a tremendous resource to our Rotarians and Clubs, and we are all going to miss her.

But, at the same time, we cannot be anything but happy for her. Her new position will be a 20 mile roundtrip commute -- instead of the 60+ roundtrip to her home in the Santa Cruz area. She will also be the Customer Care Manager for a well-established business in her community.

Brittany has developed a well-organized, highly functioning office which will make the transition seamless. Brittany will assist us behind-the-scenes with the District Conference registration and will be joining us at the end of March for our Rotary District 5170 Wheelchair Distribution in Monterrey, MX, so we plan to have a long-term Rotary friendship with Brittany.

A team, led by DGND, Tim Lundell (Rotary Club of Los Gatos Morning) is currently recruiting for the position. After a careful

screening of candidates, interviews will be conducted with the hope that we have our new District Administrator in early March.

It goes without saying that we are all going to miss Brittany Overbeck – her voice at the other end of the phone line, her quick responses to our myriad of questions, her smile and ‘can do’ approach to everything, and her skills at everything from running an office to running an event!

We all wish Brittany well and know that this next chapter in her professional life will be just as successful as the chapter she is closing as our District Administrator. I close this column with a huge note of appreciation to Brittany Overbeck – you have made a difference and truly are a Gift to the World. Thank you, Brittany!



**Be a gift to the world**

## Rotary In Motion | Be a Gift to the World

Registration is open for the **2016 Rotary District 5170 Conference** – just click <http://dc.rotarydistrict5170.org/>. The dates are **April 29 – May 1, 2016** with an opening luncheon at the Blackhawk Automotive Museum featuring legendary Ken Behring and continuing throughout the weekend at the posh San Ramon Marriott.

Your Conference Committee is organizing one of the most exciting events in the history of Rotary District 5170. The weekend is jam packed with entertainment, keynote speakers, Hospitality Suites, Interact talent competitions, and forums that will educate and entertain. And, there are fun activities within a few minute drive or walk: bring your bike or stroll and enjoy the Iron Horse Trail with your children, grandchildren or Interactors as you wind through the Tri-Valley region; sit by the pool with your family, other Rotarians and guests; join everyone for a drink by the fire pit in the evening; listen to music to be provided throughout the weekend; visit the Blackhawk Automotive Museums newest exhibit 'Spirit of the West' and the beautiful classic cars.

### **A Rotary value proposition:**

The 2016 District Conference is affordable

and designed for every budget. Forums, House of Friendship, Iron Horse Trail Bike Ride, and Hospitality Suites are absolutely free. A meal package that includes everything from the Friday luncheon at the Blackhawk Automotive Museum to the Sunday Brunch is only \$199. All meal events can be purchased ala carte. The San Ramon Marriott at Bishop Ranch has an exclusive price point of only \$99 per night, so it makes sense to just park the car and enjoy the weekend with Rotarians and guests. To reserve a hotel room online, go to <https://aws.passkey.com/event/14476688/owner/10259949/home>.

### **Entertainment abounds at the Conference . . .**

Entertainment will be featured throughout the weekend starting with Friday's luncheon at the Blackhawk Automotive Museum with Shawnette Sulker (*pictured at above*). A native of Guyana, this vibrant soprano has sung leading roles with the San Francisco opera and many other venues. Duo pianist Danielle Naler, with husband, violinist Micah Naler, (*pictured at right*) bring an



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astonishing array of pop, show and classical instrumentals to the Blackhawk stage.

Friday evening at the San Ramon Marriott, Amador High School Marching Band's 'Ceremonial Brass' will have Rotarians and guests tapping to the beat of this award-winning group of musicians. Not to be outdone, Saturday morning will feature the exotic music of India with lush vocals by our own Rotarian Ramesh Hariharan (RC of East Palo Alto Bayshore) and accompanied by his accomplished tabla and harmonium players.

This year's House of Friendship on both Friday and Saturday features a wide array of international sounds by Rotarian musicians: from Portuguese fados and Brazilian ballads to Celtic and Irish music from the British isles, topped by rousing folk and pop guitar -- and even a strolling minstrel or two!

Of course, the Interact Talent Competition at Saturday evenings President's gala will be a highlight with six top contestants vying for cash prizes. We guarantee an evening of music, dance, and talent from the best of the best in our Rotary District 5170 Interactors.

. . . and the beat goes on throughout the weekend, so check out the Conference

website for a complete list of entertainment from rock, soul, and jazz to the butterscotch voice of Dawn Coburn a Bay Area favorite Cabaret and Club singer -- this is guaranteed a don't-want-to-miss weekend!

***Forums for Rotarians by Rotarians . . .***

Your District Conference will feature forums throughout the day on Saturday. Organized by our Forum Committee chair, Sandra Jewett (RC of San Jose), these sessions are all free – but you need to be registered, so go online, a name badge is waiting for you when you arrive.

For an example of this year's forum, 'For New Members Only' is being led by Jerry Silva (RC of San Jose) and Cordlaine McGhee (RC of Campbell). Rotary is an opportunity to connect with community leaders, exchange ideas, and take action, so this forum – for new members only – is an opportunity to learn how to make your Rotary experience a valued-added opportunity for engagement and to share successes.

Want to learn how to make your presentations connect with your audience? Matthew J. Thurmaier (RC of Sunnyvale Sunrise) brings us 'Earth to Presenter: Wake me up when you are done talking'. This is a forum that takes speeches from

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good to great with a few tips and tricks.

Of course, immediately following the Saturday luncheon, four past Rotary International Presidents will discuss 'Being a Rotary World President: Meeting Unique Challenges'. PRIP M.A.T. Caparas (1986-1987), Cliff Dochterman (1992 – 1993), Richard D. King (2001 – 2002), and Gary C.K. Huang (2014 – 2015) share their triumphs and challenges throughout four decades of Rotary leadership.

Many other forums will bring fresh, new ideas. And, there is even a Wine Tasting Forum for those with a 'thirst for knowledge' in the House of Friendship. So, check it out on the District Conference website and register!

***A Conference by Rotarians for Rotarians . . .***

The 2016 District Conference has been in the planning stages for a year. Every detail, from contracting with the venues to organizing every part of the event, is being orchestrated by a corps of Rotary volunteers from clubs throughout the District. The highest compliment Rotarians can pay for their commitment of time and expertise, is to make a date with them on April 29 – May 1, 2016. The committee continues to expand, so at the time of printing, this is a list of Rotarians who are making Rotary in Motion | Be a

Gift to the World a District event you will not want to miss!

**2016 District Conference Committee****Conference General Chairman:**

Richard Flanders (RC of Pleasanton North)

**Senior Conference Advisor:**

PRIP Richard D. King (RC of Niles/Fremont)

**District Governor:**

Susan Valenta (RC of Gilroy)

**Conference Advisors:**

PDGs Russ Hobbs (RC of Santa Cruz), Joe Hamilton (RC of Cupertino), and Ron Sekkel (RC of Scotts Valley)

**Conference Operations:**

Kimberly Hartz-Foster (RC of Niles/Fremont)

**Stage Managers:**

Kimberly Hartz-Foster (RC of Niles/Fremont)

Larry Tan (RC of Fremont-Union City-Newark)

**Facilities:**

Jan Eric Nordmo (RC of Santa Clara)

Rich Bennett (RC of Dublin)

**Audio/Visual:**

J.D. Eshelman (RC of Niles/Fremont)

**Graphics and Event Materials:**

Penny Noel (RC of Morgan Hill)

**District Trainer:**

Tim Lundell (RC of Los Gatos Morning)

**Event Promotions:**

Bob Tucknott (RC of Dublin)

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**Sponsorship Development:**

Susan Valenta (RC of Gilroy)  
Richard Flanders (RC of Pleasanton North)  
Susan DuPree (RC of Pleasanton North)

**Website and Social Media:**

Ross McClenahan (RC of Santa Cruz  
Sunrise)

**Forums:**

Sandra Jewett (RC of San Jose)

**House of Friendship:**

Millie Seibel (RC of Livermore)

**Entertainment:**

Susan DuPree (RC of Pleasanton North)

**Hospitality Suites:**

Daren and Sandra Young (RC of Niles/  
Fremont)

**Minute by Minute:**

Kimberly Hartz-Foster (RC of Niles/  
Fremont)

**Presider Trainer:**

PRIP Richard D. King (RC of Niles/  
Fremont)

**Registration:**

Judy Wilson (RC of Cupertino)  
Jerra Rowland (RC of Cupertino)  
Brittany Overbeck (RC of Gilroy)

**Remembrance Ceremony:**

Orrin Mahoney (RC of Cupertino)

**Past President's Reunion:**

PDG Joe Hamilton (RC of Cupertino)  
PDG Ronald Sekkel (RC of Scotts Valley)  
Russ Hobbs (RC of Santa Cruz)

**Sergeant at Arms:**

John Bruzus (RC of Cupertino)

**Interact Talent Show:**

Michelle Lewis (RC of Sunnyvale)  
Deborah McQueen (RC of Livermore)  
Colleen Ewanich (RC of Pleasanton North)

**VIP Host Services:**

Gregg Giusiana (RC of Gilroy)  
Chris Giusiana (RC of Morgan Hill)

**Photography:**

Irv Stowers (RC of Livermore)

**Awards and Recognition:**

PDG Ed Jellen (RC of Oakland #3)

**Richard D. King Speech Contest:**

Marco Renella (RC of Gilroy)

**Blackhawk Automotive Museum**

**Coordinator:**

Herb Ritter (RC of Pleasanton North)

**Youth Exchange:**

Darlene de la Cerna (RC of Santa Cruz  
Sunrise)

**Paul Harris Reception:**

Phil Dean (RC of Livermore)

**Bike Ride:**

Ron Mazur (RC of Dublin)  
Larry Dean (RC of Cupertino)

**Register for the 2016  
District Conference today at  
<http://dc.rotarydistrict5170.org>**

## *District Events & Reminders*

### **Wednesday, March 3 join the District Cabinet meeting and Vocational Service Project Faire!**

The Project Faire will run from 4:30-6:30 and the District Cabinet meeting will run from 6:30-8:00pm.

Then, stay for the District Cabinet meeting from 6:30-8pm.

Steven Solomon, The Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Officer for Zones 25 & 26 will be the featured speaker for the Cabinet meeting

To register for a the Cabinet meeting dinner, please go to

<http://events.rotarydistrict5170.org>

**February 24** - Rotary Club Formation meeting - 6:30pm - India Community Center

**March 2** - Cabinet meeting - 6:30-8:00pm

**March 4-6** - PETS (Presidents Elect Training Seminar)

**March 7** - The Rotary Foundation Giving Training 6:00-8:00pm—India Community Center

**March 24** - District Assembly 5:00-9:00pm—India Community Center

**March 30 - April 3** - Wheelchair Distribution trip to Monterrey, Mexico

**April 6** - Club Service Project Faire 4:30-6:30pm  
Cabinet meeting - 6:30-8:00pm

**April 29- May 1** - 2016 District Conference in San Ramon

**April 30** - Club DDF Spending Plans and Club MOUs are due

**April 30** - RYLA Applications Completed

**May, 28-June 1** - 2016 RI International Convention, Seoul, S. Korea

**May 30** - District Spending Plan due to TRF, based on club spending plans

**June 8** - Final Cabinet meeting for the 2015-2016 Rotary year—6:30-8:00pm

**June 23** - Roast and Toast at Gilroy Gardens—5:00pm

**June 26-July 1**—RYLA at Mission Springs





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# SAVE THE DATE

## Rotary District 5170 Training Assembly

**Thursday, March 24, 2016  
5:00pm to 9:00pm**

Join us for an evening of inspiration, training, fellowship and fun. There is something for everyone: *Prepare for your club leadership role; learn best practices from other Clubs; introduce Red Badgers to the exciting world of Rotary and much more...*

This event is District 5170's annual training for all club presidents-elect, presidents-nominee, club officers and committee chairs along with new and experienced Rotarians

### Agenda

Pre-Session for Presidents-Elect and Presidents-Nominee	4:00-5:00pm
Session A Workshops	5:00-6:00pm
Session B Workshops	6:15-7:15pm
Dinner and Keynote Speaker	7:30-9:00pm

*More information and the sign-up sheet will be coming*

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**Location:**  
India Community Center  
525 Los Coches Street  
Milpitas, CA

## *District 5170 Rotary Foundation Training*

### **Don't Miss it!**

### **District 5170 Rotary Foundation Training**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2016**

**6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Who:** Club Presidents and President-Elects, Current and incoming club Foundation Chairs, Assistant Governors, Foundation Resource Leaders and all other interested Rotarians

**What:** This is a unique opportunity to be trained in all things related to giving to The Rotary Foundation. The training will be conducted by Steven Solomon, Annual Giving Officer for Zones 25 and 26. Steven is on staff at TRF and is an incredible resource to our district. He will share best practices, provide training in foundation goal setting, and share resources he has developed in his role at TRF.

Steven is an engaging speaker with a long and interesting Rotary history. This will not be your typical training!

**Where:** India Community Center (ICC)  
525 Los Coches Street, Milpitas,

**Why:** The Rotary Foundation will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2017. The scope of its work spans everything from polio eradication, millions of dollars of high-impact humanitarian projects, the Rotary Centers for the Study of Peace and Conflict Resolution, and many other areas. It cannot accomplish all it does without the financial and hands-on support of all Rotarians. Let's all see what we can do to take our giving up a notch next year, so we can continue this great legacy.

REFRESHMENTS and LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE SERVED.

Please RSVP to:

Jim LeBlanc (Annual Giving Chair) 408-309-3086 [jamesleblanc1@comcast.net](mailto:jamesleblanc1@comcast.net)

Cecelia Babkirk (DRFC) 408-242-6286  
[rotariancecelia@gmail.com](mailto:rotariancecelia@gmail.com)

See you there!





## *Steve Solomon, Annual Giving Officer for Zones 25 & 26*

The Rotary Foundation

Email—[steven.solomon@rotary.org](mailto:steven.solomon@rotary.org)



As the Annual Giving Officer for Zones 25 & 26, Steven is privileged to work with Rotarians in 23 districts in the western region of North America to raise money for The Rotary Foundation.

During his Rotary travels, he assists with training seminars, district conferences, club presentations and other special events to promote The Rotary Foundation.

Steven was responsible for orchestrating Dr. Jane Goodall's participation at Rotary's 100th International Convention and serving as the primary contact for Archbishop Desmond Tutu at the Rotary World Peace Symposium in England. He believes in the power of Rotarians to use their skills to responsibly better communities at a grass roots level and is honored to make a living doing something

he believes in—supporting The Rotary Foundation.

Before working for the Foundation, Steven was an Interact Club member and an Ambassadorial Scholar in South Africa. He is an honorary Rotarian with two Rotary clubs in Illinois. He earned a Master of Science in Nonprofit Management with a concentration in Fundraising Management from Spertus College in Chicago, a Certificate in Fund Raising Management through the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, and was awarded the Association of Fundraising Professionals Chamberlain Scholarship.

Steven will be the featured speaker at the March 2, 2016 Cabinet meeting and at the Rotary Foundation Training, Tuesday, March 7, 2016 from 6:00pm—8:30pm at the India Community Center.

## Vocational Service

Jim Gibson, District Vocational Service Chair  
email— jimgib007@aol.com

### Take the Lead in Re-Vitalizing Your Rotary Club AND Re-Energizing Excellence in Your Community

Why does Rotary focus on "vocations?" Do Kiwanis? Do Elks? Do Moose? What is the reason Rotary looks to identify a Rotarian's work (should we say "life's work?") as a way of identifying how and where that member may be of service to other Rotarians *and* their community? The practice of Rotarians utilizing their unique vocational gifts in service to others became a core strength of the first Rotary Club as it awed and inspired their Chicago community. The Rotarians' reputation for doing good works and successfully accomplishing difficult community projects grew rapidly. A second Rotary Club was established in San Francisco that followed the way of the Chicago Rotary Club. It, too, quickly became a way for business people of goodwill to use their individual vocations as an "avenue of service" for the good of others.

What "projects" might a Rotary Club consider as possible "Vocational Service" activities? Please allow me to be brief as I throw out a few "hands-on" ideas...

- All men and women are different, but

each has particular skills and talents they like to "use," or they have experience in. Take an inventory in your club for a knowledge base and resource list.

- Some young kids grow up in a single parent, fatherless home. Are there opportunities to give kids in your community a "father-figure influence" by mentoring, encouraging and inspiring them to pursue their dreams instead of joining a gang? Check with the schools or the local Police Department.
- Some business people don't really know what "ethics" means. They know that they have to fight for survival and succeed any way they can, even if it means cheating. The "win at all costs" attitude can get people and businesses into trouble. Create a *Practice Business Ethics* program that the Chamber of Commerce or Professional Association would have you present to their members.
- Many older, retired citizens in your community have outstanding experiences in their personal and business lives. Why not create a program that gives them an opportunity to share those experiences at schools, or business organizations?

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Instead of their feeling "discarded" or ignored by society, give them a chance to feel "useful" again.

- Ask the members of your Club to do a "speed dating" exercise but the exchange of information is "vocational:" who you are, what you do for a living, what activity you like to do, and what activity/project do you think would be good for your Rotary Club to take on in your community.

These are only a few "hands-on" ideas (requiring *involvement*, not just giving a check to someone, although that, too, can do a lot of good (like Teacher Grants, for example)). Your Club, however, may have

excellent Vocational Service projects currently underway. Would you care to share what you are doing?

Just one more thing-- our District 5170 is having several friendly competitions surrounding this *Public Image* year. Phil Dean and Sandi Pantages are heading up competition for a Vocational Service Award (and for other Avenues of Service). Please contact Lieutenant Governor Phil Dean regarding questions about this award program at: [pn dean@comcast.net](mailto:pn dean@comcast.net) or 925-455-4261.

Be well. Do good work. Gung hay fat choy!

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## *From Rotary International—UNESCO-IHE Scholarship*

The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education are working together to tackle the world's water and sanitation crisis and are offering up to 10 scholarships for graduate study at UNESCO-IHE's Delft campus in the Netherlands. The partnership aims to increase the number of trained professionals who can devise, plan, and implement water and sanitation solutions in developing areas. The scholarships also are designed to promote long-term productive relationships between

Rotarians and skilled water and sanitation professionals in their communities.

Scholars will receive a Master of Science degree in urban water and sanitation, water management, or water science and engineering. Graduates work with their Rotary club sponsors on a related project to benefit their local community. **The application deadline is 15 June.** For more information, review the [application toolkit](#) and [scholarship terms and conditions](#).

## Youth Service

It is hard to believe this Rotary year is more than ½ finished! Youth service programs are going well in the District. We have a wonderful team of dedicated Rotarians who are committed to delivering great programs and great experiences for the youth of our district.

Here are updates of the different youth service programs:



**Speech Contest:** This district-wide program is going well, with a significant number of contests happening this month. Club contests need to be completed by February 12, with area contests occurring between February 22 and March 4, 2016. Regional contests will be from March 21 and April 1, with the district contest occurring on May 1 at the Marriott Hotel San Ramon on the last day of the District Conference.

All of the information for the 2015-2016 Rotary year is posted on the district speech contest webpage: <http://www.rotarydistrict5170.org/SitePage/speech-contest>



The Camper Registration link for Camp RYLA 2016 has been emailed to all clubs/email contacts that had originally

RSVP'd for spots. All completed applications are due April 30.

### Rotaract:

Rotaract had a District Summit/social to share ideas



between clubs on Saturday, January 30.

**ELC:** The Enterprise Leadership Conference (ELC) is designed to help develop the leadership and presentation skills of industrious high school juniors through a working introduction to the opportunities, benefits and challenges of establishing and operating a business in the free enterprise system.

Click here to learn more about the ELC programs:

<http://www.youthservicesandbeyond.org/elc/>

ELC #1 February 24-26, 2016

ELC Silicon Valley West March 9-11, 2016

ELC South Bay March 16-18, 2016


EI Oakland April 15-17, 2016:

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/3190/SitePage/enterprise-institute>

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**Interact:**

Rotarians and  advisors are always welcome to attend Interact area events--check out the calendar of events here: <http://www.rotarydistrict5170.org/SitePage/interact-event-calendar>

For more information on these and other district Interact events, please visit the Interact website: <http://www.interact5170.org/>

For an update on the Interact International Project, please go to page 15 of this newsletter

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**Youth Exchange:**

The district Youth Exchange program not only **changes the lives** of the students, host families, and natural families but most importantly, these students are ambassadors for Rotary and the Youth Exchange program. Plus, many of the exchange students will eventually become Rotarians. This is sustainable but more importantly, will increase our future Rotary membership world wide.

There will be a Youth Exchange presentation at PETS this year. We will not only talk about the success of this



historical program but how our incoming presidents can support this program during their presidential year.

For more information, please contact Darlene de la Cerna at [dmdsc57@gmail.com](mailto:dmdsc57@gmail.com).

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**Youth Protection:** Club leaders are reminded that club youth services certification application needs to be completed at the beginning of each calendar year. Visit this link to see the current status of your club for 2016: [http://yex.rotary5170.org/ave\\_youth/CCAList.asp](http://yex.rotary5170.org/ave_youth/CCAList.asp)

It is highly encouraged that all Rotarians take the online youth protection awareness training course. It can be accessed at this link: [http://yex.rotary5170.org/ave\\_youth/YPATraining.asp](http://yex.rotary5170.org/ave_youth/YPATraining.asp)

All Rotarians with extensive involvement with youth need to complete a more detailed process, including reference checks and LiveScan fingerprint submission. Further information can be found on the youth protection website: <http://www.rotarydistrict5170.org/SitePage/youth-protection-1>



## Rotaract Stayovers

Rotaract Stayovers are an events that various Rotaract Districts organize and execute for the surrounding Interact Districts (5150, 5160, 5170, 5300) in order to inspire high schoolers to join the Rotary family, prepare young minds to embark on the journey of college, and foster leadership skills. This year, Interact District 5170 will be participating in four stayover events hosted by three University of California (UC) Rotaract clubs. UC Berkeley's Rotaract hosts two stayovers each year, one in the Fall and a second in the Spring. For the 2015 Fall stayover, approximately 40 Interactors were in attendance. For the 2016 "You See Davis" stayover, UC Davis hosted around 50 Interactors, and almost all were from District 5170. The stayovers generally begin early with drowsy teenagers entering an unknown campus, but progress with team bonding, informative workshops, and campus tours. A new addition this year will be UC Santa Cruz's one day Interact event, which is scheduled to take place in Mid-April.

Rotaract Stayovers continue to inspire many young leaders to pursue service beyond high school and strive to develop their leadership skills within their own Interact clubs, Interact District 5170, and their communities. These events bring together passionate Interactors to share

ideas and to inspire one another in eye opening ways.

Said Mitchell Leus, an attendee



of the 2016 You See Davis Rotaract Stayover, "Knowing almost no one at the stayover, I was taken back by the bright characters from the weekend, their kindness easing my skepticism."

Even those who initially find it difficult to open up find themselves comfortable among the group of accepting individuals.

Said Joshua Yao, an attendee of the Fall 2015 Cal Berkeley Rotaract Stayover, "I have learned here that bonds can transcend blood and shy intellectuals can bloom and become social butterflies. It is an event that will always hold a special place in my heart, for it has only added fuel for the fiery passion I have for Interact."

Finally, these Stayovers foster a passion for service within the attendees.

Said Calvin Phung, an attendee of both the Fall 2015 Cal Berkeley Stayover and the 2016 You See Davis Stayover, "Rotaract stayovers has definitely shown

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me how we, as Interactors and Rotaractors, can be united by service. Connecting with new people from all around Northern California, I got to hear their stories and also share mine and this has truly been a great opportunity for me to learn and improve myself in different aspects."

Ultimately, these life changing events could not be put on without the support of

the Rotary clubs that sponsor these Interact and Rotaract clubs with guidance and resources to make events such as these possible.



## *Interact International Project*

As you may have heard, Interact District 5170 has joined the fight against human trafficking this year with our International Project, "Hello My Name Is." Human trafficking proves to be both an international and local issue, targeting people of all races, cultures, and backgrounds. Interact aims to raise \$100,000, which will go towards restoration and relief for trafficking survivors in Romania and Thailand through our partnerships with Not for Sale and A21, two Internationally recognized anti-trafficking organizations.



Already this past year, Interactors have assembled 485 care packages (pictured above) with toiletries and art supplies that were distributed among trafficking

survivors in juvenile and medical facilities over the holiday season. Interactors also volunteered with Missey, a local organization in Oakland, to wrap gifts and prepare them for a holiday party. There ended up being over one hundred bags full of gifts for the survivor (pictured at below).

Most importantly, our entire district is actively raising awareness for human trafficking by posting facts about the severity of the situation and sharing information about the "red flags" people should look out for.



On January 11th, National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, Interactors

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marked their hands with red "x's" to symbolize strength for the (Human Trafficking) End It Movement and held

activities with their own school clubs to educate students about this issue. An example of the empowering young individuals that day is pictured above.

From February 24th to March 4th, Interact District 5170 will host a district-wide clothing drive, "The Grateful Garment Project," to collect new clothes that will then be packaged into backpacks and given to human trafficking survivors. Often times, a victim who enter the Sexual Assault Response Team Facility after being rescued leaves in only a disposable hospi-

tal gown, so the Grateful Garment strives to provide these basic necessities. Although only new clothing may be donated to the Grateful Garment, any old clothing donated will be added to the Rotary Used Clothing Drive. If Rotary clubs would like to participate in the Grateful Garment Project, please email [international@interact5170.org](mailto:international@interact5170.org) for more information and even to possibly have the founder of the Grateful Garment present at your Rotary club.

To learn more about our International Project, please visit [www.interact5170.org/hello-my-name-is](http://www.interact5170.org/hello-my-name-is).



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We share club posts, information from Rotary International, District event information and more on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict5170>.

Go check it out today!



## *“Miracle” Host Family needed near Stanford*

Steve Ross—Assistant Governor Area 9

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Through Rotary connections, I have learned of two teenage Brazilian boys who are seeking a host family for their final one to two years of high school. They'd prefer a family that lives in relative proximity of Stanford. The plan is for the boys to arrive in July of 2017. Both boys are U.S. citizens, have American passports and social security numbers, and speak fluent English.

The family's long-time plan has been to send the boys to the U.S. for their final two years of high school and hopefully thereafter, to American colleges.

Unfortunately, the boys' father, an American citizen, was taken ill and has been hospitalized for an extended period of time. The boys' mother, Izabel, is a Brazilian citizen who has been saving money to send the boys here. She is praying that a "miracle family" can be found to make their dream come true.

Might you know of such a family?

The youngest boy is Caio, currently age 15. Although fit and able, he has a slowly degenerative condition that will require monthly visits to the Stanford Medical Center.

The oldest boy is Tiago, currently age 16. Tiago is an avid water polo player and plays on his school's team. He would like to continue to play water polo at a local high school.

Izabel intends to pay for the boys' expenses and visit the family and the high school prior to their arrival. She says the boys are reliable, responsible, and very down to earth.

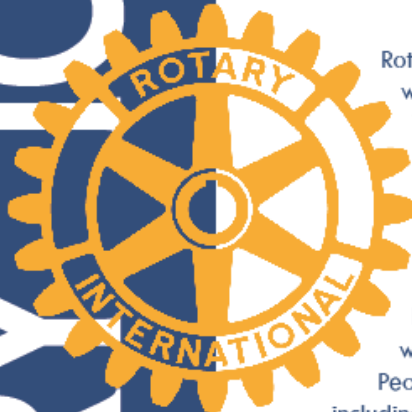
Please contact me if any candidates come to mind. I will share with them the various emails and photos that I have received.

## *New Rotary Club Forming*

DGN Orrin Mahoney—District Membership Chair

The District Membership team, led by Charlie Wasser, is working on the formation of a new Club to be located at the India Community Center in Milpitas.

If you are interested in learning more about this activity contact me at [orrimahoney@comcast.net](mailto:orrimahoney@comcast.net).



### INFORMATION MEETING about the creation of a new **ROTARY CLUB** at **INDIA COMMUNITY CENTER**

Rotary brings together people like you who want to use their expertise for good. Together, we empower youth, improve health, promote peace, and advance our communities in all corners of the globe.

Belonging to a Rotary club provides members with an opportunity to give back to their communities and to connect with like-minded leaders and friends.

People join Rotary for many reasons, including community involvement, personal development, professional networking, and camaraderie. But perhaps the most important benefit is the satisfaction you gain from making a real difference in your community and in the world.

#### **SPECIAL GUESTS:**

**Larry Sundram** - Rotary Membership Extension Chair

**Ash Kalra** - Councilmember City of San Jose

**Savita Vaidhyanathan** - Vice Mayor Cupertino

**FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

Check-in **6:30pm**

Program **7:00pm**



India  
Community  
Center  
525 Los Coches Street, Milpitas

**Rotary**

District 5170



[www.indiacc.org/rotary](http://www.indiacc.org/rotary)



## Club Events

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



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament April 2, 2016 Callippe Preserve Golf Course, Pleasanton

The Rotary Club of Fremont invites golfers to join us in the Club's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at Callippe Preserve Golf Course in Pleasanton.

Schedule for the tournament:  
 Registration \_\_ 11:30 am  
 Putting contest \_\_ prior to start of play  
 Shot-gun start \_\_ 1:00 pm  
 Play will be 4-person scramble  
 Hors d'hourves and no-host cocktails \_\_ 6:00 pm  
 Banquet dinner \_\_ 6:30 pm

Golf package includes round of golf, golf cart, box lunch and banquet dinner.

No. of golfers ____ @ \$150 = \$ _____		
Names of golfer(s) _____	Phone _____	E-Mail _____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

For golf information please contact Deborah Rue: 510.688.0748 or [druevet@comcast.net](mailto:druevet@comcast.net)

Please send reservations and money to Deborah Rue at: 45529 Antelope Drive, Fremont, CA 94539 (Make checks to **Rotary Club of Fremont**)

**Banquet only**  
 No. \_\_\_\_ @ \$50 per person

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Banquet only reservations and monies: Marlene Weibel, 38674 Glencoe Drive, Fremont, CA 94536

Reservation deadline: **March 17, 2016**

For more information please contact Roger Shanks at:  
 510.386.7551 or [rshanksolno@gmail.com](mailto:rshanksolno@gmail.com)

*The golf tournament is a fundraiser to help support local charities in the community.*

**The Rotary Club of Cupertino** dedicated a clock on Main Street in Cupertino in salute of President Suzi Blackman, who passed away in July. The project fulfills a goal of Suzi's and speaks to the great respect club members had for Suzi. To read more about the unveiling go to: [http://www.mercurynews.com/cupertino/ci\\_29411156/cupertino-main-street-clock-tells-more-than-just](http://www.mercurynews.com/cupertino/ci_29411156/cupertino-main-street-clock-tells-more-than-just)



# Rotary District 5170

## 2015-2016 Officers:

District Governor: Susan Valenta  
 District Governor Elect: Jeff Orth  
 District Governor Nominee: Orrin Mahoney  
 District Governor Nominee Designate: Tim Lundell  
 Lieutenant Governor, AOS: Phil Dean  
 Lieutenant Governor, AG's: Larry Barr  
 Governor's Partner: Tom Valenta  
 District Treasurer: Lorna Padia Markus

## Assistant Governors:

Area 1: Joe Goralka  
 Area 2: Brian Schott  
 Area 3: Daren Young  
 Area 4: Julie Lewis  
 Area 5: Stewart Cusimano  
 Area 6: Gregg Giusiana  
 Area 7: Cheryl Rebottaro  
 Area 8: Sue McSorley  
 Area 9: Steve Ross

## District Chairs:

Club Service: Larry Dean  
 Community Service: Charlene McIntyre  
 International Service: Jeboj Koshy  
 Vocational Service: Jim Gibson  
 Youth Service: Margarethe Pfeffer

Membership: DGN Orrin Mahoney  
 The Rotary Foundation: Cecelia Babkirk  
 Public Image: Deborah Rice  
 District Trainer: Tim Lundell  
 Technology: Ross McClenahan

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To highlight your club projects and events in the District newsletter, please email the information to [admin@rotarydistrict5170.org](mailto:admin@rotarydistrict5170.org) by the 10th of each month.

## Happy Birthday wishes to these District Leaders and Club Presidents!

PDG John Fisher (Capitola/Aptos)	March 1
PDG Ron Sekkel (Scotts Valley)	March 1
Linda Chew (Oakland #3)	March 3
PDG Russ Hobbs (Santa Cruz)	March 6
Michelle Lewis (Sunnyvale)	March 8
Lisa Lorenz (Niles/Fremont)	March 9
Jeff Miller (Alameda)	March 10
Darlene de la Cerna (Santa Cruz Sunrise)	March 14
Margarethe Pfeffer (Los Altos Sunset)	March 20
Cathy Buck (Hollister)	March 21
DGN Orrin Mahoney (Cupertino)	March 23
Ross McClenahan (Santa Cruz Sunrise)	March 25
PDG Arley C. Marley III (Los Altos)	March 27
Scot Smithee (Gilroy)	March 27
Robert Kidd (Oakland #3)	March 29

