

Rotary

District 5170



From the desk of District Governor Jeff Orth

November/December 2016



The holidays are truly a special time of year for me. As I have gotten older, the excitement has shifted from anticipation of new experiences, and gifts to be received and opened, to experiencing the excitement of this 'Season of Giving' through the eyes of my

grandchildren. It has become more about the vicarious pleasure that comes from the reaction of others, when we give without strings attached. I realize it's a cliché, but there truly IS more joy in giving than receiving.

We here in the Bay Area, are fortunate to live a great part of the country and the world! We are surrounded by blessings, and many of us have so much more than we need to live a prosperous life. As we wind down 2016, please consider the impact your gift to The Rotary Foundation has on the local community and the world. There are children living healthier lives, because you helped make it possible for them to drink clean water. There are children and adults walking erect today, because you helped prevent polio from condemning them to a life on the ground as a beggar. Schools are built...Hospitals equipped...books distributed...and so much more, because of your generosity.

Helping to save and improve the quality of life for others is a motivating reason to give, but there are other reasons you might want to consider

making your gift at this particular time. Some excellent and exciting prizes of been donated for The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Raffle! As a reminder, make sure you get your raffle tickets to the Leadership meeting on December 7th, so that you can participate in the raffle. Also, your gift to TRF is tax deductible, so if you make your gift by December 31st, it will qualify for your 2016 tax return.

The holidays can also be a lonely time of the year for some, and many people are looking for opportunities for fellowship...for a chance to make a difference...for an opportunity to transition from survival to significance. As Rotarians, we truly make a difference in the world. As Rotarians, we have the opportunity to develop deep and lasting friendships. As Rotarians, we live lives of significance because of the impact that we have on the world every day. There are people out there, looking for what you and I already have. Please consider inviting them to your Christmas parties, service events and other holiday activities. And when appropriate, offer them the gift of Rotary membership. It's truly a gift that keeps on giving!

When it comes to sharing with others, we can give our time, our talents or our treasure. We get to choose every day if and how we want to be a blessing to others. My wish is that you will all find great joy as you share this "Season of Giving" with others.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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Attract the young

Have lots of fun

Get more done

...with **FUN** at the center!

Yours to count on,



Rotary



***RI ZONE DIRECTOR
BRAD HOWARD
at San Leandro Club***

RI Zones 25/26 Director Brad Howard
will be the guest speaker of the
San Leandro Club
on **Wednesday, December 7,**
at the Englander Restaurant,
101 Parrott Street,
San Leandro, CA 94577
from 12:15 - 1:30 pm.
Lunch is \$15.00.

For further information, please contact
Club President Ed Niu
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January 3: An Evening of Celebration & Conversation with RI President John Germ

Rotarians and guests have a unique opportunity to meet Rotary International President John Germ, and his wife, Judy, on Tuesday, January 3, when Rotary Clubs throughout Zones 25 and 26, converge at the San Jose Doubletree Hotel for a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation.

The event will begin with a Major Donor/Arch Klumph Society/Bequest Society Reception from 4:30 – 5:30pm. Invitations are being sent electronically – all that is needed is to register online or call Susan Valenta, 408-842-7031, or email Svalenta5170@gmail.com. A General Reception continues from 5 – 6pm. And then, at 6pm, a gala dinner event featuring our Rotary International President will take place in the Ballroom.

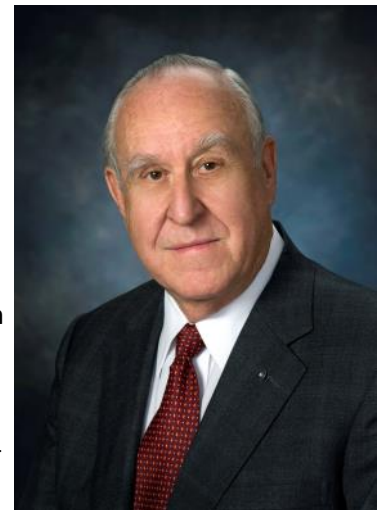
FOR RESERVATIONS, simply go to the District website and register or click here <https://events.rotarydistrict5170.org/evening-with-ri-president-john-germ>. Individual tickets are \$85; however, if you purchase a table of 10, seating at the designated table is guaranteed!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact the RI Dinner General Chair, Susan Valenta at 408.842.7031 or email Svalenta5170@gmail.com.

A snapshot of RI President John Germ:

John Germ is a successful businessman, a community advocate, and a leader in the Rotary world. The son of a stonemason, John grew up with a strong work ethic and a drive to succeed. When his parents could not afford college tuition, he attended vocational school and then earned his way through college by working in a machine shop and serving food in the dorm cafeteria.

After graduating college, he joined the U.S. Air Force and was the navigator on a 50-ton Douglas C-124 carrying soldiers to Vietnam. In 1965, his C-124 carried the Gemini IV space capsule to Cape Kennedy. Following a successful military career, John joined the engineering firm Campbell & Associates in his hometown. True to form, he aspired to – and eventually became -- chairman and CEO of the firm.



John has set fundraising records for Rotary and other organizations. He thinks ‘outside the box’ and, as a result, he helped spearhead fundraisers resulting in: a Blood Assurance program; the conversion of a run-down dairy to a recycling center to employ adults with developmental disabilities; a Miracle League field to ensure that every child has a chance to play sports; and First Family program to provide scholarships for students who cannot attend college otherwise – all a testament to this community leader’s vision and determination. To this end, John looks to reaching a \$300 million goal for The Rotary Foundation’s centennial.

The Rotary Foundation Corner

Cecelia Babkirk, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair

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Rotary



The calendar year is nearly over and mid-year is here in the Rotary world! The push for the Annual Fund continues. Here is some housekeeping information:

GOALS: SEVENTEEN clubs have yet to set a goal for Annual Fund contributions and Polio. We will continue to work with the Foundation Chairs in each club to get the goals registered.

ANNUAL FUND: Our contributions to the Annual Fund were at \$313,209 – nearly 40% of the district's \$800,000 goal, as of November 29. Many clubs are still sending their contributions and we expect to see that number double or triple between now and January 31st, when we calculate the DDF allocations for next year.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DRAWING: The drawing will take place next Wednesday, December 7, at the District Leadership meeting. There are 9 great prizes – one for each area in the district. Thanks to all the Assistant Governors, for putting together a great line up of prizes! See the separate prize list in this newsletter!

DISTRICT 5170 FOUNDATION SPEAKERS: Our Foundation speakers are lonely! We have a great Speakers Bureau for all Rotary Foundation topics. They would love to come and present to your clubs. They are listed at www.rotarydistrict5170.org/SitePage/speakers

**Your District Rotary Foundation Committee and I wish you
Happy Holidays and best wishes for a wonderful 2017!**

Cecelia Babkirk

Chair, The Rotary Foundation Committee

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ROTARY GRANTS

- ◆ Thanks to all clubs for submitting your 2015-2016 District Grant Final Reports AND your 2016-2017 District Grant Applications.
- ◆ For the 2016-2017 year, your clubs have submitted a total of 35 new District Grant Applications, totaling \$108,354.
- ◆ Our team is working to process and fund all the new projects for this year. We appreciate your diligence in submitting these, but mostly, we know that our clubs are adhering to the mission of The Rotary Foundation and doing much good in the world.
- ◆ **IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The grants site at rotary.org is undergoing a complete reinvention and two outages are expected – on December 6 and 7, as well as December 12 and 13. The new Grants Center is expected to be operational on December 14.

Happy Holidays to all District 5170 Rotarians!

Lorena Tuohey
District Grants Subcommittee Chair

ROTARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUND DRAWING

Here's how it works:

\$200 contribution	1 ticket
\$500 contribution	3 tickets
\$1,000 contribution	7 tickets

The prizes:

Golf Foursome at Cordevalle Country Club
Celebrity Forum Series tickets for two (2)
Pink tourmaline and diamond ring
Gift Pack of J. Lohr wines
Padfolio and Rotary shirt, along with case of wine
Basket of fifteen (15) scarce and award-winning wines
Lobster dinner for ten (10)
And even more...

Stay tuned for Prize Winner Announcement.

Drawing will be at the Leadership Meeting on DECEMBER 7.

Send tickets stubs to the District Office - 2570 N. First Street, Suite 200, San Jose, CA 95131 by December 6.

Youth Service

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Youth service programs are rolling along in District 5170! We have a wonderful team of dedicated Rotarians who are committed to delivering great programs and great experiences for the youth of our district. We are truly embracing this year's RI theme of Rotary Serving Humanity and the district theme of attract the young, have fun, and get more done by sharing our talents with the youth of our District.

Here are updates of what is going on across the district:



RYLA: Planning for 2017 RYLA is well underway! Camp will be from June 25-30, 2017 at Mission Springs in Scotts Valley.

The camper cost this year is \$575, and payment is due by January 31, 2017. Last year we tried something new with club reservations and it was successful--- 10 Rotary clubs who had not participated in the past sent students to RYLA! This year we will modify the allocation process, so each Rotary Club in the District is guaranteed 2 spots, plus an additional spot for every active Interact Club the given Rotary Club sponsors. For more information, please visit the RYLA website, which has been updated for 2017, at: <http://ryla5170.com/rotarians/>

Youth Exchange: In the current year, there are 6 Outbound students and 6 inbound students. Long-term outbound students recently departed for Japan, France, Argentina, Brazil, Italy and Belgium. Long-term inbound students are being hosted by the Rotary clubs of San Jose, Pleasanton North, Santa Cruz Sunrise, Santa Cruz, and Scotts Valley.



District interviews for the 2017-2018 Rotary Youth

Exchange year is on December 4, 2016. Now is the time for clubs to consider reaching out to their Interact Clubs and talking-up the long term youth exchange program. Each applicant is required to provide 3 potential hosts families. Be Creative! Partner with clubs in your area to share responsibilities and costs. One club provides the monthly stipend the other club provides the counselor role. Of the 53 Rotary Clubs in the District, only 6 participated last year---we don't want to turn away students who want to participate in this life experience!

Please contact Darlene de la Cerna at dmdsc57@gmail.com or 408-810-8855 for more information.

Speech Contest 2016-2017: This district-wide program is kicking into gear, with all of the information for the 2016-2017 Rotary year posted on the district speech contest webpage:



<http://www.rotarydistrict5170.org/SitePage/speech-contest>

The theme, of course, is Rotary serving humanity! Start now! Set your club contest date and contact schools. Judges do not have to be Rotarians! Finding outside folks from work or other places also exposes them to Rotary!

Club level to be completed by February 24, 2017.

Area level is held between February 27 - March 24, 2017.

Regional level is held between March 27 - April 14, 2017.

District Level will be on Friday evening, May 5, 2017 in Santa Cruz.

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Youth Protection: Club leaders are reminded that club youth services certification application needs to be completed each year. Visit this link to see the current status of your club:

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

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>

Interact:

The International and community projects for the year have been released! The International project is "Me, The Human," focusing on the Syrian Refugee crisis. You can learn more here: <http://www.interact5170.org/me-the-human/> and the community service project is "Circle of Love," how we can take care of ourselves in order to serve others more effectively. You can learn more here: <http://www.interact5170.org/circle-of-love/>

Here is a list of the Rotary areas compared with the Interact areas, as there are 9 Rotary areas and 13 Interact areas:

Rotary Area One	Interact Area One
Rotary Area Two	Interact Area Two
Rotary Area Three	Interact Area Four and Interact Area Five
Rotary Area Four	Interact Area Three
Rotary Area Five	Interact Area Six, Interact Area Seven, and Interact Area Eight
Rotary Area Six	Interact Area Nine
Rotary Area Seven	Interact Area Ten
Rotary Area Eight	Interact Area Eleven and Interact Area Twelve
Rotary Area Nine	Interact Area Eleven and Interact Area Thirteen

There are a number of area benefit events coming up in the next several weeks/months, where Rotarians are invited to attend to show their support. Check out this link to an Interact calendar of events: <http://www.interact5170.org/calendar/>

For additional information, please contact the area director via e-mail, which is [<area#@interact5170.org>](mailto:area#@interact5170.org), with the number 1-13 listed after the word area.

Vocational Service

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Be Engaged and Share Your Professional Expertise

Rotarians have three upcoming opportunities to utilize their background, experience and skills by judging competitive events at DECA

conferences in Silicon Valley, San Ramon and in Santa Clara. These conferences bring together high school youth throughout Northern California to attend leadership and business development forums as well as to compete in their selected area in front of judges. Students present their proposals in a brief presentation (usually 10 minutes) and the judges provide them on-the-spot feedback. Additionally, judges use a rubric to rate the presenters. A combination of the judges' rating scores and a written test score combine to identify student winners.

Judges are greatly needed in order to make this event successful for the 3,000 plus students who participate in the competitive events. Please go to www.CADECA.org/judge/index.php to sign up as a judge for:

- Silicon Valley District Career Development Conference, January 7, 2017 in San Jose
- NorCal CDC District Conference, January 14, 2017 in San Ramon
- 2017 State Career Development Conference, March 3-7, 2017 in Santa Clara

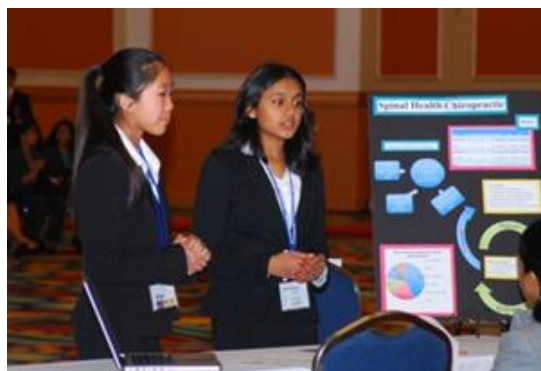
Judges can choose from half to full day and will be given a brief training as well as lunch.

DECA is an international student association which:
1) prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for

careers in marketing, finance, hospitality and management in high schools and colleges around the globe and 2) promotes understanding and appreciation of the free enterprise system as well as the responsibilities of citizenship.



By attending Career Development Conferences throughout the school year, students have the opportunity to compete in a variety of simulated business situations. Many of the competitions reflect the actual business atmosphere. Judges are professionals from the business sector who are able to provide a true representation of the industry. Business professionals from the community evaluate the hundreds of student members competing. DECA's competitive events program directly supports its mission to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, finance, hospitality and management. DECA's competitive events program uses time-tested techniques that apply learning, connect to business and promote competition to directly contribute to every student being college or career ready. Students gain leadership and management skills vital to success as productive citizens.



Membership Committee

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November 2016 Report

New Club

Beginning with this report, data will now be presented for 54 District 5170 Rotary Clubs. The Rotary Club of Silicon Valley Passport was chartered by Rotary

International on 27 September 2016 as Club Number 88007 with 26 members. The club has already added three more members. Its President is Ramesh Hariharan, formerly of the Rotary Club of East Palo Alto Bayshore. The club takes full advantage of the new Rotary flexibility in setting attendance requirements. There will be only a few formal meetings of the club. Informal meetings will include club projects in which club members participate. At the moment the club plans no projects of its own but its members will be available to support projects throughout the District. President Hariharan will be providing more information about this new club.

New Member Sponsors

In 2014 Rotary International initiated a program to give special recognition to those Rotarians who sponsor new members. The recognition includes a colored Rotary pin backer. The color of the backer depends on the number of new members sponsored, ranging from blue for one member, bronze for 2 or 3 members, silver for 4 or 5 and gold for 6 or more new members. You may have seen some of these pins being worn by members of your club. As of 27 November this year and beginning the count on 1 July 2013, the Foundation has awarded 565 of these pins to members of District 5170. The leading clubs are:

Number of Sponsors

San Jose – 60
Oakland – 47
Cupertino – 32
Los Altos – 30
Livermore – 20
Los Gatos – 20

Percentage of Club Members

F.U.N. Sunset – 37.5%
Hua Ren in Silicon Valley – 35.7%
Scotts Valley – 28.1%
San Juan Bautista – 25.8%
Oakland Uptown – 25.0%
East Palo Alto Bayshore – 23.3%

The District Rotarians who have sponsored the most new members over this time period are Ramesh Hariharan (11), John Protopopas (10), Hung Wei (9), David Stein (8) and Stephen Prouty (7). Six more Rotarians have sponsored 6 new members. All but one club had at least one sponsor and there were an average of 10.5 sponsors per club.

Please remember that all new members and their sponsors must be designated in club records in My Rotary to participate in this recognition program

Membership Change by Club

Membership data for November are not yet available. For October, the District clubs gained 34 new members. With the 29 members of the new Rotary Club of Silicon Valley Passport, the District has gained 89 new members since 1 July 2016. This very good and leads to the expectation that the District will make significant growth for the 2016-2017 Rotary year.

Robertson High School Interact Club Sponsors Halloween Party

Rose Evernden-Andrade, President-Elect, Niles Rotary

Robertson High School Interact Club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Niles (Fremont) began World Interact Week with a Nacho, Popcorn, and Cotton Candy Party supporting Bay Area Community Services for Marginal and Homeless Adults. Niles Rotarians in an effort to Keep Calm and Serve On (club motto), Serve Humanity (Rotary International motto) while Attracting the Young, Having Fun and Getting More DONE (District motto) donated funds to the Robertson Interactors and attended the event. Robertson Interactors have been working on their DDF Project for months. It began in early September with a visit to the Bay Area Community Services Wellness Center in Fremont to meet with the center clients to assess their basic needs for the upcoming winter. The clients come from various places, some are homeless (campers) and some are marginal adults. The kids, with the assistance of the Peer Counselor, held a meeting and requested the clients to fill out wish lists on small post its to be deposited in to a wish box created by the students.

The wish box was taken back to the school where as a part of their Interact club and Leadership Class they worked with their teacher and Interact advisor Paul Barry to develop a plan for purchase of the most needed items.

The students decided to create Winter Relief packets that would include reusable rain ponchos, head lamps and two pair of socks (good socks as requested by the clients). They were also able to obtain donations of toiletries from the traveling Rotarians, blanket, pillows and water bottles.

The Wellness Center had planned a Halloween Party for its clients on October 31, 2016. The Interactors

along with Niles Rotarians were invited to attend. The interactors volunteered to create and facilitate a list of games, assist with set up and attend the party with the distribution of the Winter Relief Packets ending the day.

Two of the goals of World Interact Week are to engage Interactors and to inspire creativity. Sixteen Interact students attended the event. They set up, cooked a meal, made a green frothy drink, served the clients and yes ran a host of games that had everyone smiling, laughing and cheering. This club has certainly accomplished the World Interact goals as they stepped out of their comfort zone to obtain additional donations to purchase sleeping bags or blankets for this challenged group of individuals. In their enthusiasm to meet the needs of the clients at the BACS Wellness Center, the students scoured the community for additional discounts or donations. They hit the jackpot at Kohl's in Fremont; Kohl's staff not only attended the event but will be making a donation that will allow the students to complete their mission and ensure that clients will be a little warmer and drier in the next few months. Congratulations Robertson High School Interactors for a job well done with heart and caring.



Club Events

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



Corvette Looks Good On You

**Enter for a chance to Win a 2017 Base Model Chevrolet
Corvette in the San Leandro Rotary Endowment's Car Raffle**



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**Tickets are only \$20 and a maximum of 5000 tickets
will be sold.****

The drawing will be held on February 4, 2017.

**3500 tickets will need to be sold in order to win the car. If less than 3500 tickets are sold it will be a 50/50 split of all funds raised. Any taxes, licensing fees, registration fees and upgrades to the vehicle are the responsibility of the winner.

For raffle tickets, please contact us at sanleandrorotary@gmail.com

www.sanleandrorotary.org

www.rotarydistrict5170.org — www.rotary.org

Zone Awards—District 5170 At Its Best



Rotary District 5170

2016-2017 Officers:

District Governor: Jeff Orth
 Immediate Past District Governor: Susan Valenta
 District Governor Elect: Orrin Mahoney
 District Governor Nominee: Tim Lundell
 Lieutenant Governor, Avenues of Service: Daren Young
 Lieutenant Governor, Assistant Governors: Gregg Giusiana
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 District Treasurer: Mary Humphrey
 District Administrator: Olivia Poe

Assistant Governors:

Area 1: Robert Kidd
 Area 2: Heidi Hausauer
 Area 3: Karen Koshy
 Area 4: Milly Seibel
 Area 5: Robbie Izat
 Area 6: Peter Anderson
 Area 7: Donna Maurillo
 Area 8: Hung Wei
 Area 9: Steve Ross
 Large Clubs: Brian Adams
 Small Clubs: Ramesh Hariharan

District Chairs:

Club Service: Art Testani
 Community Service: Jeboy Koshy
 International Service: Larry Barr
 Vocational Service: Jim Gibson & Lee Denlinger
 Youth Service: Margarethe Pfeffer
 Membership: Phil Dean
 The Rotary Foundation: Cecelia Babkirk
 District Trainer: Arley Marley
 Technology: Ross McClenahan

The District Office is located at 2570 N. First Street, 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 10th of each month.



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

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