

## From the desk of District Governor Jeff Orth

October 2016



When I was a young man I had a nightmare that I would live my whole life and not make a difference, that I would just take up space. Thanks to the money we raise and the work that we do I can tell you that we are making a lasting difference in the world and I have not had that nightmare

for a very long time. As Rotarians, we are having a positive impact on the world but there is so much more that we can do.

We live in a place where we enjoy a great deal of prosperity and it has been said "To whom much is given, much is expected." Perhaps you have been thinking about giving a large gift but have not gotten around to it yet. Maybe your portfolio has significantly outgrown your future needs and you are contemplating doing some legacy giving. In my experience there are smart, really smart and tragic ways to give. The tragic giving generally happens because of poor planning, procrastination or a lack of accurate information. Perhaps you have been thinking about doing some estate planning but have not gotten around to it yet. It might be a good time to get the information you need so that you can make a well-informed decision.

If you are not quite as far along on your path, the idea of a big gift may be unthinkable at this time. Making a commitment to give only \$83.34/month will produce

an annual gift of \$1,000 and make you a member of the Paul Harris Society.

When I look back on my life and I ask myself the question "What did I do to make this world a better place to live?", I want to be able to say that I rolled up my sleeves in the service of others and I shared my blessings so that others could have a better life. How about you?

As Rotarians we are improving and saving the lives of others both in our own hometown and globally. On this 100 year anniversary of the Rotary Foundation will you help us do more?

Attract the young

Have lots of fun

Get more done

...with FUN at the center!

Yours to count on,





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# Hurricane Matthew—Disaster Relief

## Special Message from District Governor Haresh L. Ramchandani

Friends, I know we have all been watching, and in some cases, been directly affected as Hurricane Matthew has made a devastating impact across Rotary District 7020. We are grateful that most of us were spared, however as we know South Western Haiti and the Bahamas took direct hits.

A Hurricane Matthew Disaster Committee headed by District Disaster Chair Jacqueline Heyliger, a disaster planning professional based in the USVI, and a number of district leaders have met, assessed the needs currently coming out of Haiti, and have decided on 2 components. One – An Immediate Response for Direct Relief needs and Two – a more medium to long term approach.

For the its immediate needs we will be focusing around Les Cayes, Jeremie and Aquin in Haiti. The Rotary Club of Les Cayes, a strong Rotary Club, along with DGE Robert, and many of our Rotary leaders in Haiti, will lead the efforts. Their assessment is unfortunately a bleak one: Many, many homes have lost their roofs leaving thousands of families unprotected and there has been a serious outbreak of cholera, putting further pressure on the already strained resources. They advise that the community's immediate needs are materials (metal sheeting), to repair the roofs and water filters to provide clean drinking water. Fortunately, both are still available for purchase on the ground in Haiti, however there are naturally supply and demand issues which will affect cost, so it is essential that funds are made available to buy these items immediately. Currently, a sheet of metal roofing costs US\$4 and approximately USD\$200 to put a new roof on, and a filter plus bucket, which can provide just under 300 gallons of clean water per day, should cost around US\$50-60.

So if you want to help with immediate relief we are asking you to make your contribution to the District Disaster Relief Account, the information for which is on 7020.org and will be sent to you via email as well. As a District we are immediately sending USD\$27,500 approximately so it can help the Rotarians on the ground to get this relief to those affected.

I'm aware there are those that want to give in Kind, such as food & clothing. Now whilst we will accept these things there is specific way it needs to be sent to Haiti. That outline document is also available at <a href="7020.org">7020.org</a> and will be circulated via email. But I must advise you that the sentiments on the ground is that most items are still available there, and the last thing we want to do is kill the local economy. One of Rotary's areas of focus is Economic and Community Development, and sending items readily available there is doing the exact opposite of that.

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Now, if you wish to help in the more medium to long term effort, you can still contribute to the District Disaster Fund and specify how wish to have the funds used, but also we have setup a Donor Advised Fund at The Rotary Foundation, and we are also pursuing a Global Grant based on the needs that the Rotarians in Haiti are evaluating currently. The Information for the Donor Advised Fund at TRF is also available at 7020.org and will be sent via email as well.

I am grateful for all those who have offered to help. This is indeed a time for us to come together and show-case that Rotary truly serves humanity. Thank you for all you're doing and will continue to do as we Champion the cause to help those affected in their time of need.

Haresh L. Ramchandani District Governor 2016 – 2017

### **HOW TO HELP**

### **District 7020 Disaster Fund**

## **Ministry of Interior and Local Authorities**

## **Ways to Contribute**



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## The Rotary Foundation Corner

Cecelia Babkirk, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair email— <a href="mailto:rotariancecelia@gmail.com">rotariancecelia@gmail.com</a>





The trainings and the Avenues of Service are behind us and the push for the Annual Fund is ahead. Here are some housekeeping information:

**GOALS:** EIGHTEEN clubs have yet to set a goal for Annual Fund contributions and Polio. Those which have not will be getting a call from Governor Jeff and their Resource Leader.

That said, some clubs are having issues with the software. If yours is one of them, please contact Jim LeBlanc (jamesleblanc1@comcast.net) and he will help.

**ANNUAL FUND:** Our contributions to the Annual Fund were at \$182,000 – nearly 25% of the district's \$800,000 goal, as of The Avenues of Service. Many clubs are sending their contributions now and we expect to see that number double or triple between now and the drawing on December 7.

GRANTS: It is VERY IMPORTANT that clubs SUBMIT the 2015-2016 FINAL REPORTS and 2016-2017 DISTRICT GRANT APPLICATIONS by OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>.

Exceptions and extensions will not be allowed. We don't want to ask clubs to give back money when they haven't completed the report and we don't want to revert money back to the district when we haven't received your District Grant application.

District Grant Applications for both local and international projects are due by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Your club must be in compliance in order to receive funding for your 2015-2016 projects. This means:

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- ⇒ 2015-2016 District Grant final reports are submitted and accepted
- ⇒ All club financial obligations are current
- ⇒ No overdue reports for any Global Grants
- ⇒ Your club representative attended the grants training on August 20
- ⇒ Your club submitted a club MOU signed by both your 2016-2017 Club President and your 2017-2018 President-Elect

The Grants Team is ready to review your documents.

# All grant forms and resources (both for District and Global Grants) are available at www.rotarydistrict5170.org.

Hover over "The Rotary Foundation" tab and choose "Grants" at the bottom of the dropdown menu.

#### **Questions about Grants? Contact our great Grants Team:**

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#### **Enough said?**

FINALLY: Look out for an announcement for a one-day flash campaign on <u>"GIVING</u>

<u>TUESDAY"</u>. This is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, when members of the community are encouraged to give to the non-profit of their choice. We want <u>YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS to help us!</u>

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## **Rotary Foundation Annual Fund Drawing**

## Drawing will be at the Leadership Meeting on DECEMBER 7.

#### 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....

## Youth Service

Chris Miller, Communications Lead email— <a href="mailto:camillerlg@aol.com">camillerlg@aol.com</a>

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.

Our Youth Services goals this year include communicating our events and key information to better connect our Rotarians with the youth, better integrating Rotary principles and concepts into existing youth programs, and collaborating on an event that brings together the different youth service programs. We hope our youth can impact the lives of D5170 Rotarians and provide more opportunities for Rotarians to influence and mentor our youth.

Here is what is happening amongst youth service programs:

#### Interact:

Rotary Sponsored Club

The Fall Leadership Conference (FLC) was a smashing success! Over 4,100 Interactors and 100 Rotarians from across the district came together to celebrate their accomplishments, explore the topic of leadership, and commit to the new International & community service projects. You can watch a recap of the day here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?">https://www.youtube.com/watch?</a> v=Viy0ele1iKY

The International and community projects were announced at FLC---drum roll, please! The International project is "Me, The Human," focusing on the Syrian Refugee crisis. You can learn more here: <a href="http://www.interact5170.org/me-the-human/">http://www.interact5170.org/me-the-human/</a> 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: <a href="http://www.interact5170.org/circle-of-love/">http://www.interact5170.org/circle-of-love/</a>

The advisor workshop at FLC went well, with 50+ Rotarian Advisors, Faculty Advisors, and Youth Service Chairs in attendance! There was a lot of great discussion about how to further improve communication between Interact and Rotary Clubs.

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: <a href="http://www.interact5170.org/calendar/">http://www.interact5170.org/calendar/</a>

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

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RYLA: Planning for 2017 RYLA has begun! Camp will be from June 25-30, 2017 at Mission Springs in Scotts Valley. Rotary club reservation forms are due no later than November 30, 2016, at this link—<a href="http://ryla5170.com/rotarians/">http://ryla5170.com/rotarians/</a>

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 will be 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 <a href="mailto:dmdsc57@gmail.com">dmdsc57@gmail.com</a> or 408-810-8855 for more information.



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#### 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: <a href="http://www.rotarydistrict5170.org/SitePage/speech-contest">http://www.rotarydistrict5170.org/SitePage/speech-contest</a>

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.

## **ELC/EI= Enterprise Leadership Conference or Enter- prise Institute**

ELC/EI can be described as an entrepreneurial learning program targeting High School Juniors. These teens are taught the basics for entrepreneurial development along with a full range of the principals for developing a company from an idea:

This year's ELC/EI Programs include:

ELC #1—San Jose, Los Gatos, and Los Gatos Morning Rotary Clubs: Wednesday-Friday, February 22-24, 2017 at Asilomar State Conference Center. Deadline to apply is Friday, December 15, 2016. For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.rotaryelc.org/">https://www.rotaryelc.org/</a>

ELC South Bay—Santa Clara, Mountain View, and Milpitas Rotary Clubs: Wednesday-Friday, March 22-24, 2017 at Asilomar State Conference Center. Deadline to apply is December 15, 2016. For more information, visit: <a href="http://elcsouthbay.org/">http://elcsouthbay.org/</a>

ELC Silicon Valley West—Campbell, Los Altos, Saratoga, Sunnyvale, and Sunnyvale Sunrise Rotary Clubs: Wednesday-Friday, March 8-10, 2017 at Asilomar State Conference Center. Deadline to apply is Friday, December 23, 2016. For more information, visit: <a href="http://www.elcsvw.org/">http://www.elcsvw.org/</a>

EI—Enterprise Institute—Oakland Rotary #3: Friday-Sunday, April 28-30, 2017 at Camp Monte Toyon. Deadline to apply is January 27, 2017. For more information, visit: <a href="http://portal.clubrunner.ca/3190/SitePage/enterprise-institute">http://portal.clubrunner.ca/3190/SitePage/enterprise-institute</a>

**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: <a href="http://wex.rotary5170.org/ave">http://wex.rotary5170.org/ave</a> 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: <a href="http://www.rotarydistrict5170.org/SitePage/youth-protection-1">http://www.rotarydistrict5170.org/SitePage/youth-protection-1</a>

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## Vocational Service

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Hi Rotarians! Rotary highlights the Avenues of Service in October every year. This year, our District acknowledged our Avenues of Service on October 22. For a world-wide organization that spouts its' motto as "Service Above Self," that was a wise and reasonable thing to do. It

builds an awareness to all who hear the message of Rotary, both public and private citizens and all other organizations, and to us Rotarians as well, of who we are and what we do. With that said, please allow me to say a brief word or two about what the *Vocational Services* Avenue of Service is and how it benefits both Rotarians and others in our community and in the world... and, a bit "closer to home," how we would like to help your Club with Vocational Service activities.

Here are a few observations about Vocational Services in a nutshell... (there are hundreds more)...

- Benefit Rotarians by sharing your business/ products/expertise with other Rotarians who appreciate doing business with one who believes in business ethics-- DO BUSINESS WITH EACH OTHER!
- Encourage your Rotarians to use the <u>Rotary</u> <u>District 5170 Yellow Pages</u> to inform others about their company, products and services. It's FREE! And it encourages Rotarians to do business with other Rotarians which helps us all.
- Enjoy your "passion" with other Rotarians around the world through *Rotary Fellowships*. Connect with people (living anywhere in the world where a Rotary Club exists) and share your love of music, of eating/cooking, of sailing, etc. Talk about expanding your network!
- Change the future of an individual or a

community or our country by advising and mentoring a young person (perhaps from a one-parent family, or possibly rescued from a gang) regarding the best things to do to follow their dream-- what courses to take in school, meeting civic and business leaders knowledgeable of their



passion, answering their questions along the way, instilling confidence and pride in themselves, etc.

- "Share yourself" by using your skills and talents on any Rotary Club project... Here's just five possibilities out of hundreds of opportunities...
- o as an accountant, you can help your Club handle its finances or you can guide a not-for profit to a healthier financial state, etc.
- o as a contractor, you can assist your Rotary Club community project in upgrading and repairing aging senior citizens' homes to make them safer and more livable...
- o as a salesperson or business manager, you can help a non-profit or Chamber of Commerce learn how to build professional relationships to benefit all...
- o volunteer to give "an informational interview" (about your professional job or vocation) to veterans returning to civilian life that have an interest in doing what you do...
- as an ethical person and Rotarian, create a two-hour presentation regarding Business Ethics to business people in your community (with your Chamber of Commerce?) to underscore the huge benefits of running an ethical business, and noting the huge negatives when business ethics are disregarded or minimalized (Wells Fargo Bank)...

If your Club Vocational Services isn't sure what to do,

that's OK. We are here to serve. We will try to help your Club's members find their own focus and their own excitement about how your Club's unique location and your members' interests and skills and talents can be of service to others. Vocational Services really isn't an "Avenue," it's an attitude.

One exercise that we did at our Avenues of Service forum was have our attendees talk to each other (to people that they didn't know) about what skills they have and which ones they like to use... a more penetrating "picture" of a Rotarian than just name and classification. Comments afterward related to getting to know a person better and understanding their talents and how they could happily use the "gifts" they like to use in service projects. The exercise might well be worthwhile incorporating into you Club... once a month? Twice a month?

Be well. Do good work.

Jim Gibson

#### ... and a little extra...

Eight-year-old Benny came home from school and informed his mom that today in class they had learned how to make babies.

The mother, rather shaken by the development and considered the school was overstepping its authority, immediately called the teacher.

After listening to the mother complain for a few minutes, the teacher responded, "Did you ask him to explain how it is done?"

"No, of course not" said the mother.

"Then ask him and call me back," replied the teacher.

"So how do you make babies?" the mother asked

her son.

"It's really easy, Mom," Benny responded. "You drop the 'y' and add 'ies.' "

#### AND, since Halloween is coming...

Why don't skeletons like to go to parties? (Because they have no body to dance with!)

A skeleton walks into a bar and orders a beer and a mop...

Why did the witches lose the baseball game? (All their bats flew away.)

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## Club Events

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



### **EPA COMMUNITY RECYCLING & DONATION EVENT**

<u>BRING</u>: Clothing – Shoes – Books – <u>TV's/Electronics</u> (under 50 lbs.) – <u>E-waste</u> – <u>small</u> household items to generate funds for

## **Projects in EPA Community**



Goodwill of Silicon Valley Donation Drives can <u>NOT</u> accept the following donations:

- Furniture
- Large appliances
- · Automobile parts containing liquid
- Tires
- Weapons
- Household trash
- Construction debris, lumber, concrete, bricks, etc.
- Hazardous household chemicals or liquids of any kind (paints, insecticides, oils, flammables, alcohol, etc)
- Food
- · Pet-related items

WHEN: Saturday, November 12th, 2016

TIME: 9:00am - 3:00pm

WHERE: Parking lot of 151 Laura Lane, Palo Alto

(International School of the Peninsula)

Next to Post Ofc., 2085 E. Bayshore Rd., East Palo Alto

## Vienna Boys Choir to Help Saratoga Rotary Support Orphans

Bruce Hodgin, Rotary Club of Saratoga

On **November 22, 2016,** the Rotary Club of Saratoga is presenting THE VIENNA BOYS CHOIR (VBC) at the Campbell Heritage Theatre in Campbell. The world famous VBC has been entertaining audiences around the world since the 16th century. On this year's U.S. West Coast tour, they will be using their enchanting voices to bring attention to the needs of the forty abused, abandoned and orphaned children at Villa Infantil (<a href="www.villainfantil.com.mx">www.villainfantil.com.mx</a>), an orphanage in Mexico, west of Guadalajara. The Villa is operated by three Catholic Sisters from New Mexico and Fr. Basil Royston, a retired priest from the diocese of San Jose, CA. They give their all to the children, without pay, becoming "madre" and "padre" for as long as the children need them.

Saratoga Rotary sent a team of six to evaluate the

orphanage, and without reservation, all came back with a conviction to support the Villa on an annual basis. Here is a link to a video of the team's visit, with wonderful pictures of the children and their "home for life" - <a href="https://youtu.be/S6HCRqCfTRw">https://youtu.be/S6HCRqCfTRw</a>. The phrase "home for life" means even when the children are adopted or returned to their family, they always have a home at the Villa.

To obtain tickets, call the Theatre box office, 408-866-2700 or go online to <a href="https://">https://</a>
<a href="https://">https://</a>
<a href="https://">itkt.choicecrm.net/templates/HERT/</a>. All net proceeds are dedicated to the Villa Infantil. About sixty Saratoga Rotarians invite your club to join them for an evening of song from the most recognized boys choir in the world.



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# Memories from the 2016 Avenues of Service

CHART YOUR COURSE—GALAXY 5170
OCTOBER 22, 2016, DOUBLETREE SAN JOSE

Photos by Maria Guldner (Saratoga) and Larry Mickartz (Gilroy)

## Rotary District 5170

2016-2017 Officers:

District Governor: Jeff Orth

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Club Service: Art Testani

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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.



Please help the District Office share the most accurate information. Update your information now on ClubRunner.

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

#### <u>Assistant Governors:</u>

Area 1: Robert Kidd
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