

DISTRICT 5170

# TRF NEWS TODAY

MAY-JUNE, 2015

CURRENT NEWS OF DISTRICT 5170 AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

## A Mother's Tale of Her Five Sons and Their Battle Against Polio

By Charlie Wasser Rotary District 5170 PolioPlus Chair

I had the great pleasure and honor to meet PDG Carl Chinnerv from Rotary District 6040 when he was RIP Garv Huang's representative. PDG Carl represented RIP Garv at District 5190's conference in South Lake Tahoe. PDG Carl is the youngest of 5 sons and each of the five sons had polio at the same time. The following video is a version of PDG Carl's talk. The significant part of the video is when he reads a letter his mother wrote. She was 90 years old. The letter gives a detailed description of the horrors she and PDG Carl's father lived through. Honestly, the video may be a little uncomfortable to watch. However, if you have had any doubts about the significance of Rotary's work to eradicate polio, this video will remove all doubts about why we need to continue our efforts towards eradication. Hopefully, it will motivate you to increase your efforts to help educate the public about polio's current existence and soon to be eliminated worldwide. As of May 27, 2015, there are only 25 new cases of polio worldwide since January 1, 2015. Of course, as part of the efforts, we all need to help raise funds to continue PolioPlus and see the effort through to the end. I am available to make a PolioPlus presentation at your club or any other group you feel is interested in helping Rotary in the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. 25 cases worldwide this year as opposed to 350,000 – 500,000 cases worldwide before Rotary started the eradication initiative. WE ARE THIS CLOSE. WE NEED TO REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS!!!! Follow this URL to see PDG Carl Chinnery's heartfelt story that he and his family lived: <https://vimeo.com/96651138>





## The Unsung Heroes of Nigeria's Vaccination Efforts

In 2013, I was fortunate enough to go to Nigeria with a team of 10 Rotary members led by Ann Lee Hussey, a polio survivor and advocate for polio eradication efforts. We spent most of our week visiting small medical centers in the Kaduna State.

The purpose of our visit was to learn about the strides Nigeria was making to become the next endemic country to be declared polio-free. We experienced “a day in the life of a healthcare worker” and as such, we were on the road at 6:30 a.m. every morning (often with no power in the hotels so flash lights were essential).

For the monthly immunization clinics, vaccines (not just for polio) are delivered to the health stations very early and are distributed into small coolers to be picked up by the health care workers by 7 a.m. Many of the healthcare workers are young mothers who carry their own babies on their backs to help dispel the myth of vaccine poisoning. We would leave together, sometimes by foot, to rural areas that were sometimes more than an hour away.

The vaccination site was anything from an old vegetable cart or an empty shack, but when we arrived we would go out with the loud speaker to announce that we were on-site. The healthcare workers would line up the children as they arrived, and we would give the polio drops to any children who were five years and younger. We would record the number of vaccinated children each day.

We delivered vaccines to children but I felt as though our main job was to give thanks to the mothers for vaccinating their children, to healthcare workers for their dedication and to the religious and community leaders for supporting immunizations in their village.

The system in Nigeria is working because of the dedication of the healthcare workers – the unsung heroes of the system. These people go out despite the danger, because they are passionate about stopping vaccine-preventable diseases from affecting more children.

The good news is that the groundwork in place for the polio immunizations are not just helping with polio eradication efforts, but also for administering other essential vaccines and healthcare. Nigeria has not had a new case of polio since July 2014. While this has been a lengthy process (since 1985), I find great joy in seeing that the immunization strategies will continue to do much more good for disease prevention, even after Nigeria is polio-free.

## Wild poliovirus type 1 and Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus cases – May, 2015

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	25	0	84	14	359	55
- in endemic countries	25	0	74	14	340	52
- in non-endemic countries	0	0	10	0	19	3

## Can We Turn a *Very Good* Year.... Into a *Great* One?

As we enter the final month of what has been a very successful year for our District's support of The Rotary Foundation, we are hoping that each Club President and Club Foundation Chair will ask these questions one final time: Have we met the goals we set so many months ago? Have we given every opportunity for our members' TRF pledges to be fulfilled? Have all collected funds been turned in and properly accounted for? There is still time for all of us to make one final push toward making this one of the best years in our District's history. Our Annual Fund total contributions through May 28th have now reached **\$703,596**, an increase of 4% over last year's to-date total, and now over the District goal for 2014-15. But we still have almost a month to bring it even higher. And please remember that your donations not only fund the global humanitarian efforts directed by The Rotary Foundation, but in addition a large percentage of the funds are returned to our District and to your Club, to fund District Grants and Global Grants for the projects that YOU select for your Club's support. So please take a moment to review the following highlights and the chart later in this issue

## Who Are the District 5170 Super Stars for 2014-15?

- **Highest Percent of Annual Fund Goal:** Los Altos Sunset (254.55%); Sunnyvale Sunrise (249.73%); Oakland (154.7%)
- **Highest Annual Fund Total Giving:** Cupertino (\$56,117); Oakland (\$49,502); Livermore (\$39,125)
- **Clubs with 100% EREY:** San Jose Silicon Valley and San Lorenzo Valley (close: Fremont Union City Newark (96%); Los Altos (94%); Pleasanton Tri-Valley (93%))
- **Highest PolioPlus Giving:** Livermore (\$8,750); Niles Fremont (\$7,237); Fremont (\$4,997)



## TRF EREY and AF 2014-2015 as of 05/27/2015

Club	MEMB	EREY	EREY%	Annual Fund	Annual Fund	APF Per	% of Goal	PolioPlus
Alameda	78	48	62%	\$16,200.00	\$19,459.00	\$249.47	120.12%	\$ 1,700.00
Almaden Valley	39	26	67%	\$10,000.00	\$6,100.00	\$156.41	61.00%	\$ 200.00
Campbell	53	35	66%	\$13,900.00	\$8,275.00	\$156.13	59.53%	\$ 2,720.00
Capitola-Aptos	46	40	87%	\$10,000.00	\$10,250.00	\$222.83	102.50%	
Castro Valley	55	24	44%	\$16,000.00	\$7,650.00	\$139.09	47.81%	\$ 2,194.00
Cupertino	213	148	69%	\$60,000.00	\$56,117.00	\$263.46	93.53%	\$ 3,367.50
Dublin	49	21	43%	\$14,001.00	\$7,230.00	\$147.55	51.64%	
East Palo Alto Bayshore	55	2	4%	\$2,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$25.45	70.00%	
E-Club of Silicon Valley	27	9	33%		\$716.67	\$26.54		
Freedom	36	17	47%	\$7,750.00	\$5,155.00	\$143.19	66.52%	\$ -
Fremont	43	39	91%	\$9,500.00	\$13,175.00	\$306.40	138.68%	\$ 4,997.00
Fremont Union City Newark Sunse	27	26	96%	\$2,600.00	\$3,010.00	\$111.48	115.77%	\$ 100.00
Fremont Warm Spring Sunrise	18	15	83%	\$5,356.00	\$5,950.00	\$330.56	111.09%	
Gilroy	113	77	68%	\$22,000.00	\$27,954.00	\$247.38	127.06%	\$ 3,230.00
Gilroy Sunrise	19	13	68%	\$5,800.00	\$4,650.00	\$244.74	80.17%	\$ 210.00
Hayward	88	43	49%	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$113.64	133.33%	\$ 640.00
Hollister	69	55	80%	\$9,520.00	\$9,020.00	\$130.72	94.75%	\$ 940.00
HuaRen Silicon Valley	19		0%			\$0.00		
Livermore	132	69	52%	\$35,000.00	\$39,125.02	\$296.40	111.79%	\$ 8,750.00
Livermore Valley, The	48	20	42%	\$9,625.00	\$3,034.76	\$63.22	31.53%	
Los Altos	182	171	94%	\$31,290.00	\$33,940.07	\$186.48	108.47%	\$ 1,712.87
Los Altos Sunset	9	8	89%	\$2,200.00	\$5,600.00	\$622.22	254.55%	
Los Gatos	103	69	67%	\$19,500.00	\$21,940.00	\$213.01	112.51%	\$ 3,200.00
Los Gatos Morning	64	44	69%	\$17,400.00	\$20,153.00	\$314.89	115.82%	\$ 3,770.00
Milpitas	32	15	47%	\$5,000.00	\$5,870.00	\$183.44	117.40%	
Mission San Jose	18	7	39%	\$3,508.00	\$3,970.00	\$220.56	113.17%	\$ 700.00
Morgan Hill	120	93	78%	\$29,450.00	\$27,305.00	\$227.54	92.72%	\$ 3,085.00
Mountain View	37	32	86%	\$7,000.00	\$8,375.00	\$226.35	119.64%	\$ 150.00
Newark	38	22	58%	\$8,500.00	\$4,900.00	\$128.95	57.65%	
Niles (Fremont)	94	37	39%	\$22,000.00	\$11,700.00	\$124.47	53.18%	\$ 7,237.00
Oakland	337	94	28%	\$32,000.00	\$49,502.48	\$146.89	154.70%	\$ 1,675.00
Oakland Sunrise	15	11	73%	\$4,900.00	\$4,800.00	\$320.00	97.96%	\$ 1,331.00
Palo Alto	135	93	69%	\$20,000.00	\$26,650.00	\$197.41	133.25%	\$ 100.00
Palo Alto/University	100	67	67%	\$20,900.00	\$20,979.60	\$209.80	100.38%	\$ 1,008.00
Piedmont-Montclair	19	11	58%	\$1,550.00	\$1,870.00	\$98.42	120.65%	
Pleasanton	87	17	20%	\$7,250.00	\$2,850.00	\$32.76	39.31%	\$ 200.00
Pleasanton (Tri-Valley Evening)	14	13	93%	\$3,800.00	\$5,295.00	\$378.21	139.34%	
Pleasanton North	55	23	42%	\$6,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$136.36	125.00%	
San Jose	438	256	58%	\$42,000.00	\$38,480.00	\$87.85	91.62%	\$ 3,000.00
San Jose East-Evergreen	21	19	90%	\$4,600.00	\$6,150.00	\$292.86	133.70%	\$ 400.00
San Jose Silicon Valley	28	28	100%	\$7,435.00	\$7,905.00	\$282.32	106.32%	
San Juan Bautista	34		0%	\$6,000.00	\$4,570.00	\$134.41	76.17%	\$ 350.00
San Leandro	39	30	77%	\$10,150.00	\$10,525.00	\$269.87	103.69%	
San Lorenzo Valley (Felton)	20	20	100%	\$3,250.00	\$3,325.00	\$166.25	102.31%	
Santa Clara	96	38	40%	\$14,500.00	\$13,700.00	\$142.71	94.48%	\$ 600.00
Santa Cruz	117	73	62%	\$15,600.00	\$18,445.00	\$157.65	118.24%	
Santa Cruz Sunrise	93	74	80%	\$21,000.00	\$19,022.50	\$204.54	90.58%	\$ 1,605.12
Saratoga	127	97	76%	\$20,610.00	\$30,876.00	\$243.12	149.81%	\$ 2,045.00
Scotts Valley	40	31	78%	\$10,000.00	\$9,850.00	\$246.25	98.50%	\$ 2,840.00
Silicon Valley Star	15	1	7%	\$2,800.00	\$250.00	\$16.67	8.93%	
Sunnyvale	67	53	79%	\$24,000.00	\$20,199.25	\$301.48	84.16%	\$ 2,230.00
Sunnyvale Sunrise	12	11	92%	\$2,600.00	\$6,493.00	\$541.08	249.73%	
Watsonville	82	34	41%	\$10,000.00	\$12,334.00	\$150.41	123.34%	\$ 1,454.00
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>3915</b>	<b>2319</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>\$693,545.00</b>	<b>\$703,596.35</b>	<b>\$179.72</b>	<b>101.45%</b>	<b>\$ 67,741.49</b>

# District Scholarships Still Available

*By Marie Sikora*

Club Presidents in D-5170 please take note: The District's pool of **\$20,000** still has some funds available for scholarships. The District also decided to remove the requirement that clubs must match the funding amount.

Scholar applicants must submit their applications to their local Rotary Club for their sponsorship. Following are the highlights:

1. The scholarship is for the 2015-2016 academic and Rotary year only and is open to college or university juniors, seniors and graduate students.
2. The student must reside in District 5170, although they may attend college outside the district.
3. Study may take place in the US or abroad; and the major or graduate work must be within one or more of the six Areas of Focus.
4. The program will be conducted through the District Grant program only.
5. Scholarship awards are a minimum of \$1,000 and maximum of \$5,000 per club/scholar, first-come, first-served, based on the date the Scholar Grant Application is received by the Scholarship Chair, until the funds (\$20,000) are depleted.
6. Clubs may award more than one scholarship, subject to the \$5,000 limit.
7. The sponsoring club must interview the scholar and complete/submit a cover letter signed by the club President with the student application to [MLSikora@earthlink.net](mailto:MLSikora@earthlink.net). The District Scholarship Committee will issue the final approval.
8. The grant/scholarship will cover tuition and books only.
9. All District Grant rules and deadlines apply, except as stated above.

Please see more information and download the application at:  
<http://rotarydistrict5170.org/SitePage/grants/scholar-grants>.

## ANNOUNCING 2015/2016 GRANTS TRAINING DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The District 5170 Grants team will be conducting the 2015/2016 Grants training on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Club representatives need to attend one of either sessions, not both, to qualify your club to write grants using DDF funds.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 AM coffee/ snacks, Meeting 9:00 - 12:30 PM**

**Los Gatos Lodge**

**50 Los Gatos Saratoga Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032**

**July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 AM, coffee/snacks, Meeting 9:00 - 12:30**

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**31640 Hayman Street, Hayward, CA 94544**

Clubs who want to write a District or Global Grant must attend one of these sessions to qualify. This is a Rotary Foundation requirement. At the session, your club representative will learn what they need to know to write both District and Global Grants. Please be sure that you send the person who will be writing grants for your club. The training will include a workshop to begin writing your Club's grant application. You may send more than one representative.

Please RSVP with your club name and the names of those who will attend the session to Georgie Hildebrand at [georganna@antarestech.com](mailto:georganna@antarestech.com)

# Giving & Grants

## Supporting projects that are important to you

One of the most inspiring aspects of being a Rotarian is the knowledge that your work makes a lasting impact. Your support of the Annual Fund means that we can continue to bring life-changing grant projects to communities around the world. If you've already made your gift this year, thank you. If not, please consider making a gift at [www.rotary.org/give](http://www.rotary.org/give) before 30 June to help us achieve another record-breaking year.

## World Class continues the tradition of giving

Governors-elect around the world showed their leadership through their participation in the World Class initiative. Throughout the past year, Rotary International President-elect K.R. Ravindran has encouraged his class of governors to sponsor a new member into Rotary and to make a personal gift to The Rotary Foundation. We are happy to report that more than 65 percent of governors-elect made a meaningful gift to the Foundation, and over 25 percent have sponsored a new member. Thank you to all those who participated, raising \$1.42 million for our Foundation!

## New Rotary year will bring updated funding model

[The Rotary Foundation's funding model](#) goes into effect on 1 July. Although much will remain the same, project sponsors will now have to contribute an additional 5 percent for cash contributions made to The Rotary Foundation for global grant applications submitted on or after 1 July, to offset processing and administrative costs. We're updating the [online grant application tool](#) to automatically calculate the 5 percent and to show the total amount required to fund the project. Paul Harris Fellow recognition points will be awarded on the full cash contribution, and charitable tax receipts also will reflect that amount. The additional 5 percent is not matched by the Foundation. It also isn't required for contributions sent directly to a project's bank account; however, such contributions don't generate Paul Harris Fellow recognition points, nor will the Foundation issue tax receipts for them.

## Rotary/UNESCO-IHE scholarships available

The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education are offering up to 10 scholarships for graduate study at UNESCO-IHE's Delft campus in the Netherlands. The application deadline is 15 June. 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. Learn how your club or district can [sponsor a UNESCO-IHE scholar](#). For more information, review the [application tool kit](#) and [scholarship terms and conditions](#). When you're ready to apply, complete the [Rotary club/district application](#) and submit it through the [grant application tool](#).

## Rotary stands #UpForSchool

An estimated 58 million children around the world don't have access to basic education. Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors are taking action to change that by participating in the Stand #UpForSchool petition initiative, which proclaims every child's right to go to school, without danger or discrimination. Together, we can help create the biggest petition in history and show the world how Rotary mobilizes its communities to support education. [Sign the #UpForSchool global petition](#).



## ***“The Rotary Foundation Boot Camp”***



Keeping ourselves physically and mentally fit is a goal all of us have and exercise (in one form or another) has become one of our favorite (or, not so favorite) daily (or weekly) routines. For years, I have participated in physical fitness routines. Recently, I started participating in a boot camp program. It starts out difficult (feel the burn) but over time, becomes a lot easier. So, I began to think about how to harness that commitment and dedication (and challenge) into increasing our participation in The Rotary Foundation. For many Rotarians, making those contributions may seem like a challenge and a commitment we may not be able to honor. “I want to but . . .” do I have \$1,000.00 to contribute each year? Can I fit it into my budget? Let’s consider the possibility of – **‘The Rotary Foundation Boot Camp’**.

Just consider making a ‘personal’ match (like a matching grant) equal to what you would pay for the breakfast (or lunch or dinner) at one of your weekly club meetings. Example, if your lunch meeting cost \$25 (or \$15 or \$10), personally match that amount with \$25 (or \$15 or \$10) and earmark that amount to The Rotary Foundation. And, it doesn’t necessarily need to be weekly. It can be \$25 a month or every quarter (whatever you can personally afford). Yes - it may start out a bit difficult to set aside an additional amount. However, it does get easier. Especially if you are (or become) a Rotary Direct member.

As in a boot camp program where you feel good about yourself and your physical wellbeing, in ‘TRF Boot Camp’ you feel good knowing that the weekly, monthly, or quarterly contribution you’ve committed yourself to, is impacting and changing lives – lives of people within and around your community, your city, your state, the world. Just as there are rewards of good physical health in a boot camp program, there are rewards in ‘TRF Boot Camp’. Your club feels good because you are helping reach another plateau (possibly 100% Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) club; possibly 100% Paul Harris Society club). Your District feels good because you are helping become number one in Zone contributions. Your Zone feels good because you are helping increase awareness by becoming one of the top contributing Zones in the world. The Rotary Foundation feels good because you are impacting lives around the world. But more importantly, you feel good and, you’ve overcome the ‘burn’....

So..... Let’s just do it..... there’s still time remaining this Rotary year to ‘Light up Rotary’ with your contributions. Share this information with your club members and join **‘The Rotary Foundation Boot Camp’**.

***Roz Cooper***

Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator

# From the District Rotary Foundation Chair's Corner

By Cecelia Babkirk

## **The year isn't over yet! But it's close...**

If you are a club President or Foundation Chair, thank you for your time and efforts this year. There is still time to bring the Annual Fund numbers up, if you haven't reached your club goals yet. Our records show that if every club was to meet its goal, our Annual Fund contributions would far exceed last year's accomplishment. All that to say, don't stop now! There's still plenty of time to finish strong and I hope you will do it!

To all Presidents-Elect: Please, please, **please** choose your Foundation Chair and register your club's Foundation Giving goals in My Rotary. You can also give this information to Brittany and between us, we'll make sure that the information gets to where it needs to go. One reason to name your Foundation Chair is because that person will have access to the reports issued by TRF for your club.

## **Preview of 2015-2016 Attractions:**

- If you are club President-Elect or Foundation Chair for the 2015-2016 year, think \$25. Ok, not really. Think \$25/month through Rotary Direct. If you can get every one of your members to contribute JUST \$25/MONTH, we would achieve our district goal of \$1 million and we would do it next year! Actually, getting your members to make their contributions through Rotary Direct would make your job easier. This will be a focus for next year.

- We've beefed up our Fund Development team and we are ready to serve your club in all its Foundation needs. Each Area will now have a Fund Development Resource Leader and several Rotarians who are available to be a resource for Major Gifts and Bequests. You will get to know your Resource Leaders – they will attend some of your Area President meetings and will give a presentation in your club, at least twice next year.

- We have also beefed up the Grants team, to include a "Special Projects" committee. Their job will be to identify corporations and foundations which have money available for humanitarian projects. We are blessed with a number of great Grant-writers, who conceive and implement great projects with wide impact. We want to help those specialists continue to grow the impact for your clubs' great work.

- The Scholarship program has changed for 2015-2016 and there is still some money available for scholarships. Contact Scholar Chair Marie Sikora ([mlsikora@earthlink.net](mailto:mlsikora@earthlink.net)) or Grants Chair Georgie Hildebrand ([georganna@antarestech.com](mailto:georganna@antarestech.com)) for more information. The funds for scholarships is first-come, first-served and we expect those funds to be fully committed by the end of July.

- We will conduct both Grants and Fund Development Training. The Grants Trainings are scheduled for July 11 and July 25. You can get more information by reading Georgie Hildebrand's article.

We look forward to working with and serving our great District 5170 Rotarians in the coming year!



## In Recognition of a Rotary Icon



Cupertino Rotary President Hung Wei, John Giovanola, and PDG Jim Walker present PDG Don Allen with a surprised parting gift – a \$11,200 check to Polio Plus in Don's name. PDG Don is moving to Idaho with his wife, Sally.