

DISTRICT 5170



TRF NEWS TODAY

JANUARY 2021



CURRENT NEWS OF DISTRICT 5170 AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

FROM THE DISTRICT TRF CHAIR

BY PDG ORRIN MAHONEY

Happy New Year to all. As we know, calendar New Year means mid-Rotary year, half way to our annual Foundation goals. And I am happy to report that we are well on our way to meeting our Annual Fund goals for the year. While Covid has affected our goals in a slightly negative way, many clubs are exceeding these goals and I am confident we can match the Annual Fund number from a few years ago.



Ces Butner, President Rotary Club of Oakland

While results are still coming in, I do want to highlight those clubs, big and small, that have exceeded their goals by over 200%. As you will see, some of the clubs that achieved this goal are relatively small.

But I want to do a special shout out to the Oakland #3 results, which I believe is setting an all-time record for TRF Annual Fund contributions.* Kudos to the Oakland Foundation team and especially club President, Ces Butner.

*UPDATE: Oakland's TRF Committee, headed by Co-chairs Joe Goralka and Leeann Alameda, has now confirmed that Oakland has hit 95% participation, and climbing!

Name	Number of Members	Annual Fund Goal Amount	Goal % Achieved	AF Per Capita	AF YTD
San Jose East-Evergreen, CA, United States	25	\$2,000.00	530%	\$424.00	\$10,600.00
Milpitas, CA, United States	29	\$3,500.00	349%	\$421.55	\$12,225.00
Los Altos Sunset, CA, United States	7	\$1,400.00	286%	\$571.43	\$4,000.00
Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore (Tri-Valley Evening), CA, United States	12	\$600.00	258%	\$129.17	\$1,550.00
Livermore Valley, The, CA, United States	42	\$5,000.00	256%	\$304.33	\$12,782.00
Oakland, CA, United States	273	\$60,000.00	216%	\$474.75	\$129,605.50
San Jose Silicon Valley, CA, United States	19	\$10,000.00	216%	\$1,135.79	\$21,580.00
Silicon Valley Rainbow, CA, United States	16	\$400.00	213%	\$53.13	\$850.00

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While the total annual fund donation is critical, we also have an increased focus on EREY this year. While still early, we have two clubs that have achieved 100% EREY status, the Rotary Club of Los Altos Sunset and the Rotary Club of San Jose East-Evergreen.

As to the EREY drawing, based on feedback from several of you, we have decided to extend the EREY drawing cutoff to June 1. This reflects the fact that tracking down the “stragglers” in each Club that have not made their donation typically takes some time. We are also experiencing delays in overall contribution reporting so the total Annual Fund drawing has been delayed as well - until March 1. Here is the updated drawing information:

TRF 2020-21 Drawing

Club competition rather than individual with two drawings

Overall Annual Fund

- 1 point for every \$100 contribution to the Annual Fund
- Prize is \$5,000 in DDF. Worth \$10,000 if used in a Global Grant

EREY Drawing

- Each Club has an equal chance if they achieve EREY status.
- Prize is \$2500 in DDF. Worth \$5,000 if used in a Global Grant

For Overall Annual fund, contributions as of Mar 1, 2021

Drawing at the March Leadership Meeting

For EREY, contributions as of June 1, 2021

Drawing at the June Leadership Meeting



Promoting peace



Fighting disease



Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene



Saving mothers and children



Supporting education



Growing local economies



District 5170 Takes Pride in Supporting

Our Causes



Protecting the Environment

San Jose East Evergreen Hits 100%!

I'm reaching out today to let you know that our club, for the first time ever in our club's history, has accomplished 100% participation with our highest contribution amount to the TRF to date, exceeding \$10,600! We had a per capita contribution of \$424, and we are the only club in our district 5170 to have a 100% Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) participation. In addition, this year we have had a record of 5 Paul Harris Fellows.



Arpita Sikka,
President,
Rotary of of
San Jose East
Evergreen

This success in part was accomplished due to my decision to reduce our club dues, while also mandating a \$25 dollar contribution to the TRF, despite these challenging times. Usually, I have observed that Rotarians are reluctant to contribute to TRF, but our new club practice has proven sustainable. I hope we can inspire other clubs in the district to consider a similar practice and donate 10 percent of their dues to the TRF as well. Maybe it's a nominal amount but it feels so great that our club has accomplished 100% participation, "Every Rotarian Every Year", especially during these challenging times.

SEEKING HELP FOR FEEDING THE DREAMS OF POOR CAMBODIAN CHILDREN

Cupertino Rotary is seeking help from other clubs to fund a Global Grant for the reopening of a private school in the slums of Siem Reap, Cambodia. The need is immediate. The school serves poor students who otherwise could not attend school. It needs assistance to open in a Covid-safe manner after a year of closure due to Covid-19. If your club can help, contact Joe Hamilton, jhamilton147@comcast.net



Around the Clubs



The Gift of Rotary

By Renia Webb, Co-Chair

Karl Stucki World Community Service Committee
Rotary Club of Oakland

Boarding the flight to El Salvador for my first Uniendo America Project Fair in January 2017, I was a bundle of emotions. Nervous, because I'd never been away from my children for so long. Scared, because of the documentaries I'd seen about the civil unrest, poverty, and social divides in El Salvador. Most importantly, I was honored for the opportunity to attend. I was the first recipient of the Karl Stucki Scholarship Award, started by Oakland Rotarian Shannon Hackley in honor of her recently deceased mentor, past District Governor and all-around Rotary superstar Dr. Karl Stucki.

For 25 years, Dr. Stucki was a champion for world community service. He formed lasting relationships with the people of Paquila, visiting frequently and supporting the villagers through grants. Dr. Stucki helped to create and co-host what is now known as Uniendo America Project Fair. This led to project fairs being hosted around the world bringing Rotarians together to share their projects and encouraging cross-club collaboration.

Leaving the airport there's so much to see - narrow winding mountain roads, families riding motorcycles, packed buses, slow moving trucks, and so many tourists. There are armed guards posted at every business to prevent robbery, small businesses dangerously close to traffic, and people of all ages selling fresh food, home goods and beautiful handed-carved furnishings. Everywhere you look there are lush landscapes overflowing with trees and small communities supporting one another.

The resort was like paradise. The beaches were lined with white sand, the staff members were helpful, and because my Spanish skills were lacking, thankfully all signage was in multiple languages. Everything caught my attention - the beautiful birds, the flowers, the lizards, and even the occasional chimp.

I had flown in a day earlier than my fellow Rotarians, and at dinner as I sat alone I was approached by two elder women. They were both widows from Guatemala on vacation. They shared stories of their husbands and families, their 65 year friendship, and even the history of Guatemala and El Salvador. The next morning we shared

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Toileton Before

breakfast, exchanged gifts and promised to see each other again someday in Guatemala.

Over the next few days I with 175 others attended daily workshops and learned the ceremonies and traditions of local clubs. As a newer Rotarian, it was wonderful getting to know others from my home club and those from around the world. The best part of the trip, however, was our visit about 1-1/2 hour northeast to a school called Tres Ceibas.

I don't know who was more excited, us or the kids. There was so much giggling and laughter and curiosity on every face. Yet, although the children were happy, the school was in a sad state. We learned about a project called Toileton, which later

became a global grant, that provides flushing toilets, handwashing stations, job resource education programs and higher education opportunities especially for young girls. The now successfully completed grant was a collaborative effort between the Rotary Clubs of San Salvador Maquilishuat; Louisville, Kentucky; Vancouver, Canada; and Oakland, in partnership with World Vision.

Later, I reflected on how appreciative these children and their families were for the opportunity to attend school while my own children felt entitled to the latest trends and technology. I had joined Rotary to give of my time and resources and was in turn gifted with a life changing experience and a deeper appreciation for the small things.



Toileton After



Renia with Some Local Kids



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AN OFFICIAL CAUSE OF ROTARY



HOW ROTARY WILL HELP PROTECT OUR PLANET

The Rotary Foundation will enable our members and their community allies to take action in these ways:

- Protecting and restoring land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources
- Enhancing the capacity of communities to support natural resource management and conservation
- Supporting sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture practices
- Addressing the cause of climate change by reducing the emission of greenhouse gases
- Strengthening ecosystems and communities affected by climate change
- Supporting education initiatives that promote behavior that protects the environment
- Advocating for sustainable consumption to build an economy that uses resources more efficiently
- Addressing environmental justice issues and public health concerns

18.4 million

in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related causes in the past five years through our support of community economic development and water, sanitation, and hygiene projects

Magic Carpet Ride

By PDG Russ Hobbs, 2006-2007



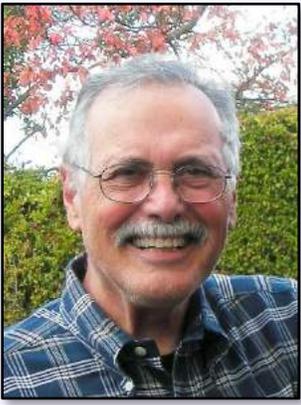
Many of you have been on Rotary International humanitarian trips to far off parts of the world, so you already know what I'm talking about. For you "seasoned veterans," I'm suggesting that this year (safety and health conditions permitting) you do what Scotts Valley Rotarian Bob Padgett has been doing for years, and take a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew along with you.

Bob is the CEO of Assist International, a company specializing in hospital equipment. Our district has completed many Global Grant projects with Assist in countries like Afghanistan, Chili, China, Laos, Guatemala, Djibouti, and Ethiopia, to name a few. Over the years Bob has taken his children and grandchildren along for the ride, and what a life changing experience that has been for them. Let this be the year that you and your children, grandchildren, niece, or nephew hop aboard a Magic Carpet Ride on Flight Number 5170 to a far off land and experience the same transformation that occurs.

You will help them witness first hand the life changing work that Rotary does because of our donations to The Rotary Foundation, all over the world, and forever impact their knowledge of geography, cultures, customs, language, and religions, I'm pretty sure that they are more than ready to experience learning apart from Zoom, and you will be able to help them catch up on the education they missed in 2020. This year, Rotary clubs in District 5170 are working on Global Grant Projects as diverse as water, sanitation, health, and learning, scheduled in Vietnam, Ethiopia and Africa (to name a few). You can learn about all our district's projects, and the clubs sponsoring them on the district website (<https://rotarydistrict5170.org/sitepage/grants>).

If you have never been on a Rotary International Global Grants trip, and are not sure about the health and safety of traveling to third world countries, may I suggest an alternative. Consider putting your "toe in the water" by attending the Rotary International Convention in Taipei, Taiwan scheduled for June 2021. Some Rotarians think that only "Presidents Elect" get to go to Rotary Internal Conventions, but the truth is that all are welcome—you just have to pay your own way. You will get to experience Rotary outside your club and district, and learn more about Rotary in one week at the Rotary International Convention than you will in your club in an entire year. Our District Governor Elect, Richard Flanders, has arranged for Past Rotary International President Gary Huang (from Taipei Taiwan) to be our personal representative. Some of the things that are being planned include a District Dinner and Tours of Taipei from Howard Tours.

January is when we make our New Years Resolutions, so why not put a "Magic Carpet Ride" with Rotary at the top of your list. It's time to "consider "experiencing Life again".



ROTARY CLUBS WORK TO STRENGTHEN HEALTH CARE IN TIRUVALLA, INDIA

Rotary Clubs in Cupertino (USA) and Tiruvalla (India) Partner to Increase Access to Dialysis Treatment

By Joe Ribera, Rotary Club of Cupertino



Earlier this year, Cupertino

Rotary received an inquiry from Tiruvalla Rotary seeking partners for a project to increase dialysis capacity in Tiruvalla, India. The rate of kidney disease is relatively high in India and the availability of treatment is limited. Indigenous communities are especially vulnerable and at times are not able to receive treatment due to the lack of sufficient facilities.

Kidney disease is life shortening and life threatening, but the quality of life can be sustained with dialysis treatment. Dialysis is a medical process conducted in an outpatient facility, managed by specialized staff made up of nurses and technicians under the supervision of a doctor.



Tiruvalla Rotary proposed to add four new dialysis treatment stations to the 23 currently available in the community. The equipment is operated by the Pushpagari Medical College Hospital of Tiruvalla, a first-class medical institution and teaching hospital, that provides care to paying and indigenous patients of the community.

There was a high level of interest in pursuing the project as Cupertino had previously participated in successful projects with Tiruvalla Rotary. Cupertino Rotarian, Joe Ribera, championed the project and worked with senior members of Cupertino Rotary's World Community Services Committee to flesh out the project proposal and solicit other clubs for supplemental funding. Cupertino and Tiruvalla coauthored the Grant proposal. Additional financial support was provided by the Rotary Clubs of Castro Valley, CA and Smokey Hills, CO.

The total project cost was \$35,600 of which the Tiruvalla, Cupertino, Castro Valley and Smokey Hills Rotary Clubs provided \$20,400. Rotary International provided \$15,200 in matching grant funds. The proposal was submitted in March and approved in April 2020. Although the project was delayed due to the Covid-19 global pandemic, it was successfully completed and

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dedicated by the host club on June 30, 2020. The delivery of free dialysis treatments began on July 1.

Tiruvalla Rotary maintains regular contact with the hospital staff to review the services rendered and to ensure that the benefit to the targeted community is realized. The usage goal for the new equipment was set at 120 dialysis treatments per month. As of the end of November 2020, 75 individual patients have received 600 dialysis treatments, or exactly 120 treatment per month.

Jim's Polio Report

By Jim Bell, District Polio Plus Chair



Rotary members achieve a record-breaking World Polio Day

Rotary members raised awareness about polio eradication and showed their support more than ever on World Polio Day. Participation in activities and events and donations to PolioPlus both increased this year.

Clubs registered more than 7,600 virtual activities and events in 146 countries, surpassing last year's 5,900 events. We had a variety of awareness promotions and online presentations as part of our registered

events, with many virtual events that featured high-profile speakers and attracted large audiences. Donors contributed more than \$920,000 online — totaling more than \$2.7 million with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 2-to-1 match — which is the most ever raised online for World Polio Day.

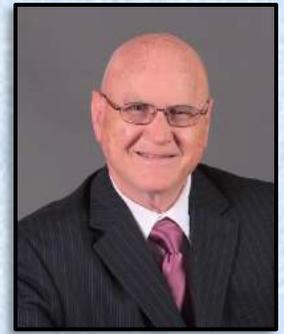
A new social media campaign inspired members and supporters to share their best End Polio Now photos using the hashtag #MyEndPolio. So far, more than 1,000 photos have been uploaded and shared. Rotary's World Polio Day Online Global Update has been watched nearly 300,000 times and downloaded by thousands of clubs to communicate the critical need to end polio for good. Learn more about polio eradication achievements and the challenges ahead to protect all children from polio.



Fighting polio must continue amid challenges

Even during a pandemic, the important work of fighting polio must continue — and support from all Rotary members is needed to safeguard children and prevent a resurgence of the disease. With COVID-19 precautions in place, vaccination programs are still being carried out. Rotary's PolioPlus grants recently provided 90 million doses of vaccine, as well as transportation for polio workers in Afghanistan and additional community health workers in Pakistan — the two countries where wild poliovirus still circulates.

PHIL'S UPDATE



By Phillip Dean

District 5170 Gift and Estate Planning Chair

The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society

Forty-seven District 5170 Rotarians are members of the Bequest Society. This means that they are committing a minimum of \$10,000 to The Rotary Foundation in their estate plans. That places them at the entry level of the Society. There are seven levels of giving recognized by the Society. The requirements for the designation and the numbers of such donors in our district are:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Number</u>
Level 1	\$10,000	17
Level 2	\$25,000	7
Level 3	\$50,000	5
Level 4	\$100,000	13
Level 5	\$250,000	2
Level 6	\$500,000	3

In addition to the Bequest Society, Rotary offers membership in its Legacy Society. Two Rotarians in District 5170 are members of the Legacy Society, Level One. That means they have made a gift of \$1 million or more to the Endowment Fund.

You can be an important part of the Foundation's next century of doing good in the world by joining the many Rotarians and friends who made a commitment to improving and enriching lives around the globe by leaving a personal legacy with The Rotary Foundation.

There are lots of options as to how to proceed with planned giving. Although The Rotary Foundation will not give legal or estate planning advice, it would be happy to work with your advisors to provide them with the many options offered by the Foundation. I would be pleased to put your advisors in contact with the appropriate persons at The Rotary Foundation. Please send their names and addresses to me at the address below.

Phillip Dean
Gift and Estate Planning Chair
Rotary District 5170
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ROTARY TRIVIA

Trivia Question No. 1:

Rotary launched its magazine, *The National Rotarian*, in 1911. RI has changed the name of the magazine since then. Which one or more of the following are the actual magazine-names that RI adopted after 1911, and the corresponding year of the name-change:

- a) In 1912 to *The International Rotarian*;
- (b) In 1912 to *The Rotarian*;
- (c) In 1945 to *The Rotarian*;
- (d) In 1985 to *Rotary Today*; or
- (e) In 2020 to *Rotary*?

Trivia Question No. 2:

In how many languages is the RI magazine published:

- (a) 8;
- (b) 15;
- (c) 25;
- (d) 35; or
- (e) 45?

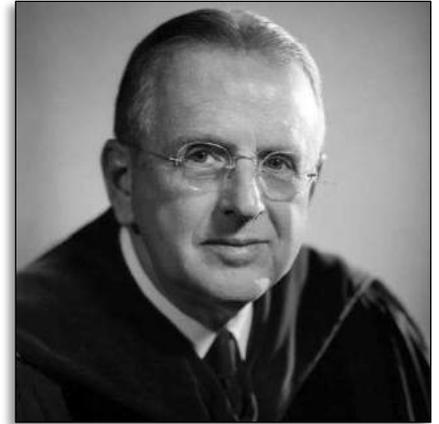
Trivia Question no. 3:

Where and when was the first RI international convention in the Southern hemisphere held:

- (a) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1948;
- (b) Lima, Peru in 1954;
- (c) Sydney, Australia in 1960;
- (d) Wellington, New Zealand in 1969; or
- (e) Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1974?

(Answers on last page of this newsletter)

Can you Identify
this famous
Rotarian?



(Answer on last page)



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(Solutions are on the next page.)

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Next, a puzzle that's a bit more difficult:

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The famous Rotarian pictured is Norman Vincent Peale, Rotary Club of Pawling, New York. Peale was an American minister and author, sometimes controversial, who is perhaps best remembered for his self-help book published in in 1952, *The Power of Positive Thinking*.

Answer to trivia question no. 1: (b) and (e) *The National Rotarian* became *The Rotarian* in 1912, and *The Rotarian* became *Rotary* in September 2020. (Had you noticed?)

Answer to trivia question no. 2: (c) *Rotary* is published in 25 languages.

Answer to trivia question no. 3: (a) RI held its first international convention in the Southern hemisphere in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1948.