#### DISTRICT 5170



## TRF NEWS TODAY

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CURRENT NEWS OF DISTRICT 5170 AND THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

#### FROM THE DISTRICT TRF CHAIR

By PDG ORRIN MAHONEY

appy 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 continues to affect our goals in a slightly negative way, many clubs are exceeding these goals. I am



therefore confident that we can match the Annual Fund number from the past few years. And though donations are still coming in, I do want to highlight those clubs, big and small, that now have exceeded their goals by over 200%. (See chart below.)

Although the total annual fund donation is critical, we also have an increased focus on EREY this year. It is still early, and yet we have two Clubs that have achieved 100% EREY status: Mission San Jose Rotary and the Rotary Club of San Jose Silicon Valley.

Name	Number of Members	Annual Fund Goal Amount	Goal % Achieved	AF Per Capita	AF YTD
Livermore, CA, United	105	\$31,500.00	254%	\$762.55	\$80,068.00
States Los Altos Sunset, CA,	7	\$1,600.00	281%	\$642.86	\$4,500.00
United States Newark, CA, United	41	\$1,250.00	226%	\$68.78	\$2,820.00
States San Jose Sillcon Valley,	16	\$20,000.00	209%	\$2,610.31	\$41,765.00
CA, United States					

And, I would like to add a reminder that we have two drawings for clubs to gain significant DDF credit. Below are the drawing details.

Finally, while our focus for the first half of the year is the Annual Fund, I do want to provide an update on Polio. I am happy to report that we ended the calendar year making significant progress in the battle to eliminate Polio from the world. While the graphic below shows December 15<sup>th</sup> data, we ended the year 2021 with the same results. We really are this close.

Once again, keep up the good work!

#### TRF 2021-22 Drawing

#### **Overall Annual Fund**

- 1 point for every \$100 contribution to the Annual Fund (and polio)
- Prize is \$5,000 in DDF. Worth \$9,000 if used in a Global Grant

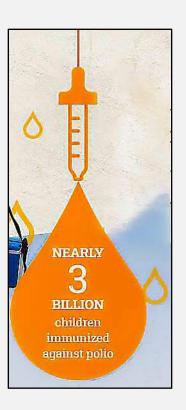
#### **EREY Drawing**

- · Each Club has an equal chance if they achieve EREY status.
- Prize is \$2500 in DDF. Worth \$4,500 if used in a Global Grant

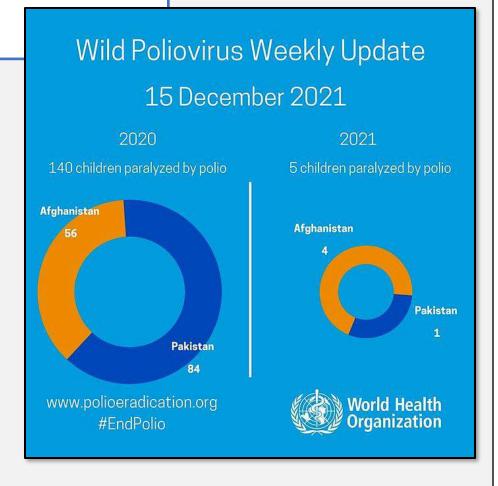
For Overall Annual fund, contributions as of Mar 1, 2022

Drawing at the March Leadership Meeting

For EREY, contributions as of July 1, 2022 Drawing at the July Leadership Meeting







## Around the Clubs

#### Think Global. Act Local.

By Peter Allen, Co-President, Rotary Club of Campbell

or as long as I can remember, our club has focused its time and treasure on local projects that impact the quality of life in our community and embody the spirit of Rotary. The dedication of our members and the consistency of our approach has helped us build strong relationships with key partners in service and leadership. Among these is our partnership with Uplift Family Services ("UFS," formerly known as Eastfield Ming Quong Families First).

UFS is one of the largest, most comprehensive behavioral health treatment providers in California. Each year, they help more than 35,000 children and family members manage and recover from challenges stemming from prior trauma — such as severe neglect and abuse — and learn the essential life skills they need to be successful at home, at school, and in their community. They have campuses up and down the state, including one in Campbell.

Prior to the pandemic, our Rotary Club held its weekly lunch meetings in the community room at the UFS Campbell campus, catered by an on-site chef. We were always granted free use of

Uplift 2020 Backpacks Team

the room, as well as an adjoining surplus closet space that essentially has become a long-term storage unit for club banners, event supplies, and membership collateral — among other things!

As part of our partnership with UFS, our club typically dedicates all or part of our annual DDF allocation to supporting projects that have a positive impact on UFS clients, particularly at-risk youth. In pre-pandemic times, the highlight was a summer backpack drive, when our club would assist with the purchase and assembly of more than 400 backpacks filled with back-to-school supplies for local students.

In the wake of COVID, priorities shifted and safety protocols created challenges for the usual backpack assembly line. With that in mind,

we approached UFS in the summer of 2021 to ask about alternative projects we might support with the DDF money we had intended for the backpack drive. As it turned out, they had a huge need to upgrade the games and activities in their Specialty Applied Behavior Analysis Program (SABA) for autistic youth.



**Assembling Backpacks** 

It didn't take a Herculean effort to convince our club's Board of Directors to redirect our DDF to the "wish list" we received from UFS, which included everything from puzzle sets to an obstacle course. While we haven't had an opportunity to visit the students in person and see the impact of our donation, we know and trust that UFS is putting Rotary resources to good use because of our long-standing relationship with the organization and their team.

Projects like this serve as a reminder that even in a region as affluent and progressive as ours, inequity still persists, and it's incumbent upon Rotarians to be part of the solution here at home.

Editor's note: We asked President Peter Allen to write this article for TRF News Today because we want to highlight for our readers the fact that donations to The Rotary Foundation that come back to our clubs as District Designated Funds (DDF) can be used by the donors' clubs to help finance local, as well as international projects. In this issue, we are happy to recognize the achievements of the Rotary Club of Campbell, which has effectively done so.

And please do let me know if your club has participated in any local or international projects that were funded, in whole or in part, by DDF so that we might report on your club's project in our "Around the Clubs" feature in this newsletter.

Ed Jellen, Editor, TRF News Today, EdJellen@Gmail.com





#### My Special Day With Cliff Dochterman — A Personal Reflection By PDG Ed Jellen, Editor, *TRF News Today*



any Rotarians around the world have spent a day, or more accurately, part of a day, with past Rotary International President (1992-93), Cliff Dochterman. They came to their Rotary meeting or event that day to be inspired by Cliff, and to enjoy his humor, knowing that he was to be the speaker. But some of Cliff's future admirers just showed up at their Rotary Club meeting because that's what they do each week, not knowing who the speaker would be. (And for sure, after that Rotary meeting, they would never pass up a chance to hear Cliff speak again.)

But my first introduction to Cliff was not, as you might guess, to experience him as a speaker, but rather, as a writer and Rotary historian. You see, when I joined the Rotary Club of Oakland in 1997, I was enthused and wanted to become active in the club as soon as possible. It wasn't before long, then, that I was asked to pass on my enthusiasm to my club's new members by chairing our new-member orientation meetings. I accepted. But soon after, I realized that I needed some interesting facts and stories about Rotary to help me do my first important Rotary job. As a consequence, I discovered that a past RI President named Cliff Dochterman (about whom I then knew nothing) had written a booklet named the *ABC's of Rotary* that contained a lot of interesting Rotary stories and history.

So I got a copy, read it cover to cover, and loved it. It made me even more proud about my Rotary membership. I then asked our club to order enough copies so that I could give one to every new member (which we did).

Later on, I was honored in 2008 to become my club's 100<sup>th</sup> President, and in 2014, the District Governor of our district. As such, I learned that when a past or current RI President or RI Director attends a major Rotary event, Rotary courtesy and protocol dictate that the Rotary dignitary be assigned an aide, a DG or PDG, to make sure that he or she gets to the event, knows where to be when, where to sit at the event, and is generally taken care of. So lo and behold, I was asked, as our DG in 2015, to serve as Cliff's aide for the Far West PETS in our district that was held in March 2015. I accepted, I admit nervously, because Cliff and I didn't know each other, and because Cliff, over the years, had made friends with so many of the PDG's in our district with whom he might be more comfortable.

I'm so glad that I accepted. It was a special privilege for me to get to know, and be with, Cliff for those several days at PETS. I knew of his many Rotary achievements,\* had been inspired by him at Rotary events when he shared his passion about Rotary, and had tremendously enjoyed his humorous stories and funny one-liners (laughing heartily when I heard them).

But what I hadn't known, apart from all of that, was that Cliff was a very kind and generous man who went out of his way to make sure that I, as his aide, wasn't uncomfortable or nervous, and that our time together would be enjoyable and fun. It certainly was. And as my reward, I had the pleasure of greeting Cliff at subsequent Rotary events for many years thereafter by saying "Hey, Cliff – how are you doing?" and to my delight (a small conceit on my part when others were around listening), hearing back from Cliff "Hey Ed, good to see you!"

I will miss him (as will we all).

\* To learn more about Cliff's achievements in support of The Rotary Foundation and the objectives of Rotary, please click <u>HERE</u>, or visit: <a href="https://my.rotary.org/en/past-rotary-international-president-clifford-l-dochterman-dies">https://my.rotary.org/en/past-rotary-international-president-clifford-l-dochterman-dies</a>

To read Past Rotary International President Rick King's tribute to Cliff, please click <u>HERE</u>, or visit <a href="https://rotarydistrict5170.org/stories/a-legend-cliff-dochterman/">https://rotarydistrict5170.org/stories/a-legend-cliff-dochterman/</a>



The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than \$4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

#### **NEW YEARS RESOLUTION**

By PDG Russ Hobbs, Rotary Club of Santa Cruz

'm willing to bet that most Rotarians who have watched presentations of other Rotarians traveling to far away places on humanitarian projects like: (1) Polio Immunization days; (2) installations of life saving hospital



equipment; or (3) water purification projects, have said—"someday" I would love to be part of a Rotary Humanitarian Project. But, right now I don't have time, or it's just not safe to travel, or it is too expensive to go that far from home.

Well, I have good news for you—District Governor Richard Flanders has put together a wheelchair distribution trip that: (1) won't take as much time; (2) is a safe place to travel; and (3) is much closer to home so that the cost is less. "Somedays" don't happen by accident, so make today the day you plan your "Someday."

January 1<sup>st</sup> is when we stop looking in the rear view mirror at what has happened, and look forward to what is yet to come, and make our New Years Resolutions. So, get out your 2022 calendar, and set time aside now for the last week in July 2022. That will be the time you plan on traveling to Mexico City, with a group of like minded Rotarians, participating in your first wheelchair distribution.

Upon arrival, you will be joined with Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Frank Devlyn International. Having been on wheelchair distributions to Mexico City, Chile, and China, I can tell you that it will be a life changing experience. I can still remember my first wheelchair distribution to Mexico City, watching the father of a little girl bring her up the line on a hand truck. She was sitting atop two milk cartons on this rusty old hand truck, because she had become to big to just carry around from place to place. When I put her in her very own wheel chair she began crying, her dad began crying, and I began crying.

There is nothing like the feeling you get when you help someone without mobility into a wheelchair of their own. Let this be the year that your pictures are part of your clubs presentation on how Rotarians like you, with the help of The Rotary Foundation "Serve to Change Lives." Think about how you will feel as your club members come up to you after the meeting wanting to know more about your experience, and asking about how they might join you on your next trip to help people around the world. When I first joined Rotary in 1983 I used to get annoyed when people would come up to me and say, "Rotary is just a bunch of over achieving do-gooders," but as I have gotten older and seen my share of "underachieving do-baders," I've changed my mind. So, let this year, be the year that you realize your someday and "Serve To Change Lives."



#### ROTARY VOICES THAT SUPPORT TRF — AUDREY AND MIKE KEARNS

By Liz Gallegos, Bequest Society Chair

Being a Rotary spouse for 30 years, Audrey Kerns eagerly supported Mike's efforts and participation in all things Rotary. Audrey noticed the evolution of the Club as it became more about service in the local and global community vs. a business network organization, and she got more interested in what Rotary was doing in the world. She said, "It was time to have a voice in Rotary; that is why I joined." "I felt



it was important to have an active voice as a Rotarian to help shape and actively be a part of the important work of Rotary; I was eager to make my commitment. " When Mike invited Audrey to join over 11 years ago, she was ready.



Together, Audrey and Mike have traveled on Rotary missions and attended International Conventions, expanding their network of friends while in the service of Rotary. And then things got really personal and ultimately strengthened their Rotary bond. Tragically, Audrey and Mike lost their son-in-law to a brain aneurysm. The Rotary Club of Niles Fremont, their Club, raised \$45,000 in funds and educational awareness for this cause. The outpouring of support and fellowship of Rotarians was overwhelming and unforgettable to Audrey, Mike, and their family.

What surprised Audrey and Mike during COVID and the ensuing adjustments their club members had to make was that this time presented previously unknown talents. Due to the necessity of changing formats for meetings between virtual and hybrid, the Rotarian talent that emerged to assist with this change has been spectacular. As Club President, Audrey is especially appreciative of the flexibility and adaptability of her club members. Audrey appreciated that District leadership voiced encouragement to adapt and change during this time and led the way. This leadership helped their club to adapt and change. "It is nice to have leadership that can help clubs transition during a dark period which provides hope at the club level," said Audrey.

Mike and Audrey included The Rotary Foundation (TRF) as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Making this gift was a natural extension of their deepening commitment to Rotary, and it was easy to make this change on the beneficiary designation form. "It is essential to get the word out how important it is to make donations to TRF through a beneficiary designation which will provide the necessary resources for Rotary to keep doing positive work in the world after our lifetimes, " said Mike.

We thank Audrey and Mike Kearns for advancing Rotary's International Service through their work with Rotary today, and after their lifetimes, with a bequest to The Rotary Foundation.

Each of us can do good in the world today and beyond our life with a bequest to The Rotary Foundation. To learn how to include The Rotary Foundation in your estate plans or about the many ways to make a gift, reply to me or phone me at 408 391-7800. If you have committed to The Rotary Foundation with a future legacy gift, let us know so that we can thank you today!

To learn more, visit: rotary.org/legacy

Liz Gallegos, D5170 Bequest Society Chair

#### RI Trustee Chair's Message

John F. Germ
Trustee Chair 2021-22



#### January 2022

We all came into Rotary because we wanted to join with others in service and make a difference. Similarly, when Rotary teams up with like-minded organizations to work toward our shared goals, there is nothing that we can't accomplish. Partnerships amplify our impact.

Leading through partnerships is nothing new for Rotary: We helped spearhead the formation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Later, when the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation joined the cause, we gained a long-term fundraising and technical partner in the fight against polio. Through our partnership and the 2-to-1 fundraising match agreement with the Gates Foundation, Rotary generates \$150 million annually to end polio. We are proud that they are a part of the effort to end this disease.

Many people may not know that our work with the Gates Foundation and our other partners doesn't end with polio but includes other disease-prevention efforts. The Rotary Foundation has joined with the Gates Foundation and World Vision U.S. to co-fund a Rotary member-led program to help eliminate malaria in Zambia. Based on past partnership and future collaboration around this effort, each co-funder is contributing \$2 million for the Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia program, the first recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Programs of Scale grant.

This level of impact can also be seen in collaborations across our other areas of focus. Rotary partners with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on major initiatives at a national scale. The Rotary-USAID WASH partnership has helped communities and governments in countries such as Uganda and Ghana provide safe water, sanitation, and hygiene, impacting hundreds of thousands of lives. We are also teaming up with USAID to help fight COVID-19 and its long-term financial and social impact in Italy. Meanwhile, the Hearts of Europe program, which is funded jointly by USAID and Rotary, assists communities in Eastern Europe through global grants.

Proving our value as a trusted partner often spurs multiple mutual projects. Through the Power of Nutrition initiative, we are partnering with our polio eradication partner UNICEF and the Eleanor Crook Foundation to tackle undernutrition during early childhood.

The Rotary Foundation is far too great to keep to ourselves. Let's make sure to let the Foundation's light shine bright. In doing so, we will find new partners, gain new supporters, and increase the good we're all doing in the world.

#### The Major Donor's Journey Continues

By Pat McMenamin, District 5170 Major Donor Chair

Rotarians believe that we have a shared responsibility to address our world's most persistent issues. The Rotary Foundation's seven areas of focus help set Rotary's global priorities, so that we can harness our collective strength to improve the health and livelihood of communities near and far worldwide.



#### Major Donors are often inspired to specially champion one or more of Rotary's several areas of focus:

Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene Supporting education
Fighting disease
Saving mothers and children
Growing local economies
Promoting peace
Protecting the environment

Rotarians design achievable, sustainable projects and share the plans with knowledgeable partners, community leaders, and experts to draw on their experience. We craft projects within organizational guidelines to ensure that we're improving lives in the most lasting, effective and meaningful ways.

Whether you are about to make your first donation as a Rotarian or you are already a Major Donor of The Rotary Foundation, please take a few moments to reflect upon your 2021-2022 giving goals to The Rotary Foundation of RI.

The people who make Rotary so effective, through their generosity and passion for positive change, come from all over the world and all walks of life. Even so, they share a powerful common trait: they're compelled by a desire to share their good fortune with others, simply because they can make a positive impact for someone whose life has not been easy.

"In Rotary, we indeed measure our value not by what we have, but by what we have given, by the good we have done in the world, and by our capacity to do even more."

R. Ravindran 2015-16 President, Rotary International, and Ray Klinginsmith 2015-16 Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation

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#### Monthly Contribution Report

(As of January 7, 2022)

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**Please note** that these statistics are based on what RI has posted as of the date above, which may not reflect all donations actually made.

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EREY – Every Rotarian Every Year – Number of club members who made a donation this Rotary year %EREY - Percent of club members who contributed in the current year (EREY/Number of members) AF – Annual Fund (Goal or Year to Date)

Other Funds YTD – Other funds donated (apart from AF) such as PolioPlus

Endowment Fund – Total funds donated to the Endowment Fund up to the current date. (Cash donations, but not legacy giving.) Please note that the Endowment Fund statistics noted above do not include some generous donations that were made by one or more anonymous donors that have requested that their donations not be included in any club statistics.

## Rotary Trivia

Trivia Question No. 1:

How many chartered Rotary Clubs are located on the continent of Antarctica:

- a) None;
- (b) One;
- (c) Two;
- (d) Three; or
- (e) Five?

Trivia Question No. 2:

Where does the northernmost Rotary Club on the continent of North America meet:

- (a) Nome, Alaska;
- (b) Barrow (Utqiagvik), Alaska;
- (c) Baffin Island, Canada;
- (d) Ulukhaktok, Victoria Island; or
- (e) Kaffeklubben Island, Greenland (politically, Denmark, but considered part of North America)?

Trivia Question no. 3:

Where does the lowest-elevation Rotary Club in the world meet:

- (a) El Centro, California, USA;
- (b) Copenhagen, Denmark;
- (c) Death Valley, California, USA;
- (d) New Orleans, Louisiana, USA; or
- (e) Amsterdam, Netherlands?

(Answers on last page)



Can you identify this famous Rotarian?

(Answer on last page)



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# OF THREE LETTERS OR MORE CAN YOU MAKE FROM THE WORD:

## ROTARY ?

RULES: YOU MAY USE EACH LETTER IN THE WORD "ROTARY" ONLY ONCE IN ANY SINGLE WORD, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LETTER "R," WHICH YOU CAN USE TWICE IN ANY WORD BECAUSE THERE ARE TWO R'S IN "ROTARY." NO FAIR USING A DICTIONARY OR THE INTERNET TO FIND WORDS! (4-WAY TEST APPLIES.) AND PROPER NOUNS LIKE "TORY" OR "TAO" DO NOT COUNT TOWARD YOUR SCORE.

SCORING – 5 LETTER WORDS: 5 POINTS; 4 LETTER WORDS: 3 POINTS; THREE LETTER WORDS: 2 POINTS. 35 POINTS OR MORE IS AN EXCELLENT SCORE. 25 POINTS OR MORE IS A VERY GOOD SCORE.

SOME COMMON WORDS THAT YOU CAN USE ARE LISTED ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER. (BUT, OF COURSE, NO PEEKING IS ALLOWED UNTIL YOU SCORE YOURSELF.)

IF YOU WISH TO COMPETE FOR BRAGGING RIGHTS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW YOUR NAME, SCORE, AND ROTARY CLUB.

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## COSWEES .

Some common words (there are others that are very uncommon) that can be made from the letters in the word "ROTARY," using each letter (except "R") only once in each word, are: tarry, roar, troy, tray, taro, arty, tyro, tar, try, toy, art, oar, oat, rot, ray, ort, and rat. If someone found all of these words, his or her score would be 45 points.

The famous Rotarian pictured is Gordon R. McInally, Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Lothian, Scotland. He will serve as the President of Rotary International for the 2023-24 Rotary Year.

Answer to trivia question no. 1: (c) There are two chartered Rotary Clubs located on the continent of Antarctica: The Rotary Club of Marambio Base and the Rotary Club of Antarctica Esperanza. Both are Spanish speaking clubs.

Answer to trivia question no. 2: (b) The northernmost Rotary Club on the continent of North America is in Barrow, Alaska, where the Rotary Club of Barrow-Nuvuk meets.

Answer to trivia question no. 3: (a) The Rotary Club with the lowest elevation in the world is the Rotary Club of El Centro, California (Elev.: 40 feet below sea level.)

