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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN?



October 7, 2016

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Rotary is the #1 service organization in the world. We are the cornerstone of service in our communities. WE GET THINGS DONE. Rotary clubs all over the world work to enhance economic and community development in their communities across the globe. Every community has different needs and different opportunities to serve.

Here in south central Texas, our Rotary District has the opportunity to support a cornerstone of performing arts and culture – the San Antonio Symphony – in its mission to enrich individual lives and connect our communities in common values and meaningful experiences through the power of music.

Rotarian Ted Resnick, of the Dominion Rotary Club, is marshalling a team of people to raise funds for District 5840 to be the Nutcracker Orchestra Sponsor, a three-year commitment contributing to the cultural and economic vitality of this region, and stimulating economic activity in our business communities. Please contact Ted before November 1st at (210) 493-4301 (office) or www.Rjewelry.com to get more information about this incredible opportunity to serve.

Pints for Polio events are coming up next week and through World Polio Day, October 24th! When you see the flyers pop up on social media, please share them – let's give everyone a chance to be part of this victory! We'll see you there!

Save the date!

#1DistrictAllHeart Workshop

November 12, 2016, 9am-3pm, Northern Hills Methodist Church, \$15. Are you frustrated because you want your club to BE more, DO more and GROW more? Then BE THERE! Get the latest on how to maximize Rotary's Public Image, Membership and The Rotary Foundation strategies from dynamic Rotary leaders like PDG Jerry Hardy, Joe Ramirez, Patrick Harrison, Amber Scarborough, Sherri Muniz and Terry Mendenhall! Register to attend at:

<http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>

Yours in Rotary,

DG Judy

Reducing poverty through economic and community development

by Azka Asif, Rotary Service and Engagement Staff
Courtesy of Rotary Service Connections

Globally, 836 million people still live in extreme poverty today. About one in five persons in developing regions lives on less than \$1.25 USD per day. Global unemployment has increased from 170 million in 2007 to nearly 202 million in 2012, of which about 75 million are young women and men.*

How can we change that?

October is Rotary Economic and Community Development Month. By supporting projects that focus on generating income and creating productive employment



opportunities, we can reduce poverty. Providing income security and empowering women, people with disabilities, youth, and the extremely poor is essential to economic and community development.

Rotarians worldwide are committed to reducing poverty through projects that provide people with equipment, vocational trainings, and work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities. Below are a few examples of Rotarians taking action.

Growing local economies

The Constantia Rotary Club helped set up a community garden and farm training center for young residents in Khayelitsha, the largest township in Cape Town, South Africa. The club is working with Abalimi Bezekhaya, a local organization that helps create income-producing gardening opportunities, and partnered with Rotary clubs in the United Kingdom, the United States, and Germany.

The garden yields many vegetables and herbs that supply Abalimi's Harvest of Hope venture, which sells boxes of produce to middle-class Capetonians for a monthly fee. As the garden grew, a training facility was built for young, unemployed people, who could benefit from the knowledge of the older farmers. The training offers both practical instruction and theory, covering topics such as soil preparation, seedling production, cross-pollination, organic growing, and climate change. You can read more about this story in the October 2016 issue of *The Rotarian*.

Providing vocational trainings

The Rotary Club of Panaji in India conducted a vocational training program focused on training 12 women in stitching and tailoring. The workshop was conducted over a period of ten days for four hours a day to help women gain skills to be able to earn their own living and be financially independent. After the trainings, the women were each given sewing machines that they could use to start their own tailoring business.

Strengthening local entrepreneurs

Based on a community needs assessment, the Rotary Club of Ikeja in Nigeria concluded that traders or other local entrepreneurs interested in growing their business did not have access to funding through local financial institutions. The club provided an interest free micro-credit loan to 20 beneficiaries to be used to enhance their businesses. After three months, those beneficiaries passed along the money to another set of 20 people. Over time, the revolving fund has assisted carpenters, tailors, barbers, hair dressers, various food sellers.

District 5840 Pints for Polio Events in October

Join your fellow Rotarians and help
End Polio Now
by attending one of these events



Come Raise a glass and help support the
ERADICATION of Polio!

Join the Rotary Club of Kerrville on

Saturday October 22nd from

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

at Pint & Plow Brewery

Wrist Bands are only \$25.00 per person

Lots of silent auction items as well...

Pints for Polio raises money that is used for immunization around the world. Currently, all money raised is matched 2 to 1 by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

PINTS FOR POLIO

Rotary 2016-2017

100 YEARS
Rotary Foundation

30 YEARS
Polio Plus
Women in Rotary
San Antonio North Central Rotary

6 YEARS
Pints for Polio

Purchase tickets at
<https://pintsforpolio2016.eventbrite.com>



Monday, October 24th
6:00PM – 9:00PM
Alamo Beer

\$20 donation will get you a T-shirt,
first beer, and Pint glass with the
“End Polio Now” logo

\$10 donation to be a Designated Driver
will get you a pint glass and T-shirt

Event T-shirts and “End Polio Now” pint glasses
will also be available for purchase

50% of proceeds will directly
support the Rotary Foundation
Polio Plus. 50% of proceeds will
support International Relief*

\$500, \$250, & \$100 Sponsorships Available:
Contact Monica Gutierrez
lovemydog@satx.rr.com or 210-288-6412

*International Relief: Toilets for India, ShelterBox, etc.

PINTS FOR POLIO

HELP US ERADICATE POLIO
ONE PINT OF BEER AT A TIME!

DOC BROWN'S
6511 W. LOOP 1604 N.

OCT. 24TH
6:00PM-10:00PM

\$20 TICKET INCLUDES:
GLASS, FREE PINT OF BEER & ENTRY
TO WIN UP TO \$250 IN PRIZES
WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

FOR TICKET INFO:
PINTSFORPOLIO.ROTARY.EVENTBRITE.COM

HOSTED BY: SAN ANTONIO WEST & ALAMO RANCH ROTARY CLUBS
PRESS AND MORE INFO CONTACT: XAVIERTOSON | XAVIER@OUTLOOK.COM



We're excited to announce our Pints for Polio fundraiser on October 24, 2016 at Doc Browns! The San Antonio West and Alamo Ranch Rotary Clubs have teamed up to host this significant event. Join us in the effort to eradicate polio one pint of beer at a time. Your \$20 ticket includes entry, a free pint glass with beer, and a chance to win up to \$2,000 in donated prizes from local vendors!!

Pints for Polio



Wednesday, October 19
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

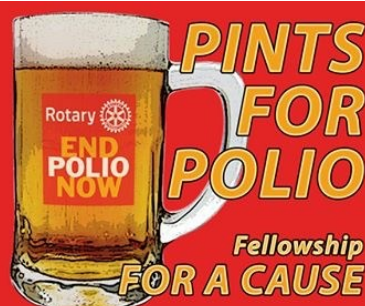
9595 Ranch Road 12, Ste. 10
Wimberley, TX

\$20 tickets - gets you
a commemorative pint glass and
your first pint of beer,
plus appetizers
Designated Driver: - \$10, free soda or
ice tea

Sponsorships and tickets available
Contact:
canyonlakerotary@gvtc.com
830.832.7383



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5-7 PM, Tuesday, October 25, 2016



The Rotary Clubs of
** Fredericksburg **
** Fredericksburg Morning **
** Fredericksburg-Nimitz **



MEMBERS MATTER



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Rotary Club Central

Many club presidents of recent years have heard of and are using Rotary Club Central on the rotary.org site, under My Rotary on the home page. For Rotarians who don't know about it, Rotary Club Central is a very useful tool for telling Rotary, and various people responsible for Rotary, what your club is doing and tracking performance against goals. The use of the tool and standardization of how it is used by clubs and their officers is very important. I have been working on a couple of projects since August that would be a lot easier for all of us, if all clubs would use Rotary Club Central (RCC), and in a common consistent way. Also, recapping what your club did during the year in competition for a Presidential Citation or Best in the District club contest becomes easier, if you use it in the future.

RCC provides information and tracking for Club information, Club Service, and Club Foundation giving. Information is consolidated at the District level. Some information is provided by the clubs, some by Rotary. Club information provides club member totals, trends, goals and progress, demographic analysis of membership, engagement in club activities by members, and club communication, internally with members and externally with the community. The Service section allows for tracking of volunteer numbers of people, hours, along with cash and in-kind donations, Presidential Citation goals, a list of service projects for the year, as well as totals for the previous year, this year's goal, and results for this year, youth activities, including Interact and Rotaract, RYLA, and Exchange Students sponsored by the club. Foundation Giving tracking since the 2013-14 Rotary year, with a goal for 2016-17 and YTD progress.

Recently, I asked for all clubs to provide their membership goal for the year. Sixteen clubs of 58 in the District had entered goals on RCC, which I was able to use. Ten more clubs responded by email. I still do not have information from 42 other clubs. If they had entered goals for membership growth during the year, it would not be necessary. Rotary is concerned with growth trends and asks the District Governor to provide this information.

Jan King, DG Judy and I have also been trying to determine the level of service that clubs provide to their communities and its people across the District. I am looking for 2015-16 results. If more clubs provided more information through RCC, it would be much easier for us all. Once we know the level of service that all clubs provide to their communities and people District wide, we can all use that information to recruit more prospects for members in Rotary. I believe that the level of donations to charities, 501c3's for future donations, volunteer time and value, scholarships, projects, and contributions to the Rotary Foundation will add up to a significant public statement of value on a District-wide basis. For instance, we know through a public source on nonprofit organizations, that 26 clubs in the District have 501c3 charitable organizations under their club umbrella that holds over \$3.1 million in invested balances for future funding of charities, in addition to whatever they provided to charity, scholarships and the Rotary Foundation in 2015-16. So these are big numbers on a consolidated basis that will help us all present what Rotary does for communities in our South Central Texas District with an all-volunteer force.

I am asking for 5 Quick Survey questions to be answered by all clubs for 2015-16. So far, I have complete information on 13 of 58 clubs. Presidents, please provide this information as soon as possible, so that we can provide a statement from the District Governor for the media and all clubs to use in recruiting good prospects for Rotary Membership. Here are the five pieces of information we need:

1. Cash and in-kind donations, including scholarships, charities, and The Rotary Foundation.
2. Number of scholarships given and to how many students.
3. 501 c3 organization (yes or no) and asset balance.
4. Number of service projects and total volunteer hours (include fundraisers, regular programs, and one time).
5. List of top 3 charities supported by the club in \$ and value of volunteer time (@\$25/per hour). Just a list, no calculations or \$ numbers needed. Include the Rotary Foundation and Scholarships, if they rank in the top 3.

As you use RCC going forward, please enter enough data to answer these questions in the appropriate areas. We will ask for this information again next year. The process will be much easier if you have entered all the information for 2016-17 in RCC. Thank you for your interest and support of Rotary, District 5840, and your communities.

Rotary Leadership Institute

Would you like to learn more about Rotary in a fun filled environment? Would you like to have ideas that you can take back to your clubs and implement? Then, you will not want to miss the next Rotary Leadership Institute Training to be held November 5th at Fredericksburg Hill County University Center, 2818 Highway 290 East, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a development program using facilitation in small groups to engage Rotarians and strengthen clubs through quality leadership education. RLI's Part 1 is a great start for new Rotarians, as well as a good summary for experienced ones. It is suggested all members who are "new" to Rotary attend at least Part 1. Parts 2 and 3 build on the foundation – completing all three parts is a great idea for incoming club presidents and board members. It builds action and sustainability in your local club! You can register at:

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=e3e25021-eaac-4d7a-bb71-6f9965eb4737>





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OCTOBER 31

4:30 - 8:30 PM

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Food donations and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the San Antonio Food Bank.



Wear your delightful-not-frightful Halloween costume for a safe night of trick-or-treating! Bring in three non-perishable food items per person to receive a free admission ticket or purchase admission tickets for \$5 (per person) in advance or day of the event.

In addition to trick-or-treating, enjoy your favorite Morgan's Wonderland rides and attractions!

Food drop-off (October 1st - 30th)
Mon.- Sat. 9am-5pm or Sunday 11am-4pm

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Alamo Heights Rotary at the San Antonio Food Bank
submitted by Lisa Herring

Wow...what an exhaustingly Fabulous Day!!! A group of us from the Alamo Heights Rotary Club did a Service project in the San Antonio Food Banks large garden (23 acres) for families in need of food in our community!!!

We weeded, hoed and planted corn, squash and beans...whew 😊 I especially loved that this was my first Service project with my Awesome new Rotary Club and with my boy as a Rotarian!!!

