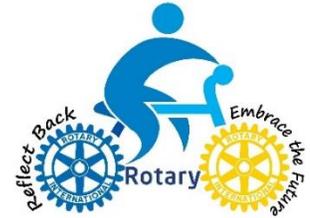




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Meet R.I.'s New President



Ian H.S. Riseley is a chartered accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and Co., a firm he established in 1976. Prior to starting his own firm, he worked in the audit and management consulting divisions of large accounting firms and corporations.

President Riseley has been a member of the boards of both a private and a public school, a member of the Community Advisory Group for the City of Sandringham and president of Beaumaris Sea Scouts Group. He has been president of Langi-Taan Ski Club as well as honorary auditor or adviser for a number of charitable organizations.

President Riseley's honors include the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in recognition of his work in East Timor, the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the Australian community and the Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from The Rotary Foundation.

A Rotarian since 1978, President Riseley has served as treasurer, director, Foundation trustee and member and chair of numerous R.I. and Foundation committees.

Ian and his wife, Juliet, a past district governor, are Major Donors and Bequest Society members of The Rotary Foundation. They live on seven hectares at Moorooduc, where they practice their personal philosophy of sustainable and organic living. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Happy New Year! Rotary year, that is. The 2017-2018 term has just begun, and we're off to a great start with 1840 members, 41 Club Presidents, 8 Assistant Governors, many new and returning District 5180 staff, and 1 eager District Governor.

More than ever in the 112-year history of Rotary, Clubs have the greatest flexibility to be creative and operate when and how they want. They can continue to meet once a week at their regular meeting time and place. They can conduct as few as two meetings a month and have one be a meal and the other be a work project or social event. Or, they even can gather multiple times per week! Why all the change you may ask? The reason is quite simple -- to **improve** the membership experience for existing and prospective members. The Council on Legislation, comprised of leaders from each Rotary District in the world, met in 2016 to address the ideas, wants, needs, concerns and expectations of their members. Club-based decision-making, with a focus on what is good for that club's members and future, was the prevailing theme of the Council. Flexibility was the result.

Is this flexibility and change going to mark the end of Rotary? No. Our founder, Paul Harris, told Rotarians years ago: "There probably is no part or parcel of Rotary which can't stand improvement. . . . This is a changing world. We must be prepared to change with it."

I agree with Paul. It is the right and duty of all Rotarians to improve their clubs in any way they can and to challenge their Club and District leaders to do the same. I am happy to report that your 2017-2018 Club Presidents, District staff and I are meeting the challenge. We are reflecting back, safeguarding the principles and traditions that we hold so dear, and looking forward and embracing what the future holds for us. We are happy that you are with us as we ride on

Tour de 5180

Around the District

- July 16-30 **State Fair Wine Pouring**
Brian Moore - winemoor@unlimited.net
- July 22 **#1 Plus Membership Seminar** – 8 a.m.
(See [Flyer](#) for Details)
- July 30 **Rotary Night at the River Cats** – 5 p.m.
[Flyer](#)
- Aug. 12 **Interact Club Training IPOTS** – 9:30 am
[Flyer](#)
- Aug. 19 **Foundation Seminar** – 8 a.m. - noon
[Flyer](#)
- Aug. 27 **Family Picnic/Discovery Park** – 11 a.m.
(See [Flyer](#) for Details)
- Oct. 28 **Foundation Dinner**

A Good Rotary Story



Adrian Petersen

When Rotarian **Adrian Petersen** from the Rotary Club of Sacramento Breakfast went to District 5180 PETS this year as a Sergeant at Arms, he was surprised to receive a Paul Harris fellow.

When he spoke to the conference about what being a Rotarian meant to him, he could not have known that those few words would lead to an amazing act of generosity. **Meredith Maccini** was in the audience, and afterward she spoke with Adrian about some curriculum she no longer needed, as she had recently retired from teaching. And by “some” she meant an entire SUV’s worth of new, current K-6 curriculum. She needed ideas for places she could donate these lessons, and Adrian turned out to be the right person to ask. Because Adrian was willing to help a fellow Rotarian, the Mustard Seed School, which provides education for homeless children in Downtown Sacramento, has \$7,000 worth of new educational materials to use as they serve some of the most vulnerable Sacramento.Way to go, **Adrian** and **Meredith**! Shining examples of how Rotary’s Making a Difference!

By Cindi Unmack

Send Us Your Photos with The Rotarian Magazine

Have you been somewhere special sharing *The Rotarian Magazine* with others? Have you taken *The Rotarian Magazine* on a trip? Have you taken a selfie with *The Rotarian Magazine*? If so, send us your photos.



Rotarian Angela Spease (RYLA Executive Director) sharing *The Rotarian* magazine with RYLA counselors



District Governor Sandi Sava on a biking trip near the Bay Bridge sharing *The Rotarian* magazine

Who's Who in the District



Get to Know the District 5180 Webmaster and Facebook Editor **Art Deardorf**. **Art** is a member of the Rotary Club of Lincoln. You may think that the Rotary District 5180 Webmaster never gets out from behind his computer. Well,

nothing could be further from the truth. And, he wants to come to your club! But, first a little bit about **Art**.

An Oregon native, **Art** had a successful 40-year career in the nuclear power industry on the West Coast. **Art** joined Rotary ten years ago while residing in Groveland. Soon thereafter he married his wife, **Diane** and joined the Rotary Club of Lincoln. He's held many positions with his club, most involving public relations and communications, and was Club President during the 2014-2015 Rotary year. He says that year is what got him really excited about Rotary. He quickly branched out to District responsibilities in public relations, and then took over the reins as District Webmaster in 2015.

Now, he wants to share his knowledge with your club. He would like all clubs to know that 1) he would like to speak to your club about ClubRunner, websites and social media; 2) he is always available to answer questions related to websites; 3) his goal is to make our District websites and Facebook the best that they can be; and 4) smile and wave when you post photos on the Web and social media! You can reach **Art** at [\(916\) 408-8700](tel:9164088700), [\(916\) 223-1333](tel:9162231333), or artdeardorf@gmail.com.

Swing for the Fences with "End Polio Now"



Hey, if you missed the **End Polio Now** game at the River Cats in May and you're serious about ending Polio, you have another chance on **Sunday, July 30 at 5 p.m.**

Join **Bob "Motorcycle" Mutchler, Tom Cicchini** and others in slamming one out of the park to *End Polio Now*.

The game will be against the New Orleans Baby Cakes, so you know it will be fun. Whether you buy box seats or cheap ones, every ticket purchased includes a contribution to *End Polio Now* from the River Cats. And, if you can't make the game, purchase a "donation" ticket, which helps deserving kids attend a game.

If you are really looking to have some fun, join the **Clarksburg Rotary Club for a pre-game tailgate!** Call **President Katherine Turner @ 916 832-8965 for details.**