Governor’s Spin

By DG Sandi Sava

Is it really June? Is this Rotary year really over? “Yes!” says Mo McBride (Chief of Staff), Barry Kalar (my Partner in Fun) and, most of all, our 41 Club Presidents.

At the beginning of this year, I wanted us to draw on the best of our Rotary traditions, learn from our past and honor our Rotary pioneers -- the back wheel. I also wanted us to look forward, try innovative ideas, and prepare for a wonderful future -- the front wheel. But, I also wanted us to enjoy the present and focus on what we need to do here and now -- the center figure. The bicycle helped me visualize these goals.

Now that it’s the end of the year, I say to the Presidents: Thank you for being the cyclist leaders that kept the bike upright and the front and back wheels
District 5180 Key Dates

July 14-29  District 5180 Wine Pouring at State Fair

July 17   Kick-off for District 5180’s Public Awareness Campaign for Human Trafficking Project
10:30 a.m.—West Steps of the Capitol

Details and registration on the District 5180 website.

News From the Clubs

Stand Up Placer—Year End Project

By RP Snyder, District Community Service Director

Call to action…that’s what we do as Rotarians. Four months ago I was contacted by Jill, a member of the Auburn Chamber Leadership Class of 2018. Jill was in search of support from service organizations to assist them with their group project. Their goal is to refurbish, clean and paint 13 rooms at Stand Up Placer’s safe house, with the cost of $500 per room.

Stand Up Placer is an organization that has been around for several years saving lives by empowering survivors and educating communities to stand up to domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. Enter Rotary and another local nonprofit. Stand Up Placer’s facility is located in Placer County where they serve those in need of help and support in Placer and surrounding counties.

After sending out a few “call to action” emails to the Rotary Clubs in the South Placer area, our District Governor and two Assistant Governors, we had five rooms funded. The Rotary Clubs of Roseville, Loomis Sunset, South Placer, Granite Bay and a local nonprofit known as Mission Sistahs, Inc stepped up and donated $500 each. Their generous contributions provided the funding to spruce up the special rooms that allow survivors a safe place to live and get their lives back.

Over three weekends (Saturday mornings) two members from the Rotary Club of Loomis Sunset, one member from the Passport Club and four volunteers from Mission Sistahs worked on the rooms to help complete the project. Our Rotary District 5180 donated $200 to the project to purchase chalk boards for each room.

A major shout out and huge thanks goes to Carrie Pronesti, Dustin Ogden and his two boys, from the Rotary Club of Loomis Sunset; Steve Sanders, Alexandra Pazdel, Sonya Aitchison and Roxanne Snyder from Mission Sistahs, Inc for their hands on work in the rooms that totaled 36.5 of volunteer hours. A special thank you to DG Sandi for allowing our District 5180 to participate as well.

There is nothing more powerful or gratifying than helping others and giving of your time to make a difference for someone else. Our District’s ability to respond to this worthy project quickly towards the end
Trees in District 5180

This year RI President Ian Risely made it a top priority for Rotarians to plant trees. How did District 5180 do? District Tree Planting Chair Ken Wilson just tallied them up and it was a whopping 1,922. Wow! That means we met the goal: one tree for every Rotarian in District 5180 with 75 to spare. Congratulations Rotarians!!!!

5180 Feted in Toronto

Guess what Rotary District ranked in the top 20 for Polio Plus average giving in 2017-2018? District 5180 was honored at number 14 with $111.99 per Rotarian at the recent Rotary international Convention in Toronto, Canada!!

District 5180 in Hamburg

With everyone floating back in from the RI Convention in Toronto, it is already time to start thinking about the 2019 RI Convention in Hamburg, Germany, June 1–5, 2019.

End Polio Now

On June 5, District 5180 Rotarians showed up at Raley Field to support End Polio Now night at the RiverCats! A BIG thanks to all who attended this important fundraiser.

District News

Rotarians United to Stop Human Trafficking - Press Conference on July 17

Save the Date! Bob Deering, the District’s Human Trafficking Project chair invites Rotarians to attend a special event on July 17 to combat human trafficking. On that day, the District’s Human Trafficking Committee will launch the public awareness campaign “The Ugly Truth” on the west steps of the State Capitol. The press conference begins at 10:30 a.m.

Assistant Governor Brian Gladden will kick off the press conference discussing Rotary’s involvement through spearheading and funding this project. Other speakers tentatively include the District Attorney, Sac Police Chief Dan Hahn, Assemblyman Rob Bonta (author of AB 1227), Ashlie Bryant (3Strands Global), as well as a survivor of human trafficking. We are also inviting our allies and partners in this fight to attend – community organizations, law enforcement, government agencies and others working against human trafficking in our area.

Please plan to attend and show the community how Rotary leads the way to make a difference in our area!
Governor’s Spin (con’t)

moving together. You were, and always will be, the best class of Presidents! I am so proud to have met and served with you.

To the Assistant Governors, I say: Thank you for helping the Clubs keep the wheels on straight, the tires inflated and the bikes in working order. You gave the Presidents, members and me the best support.

I say to all of the District Staff: Thank you for developing routes and helping guide our members to success. We couldn’t have done all the great programs and events or achieved all the tremendous giving without you.

To our Chief of Staff, I say: Thank you, Mo, for your thousands of hours of work, dedication and caring. You were the best “Chief,” counselor, friend, sister, mother and Rotarian. You were there for the Presidents, Clubs and me every pedal stroke of the way!

To my Partner in Fun, I say: Thank you, Barry, for EVERYTHING and most of all your patience. I know it wasn’t easy all the time, but it sure was fun “cycling” with you this year.

I say to my successor DGE Jack Arney: Thank you for your ideas, collaboration and support. You made me laugh when I was too serious, encouraged me to relax when the bicycle didn’t go where it was supposed to, and challenged me to push my thinking. You are and will continue to be the INSPIRATION!

And, last but not least, to All of the Rotarians in District 5180: Thank you, thank you, thank you for your “pedal power” hard work in making our community a better place. I truly had THE TIME OF MY LIFE this year as your Governor, and I owe it all to you!

Stand Up Placer (con’t)

of the 2017-2018 term is a real testament to the power of Rotary, Rotarians and “Service Above Self”. Well done everyone that participated and answered “The Call to Action”!

Club Presidents (con’t)

“My favorite project is the Delta Education Vineyards in Clarksburg. This was a collaboration effort of four clubs, Clarksburg, Walnut Grove, West Sacramento - Centennial and Rancho Cordova Sunrise and District Grant money.”

Tom Engle, Clarksburg

“My Best Presidential Moment was realizing that I achieved my goal of making the year FUN! Moving our meetings to the North Sacramento area, having 2 meetings a month (one day, one evening) all contributed to the ‘flexibility’ that each member of our club embraced! It was a fun year of fellowship, service AND increased membership!”

Molly Evangelisti, North Sacramento

“My favorite moment from this year was the time I spent with my club at the district conference. Because we hosted, almost everyone came and it was great to hang out with everyone offline. If one were super corny, one might even say we had the time of our lives!”

Cass Ferrannini, Sacramento Breakfast

“The resurrected Northgate-Gardenland parade was an unequivocal success, and my Clubmates and I are proud and honored to have been part of it. That parade and its success were talked about in all kinds of settings and circles of friends for a solid 3 weeks afterward.”

David Von Aspern, Natomas

“I believe every incoming president, after attending PETS, begins their year with enthusiasm and excitement of where they may lead their club. Then reality sets in. But what really keeps the president going and moving forward, especially through the tough times? Our members. Members who embrace the Rotary Four Way Test and bring all things happening in our clubs to that test. With the support of our members and the dedication to our “Rotary Family,” our small, but mighty club has endured.”

Carrie Pronesti, Loomis Sunrise