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Rotary Club of Livermore

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President Marc Robert's Comments

Fellow Rotarians – Welcome to the Summer Newsletter! The Rotary year has flown by and we accomplished an amazing amount. I want to take just a few sentences to remind all of you just how much we accomplished this year.

At the beginning of the Rotary year, many of you asked for smaller projects – a mix of hands on and helping others through donations and you all knocked it out of the park. For the Little League World Series, we donated more than $2,700 to buy lunch for all of the players as well as providing all of the volunteers needed to serve it. We partnered with the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley to help make 52 beds for children in Alameda County who would otherwise sleep on the floor. As school started, we served food to more than 600 students at Marylin Avenue School in an operation that was stunningly organized.

We partnered with the Rotary Club of Dublin to provide backpacks to children of Veterans serving at Camp Parks and we donated $25,000 to The Farm at the Alameda County Fairgrounds to help build an agricultural education center that will serve thousands of Alameda County Children. Internationally, we Partnered with District 5170 and the Wheelchair Foundation to provide $8,000 in support for a project that will bring wheelchairs to residents of the Philippines.

In December we wrapped up our Rooms of Hope campaign where I got to grow a beard and together, we provided more than $5,000 to allow a critically ill child to have their room remade to provide a bit of hope during a very rough time. Our Rotary Club was the top fund raiser for the entire campaign.

At the end of the year, we completed our campaign to endow the John Shirley scholarship – given to a high school senior graduating from a Livermore high school who plans on pursuing career in the veterinary field and/or exemplifies Dr. Shirley's motto of service above self. In total we contributed $100,000 to the Pedrozzi Foundation (half from the club and half from our Rotarian Foundation of Livermore) to fund a $4,000 scholarship for a Livermore student every year in perpetuity – an amazing accomplishment that will pay dividends to the community for many years to come.

Our project to finish the freight room in the historic train station finally launched this year! This project will create a space that can be used as a meeting room for non-profits and community groups. We have been working for the last two years to get all of the agreements and permits for the project. At the beginning of the calendar year, we received our right of entry from the City which allows us to control the property to complete the work. We are partnering with KPA Group Engineers and Architects who have agreed to be the architect and De Haro Construction who will be our general contractor for the project. To fund the project, the Club applied our District Designated Funds (DDF) of almost $17,000. Additionally, Fremont Bank notified us that we received a $20,000 grant for the project. Together these grants will fund the bulk of the project costs. We are partnering with the Livermore Heritage Guild. This project will be a great mix of hands-on work (with some professional help) and donations and will be another project that will leave a lasting contribution to the community. As construction gets under way this summer, lots more information will come as we need volunteers.

We've had some great programs this year from Jon Schofield's presentation on neuroengineering to David Shefler's harrowing story about how his mother survived the holocaust. Student scientists presented Livermore heatmaps, Brian Spears talked about AI, Jessica Carroll lectured on winemaking and Bob Cowens led us on an aerial tour of Livermore over the years. Past President Sheila educated us about recycling, and helped us improve our test taking skills.

At the end of March, we hosted students during our International House Scholars Weekend. There is nothing more Rotarian than making connections with folks from around the world.

Spring was our busiest time with our most successful Crab Feed ever, two fantastic Saturday work sessions improving the Granada Native Garden another amazing Rotary Rodeo Parade. In April we, together with the Morning Club donated over $220,000 in grants to Livermore non-profits though our Rotarian Foundation of Livermore. In addition, we recognized amazing students with our Music Scholarships, gave grants to great classroom projects and recognized outstanding Livermore teachers.

A special thanks to everyone who has volunteered for our fundraisers, projects, programs or to help run the club. Together we have accomplished much, learned allot and built some great friendships.

I am proud to be part of this club and I appreciate all that we do. We are truly making a difference, right here in Livermore and across the world. I have had a great time being your President I look forward to doing more great things in the year ahead under President Pat's leadership.

Secretary Joel Swanson — Recent Board Highlights

Report covering March 20 to April 17, to May 15, 2025

Roll Call & Administrative Items:
Each meeting achieved quorum with consistent attendance from Marc Roberts, Pat McMenamin, Norm Bregman, Joel Swanson, and others. Minutes and financials from prior meetings were unanimously approved. Minutes will continue to be posted to DACdb for member reference.

Club Operations & Reports:

President's Reports:
Marc Roberts provided updates on club projects and recognized leadership roles. The train station renovation is ongoing, with volunteer days scheduled. The May meeting included a discussion about reintroducing the district speech contest, paused since COVID. Additionally, Marc proposed authorizing a $10,000 club donation for three key annual initiatives: the Children's Christmas Party, literacy project, and a Pedrozzi/RFL scholarship. The motion passed unanimously.

President-Elect Report:
Pat McMenamin highlighted his PETS experience and confirmed speaker slots are booked through June. He opted for a 60/40 split between global and district projects. He also noted that District Governor Herb Ritter will visit the club on July 16th.

Treasurer's Reports:
Norm Bregman reported several approved funding items:

- $6,849 in club grants
- $1,000 for the Granada Native Garden blue stone project
- $4,700 for music scholarships
- $10,000 authorized for the club's three core events

Club accounts are projected to hold 100–110k$ by year-end

Crab Feed fundraising results were strong, netting approximately $40,000—more than last year. However, parade expenses may create a small deficit due to competing local events and school calendar changes.

Club Reports:

Foundation Updates:
Goud Memula shared the club is close to meeting its $72,000 annual goal, with $43,500 already raised and a strong showing for Polio Plus. A final fundraising push is underway, and Goud is seeking support for the Nepalese project, which still requires $12,000. Current global grants include a genetic sequencer and mental health support initiatives. The board is also looking to promote Triple Crown Donor bequests and is considering member EREY donation levels as a dues option.

Membership:
Don Sweeney reported eight new members so far this year, with May 29 set for new member training. He encouraged inviting guests to winery meetings and discussed couple memberships. Evan Branning remains interested in joining.

Youth Service:
Stu Frazier reported that two RYLA participants are now confirmed and noted 16 applications for music scholarships. RYLA attendees and Rotarians are invited to a June 26th BBQ in Scott's Valley.

Club & Community Service:
Will Bateson encouraged participation in club service jobs. Some roles, like AV and Spur reporter, are harder to fill. A recognition plaque was suggested for those who complete five service roles. Loretta Kaskey (not present) continues leading community service, including upcoming work at the botanical garden

International Service:
Irv Stowers presented updates on potential global projects including a DNA sequencer and PEPUP, a mental health initiative in Hyderabad. DDF credits (~$50,000) are available, and final project selections will need board approval.

Public Image:
Kelly Bowers is revamping the club's Facebook presence and emphasized the need for accurate donation data. She proposed purchasing promotional materials (step and repeat banner, pop-up, tablecloth), capped at $2,000. The board approved the expenditure. LinkedIn remains active and effective.

RFL & Financial Coordination:
Discussions were held on the appropriate use of RFL funds. Marc emphasized that the RFL should support club goals, and that restricted accounts allow alignment with global grant objectives. A motion was passed to treat global grant funds as a restricted category under RFL, consistent with the bylaws.

Other Business:

- Kelly Bowers will serve as parade Grand Marshall; Chris Carter received the Community Service Award.
- Paul Thompson shared historical insights about the Nepalese orphanage project.
- The club participated in the May 31 District conference, where it showcased this year's projects in the House of Friendship.

Thanks!

Joel Swanson

Calendar — President Pat McMenamin

MEETING CALENDAR — June, July 2025

June 4: ***Chris Carrano*** *— 100 years of history of Livermore's Scout Troop 939*

June 11: ***Livermore Rodeo Luncheon***

June 18: ***President Marc's Farewell Meetting***

June 25: ***Alden Lane Demotion Party***

July 2: ***President Pat's First Meeting***

July 9: ***Bob Cowan*** *— Livermore from the air. Part 2*

July 16: ***District Governor Herb Ritter***

July 23: ***Wally Wood*** *— History of Livermore's Tuberculosis Hospital*

Julu 30: ***Las Positas College President Dyrell Foster*** *— What's happening at LPC?*

Treasurer's Report — Norm Bregman

Summer Newsletter Treasurer Report 2025

As of June 1st, the Club had over $49 K in our two banks. The CD we have is now worth over 51K. My projection is the Club will end the fiscal year with between 90 tom 95K from the Banks and CD.

Marc has done his best to reduce the financial resources of the Club supporting local projects, non-profits that presented to the Club on Wednesdays and International projects that Goud has done an exceptional job of receiving funding for. Being somewhat facetious, the Club has received an additional $15 from Sponsors that was not projected in the budget. The Crab Feed was also super successful. An additional 9K was raised for Ready and LARPD swim passes. We had a full house for Crab Feed that brought in the highest revenue the Club has ever had at 81K.

Our Club currently has 94 members. This has been a productive year, having recruited an additional high quality 8 members to join the Club. Unfortunately, we lost several of our members this past fiscal year, but we are going in the right direction when most clubs are dwindling in number. The future is bright. The membership committee proposed dues for new members be $385 for the initial two-year period and couples will see dues drop for $1,000 for husband and wife. I believe we will see continued growth in membership as a function of these adjustments to the cost of being a Rotarian.

As a reminder, the Board approved four levels of sponsorship: silver, ruby, gold and platinum. To be a Platinum major sponsor requires a 10K level of giving is required. We currently have 2 organizations that have met the criteria (LARPD and Topcon). The Board approved offering corporate membership, Rotary website advertisement, 4 premium tickets to attend the Rodeo, 4 seats at the Rodeo Parade that we reserve, a table at Crab Feed and recognition by having a sign at the table feed table as well as a banner at all events and any posters and handouts we distribute. The Gold major sponsorship level is 5k. There are 2 gold members (Fremont Bank and the Ramakrishna family). Benefits include Rodeo and Crab Feed advertisement, corporate level status in Rotary Club, can direct where the funds go, 4 tickets to the Rodeo and 4 premium seats at the Rodeo Parade as well as being on our website. Ruby major sponsorship is 2.5K (Wente, Trex Donovan). Benefits are corporate sponsorship, 2 seats at the Crab Feed, 2 seats at the Rotary Parade as well as being on our website. The silver major Sponsorship status is 1K (Barbara Lymberis, Livermore Toyota).

Alan and Pat have created a budget template that has been supported by the Finance Committee and will be presented to the Board this month. Your invoice will remain $585 ($360 dues, $25 EREY, and $200 for lunches. A little history for new members and reminder for those senior members. Before Covid the invoice was $365. However, lunch was $25, and the Club was subsidizing the true costs because 60 members is what the minimum had to be paid by the agreement to use the place for our meetings. Those that didn't eat had to pay a facility fee at the door. This typically did not cover the full costs to be paid. At the low end, if you only attended 40 meetings it would cost you an additional $1,000 to be a Rotarian and the national guideline was to attend every meeting. In the good old days, you would be spending at least $1,360 to be a member in good standing if you ate and at least but probably more than $560 if you didn't have lunch. The facility fee was between 5 to 8 dollars. I missed all this since I became a member the week before Covid shut us down. The membership committee has worked hard to make sure that being a member of our Rotary Club is affordable and will attract young members. Service is a core to our being whether it be local/international. I was fortunate to serve on this committee. I hope this perspective will help with understanding how the Club has changed. I can only trust that you appreciate all the work that committee members put it to strengthen our Club.

Financially, we received a tremendous boost budget wise when an agreement was signed by LARPD to have our meeting at the Center without having to pay any rental fees. Previously that fee was in the 13K range. Another reason our Club is in such a solid financial position. Thanks to Marc and Mat for making that come to fruition.

An update on the funds in the restricted account of the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore held for the Club as of June 1: Presidents Club $6,632; Ready $615; Rodeo Parade $1,000; Music Scholarships $6,476; Club grants $6777; and RAVE $7,500. The goal at the end of the year is to have $10,000 in the restricted club grants to fund $10,000 from the Foundation and $10,000 from the Club for Club grants. This is an excellent restricted fund to receive a tax credit. Give, until it feels good!

In my perspective the Club has thrived post Covid, and we have become stronger as a function of the outstanding leaders we have had during this phase. I am proud and honored to have served the Club these past three years. Service above self is alive and well. I can only hope this synopsis of the past three years serves to have you seek a leadership role in the Club. It is your Club and everyone has a stake it how we grow and prosper.

Membership—Don Sweeney

At the beginning of the Rotary year, we established a goal of adding ten new Rotary members. We completed the 2024-2025 Rotary Year by adding nine new members. While we aimed for ten and only reached nine, we still consider that a great result. For the coming year we hope to match or exceed that result.

We attribute the success of the membership drive to the strong support of the current Club membership who consistently introduced new prospective members at our weekly meetings. I can easily associate each new member with their sponsor. Success in the coming year will depend on building that member support.

In late May, Carolyn Siegfried led an orientation for new members. Carolyn and our chapter leadership presented the history and mission of both Rotary International and our local club. I think we all learned something new. The new members were impressed and motivated to participate in Rotary activities.

As we begin the new year, we continue to evaluate the membership programs to both grow our membership and improve the membership experience. It's great to see such dedication to building and supporting the Rotary community.

Don Sweeney

Will Bateson — Club Services

First, I'd like to thank the club for allowing me to serve as Director of Club Services this past year. It's been a year of transition, with the end of Zoom meetings and the increasing reliance on videography (we all owe Nile a BIG thank you!).

Moving forward, it is important for rotarians to move out of our respective comfort zones and try new tasks in the weekly meetings. Just as a reminder: each week we need the following 7 roles filled at each meeting —Thought for the Day, Spur Reporter, Spur Publisher, Photographer, AV, Greeter, and Videographer.

Of these jobs, the ones that seem to be hardest to fill tend to be Photographer, AV, and Videographer – these jobs tend to have the same few rotarians (notably Joel, Dennis O'Brien, and Nile) performing them most weeks. In addition, the Spur Publishing crew of Kathy Coyle, Ted Michels and Don Wentz would like 1-2 more Publishers to share their duties with.

My proposal moving forward is to incentivize rotarians to take on roles they haven't tried in the past by giving an award (TBD) to every rotarian who performs 5 different roles (out of the 7) in a year, maybe designated as a '5 tool player' to use a baseball analogy. One suggestion is a gift certificate to a Livermore restaurant.

In any event, due to scheduling conflicts (I have conflicts Thursday mornings), I am not renewing my board position, so whether this moves forward and what it will looks like will be in the hands of next President Pat McMenamin's Club Service Director. I will commit to doing more jobs in the coming year and hope other rotarians are likewise willing to 'up their game.'

Thank you, Will, for keeping us informed in Club Services.

Editor

Community Service — Loretta Kaskey

The Rotary Club of Livermore joined the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley to pack over 14,500 food packages for a KIDS Against Hunger campaign on May 17.

SAVE the dates:

Marylin Ave "Back to School BBQ"

. Friday, August 8 from 4 – 6PM.

Livermore Community Service Day

Saturday, September 20

(More Details to come!)

Loretta Kaskey

Youth Services — Stu Frazier

Youth Services has several updates:

Interact – Nine members of the Livermore High School Interact club volunteered their time to be servers at the Crab Feed this year. They arrived at 4:30pm, had some Rotary supplied pizza, put on their red aprons and jumped right in with the rest of the servers! Their help was much appreciated!

Along with the Dublin and Pleasanton Rotary clubs, we are helping to sponsor our Interact District 5170 Area 3 Director (Siqi Li) to attend the Rotary International Convention which is from June 21st to the 25th in Calgary, CN.

Ready – Under the guidance of Glenn Kubiak, the Ready program has been a great success this year. Debbie Peck, Carol Lince, Linda Tinney, Bill Nebo, Dennis O'Brien, Bob Cowan, Alan Burnham, Paul McCandless, Maggie Tufts (Pedrozzi Foundation), Itzayana Reyna (Pedrozzi Foundation), Lori Valenzuela (Junction Ave School) have provided wonderful guidance and support to over 20 students at Junction Middle School. Their final session was an end of year party held on May 19th. The Ready team provided pizza, ice cream, snacks and beverages and played a selection of games with the students.

The final field trip of this academic year on Saturday to the Oakland Zoo with a total of 13 students participating. A great time was had by all! Lori, Debbie and Carole were the driver-chaperones for this outing!

RYLA – The RYLA camp is scheduled for June 22nd to June 27th at the Mission Springs Conference Center in Scotts Valley. Two Sophomores from Livermore High School (Sophia Kim and Aashika Anandh) will be attending the RYLA camp this year. They are both very excited. During their week at camp they will participate in:

- Leadership curriculum that has been created specifically for RYLA 5170 with the needs of our campers in mind by our leadership directors.
- Camper-Led Workshops where they're able to immediately apply their skills including: Entertainment, RYLA Studios, RYLA Events, Band & Chorus, Speech & Debate, Service
- Nighttime & Community Building Activities like Yoga, Family time with games, Workshop presentations and more.

There is a BBQ on Thursday, 6/26/25, that **all Rotarians** are invited to attend. You must **RSVP**. If interested here is information:

Youth Services — Continued

Student of the Month – our Final Student of the month awards were given in March, April and May. The awardees were: **Shrish Premkeishna and Alyssa Roman** from Livermore High School, **Jay Hindman** from Vineyard and **Daijon Kelly** from Del Valle. Outstanding students one and all!

Music Scholarship – Michael Ferrucci did a fine job of organizing to Music Scholarship program this year. Thanks to him and the committee that consisted of David Rounds, Keith Beck, David Barnes, Linda Tinney, Jim Douglas and me. Thanks also to Sheila Fagliano for the help getting us up and running.

The Music Scholarships were presented on April 23rd. Although it was a smaller group than in the past, we had 12 outstanding finalists who were awarded scholarships. 5 Seniors, 4 Juniors, 1 eighth grader and 2 seventh grader.

Three of the winners performed for us. First up was **Eugene Baker**, who performed Après un Rêve, Op.7, No. 1 by Gabriel Fauré on his violin, accompanied by his father. It was done beautifully. *Hard to believe he is only in 8th grade!!*

Next up, we had **Isaac Yee**, who is in 11th grade. He performed a very lively and technically complex piece called Revolutionary Étude by Frédéric Chopin. Amazing!

Our Outstanding Senior was **Ethan Sadkowski**. Ethan performed for us singing "My Petersburg" from the Broadway musical Anastasia. He plans to go to college in New York City to study voice and acting.

I want to thank everyone mentioned in this report for all their hard work, dedication and assistance getting these programs up and running!

Stu Frazier

Public Image Director Report

Summer 2025

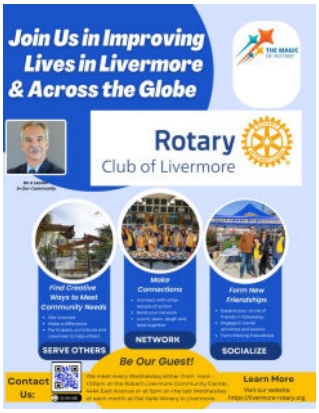
Submitted by Kelly Bowers

Since our founding in 1947, the Rotary Club of Livermore has seen a changing world and an evolving Rotary landscape. Yet one thing has remained constant: our steadfast commitment to service—both in our local community and across the globe.

Every Member is a Public Image Ambassador

A key focus of our public image efforts is cultivating a shared understanding that *every* member represents Rotary. Whether we're attending a service event, engaging on social media, or simply wearing our Rotary gear in the community, we are the face of our club. With consistent messaging, branded materials, and a coordinated approach, we can all amplify our already positive image. Wearing Rotary-branded apparel is an easy and effective conversation starter that can spark interest and inspire others to learn more.

This year's public image flyer has been converted into a full-size display poster used at club meetings, community events, and the District 5170 Conference. We also placed a club advertisement in the official District Conference program.

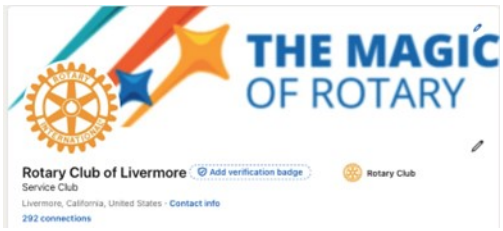


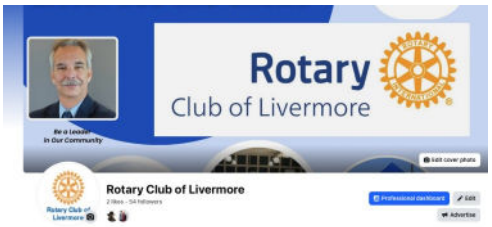
Continue to Strengthen Our Brand, Our Image

Our brand is more than a logo—it's the way people feel and think about Rotary. We continue to incorporate the annual international Rotary theme into our communications, presentations, and online platforms. **This year, we look ahead to the newly announced 2025–26 presidential theme from President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo: Unite for Good. As *People of Action*, we don't wait for change—we create it.** We will be looking for ways to feature our Club members in photos, stories, testimonials and videos, doing just that – in our community and beyond - **UNITING FOR GOOD!**

Growing Our Online Presence

This year, we launched a Rotary Club of Livermore LinkedIn profile and page , which has grown quickly to 309 followers and 292 connections. Earlier in the year, our Facebook page—which had nearly 800 followers—was unfortunately taken down by Meta due to copyright issues – along with many others across the nation. We made many valiant but ultimately unsuccessful attempts to reinstate it. In response, we launched a brand-new Rotary Club of Livermore Facebook Page, which gained 54 followers within the first two hours of going live. Many Rotarians and community members are already following, tagging, liking, and sharing. **Thank you!**





Our Rotary Club of Livermore website, maintained and regularly updated by Kathy, continues to be a valuable resource for members and the public alike.

Ways to Boost Our Public Image

- Follow, like, and share our Club's content on Facebook and LinkedIn.
- Submit photos with captions and hashtags for posting to: kbowers3232@gmail.com
- Send photos and brief ready-to-publish content from meetings, service projects, and special events so we can issue timely media releases and social posts.
- Wear your Rotary gear proudly—vests, pins, hats—and share your personal Rotary story as a conversation starter.
- Display materials have been approved! We're designing and are in the process of ordering new club-branded materials for use at Club and community events: a Rotary Club of Livermore tablecloth, a free-standing branded banner/sign, and a large, free-standing Step-and-Repeat logo backdrop for special event photo-taking

Long-Term Vision: Elevate, Engage, and Expand

Our long-term goal is to raise our visibility in our community and region, increase engagement, and ultimately grow and retain our membership. A strong public image not only highlights the impact of our work but helps prospective members see themselves as part of our Rotary family.

Together, we can continue building a strong, visible, and respected Rotary presence in Livermore and beyond!

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) committee Update for June 2025 Newsletter

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) update includes 1) Update of TRF Goals for 2024-25 and actuals thru June 21,2025, 2) TRF recognitions thru June 18,2025 and 3) Status of Global Grants in 2024-25.

2024-25 TRF Goals and Actuals as of June 21, 2025

We raised $66,859 of $72,000 goal for Annual Fund and have some pledges pending. I am optimistic to meet the goal or very near the goal. We exceeded PolioPlus goal of $22,000 by $1953. We also raised $28,025 for Endowment.

Overall, we raised $42,139 since the last reporting in March 2025 Newsletter.

Our club total TRF contributions including Annual Fund, PolioPlus and Endowment stands at $118,838 which puts our club in #2 position among 63 clubs in our District 5170.

Also, our club will be in #3 position for Annual Fund Share. Remember, we get back ½ of Annual Fund in the form of DDF, District Designated Funds that we use for local and international projects.

Considering our club is #12 in membership among 63 clubs, it is a significant achievement we all should be proud of.

Thank you for all generous donations

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Recognitions.

Rotarians were recognized in April 3, May 7 and Jun 18, 2025 club meetings in the categories: of Bequest Society, Paul Harris Society members, Multiple PHF and PolioPlus Society Members.

In the interest of brevity, recipients from three presentation will be listed together with group photo of the Rotarians present at three club meetings. It also includes those who were not present at previous club meeting when they were announced.

Bequest Society Member

Lingagoud and Chandrakala Memula were honored for becoming a Bequest Society Member Level 2 with a commitment of $25,000 future gift to TRF.

Paul Harris Society Members:

The following Rotarians were recognized for becoming Paul Harris Society members with contribution of $1000 or more in this Rotary year 2025-26.

Monya Lane, Paul Thompson, Dale Miller, Mark Roberts, Joel Swanson, Glenn Kubiak, Norm Bregman, Jay Davis, TJ Gilmartin, Carol Howell, Bill Nebo, Mary Ann Rozsa, Lynn Seppala, Linda Stanford, Kelly Bowers, Jack Mills, Mathew Fuzie, Wendy Ellison-Rosenkilde, Linda Tinney, Paul McCandless, Don Sweeney, Kathleen Streeter, Sblend Sblendorio and Keith Beck.

Multiple Paul Harris Fellows

Monya Lane PHF+3, Mary Ann Rozsa PHF+5, David Shefler PHF+2, Sblend Sblendorio PHF+8, Linda Stanford PHF+1, Sheila Fagliano PHF+4, Carrol, Howell PHF+7, Kelly Bowers PHF+4 and Stuart Frazier PHF+1.

PolioPlus Society Members

Monya Lane and Marc Roberts were recognized as PolioPlus Society Members for pledging to support PolioPlus every year.

Status of Global Grants in 2024-25.

The following is a summary of the status of current Global Grants. A more detailed update of all Global Grants that are open and completed from previous years will be provided in August 2025 along with DDF and District grants in past seven years.

GG2573626- PEP UP project for Mental wellbeing in high schools and colleges in Hyderabad, India. This GG has been reviewed, and final submittal is pending approval. Total project cost is $33,293 and we provided 15,000 DDF from Club ($27,000)

GG2577245- Minimizing Genetic Diseases using Sanger Sequencer for genetic sequencing. This is reviewed by our District, comments are incorporated. It is authorized for submittal for approval.

Total cost of this GG is $94,475. We are providing 20,000 DDF ($36,000). We received 9739 DDF from 3 clubs in our District and raised $13,250 to purchase the 9861 DDF to complete the funding.

GG2578389- Medical Equipment for Sai Aashraya hospital in Bangalore, India. This has been reviewed and authorized for final submittal for approval. Total cost of this project is $58,500 and we are providing $54,900. We received 3495 DDF from another club and raised $33,800 to purchase 30,500 DDF needed.

GG2578658- WASH, Furniture and educational supplies for two schools devastated by floods near Kathmandu, Nepal. The GG Application is at draft stage being reviewed by our club and the District. The total cost of this GG is $33,414 of which our club is responsible for $30,915. So far,

In summary, we have used 15,000 DDF from our club and raised $47,050 to purchase DDF. Other clubs in our District contributed 15,699 DDF ($28,258).

I thank every one for supporting The Rotary Foundation of RI

Goud Memula
Chair for TRF Committee

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Jun. 23, 2025

Vocation can be More Than Just Your Career.

By: Jeff Youngsma

I have always thought of "vocation" is a career. Well, I now feel compelled to change my opinion on that statement. I had a unique and rewarding experience the other day where a skill I learned as a teenager made all the difference between a long day vs. an effective day.

Some back story. When I was 14 ½ and a "non-Rotarian," I lied about my age so I could work at a restaurant as a busboy, dishwasher, and mild food preparation. And I learned how to do all those tasks and I always knew that this would not be my lifelong profession.

Fast forward to this past weekend. I am well above the age of 14 ½ and I have had a stunning and fulfilling career. Most of you know my history working in the Fire Service and being one of the first Certified Paramedics to work in Alameda County. Obviously, that is where my talents lay. When I assist at any event I naturally look for the first aid supplies, the AEDs, and the exits. Drives my spouse nuts.

I was helping my wife work a black and white ball for the developmentally disabled hosted by the Hayward Area Recreation Department. My wife is the current president of their foundation and advisor to the Executive Director. Hence, being my spouses "lesser half," I was "volun-told" that I would be "helping out." They Hayward Rotary Club was also a sponsor and a few fellow Rotarians arrived to help as well.

Like our crab feeds, this was held at a community center with an industrial kitchen. Only one person knew how to operate the oven, and he was the coordinator of the event. I had some experience so between the two of us, we cooked a lot of lasagna. Now it came time to do the dishes (and there were a lot)! One individual began to fill the sink with hot water and dish soap. I stepped in and asked "how come we are not using the dishwasher? This would go way faster and do a better job." The response was "know one here knows how to use it." Digging deep into my brain, I remembered how to operate a simple industrial dish washer along with how the racks are loaded, how long to wait to open, what temperature it needs to operate at.

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The rest of the dishwashing fell into place and before we knew it, all the dishes were washed and put away for the next event. Now, I have been involved in the Emergency Services Medical field for 40+ years including Navy time. I have treated and saved more than my fair share of lives and I know I have made a difference and an impact. However, what seemed to amaze my spouse the most, as well as her staff, is that I knew how to operate an industrial dishwasher!

So, the humbling lesson that I learned is this, anything you learn can be a vocation and will help you in life. One does not need to have a career to make a difference or an impact. A simple skill learned decades ago can make the difference between doing a project and doing a project well and efficient. In my case, it was washing dishes.

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