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ROTARY CLUB OF CALISTOGA

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www.rotary.org
SHEKHAR MEHTA,
RI President

THE LEARNING CENTER

If you haven't taken the time to visit The Learning Center that RI has created for us, please do so. It's full of amazing information and opportunities. There are courses from Rotary basics to The Rotary Foundation to Professional Development.

When people are asked to join Rotary, they sometimes ask "What's in it for me?" We don't often think of EDUCATION being a driving force to join. But getting a good education is very expensive. Using the educational resources that Rotary International offers makes getting an education much more attainable. This doesn't even include the person to person experiences we have during our meeting fellowship. Where else can you eat a meal and have a conversation with a doctor, lawyer or even a rock star?? Rotary fills that bill.

BASIC EDUCATION & LITERATURE

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population.

Rotary International's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. RI supports education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

With that in mind, Calistoga Rotary has been on the cutting edge of supporting both basic and higher education through our scholarship programs. When our club has a fund raiser, the donations are generally kept in the community where we see the most need. When you are asked to participate in a fund raiser, please say 'YES!' knowing your help is extremely important.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Gerry Turgeon, President

With September comes a change of seasons. I'm proud of the progress that we've made so far this year. **Thank You!** Communication and fellowship are in full swing and becoming routine once again. Our in-person meetings on the patio at Amaro have been exactly what we needed to maintain safety for our Club members and guests. Our district grant has been approved and we're moving forward with our plans to construct the Peace Garden at CJSHS. We've inducted four new members in the last four months with more on the horizon. There are interesting & informative programs to look forward to in September, October, and November. We've even begun planning our annual holiday party which is currently scheduled for December 16. So, as you can see, we've a positive future for our small but mighty Rotary Club of Calistoga. We still have many enterprises ahead before we can realize the sum of our successes. Crucial endeavors such as budgeting and fundraising lie ahead. I have no doubt that our Club will thrive in the months to come and your support is critical. I'm reaching out and appealing to you to take action. Ask "WHAT CAN I DO?" & Say "YES" when asked. That's the Rotary way. Your commitment will keep us progressing.



SWEET HOME CALISTOGA Memories of August, 2021



President Gerry shares the club banner he received from members of the Willows Rotary Club (08/05/2021)



**Brad Kilger
Interim City Manager
(08/12/21)**



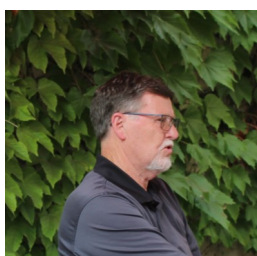
**Charlotte Williams
share her experience
with using goats as fire
protection
(08/05/2021)**



Our Youth Exchange Ambassador Esme Cortez brought the club up-to-date on her fabulous life and education to become an Occupational Therapist (08/12/2021)



President Gerry and Speaker Mayor Chris Canning presented the state of Calistoga (08/12/2021)



**Bruce Kyse
Chamber Executive
Director
(08/12/2021)**



Julio Olguin and President Kathleen Patterson of the St. Helena Rotary Club shared information regarding opportunities to donate to the St. Helena Preschool for All event for scholarships to support early childhood education. Calistoga youth are eligible for these funds and many have applied for them. (08/12/21)



Jenna Sloan
(08/19/2021)



RI Foundation Chairman
Kevin Eisenberg reported
on the earthquake in Haiti
fund. Many club members
and guests donated to this
worthy cause.
(08/19/2021)



Our newest member Mike
Harris is inducted into
Calistoga Rotary by PDG Jim
Flamson with Mary Ghisolfo
Harris in attendance.
(08/19/2021)

AUGUST 26, 2021—CLUB SOCIAL At Buster's Southern BBQ



SEPTEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Club Member	Date	# of Years
Jim Hanson	Sept. 1	49
Peggy Berlin	Sept. 21	14

SEPTEMBER CLUB BIRTHDAYS

Claire Weinkauf	Sept. 1
Tom Andrews	Sept. 8
Rick Testa	Sept. 10
Barb Lencioni	Sept. 15
Bev Barnes	Sept. 16
Irais Lopez-Ortega	Sept. 22
Hal Taylor	Sept. 27



Rotary District 5130

PolioPlus Special Edition

25 August, 2021



Greetings Polio Warriors:

Special Message from Rotary International's PolioPlus Committee Chair, Mike McGovern on Afghanistan—Because so many of you have expressed concern about the polio situation in Afghanistan with the takeover of the country by the Taliban, we are publishing this special edition to share an official statement we received yesterday from Mike McGovern's office. We thought it important enough to publish now, rather than waiting so concerns will hopefully be allayed by any of our membership. The statement follows:

Eradicating Polio in Afghanistan

Michael K. McGovern, Rotary International PolioPlus Committee Chair:

As the sun rose on 1 January 2021, we all worried about what this new year would bring. For those of us who closely follow polio eradication progress, it was an especially worrisome time. 2020 and 2019 had seen an uptick in wild polio virus cases and in circulating vaccine derived cases. Polio vaccinations had had to be suspended for a while in 2020 due to the coronavirus and vaccines for Covid-19 were just starting to receive early use approvals.

The polio news was especially bad in Afghanistan. On the very first day of 2021, a wild polio virus case was reported. In the next week, the national health minister was fired due to hints of corruption on non-polio matters. Before month's end, the government of Afghanistan ordered the UNICEF polio lead to leave the country relating to a verbal spat that had occurred in the President's office. Then in March and June there were coordinated attacks on polio workers and their security teams leaving eight families having lost loved ones. The Taliban denied responsibility for the attacks, and it appeared the attacks were tied to elements who supported ISIS or ISIL as they are also known. We also noted that some areas of the country had been subject to over 30 months of a ban on house-to-house polio vaccinations.

While all this was going on other activities were occurring which have been mostly unreported. On January 17th, the Regional Directors of WHO and UNICEF met at the Taliban office in Doha, Qatar to discuss polio vaccinations and Covid-19 response in the areas controlled by the Taliban. While house to house polio vaccinations were not agreed to, the seven senior members of Taliban leadership indicated support for other measures to provide vaccination activities. In all areas of the country, health screenings continued unabated which showed no new wild polio cases and no positive identification of polio viruses in the environment. In a zoom call of polio partnership leaders the week of 17 August, Aidan O'Leary, the global WHO polio director, noted that Afghanistan has one of the best programs for polio surveillance in the world and it was not finding polio anywhere.

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Continued—Special Message from Rotary International's PolioPlus Committee Chair, Mike McGovern on Afghanistan:

After the fall of the Afghanistan government in mid-August, the new leadership has agreed to keep on the acting health minister who has been effective in righting the program since February. Taliban leaders have visited the national and regional polio offices and pledged their support for the polio eradication program. On 23 August, a Rotary sponsored roadside vaccination hut provided vaccinations to children under five with local Taliban providing the needed security. For security reasons, I will not share the photos I received but it was good to see the Rotary logo doing good in the world.

Rotary has just 35 members in Afghanistan. They inspire me daily with their courage and perseverance. The polio program has always been politically neutral in every country. Rotary and our partners work with the leaders who are in charge. We now work with new leaders in Afghanistan. Rotary funds WHO and UNICEF. We do not send any funds to the governments nor to groups other than WHO and UNICEF. We monitor the spending they do on our behalf very closely. We have never been closer to eradicating polio in Afghanistan. We will continue to work with the Afghani people and our partners to finish what we began over 35 years ago.

**Bob
Bob Rogers
Rotary Club of Sebastopol
District 5130 PolioPlus Chair (2020/22)
Past District Governor (2017/18)
Zone 27 End Polio Now Coordinator (2020/23)
Cell: 707-766-4636**



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A QUICK LOOK BACK

38 Years ago (July 11, 2013) from The Wine Press—

We welcomed Mike Kenny as the Calistoga Rotary President for 1988-1989. He got us off to a good year with an active Fair week in which Rotary made some good money with the help of a lot of Rotarians and their wives. The Sunday breakfast netting about \$350. The Monday, July 4 breakfast at the Napa Valley Bank parking lot netted \$300. Our new beer wagon could possibly give \$2,000. The spaghetti booth with the Museum netted \$1,000.

The guest speaker for July 14 was Mr. David Ybarra who was recently hired as our City Administrator. He told us something about himself and also some of his anticipations as he has taken on the task of leadership here in Calistoga.

The club met upstairs at The Pizza Place Restaurant (Now Puerto Vallarta Market).



UPCOMING CLUB DATES

SEPTEMBER 2—Craft Talk:

Rafa Mendoza, Jr.

SEPTEMBER 9—Allison Haley, Napa County District Attorney

SEPTEMBER 16 — Brad Kilger, Interim City Manager

SEPTEMBER 23—Environmental Program

SEPTEMBER 30—Club Social

OCTOBER 16—Club Blood Drive

UPCOMING DISTRICT DATES

OCT 8-10, 2021— District Conference, Double Tree, Rohnert Park for 2020-2021

TBA— District Training Assembly

TBA— Foundation Training

MAY 2022—District Conference for 2021-2022

UPCOMING RI DATES

JUNE 4-8— RI 2022 Convention—Houston, TX

JULY 1—RI 2022-23 BEGINS!