



UNITE FOR GOOD



Events

- October 27th
[Warm Coat Drive](#)
- November 17th
[Hearts of Rotary and Grants Review Meeting](#)
- November 19th
[Daniel Marlay speaks @ Rotary San Leandro \(Oriental Tea House\)](#)
- November 19th
[Thanksgiving Program](#)
- November 20th
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[Monthly PI Meeting](#)
- November 26th
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- November 27th
[11th Annual Tri-Valley Turkey Burn](#)
- December 1st
[DG Executive Team Zoom Mtg- Lt Gov. AG, AOS, PI, Mem. Foun.](#)
- December 2nd
[District Leadership Fellowship Mtg: Holiday Train of Light](#)
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- December 17th
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- December 18th
[DG Official Visit -](#)

Introducing Monthly D5170 Club News Spotlights - 15th of every Month -PRESS RELEASE



Rotary District 5170 Launches "Club News Spotlight" to Amplify Local Impact Across the District

Rotary District 5170 is excited to announce the launch of the **District 5170 "Club News Spotlight"** — a new initiative designed to shine a light on the incredible service, events, and achievements of our local Rotary clubs.

Through the **ezStory tool in DACdb**, clubs can now easily share their stories and events with the district. Each month on the 15th, selected submissions will be *spotlighted* in a district wide broadcast email reaching more than **3,800+ Rotarians** across our communities.

"This is an opportunity for every club to showcase the heart of Rotary," said District Governor Herb Ritter. "By telling your story, you not only celebrate the impact your club is making, but you also inspire others to join us in service, leadership, and fellowship. Together, we can attract new members, strengthen our commitment to the environment, and continue to unite for good."

[Read More](#)

If You Would Like Your Club ezStory Published . . .

By Brenda Swiney on Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Rotary District 5170 DACdb Club ezStory Guidelines (For email broadcast and posting on the 15th of every month)



Club ezStory

Purpose

Clubs are encouraged to use the DACdb ezStory tool to share stories about their events and activities. These stories allow us to showcase Rotary's impact, invite community participation, and inspire collaboration with other clubs.

Requirements for District Publication

To be featured in the **District Club News Bulletin** (sent on the 15th of each month), your ezStory must meet the following guidelines:

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PNR Annual Tri-Valley Turkey Burn: November 28th

Friday, November 14, 2025



Pleasanton North Rotary Club & Foundation Invites You to Our 11th Annual Tri-Valley Turkey Burn on Thanksgiving Morning! Annual Fundraiser for Youth Services.

5K/10K - Run/Walk/Stroll
Thursday, November 28, 2024
Ken Mercer Sports Park, Pleasanton, CA

www.trivalleyturkeyburn.org

Proceeds from registrations, donors, and our generous sponsors will support Pleasanton North Rotary Youth Programs such as scholarships, leadership training and youth exchange.

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Rotary eClub of Silicon Valley Days for Girls Fall Fundraiser - 10/27-11/30 2025

By Theresa Jo Schinkel on Monday, October 27, 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rotary eClub of Silicon Valley Launches Fall Fundraiser in Partnership with Days for Girls for Girls

Silicon Valley, CA – [10/27-11/30 2025] — This week marks a special milestone for the **Rotary eClub of Silicon Valley**, as the club kicks off its **Fall Fundraiser** in partnership with the global nonprofit **Days for Girls**.

The featured program for the week spotlights **Tiffany Larson of Days for Girls**, who will share the inspiring story behind the organization's mission to advance menstrual equity, health education, and opportunity for women and girls worldwide.

Silicon Valley Chinese

December 19th
Monthly PI Meeting

December 24th
No Meeting. Happy Holidays!

December 31st
No Meeting. Happy New Year!

January 5th
DG Executive Team Zoom Mtg- Lt Gov, AG, AOS, PI, Mem. Foun.

January 7th
Bi Monthly District Leadership zoom Mtg: Presidents are invited

January 10th
Travel to Cambodia- Jan10-Jan19, 2026 - Register by Aug31, 2025

January 13th
Monthly TRF Meeting of 2025-26

January 15th
District International Service Committee Mtg

January 22nd
District Finance Committee Meeting

January 24th
District International Service Committee Mtg

January 24th
Gilroy Rotary - 100th Celebration

January 30th
DYSC - Club Contest Commitment Deadline

January 31st
Mid Year President's Leadership Celebration: Unite for Good

January 31st
Lobsterfest 2025-2026

February 2nd
DG Executive Team Zoom Mtg- Lt Gov, AG, AOS, PI, Mem. Foun.

February 7th
Pre-PELS

February 10th
Monthly TRF Meeting of 2025-26

February 14th
Interact President's Winter Retreat

February 17th
District Leadership Fellowship Meeting Event

February 19th
District International Service Committee Mtg

February 26th
District Finance Committee Meeting

February 28th
District International Service Committee Mtg

March 2nd
DG Executive Team Zoom Mtg- Lt Gov, AG, AOS, PI, Mem. Foun.

"This partnership embodies Rotary's spirit of service — local hearts with global impact," said Club President Rushton Hurley. "Through this fundraiser, we're helping ensure that every girl has access to the resources she needs to thrive, stay in school, and pursue her dreams."

The Rotary eClub of Silicon Valley invites members, friends, and community supporters to **donate and share** the fundraiser to help make a lasting difference.

>>> **Donate today and support our Fall Fundraiser:** [\[Click HERE\]](#)

Together, we can turn compassion into action — one kit, one girl, one future at a time.

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Rotary Leadership Fellowship Dinner & Train of Lights Celebration 12-2-25

By Lisa M. Lorenz

Rotary Leadership Fellowship Dinner & Train of Lights Celebration

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 | 5:00 PM
Casa Bella Event Center, Sunol

Join us on **Tuesday, December 2nd at 5:00 PM** for a very special **Rotary Leadership Fellowship Dinner** celebrating the incredible work of clubs in the **Central Bay Region of District 5170!**



Tuesday, December 2, 2025
District 5170 Leadership Dinner and the Holiday Train of Lights

All aboard for some District 5170 holiday fun and magical memories!
Start the evening with fun and fellowship at the District Leadership Dinner at Casa Bella in Sunol.

Then experience holiday magic as you ride the beautiful Inter-Canyon Holiday Train of Lights! Santa Claus will be aboard for pictures, too!
Tickets are limited and will go fast, so order today!

TICKETS:
Train General Seating - \$55
District Leadership Dinner - \$50
Dinner and Train - \$100

Tickets & info: lorrenz53@gmail.com
District 5170 Rotary Rotary

This evening of **connection, collaboration, and inspiration** will be led by Lieutenant Governor **Lisa Lorenz**, who has brought together a **dynamic lineup of Club Presidents** to share **impactful stories, exciting initiatives, and creative ways we're growing Rotary across the region.**

After dinner, we'll stroll over to board the **Train of Lights** — a beloved holiday tradition — and continue the celebration with **Rotary fellowship and festive cheer!**

[REGISTER NOW CLICK HERE](#)

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Rotary Commemorates the UN at 80yrs old: with RI President Francesco 12-11-25

By Savita Vaidhyathan



Join Us in San Francisco to Reignite Our Shared Commitment with the United Nations to Peace and Progress

On December 11, Rotary will host a one-day summit in San Francisco—the birthplace of the United Nations Charter—to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the UN.

This event, **Global Goals, Local Action**, will bring together upwards of 1,700 Rotarians, community leaders, and international partners to explore how local collaboration can drive global progress toward achieving the UN's 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, which closely align with Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus.

Highlights include:

- Keynotes from UN, Rotary, and global leaders
- Breakout sessions on collaboration, sustainability, and innovation
- Historical UN exhibit and community impact booths
- Curated networking opportunities
- Bonus events available through select event package
- Special sessions for youth to build future leaders.

As a bonus, the **Club Presidents** will have an opportunity to meet and have a picture prior to the opening session with our Rotary International President, [Francesco Arezzo of Italy](#)

As Rotarians, we are driven to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves. This is our moment to recommit.

Visit www.RotaryUN80.org for more information and registration.



March 6th
[FAR West PETS/PELS San Jose](#)

March 6th
[DYSC - Last Day for Club Contests](#)

March 9th
[DYSC - Start Joint Area Contests](#)

March 10th
[Monthly TRF Meeting of 2025-26](#)

March 11th
[ELC](#)

March 13th
[Rotary Leadership/Fellowship Mtg – Southern Region Spotlight](#)

March 20th
[DYSC - Last day for Joint Area Contests](#)

March 23rd
[DYSC - Start Regional Contests](#)

March 26th
[District Finance Committee Meeting](#)

March 28th
[District International Service Committee Mtg](#)

April 1st
[Bi Monthly District Leadership zoom Mtg: Presidents are invited](#)

April 3rd
[DYSC - Last Day for Regional Contests](#)

April 6th
[DG Executive Team Zoom Mtg– Lt Gov. AG, AOS, PI, Mem. Foun.](#)

April 11th
[District Training Assembly](#)

April 11th
[DYSC - Finals](#)

April 23rd
[District Finance Committee Meeting](#)

April 25th
[District International Service Committee Mtg](#)

May 1st
[Multi-District Conference](#)

May 4th
[DG Executive Team Zoom Mtg– Lt Gov. AG, AOS, PI, Mem. Foun.](#)

May 6th
[2025-26 District Business Leadership zoom Mtg: PE's are invited](#)

May 15th
[Major Donor \(\\$10K\) & \\$ Paul Harris Society \(\\$1K\) Contributors](#)

May 23rd
[District International Service Committee Mtg](#)

May 28th
[District Finance Committee Meeting](#)

June 1st
[DG Executive Team Zoom Mtg– Lt Gov. AG, AOS, PI, Mem. Foun.](#)

June 3rd
[Bi Monthly District Leadership zoom Mtg: Presidents are invited](#)

June 12th
[Rotary International Convention: Taipei, Taiwan](#)

June 14th
[District Dinner at the Rotary International Convention in Taipei](#)

June 20th
[2026 CAMP RYLA June 20-26, 2025](#)

Rotarian Pricing Starts at \$107.48ea

Student / Interact / Youth Exchange – \$28.52

Includes plenary and breakout seating, youth reception, and snacks.

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Los Altos Rotary: 2026 Climate Action Summit 01/10/26

By Sherry Auerbach on Friday, November 14, 2025

Date: January 10, 2026, 12:30 - 4:00 pm, Check-in begins at 11:45

**Location: Los Altos Community Center
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, CA**

Although brought to you by the Los Altos Rotary Club, the event is open to all individuals and organizations focused on environmental sustainability. We are dedicated to finding proven and worthwhile projects that can be easily replicated. This is a forum to pursue opportunities for collaboration and networking with others sharing the same goals.

Last year, over 100 attendees came to the Summit to connect with individuals, businesses and organizations to learn about and cooperate on sustainability programs. This year's event will be bigger and even better!

We have a dynamite list of speakers. Please see the [2026 Climate Action Summit Website](#) for Speaker Bios, presentation topics, and registration information. Topics to be addressed include:

- How to Have a Zero-Waste Event
- California Pollinator Collaborative
- Community River Habitat Restoration
- And more!
- PLUS: Visit with Environmental Leaders and See Projects from around Northern California

We look forward to coming together to build a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable world—*one connection at a time*. We can't wait to see you there!

With warm regards,

Los Altos Rotary Climate Action Committee

[REGISTSER NOW!](#)



Rotary Club of Santa Cruz Sunrise supports local Santa Cruz County Food Bank

Wednesday, November 12, 2025



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Rotary Sunrise Club Takes Bold Action to Fight Food Insecurity – Donates \$25,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County

Santa Cruz County, CA — In the face of a rapidly escalating hunger crisis, the Rotary Sunrise Club has stepped up in a major way—announcing a powerful \$25,000 contribution to Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County (SHFB). This extraordinary act of service arrives at a critical moment for local families and food assistance networks stretched thin by recent national events.

The suspension of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits during the September U.S. Government shutdown sent shockwaves through communities across the country. Santa Cruz County was hit especially hard. Thousands of families suddenly found themselves without essential support, prompting unprecedented demand on local food banks. At the same time, SHFB—already navigating significant losses in federal and state grant funding—has been working tirelessly to meet the urgent surge in need.

Recognizing the severity of this crisis—and honoring their long-standing partnership with SHFB—the Sunrise Rotary Club's Foundation Board voted unanimously this week to release \$25,000 from its reserve funds to provide immediate relief.

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Rotary District 5170 and Club Name Shirts ***Embroider your Own Option***

By Herb L. Ritter III

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Show Your Rotary Pride – Custom District 5170 Embroidered Shirts Now Available!

Fremont, CA — **Rotary District 5170 and the Rotary Club of Fremont Bridge** are excited to announce a new way to wear your Rotary spirit with pride! For just \$20, you can now have your favorite shirt embroidered with the official **Rotary District 5170 logo** and your **club name on top** — proudly customized to reflect your membership in one of the most dynamic districts in the Rotary world.

District 5170 Shirts



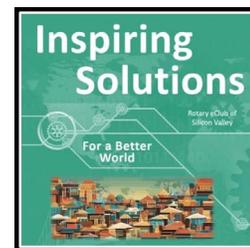
Members can choose from a selection of high-quality shirts available through the **District 5170 & Fremont Bridge Rotary Store** ([CLICK HERE](#)), or send in their own favorite shirt for embroidery. This is a great opportunity to show your Rotary pride at **conventions, conferences, community events, and service projects** — wherever Rotary is represented!

"We are proud to wear our Rotary colors and show the world the strength and unity of District 5170," said **District Governor Herb Ritter**. "When people see that Rotary logo, they see compassion, leadership, and service in action."

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Service Podcasts to Give You Faith in Humanity

By Robert Rushton Hurley on Tuesday, November 11, 2025
We have podcasts, and we think they'll inspire you! [Read More](#)



Santa Cruz Sunrise Rotarians travel to Tecate Mexico to build a house

By Mark D. Junod



Please enjoy: <https://isakrigsman.smugmug.com/Rotary-Tecate-House-Build/l-qdRIprK/A>

Santa Cruz Sunrise Rotarians Build a Home in One Day — And Change Lives Forever



Sixteen Santa Cruz Sunrise Rotarians grabbed their passports, rolled up their sleeves, and headed to Tecate, Mexico for an

unforgettable International Community Service Project: **building a home for a single mother and her three children... in just one day.**

Sixteen Rotarians. One Home. One Day. One life-changing experience.

From Cement Slab to Safe Haven — All in 9½ Hours

At 8:00 a.m. it was nothing but a concrete pad.
By 5:30 p.m.... it was a dream come true.

The team worked side-by-side—framing walls, raising them into place, painting and installing siding, setting rafters, putting on the roof, hanging drywall, pulling electrical, cutting in windows, installing trim, and nailing down the final shingles.

By sunset, a mother and her three children had a safe, secure home... and sixteen Rotarians had a moment they'll never forget.

A Circle of Gratitude

Before packing up, the team formed a circle in front of the newly built home. They shared their wishes for the family, reflections on the day, and stories of what the experience meant.

The mother stood tearful—overwhelmed by gratitude. But the truth? **The sixteen Rotarians were just as transformed.**

They didn't just build a home.
They built connection.
They built purpose.
They built Rotary fellowship that will last a lifetime.

Because once you take part in an International Service Project... you're never quite the same.

No, we didn't change the whole world in a day.
But as someone wisely said, **"every piece of sand builds the beach."**

Hector: The Heart Behind the Hammer

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Rotary Club of Morgan Hill; 2026 Vocational Grant Application Due 3-31-26

Friday, November 14, 2025



DARREN DEAN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION GRANT

GRANT DETAILS:

The Rotary Club of Morgan Hill honors those that will play a pivotal role in creating a better life for our community through skilled labor. Darren Dean was a local tradesman and community leader who demonstrated that the Trades are a necessary component to our society.

FINANCIAL AID GRANT ELIGIBILITY *

- Adults 17 years and older who live within the Morgan Hill Unified School District boundaries
- Provide a plan to attend a program or class, or how supplies or tools will be used.
- Provide two recommendations from either a teacher or employer.

WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary International is a global network of 1.4 million neighbors, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change - across our globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

* Family members of the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill are not eligible for this grant

TIMELINE TO APPLY:

KEY DATES:

Submission deadline – March 31, 2026
 Applicant interviews – April 13-17, 2026
 Award recipients notified – April 30, 2026

FINANCIAL AID:

Individual awards are between \$250 and \$2000 and must be used within 12 months of receipt.

MORE INFORMATION:

Visit morganhillrotary.org/deangrant to apply online or follow QR code below



Rotary Club of Morgan Hill. P.O. Box 283. Morgan Hill, CA 95038

*** Special 2025 Price*** Multi District Conference; Reno May 2, 2026



DISTRICT 5170 CONFERENCE 2026-

- Just \$275 (Extended until December 31, 2025) then prices increase.

(Note: A \$50 cancellation fee applies to the conference registrations, Consistent with RI convention policy.) [Read More](#)

District 5170 Celebrates Early-Year Membership Growth and Calls All Clubs to Finish 2025 Strong

By Camilla Boolootian on Monday, November 17, 2025

District 5170 Celebrates Early-Year Membership Growth and Calls All Clubs to Finish 2025 Strong

Rotary District 5170 is proud to celebrate the incredible progress many of our clubs have achieved so far this Rotary year. Membership growth is the strongest sign of a vibrant, welcoming culture—and dozens of our clubs are already showing that energy in action.

- Across the district, **158 new members have joined since July 1st**, a powerful reminder that people are excited to be part of Rotary when we invite them in, engage them quickly, and show them the impact we create in our communities and around the world. However we have lost 57 members.

Celebrating Clubs With Positive Growth

Congratulations to the clubs leading the way with impressive membership gains this year. These clubs have demonstrated strong outreach, meaningful engagement, and a commitment to giving more people the opportunity to experience Rotary:

- **Top Growth Performers:** eClub of Silicon Valley Health & Wellness (+9), Cupertino (+8), Morgan Hill (+8), Oakland (+8), Evergreen Valley (+7), Hollister (+6), Santa Cruz Sunrise (+6), Alameda (+5), Capitola-Aptos (+5), East Palo Alto Bayshore (+5), Los Gatos (+5), Niles Fremont (+5), and many more.
- **Major Percentage Gains:** Evergreen Valley (+175%), East Palo Alto Bayshore (+38%), Silicon Valley Chinese (+14%), Gilroy Sunrise (+15%), and Silicon Valley Passport (+12.5%).

These clubs prove what's possible when members stay active, leaders stay intentional, and Rotary opens its doors wide. Your energy is contagious—and the entire district applauds you.

Let's continue building on the momentum we've created. Every new member strengthens our impact, our friendships, and our future.

A Final Word of Thanks

To all clubs—those growing and those still finding their footing—**thank you** for the heart you put into Rotary. Your effort matters. Your leadership matters. And together, we are creating a district where people feel welcomed, valued, and inspired to serve. Let's finish this Rotary year stronger than we started.

Together, we grow.

– **Camilla Boolootian**

District Membership Chair, Rotary District 5170

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Boost Club Visibility Across the District

By Herb L. Ritter III on Monday, September 1, 2025

Exciting News from Rotary District 5170!

Boost Your Club's Visibility with the New DACdb ezStory Feature!

[See Your Club's Stories in the NEW Club Spotlight Reel](#)



CREATING CONTENT FOR YOUR WEBSITE



- ezStory is how you add unique content to your DACdb website.
- It is the most powerful tool in DACdb when it comes to showing what's going on with your club.
- DACdb has excellent guidance available for showing how to create stories under the "Support/Learning" tab.

With the implementation of the Club Spotlight Reel, we're thrilled to show how *ezStory* — a powerful new tool in DACdb — makes it easier than ever to share your club's impact and inspire others across the district!

The newest Club stories will be displayed in the Spotlight Reel.

[Read More](#)