



Monthly Club News Spotlight

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Events

January 16th
[District Public Image Committee Mtg \(3rd Friday, 12 Noon\)](#)

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January 24th
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January 24th
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January 31st
[2026 Mission 10 Race](#)

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January 31st
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January 31st
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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."

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Rotary District 5170 Mid-Year Leadership Celebration 1-31-26 in Fremont

By Herb L. Ritter III

Rotary District 5170 Mid-Year Leadership Celebration

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Rotary District 5170 Mid-Year Leadership Meeting

Saturday, January 31
9 am to 12:45 pm
Downtown Fremont Event Center, \$35*

RIPN
Larry Lunsford

Saturday, January 31, 2026 | Fremont Downtown Event Center
3500 Capital Avenue, Fremont, CA
Hosted by District Governor **Herb Ritter (2025–26)**
Theme: Lead with Vision. Serve with Heart. Leave Your Mark.

Rotary District 5170 invites Rotarians, guests, and future members to a dynamic **Mid-Year Leadership Celebration**—a day to reflect on progress, reconnect across the district, and ignite momentum for the second half of the Rotary year.

Session 1 – Leadership Retrospective (Focused on D5170 Leadership)

Registration 8:30 AM | Session 9:00–10:30 AM

For Club Leadership at all levels AGs/LGs, District Committee/AOS Chairs, and RISE graduates. Program highlights include District Governor Herb Ritter's six-month reflections, club spotlight stories, a cultural

[Bollywood Beats For A Cause 1-31-26](#)

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 10th
[District Leadership Fellowship Meeting \(Bocce & Banter\)](#)

February 11th
[District Climate Action Committee Monthly Zoom Huddle](#)

February 14th
[Interact President's Winter Retreat](#)

February 14th
[Park Cleanup Day](#)

performance, and a fireside leadership chat with **DG Herb Ritter, DGE Geeta Kadambi, and Rotary International President Nominee Larry Lunsford.**

Transition Experience (10:30–11:00 AM)

Session changeover, registration for Session 2, and a light buffet brunch.

Session 2 – Leadership Inspiration (All Rotarians)

11:00 AM–12:15 PM

Open to all District 5170 members, guests, and prospective Rotarians (a great event for Red Badgers). Features a keynote address by **RIPN Larry Lunsford**, multicultural performances, district highlights, and interactive leadership storytelling.

Networking & Photo Opportunity

12:15–12:45 PM

Meet fellow Rotarians and take photos with **RIPN Larry Lunsford.**

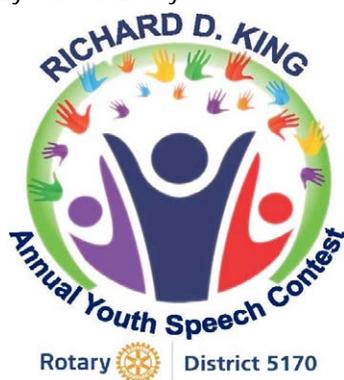
Registration: [>>>Click HERE<<<](#)

Because leadership grows stronger when Rotarians come together—halfway through the year and fully committed to making a difference.

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DEADLINE for Club Speech Contest Commitment: January 31

By Mark S Linsky



DYSC Club Commitment Form

If your Club is planning to participate in the Rotary District 5170 Richard D. King Annual Youth Speech contest this year, which we hope every club does, the commitment form ([CLICK HERE](#)) **MUST** be submitted by **January 31**.

For more information about the speech contest, please [click here](#).

If no form is submitted by that date, it will be assumed that your club does not have a participant in any of the Area (joint) Speech Contests.

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Sunnyvale Club's Bollywood Beats For A Cause - Jan 31, 2026

By Rutawari Sharma

Bollywood Beats for a Cause

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- **Event Details**
 - **Date:** Friday, January 31, 2026
 - **Time:** 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM
 - **Venue:** Shubham Halls, 1214 Apollo Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94085
 - **Suggested Attire:** Indian Traditional or Indo-Western
 - **Ticket Price:** \$100 per person

Tickets and Sponsorships: <https://rcsunnyvale.ejoinme.org/sales> [Read More](#)



Annie He participated in Hawaii Marathon in December 2025

By Annie He on Tuesday, January 13, 2026

One First. One Finish Line. One Powerful Lesson in Possibility.



Honolulu, HI — December 2025 — Annie He, past president of the **Silicon Valley Chinese Rotary Club**, proved that when purpose meets courage, extraordinary things happen—one stride at a time.

Annie chose the **Honolulu Marathon** as her *first-ever* marathon. Her reason was simple and bold: ***you only get one first—why not make it unforgettable?***

What followed was exactly that.

As the race began before dawn, the sky opened with pouring rain—then erupted in fireworks. It was a moment few ever witness: fireworks shimmering through rain, signaling not just the start of a race, but the start of a personal journey. “From the very first step, we were soaked,” Annie recalled. “As the organizers joked, ‘We’re just getting wet a little earlier.’”

The challenges were real—because pushing beyond limits always is. A marathon tests the body, yes, but it also asks deeper questions of the heart and soul. ***How far are you willing to go? What strength lies within when quitting seems easier?***

Annie answered with resolve.

Out of more than **40,000 runners**, she finished in the **top 2% of her age group**—an extraordinary achievement for a first-time marathoner. But the true victory went far beyond the finish line.

“Life is finite,” Annie shared. “To truly live, we must sometimes go all the way to the depths of our soul—to discover our strength, our courage, and who we really are.”

Her story reflects the spirit Rotarians live by every day: service, perseverance, and the belief that ordinary people can accomplish extraordinary things when they say **yes** to the challenge.

One first marathon. One rainy, firework-lit morning. One powerful reminder: **the limits we fear are often just starting lines.**

Because sometimes, the most beautiful journeys begin soaked, tired, and smiling anyway.

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

Friday, November 14, 2025



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?

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* 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:

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Silicon Valley Chinese Rotary Club - Park Clean-up 12/20/2025

By Tong Yin



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Silicon Valley Chinese Rotary Club Wraps Up 2025 with Smiles, Service, and Sparkle at Lake Elizabeth

FREMONT, CA — December 20, 2025 — The Silicon Valley Chinese Rotary Club, proudly part of **Rotary International**, closed out 2025 in the best possible way: by giving back, having fun, and leaving a beautiful place even better than we found it.

On a sunny afternoon at **Central Park**, alongside the scenic **Lake Elizabeth**, Rotarians and friends came together for a community trash cleanup that felt more like a celebration than a chore.

The event was filled with teamwork, friendly games, great conversations, and plenty of laughter—proof that service really is more fun when you do it together. It was the perfect way to wrap up the year and step confidently into the new one with positive energy and purpose.

“We believe service should be meaningful *and* joyful,” said club leaders. “This cleanup captured exactly what Rotary is all about—community, connection, and caring for the places we call home.”

And this is just the beginning. The Silicon Valley Chinese Rotary Club will be back soon with more hands-on service and good vibes—and everyone is welcome to join in.

Stay tuned. Bring a friend. Let’s keep making a difference—one smile (and one clean park) at a time.

Our meeting this week speaks to rethinking how we live, work, and learn

By Mike Kane

BOUNDLESS LIFE



Modern Families Living a Global Lifestyle

@BOUNDLESSLIFE

Rotary eClub of Silicon Valley Explores the Future of Work, Learning, and Global Living

Silicon Valley, CA — This week, the **Rotary eClub of Silicon Valley** welcomed members and guests to an inspiring asynchronous meeting that looked boldly toward the future—where how we live, work, and learn is being reimagined in real time.

As families around the world seek greater freedom, flexibility, and purpose, Rotary continues to provide a forum for innovative ideas that strengthen communities locally and globally. Featured speaker **Elodie Ferchaud**, co-founder of **Boundless Life**, shared a powerful personal and professional journey that resonated deeply with today's changing realities.

A global entrepreneur and mother of four, Elodie spoke about building a life without borders—one that blends meaningful work, family, education, and community. Through Boundless Life, she is helping families live and learn abroad using a place-based education model that combines academic excellence, cultural immersion, and strong community connections—while empowering parents to work from anywhere in the world.

Her message was both timely and hopeful: the future doesn't require choosing between career, family, or education. With intention and innovation, families can design lives rooted in growth, connection, and global citizenship.

Rotarians engaged with ideas that challenge traditional norms and align closely with Rotary values—supporting education, empowering women leaders, and fostering international understanding.

This session reaffirmed Rotary's role as a catalyst for forward-thinking conversations and meaningful action—connecting leaders, innovators, and communities across borders.

Rotary continues to ask the question: What's possible next—and how can we serve it together?

#Rotary #rotaryclub #rotaryinternational Rotary District 5170 #FutureOfWork #FutureOfLearning #womenleadership

Pleasanton North Rotary's Tri Valley Turkey Burn Another Successful Year

By Ryan Spuller

Pleasanton, CA — The **Pleasanton North Rotary** marked the **11th annual Tri-Valley Turkey Burn**, a Thanksgiving-morning tradition drawing **up to 3,000 participants** and earning recognition as one of the Tri-Valley's largest holiday events.



Why the Turkey Burn works (and why clubs should pay attention):

- **Inclusive by design:** runners, walkers, families with strollers, kids on scooters, and dogs welcome
- **High-energy vibe:** coordinated outfits, festive hats, and a fun-first atmosphere
- **Community-first:** strong partnerships, local sponsors, and volunteer power
- **Repeatable & scalable:** same great format, growing impact year after year.

Fundraising impact:

- Started to support **Youth Service**
- Now **fully funds club youth initiatives**
- Provides **grants to multiple youth-focused nonprofits** across the region

The Turkey Burn proves that a simple, joyful idea—executed well—can become a **signature community event and a sustainable Rotary fundraiser** other clubs can adapt and grow.

Give back first. Turkey later.

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Experience Service, Culture, and Fellowship in India !!!!

By Padma Chari



Join Rotarians for a Quintessential Rotary Moment

Experience Polio National Immunization Day in India — Starting March 5

Agra, India — Beginning **March 5**, Rotarians and friends are invited to take part in one of Rotary's most powerful and unforgettable experiences: **Polio National Immunization Day (NID)** in India, hosted by the **Rotary Club of Agra Taj Mahal**.

This is the moment millions of Rotarians around the world describe as *the* Rotary Moment — personally giving young children **two life-changing drops of polio vaccine**, helping protect them for life and moving the world closer to ending polio forever.

Participants may choose from several curated travel options that combine hands-on service with iconic cultural experiences, including visits to the **Taj Mahal** and **Red Fort**. Extend your journey with an optional trip to **Jaipur** and **Ranthambore**, or arrive early to celebrate **Holi**, India's joyful festival of color.



This experience blends service, fellowship, and global impact — the very heart of Rotary.

Registration is now open.

Join us, serve boldly, and be part of a moment you will never forget.

Because sometimes Rotary doesn't just change the world — it hands it two drops at a time.

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Global Project Travel and the Rotary Global Family

By Shyamoli Banerjee



Five Rotarians. One Completed Project. A Journey That Changed Us All.

Pune, Maharashtra, India — What began as a project visit became a powerful reminder of what Rotary does best: turn service into connection, and connection into lifelong impact.

Five members of the **Rotary Club of Cupertino** traveled to Pune to visit the completed **Acute ChildCare Unit (ACCU)**—a life-saving project the club proudly helped equip in partnership with local Rotarians. The goal was simple: see the impact firsthand. The outcome was extraordinary.



Beyond celebrating the successful completion of the ACCU, the group hoped to experience India's history, culture, and people in a meaningful way. While one traveler had grown up in India, Maharashtra was new territory. Coordinating flights, hotels, and local transportation for an international group quickly became complex—until Rotary once again worked its magic.

Through a chance Rotary connection, the group was introduced to **Bhavin Toprani**, past president and owner of **IndiaTravelite**. What followed felt like serendipity. From the first conversation, there was immediate trust—the unmistakable bond of Rotary fellowship that transcends borders.

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

By Herb L. Ritter III

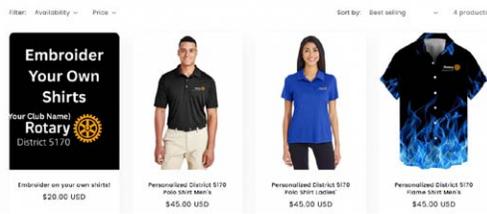
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Show Your Rotary Pride – Custom District 5170 Embroidered Shirts Now Available!

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.

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

District 5170 Shirts



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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