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District Governor's Message – November 2025

By Herb L. Ritter III

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rotary District 5170–November Governor's Message

"Giving Thanks Through Action: The Power of The Rotary Foundation"



This November, District 5170 joins Rotarians around the world in celebrating *The Rotary Foundation* — the beating heart of Rotary's mission to create lasting change.

Through the Foundation, our clubs across Silicon Valley and the Greater Bay Area turn compassion into measurable action — eradicating polio, supporting peace scholars, empowering education, and funding clean water, sanitation, and disaster relief projects across the globe.

This year, we're raising the bar with an inspiring district-wide goal: **100% of our clubs earning the Rotary Foundation Banner Award**. That means every member contributing at least **\$25** to The Rotary Foundation. Every gift — no matter the size — fuels a life-changing impact and strengthens Rotary's ability to serve communities both locally and worldwide.

[The Rotary Foundation Donate NOW](#) <<< Click here to Donate now.

Remember, those that donate \$1000 or more to the Rotary Foundation this Rotary Year between (7/1/26 thru 4/30/26) to the TRF foundation will get a *Special Invitation* to the Hornblowers [Mimosa Brunch Cruise on the SF Bay](#), scheduled for Friday 11:30AM May 15th, 2026

District Governor Herb Ritter encourages members to "give with gratitude, joy, and hope," adding:

"When every Rotarian gives from the heart, we create a ripple of goodwill that stretches far beyond our borders. Together, through our Foundation, we Unite for Good — building peace, trust, and a legacy of Service Above Self."

As the season of thanks unfolds, let's honor our Rotary promise — to turn generosity into lasting change and leave our mark on the world.

Rotary Foundation Turning Generosity into Global Good

By Jill Duerig

November is Rotary Foundation Month — Turning Generosity into Global Good

By PDG Jill Duerig, District Rotary Foundation Chair (TRF)

Every November, we pause to celebrate one of the most powerful engines of Rotary's impact — **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)**. It is through the Foundation that our compassion takes form, our

Events

November 2nd
[District Membership and Tech Symposium: Sunday Nov 2, 2025 1-5PM](#)

November 2nd
[DG Official Visit - Silicon Valley Andhra](#)

November 3rd
[DG Executive Team Zoom Mtg- Lt Gov, AG, AOS, PI, Mem. Foun.](#)

November 4th
[DACdb Training Series](#)

November 4th
[DG Official Visit - Freedom](#)

November 5th
[Bi Monthly District Leadership zoom Mtg: Presidents are invited](#)

November 6th
[House Building & Community Service in Tecate Mexico Nov. 6-9](#)

November 6th
[2nd Harvest - Holiday Food & Fund Posters - Deer Park](#)

November 6th
[DG Official Visit - Pleasanton, Dublin, Livermore \(Tri-Valley Ev](#)

November 7th
[DG Attendance: Peace Pole Installation](#)

November 8th
[Pleasanton Urban Forest Tree Planting Project 11/8 & 11/9](#)

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[Pleasanton Urban Forest Tree Planting Project](#)

November 10th
[DG Official Visit - Scotts](#)

Valley

November 10th

[Freedom Board Meeting](#)

November 11th

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

November 12th

[District International Service Committee Mtg](#)

November 13th

[DG Official Visit - Silicon Valley Star \(Sunnyvale\)](#)

November 15th

[District International Service-TRAINING](#)

November 21st

[Monthly PI Meeting](#)

November 27th

[District Finance Committee Meeting](#)

December 1st

[DG Executive Team Zoom Mtg- Lt Gov. AG, AOS, PI, Mem. Foun.](#)

donations find purpose, and our collective vision creates real, lasting change — in our neighborhoods and across the world.

When you give to **The Rotary Foundation**, your contribution does more than simply fund projects — it multiplies hope. Each dollar is invested wisely, and after three years, those funds return to us as **District-Designated Funds (DDF)**, empowering District 5170 clubs to bring their dreams to life. The more we give, the more we can do — together.



DDF funds support both **Global Grants** and **District Grants**.

- **Global Grants** power large-scale, sustainable international projects — from clean water systems to maternal health programs to education and peace initiatives.

- **District Grants** fuel smaller, short-term local projects that strengthen our communities right here at home.

That means every contribution — whether \$25 or \$2,500 — circles back to make our district stronger, more vibrant, and more capable of transforming lives.

A Story of Impact: From Cupertino to Guatemala

The **Rotary Club of Cupertino** is leading by example as the international sponsor of the **largest global grant ever sponsored by District 5170**. Their \$400,000 grant, **matched dollar-for-dollar by World Vision**, plus an additional \$40,000 raised by the club, totals an astounding **\$840,000 project**.

This initiative is bringing **clean, potable water** to multiple villages in Guatemala — changing daily life for hundreds of families. During the dedication ceremony, local villagers blessed the new water facilities, expressing deep gratitude to Rotary and its partners. Rotarians also joined hands-on, helping install school bathrooms and conducting hygiene education for students — a powerful reminder that when we give, we don't just build infrastructure; we build dignity and opportunity.

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Rotary Foundation Month; Message from PDG Jill Duerig, District Rotary Foundation Chair

By Jill Duerig

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**From: Past District Governor Jill Duerig, District Rotary Foundation Chair
Rotary District 5170 – November 2025 Foundation Report & Call to Action**



Rotary District 5170 on Track for Another Year of Impact Through The Rotary Foundation

As we celebrate *The Rotary Foundation Month* this November, District 5170 continues to demonstrate how generosity and service come together to change lives — locally and around the world. Our interim **Fundraising Analysis (July–October 2025)** shows encouraging progress and a clear path toward another record-setting year of giving and goodwill.

So far in **2025–26**, our members have contributed **\$490,189** across all Rotary Foundation funds, with **\$223,327** directed to the **Annual Fund**, **\$29,070** to **PolioPlus**, and **\$233,759** to other endowed and directed gifts. That's nearly **half a million dollars raised in just four months**, a testament to the dedication and compassion of the 3,517 Rotarians

who make up District 5170.

Aiming for 100% Club Participation

Our district-wide goal is simple but powerful: **100% of clubs earning the Rotary Foundation Banner Award.**

That means **every Rotarian giving at least \$25** to the Annual Fund — because every contribution, no matter the size, strengthens Rotary's ability to serve. Imagine the impact when *everyone gives something.*

Already, **463 members have contributed this year**, with **80 Paul Harris Society-eligible donors** showing extraordinary leadership in giving. As of now, **213 members are Paul Harris Society members**, and **172 Rotarians participate in Rotary Direct**, sustaining our mission month after month.

A Message from PDG Jill Duerig

"Every donation to The Rotary Foundation is an act of hope. It builds classrooms, delivers vaccines, and provides peace scholarships that change the world — one project, one person, one village at a time.

As District 5170 Rotarians, we've proven time and again that generosity runs deep in our hearts. Let's finish strong — with every member giving, every club recognized, and our district shining as a model of Service Above Self."

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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 Niles Canyon Railway 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
Departs Sunol Train Station at 7:30PM
District Leadership Dinner — \$50
Casa Bella, 11985 Street, Sunol at 5:00PM
Dinner and Train — \$100

Tickets & info: llorenz63@gmail.com

District 5170 Rotary District 5170

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!**

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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.

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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Welcome to the Newest Rotarians Inducted since July 2025

By Camilla Boolootian

Breaking News*



It is with great pride and joy that I welcome our **157 newest members** who have joined the Rotary family since **July 1, 2025**. You've each taken the first step in what I promise will be one of the most rewarding journeys of your life — one filled with purpose, friendship, and the power to create lasting change in your community and around the world.

Rotary is more than meetings and service projects — it's a movement of people who **Lead with Vision, Serve with Heart, and Leave Their Mark**. You are now part of a network of leaders who turn compassion into action every single day. I encourage you to jump in — get involved, find your

passion project, and connect with others who share your drive to *Unite for Good*.

A special **congratulations and heartfelt thank-you** to every Rotarian who **sponsored a new member** this year! You've given the *Gift of Rotary* — opening doors to service, leadership, and lifelong friendships. As a token of appreciation, **each sponsor is automatically entered into our "Gift of Rotary" drawing**, where **one sponsor from each of our 12 Areas** will win a **free registration ticket** to our [District 5170 Conference in Reno, May 2–4, 2026](#). Every new member you induct increases your chances to win — and multiplies Rotary's impact in our communities.

To our new members — welcome aboard! To our sponsors — thank you for helping Rotary grow



stronger. Together, we are shaping a future where service, friendship, and goodwill truly know no limits.

With appreciation and excitement for what lies ahead,

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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.

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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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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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](#)

*** 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](#)