



# Monthly District Bulletin

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## District Governor's Message – December 2025

By Herb L. Ritter III on Sunday, November 30, 2025

### A Santa-Sized Thank You & Holiday Cheer From Your District Governor

As December arrives with twinkling lights, joyful music, and a bit of Santa's magic in the air, I want to send each of you my heartfelt appreciation for the incredible work you've done in the first half of this Rotary year. Your service, your generosity, and your steadfast commitment to helping others have truly been gifts—gifts that last far longer than anything wrapped in ribbon.

This month, as we celebrate togetherness and hope, we also recognize **Rotary's Disease Prevention and Treatment Month**. Santa may bring toys, but *you* bring something even greater—healing, compassion, and life-changing support. From local health initiatives to our historic mission to **eradicate polio**, your service continues to brighten the path to healthier futures.



And while Santa checks his list, it's the perfect time for us to check one more box—**supporting The Rotary Foundation**. [CLICK HERE](#). If every Rotarian contributes just **\$25**, we power the global and local projects that make our 3,800-member district such a force for good. Every donation is truly a gift that keeps on giving—and helps us reach the 100% Rotary Foundation Banner AWARD.

### All Aboard the Holiday Express! (District Leadership Fellowship Event)

If you're looking to add a little extra cheer to your season, there are still a few tickets left for our **Train of Lights Leadership Fellowship** on **Tuesday, December 2nd at 5:00 PM in Sunol**. Think of it as Rotary's version of the North Pole Express—fellowship, laughter, lights, and leadership all wrapped up in one magical evening.

Don't wait—Santa's sleigh fills up fast! [CLICK HERE](#) to get your Tickets Today!!

As we journey through this season of joy, may your days be merry, your hearts full, and your homes bright. Thank you for the countless ways you lead, serve, and inspire. I'm looking

forward to seeing many of you on Tuesday as we celebrate the holidays—Rotary style!

With gratitude, cheer, and a dash of Santa spirit,

Herb Ritter  
Rotary District Governor 2025-26

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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

December 16th  
[DG Official Visit - Castro Valley](#)  
 December 18th  
[Twin Valley Good Citizen Award-Scouts](#)  
 December 18th  
[DG Official Visit - Silicon Valley Chinese](#)  
 December 19th  
[Monthly PI Meeting](#)

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  
 District Leadership Dinner - \$50  
 Dinner and Train - \$100

Tickets & info: [llorenz63@gmail.com](mailto:llorenz63@gmail.com)



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 80<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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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**Saratoga Rotary Breakfast with Santa at Washington Elementary, 13th December 2025**

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Saratoga Rotary Club Brings Holiday Magic to Washington Elementary — Celebrating Nearly 30 Years of Tradition!**

**San Jose, CA** — Get ready for jingles, giggles, and a whole lot of holiday sparkle! On **Saturday, December 13**, the Rotary Club will proudly host its beloved **Breakfast with Santa**, a treasured community tradition that has brought joy to the youngest students at Washington Elementary School for **almost three decades**.

From **8:30 to 11:00 AM**, Washington Elementary will transform into a festive wonderland filled with warm smiles and holiday cheer. Students will enjoy a hearty breakfast, hands-on crafts, cheerful face painting, and—of course—the highly anticipated visit from **Santa and Mrs. Claus!**

Rotarians will be out in full force, helping with setup, cleanup, and everything in between—while connecting with students and spreading the spirit of service. Interact Club members will also join in, continuing the Rotary tradition of youth leadership and community engagement.

**EVENT DETAILS**

**Breakfast with Santa**

**Saturday, December 13**

**8:30 – 11:00 AM**

**Washington Elementary School**

??100 Oak Street, San Jose

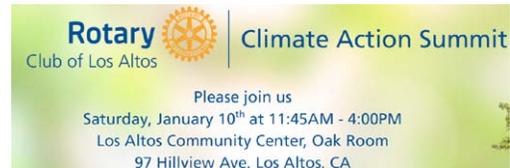
This heartwarming tradition reflects what Rotary does best—bringing people together, lifting spirits, and serving our community with love, laughter, and purpose.

Come join us as we make holiday magic for the kids who need it most! Ho ho ho—see you there!

## 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!](#)**

**\*\*\* 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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## Santa Cruz Sunrise Rotarians partner with Groundswell Coastal Ecology

By Tiffany Wise-West



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Rotarians Complete 5th Planting Session of 2025 to Restore West Cliff Drive**

**Santa Cruz, CA** — Rotary volunteers were out in full force this weekend for the **5th planting session of 2025**, continuing their hands-on commitment to restoring and protecting the iconic **West Cliff Drive** coastline.



Under sunny skies and surrounded by breathtaking coastal views, Rotarians worked side-by-side planting native species to strengthen the bluff, support local wildlife, and preserve the natural beauty of this much-loved community treasure.

“Beautiful weather, beautiful scenery, and beautiful, productive people—it doesn’t get much better than that,” said organizers, celebrating the energy and dedication of everyone involved.

The Rotary team extends a special thank-you to **Groundswell Coastal Ecology** for their guidance, expertise, and partnership in restoring this vital coastal habitat.

This ongoing project reflects Rotary’s commitment to environmental stewardship, community service, and protecting local spaces for future generations.

For more information on upcoming planting sessions or how to get involved, please contact your local Rotary club.

## **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 and Club Name Shirts \*\*\*Embroider your Own**

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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