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### Events

- 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  
[Community Safe Car Park](#)
- January 10th  
[Los Altos Club Climate Action Summit : January 10th, Los Altos](#)
- January 13th  
[Monthly TRF Meeting of 2025-26](#)
- January 13th  
[Annual D5170 Youth Service Mid-Year Meeting](#)
- January 14th  
[District Climate Action Committee Monthly Zoom Huddle](#)
- January 14th  
[Community Service Projects Committee](#)
- January 15th  
[District International Service Committee Mtg](#)
- January 17th  
[Fremont Bridge: Fremont Textile Recycle & Reuse Initiative](#)
- January 22nd  
[District Finance Committee Meeting](#)
- January 24th  
[District International Service Committee Mtg](#)
- January 24th  
[Gilroy Rotary - 100th](#)

## District Governor's January 2026 Membership and Foundation Update

By Herb L. Ritter III

Happy New Year!!! As we begin 2026, I am proud—and genuinely energized—to share some outstanding news from across Rotary District 5170. The numbers tell a powerful story, but the people behind them tell an even better one.

### \* Membership Momentum Worth Celebrating



Congratulations to **over half of the clubs in our district** that achieved a **net increase in membership** compared to the prior year. That is no small accomplishment. It reflects intentional leadership, welcoming cultures, and clubs that are meeting people where they are. Rotary is growing because Rotarians are showing up with purpose.

### \* Spotlight on Innovation: Rotary Club of Livermore

A very special recognition goes to the **Rotary Club of Livermore** for launching a **satellite evening club**—a bold and smart move that opened the door to **24 new members** who wanted to serve but couldn't attend traditional lunch meetings.

\*\*Kudos to **President Pat** and his membership team for demonstrating what's possible when clubs adapt to the lives of prospective members rather than asking members to adapt to old models. This is Rotary innovation at its best.

### \*\* Who's Excelling—and Where We Can Help

Be sure to check out the **membership performance link** in this bulletin. [D5170 Club Growth thru 12-31-25](#)  
It highlights:

Clubs that are excelling in membership growth,

- Remember: growth is a team sport. When one club wins, the whole district gets stronger.

## Celebration

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

January 31st  
[District 5170 Mid-Year Leadership Celebration](#)

January 31st  
[Lobsterfest 2025-2026](#)

January 31st  
[LobsterFest 2026-Rotary Club of Morgan Hill Annual Fundraiser](#)

January 31st  
[Rotary Club of Morgan Hill LobsterFest 2026](#)

January 31st  
[Sunnyvale Club - 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 19th  
[District International Service Committee Mtg](#)

February 22nd  
[Community Service Event - Alameda County Community Food Bank](#)

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.](#)

<b>Club Growth for District #5170</b>		01-Jul 2024	01-Jul 2025	31-Dec-25		Total
Club ID	Club Name	-	-	#	% Growth	Net # Inc
485	Livermore	91	93	119	28%	26
476	Cupertino	214	199	210	6%	11
491	Morgan Hill	109	94	102	9%	8
89913	Evergreen Valley, San Jose	16	4	11	175%	7
498	East Palo Alto Bayshore	17	13	20	54%	7
22996	Santa Cruz Sunrise	107	98	105	7%	7
487	Los Gatos	144	148	155	5%	7
471	Alameda	40	44	50	14%	6
475	Castro Valley	55	49	54	10%	5

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## Foundation Excellence

I am thrilled to congratulate the following clubs for earning the "Club Banner Award" early in the year:

[>>Click Here<<](#) to see where your Club Ranks

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## January Is Vocational Service Month

By Shyamoli Banerjee

## January Is Vocational Service Month

January is recognized by **Rotary International** as **Vocational Service Month**—a time to celebrate the idea that our professions are powerful opportunities to serve others.



Vocational Service calls on Rotarians to uphold the highest ethical standards, lead with integrity, and use their professional skills to make a positive impact in their communities and around the world. No matter our career or background, Rotary reminds us that *how* we conduct our work truly matters.

Our actions are guided by Rotary's **Guiding Principles**, which form the foundation for the service we deliver locally and globally. I encourage every Rotarian to reflect on these principles and consider how they show up in your daily work and service.



Lots of Great Information on our District Website

>> [Vocational Services District Committee!!](#)

Learn more at [my.rotary.org/about-rotary/guiding-principles](https://my.rotary.org/about-rotary/guiding-principles)

As Leaders in **Rotary District 5170**, I thank you for living Rotary values through your vocation. When we lead ethically and serve through what we do best, we strengthen trust, build communities, and create lasting impact.

**Service Above Self isn't just what we do—it's how we do it.**

**Shyamoli Banerjee**, [Cupertino](#)  
District Vocational Service Chair

**Herb Ritter**  
District Governor, Rotary District 5170  
2025–2026

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

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

March 11th  
[ELC](#)

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

March 19th  
[District International Service Session - All welcome!](#)

March 21st  
[Rotary Leadership/Fellowship Mtg – Southern Region Spotlight](#)

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

April 8th  
[District Climate Action Committee Monthly Zoom Huddle](#)

April 11th  
[District Learning Assembly & Speech Contest & Business Meeting](#)

April 16th  
[District International Service Committee Mtg](#)

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 13th  
[District Climate Action Committee Monthly Zoom Huddle](#)

May 14th  
[District International Service Committee Mtg](#)

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

## Growing Rotary Together: Welcoming 274 New Members and Honoring Their Sponsors since July 2025

By Camilla Boolootian

### Breaking News – Rotary District 5170

Since **July 1, 2025**, **274 new members** have joined the Rotary family across District 5170—and that's something worth celebrating! Each of you has taken the first step on a journey filled with purpose, leadership, friendship, and meaningful service. Welcome to a movement that truly **Leads with Vision, Serves with Heart, and Leaves Its Mark.**



Rotary is more than meetings and projects—it's people turning compassion into action. To our newest Rotarians: jump in, get involved, find your passion, and **Unite for Good** alongside fellow leaders who care deeply about their communities and the world.

A special thank-you goes to every Rotarian who sponsored a new member this year. You've given the **Gift of Rotary**, opening doors to service and lifelong connections. As our thank-you, every sponsor is automatically entered into the "**Gift of Rotary**" drawing—with one sponsor from each of our **12 Areas** winning a **free registration to the Rotary District 5170 Conference in Reno, May 2-4, 2026**. The more members you sponsor, the more chances you have to win—and the bigger our impact becomes.

[Register Now](#) to lock in the Early Bird rate; if your name is drawn, you'll receive a **credit**.

To our new members—welcome aboard. To our sponsors—thank you for helping Rotary grow stronger. Together, we're shaping a future where service, friendship, and goodwill know no limits.

*With appreciation and excitement for what's ahead,*



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,*

Please Thank our awesome "Member Sponsors" and see how your club is doing compared to the others.

[CLICK HERE](#) << Welcome 274 New Rotarians and thank the Sponsors!!

Camilla Boolootian, Rotary Club of Santa Cruz Sunrise

District Membership Chair

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## YOU'RE INVITED: District 5170 Club Youth Service Chair Update Call

**District  
5170  
Invites**

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## District 5170



May 23rd  
[District International Service Committee Mtg](#)  
May 28th  
[District Finance Committee Meeting](#)  
May 30th  
[30th Anniversary Celebration - Rotary Club of San Juan Bautista](#)  
June 1st  
[DG Executive Team Zoom Mtg- Lt Gov, AG, AOS, PI, Mem. Foun.](#)

## Rotarians to Youth Service Chair Update Call

*Connecting. Collaborating. Inspiring the Next Generation of Leaders.*

Rotary District 5170 invites all Club Youth Service Chairs—and any Rotarians passionate about youth programs—to an energizing district wide update call on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, from 6:30–7:30 PM (PST).

This interactive one-hour session will spotlight the incredible work happening across District 5170's youth programs and provide **timely updates and key insights for the second half of the Rotary year**. Whether you're a seasoned Youth Service Chair or simply curious about getting more involved, this call is your front-row seat to what's next.

**Programs Featured: Representatives will share updates and best practices from:**

- Interact
- RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)
- Youth Speech Contest
- Enterprise Leadership
- Youth Exchange

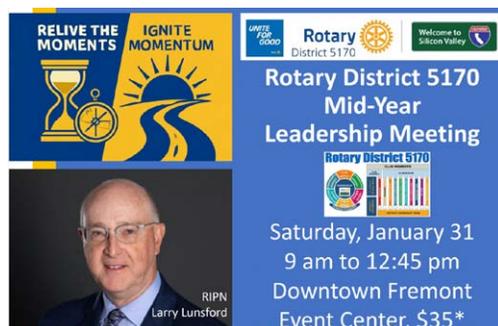
Adding to the value, the **District Youth Protection Officer** will be on the call to address questions, provide updates, and ensure clubs have the latest guidance to support safe and successful youth programs.

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

By Herb L. Ritter III on Tuesday, December 16, 2025

### Rotary District 5170 Mid-Year Leadership Celebration



The flyer features a blue and yellow color scheme. At the top left, it says "RELIVE THE MOMENTS" with an hourglass icon and "IGNITE MOMENTUM" with a sun icon. The center text reads "Rotary District 5170 Mid-Year Leadership Meeting" with the Rotary logo. Below this, it states "Saturday, January 31, 9 am to 12:45 pm, Downtown Fremont Event Center, \$35\*". At the bottom left is a portrait of Larry Lunsford with "RIPN Larry Lunsford" text. Logos for "LAWYERS FOR GOOD" and "Welcome to Silicon Valley" are also present.

**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 (Closed)

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

For Club Presidents, Presidents-Elect, President Nominees, 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 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 (Open)

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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## D5170 Speech Contest - Is Your Club Participating in 2026?

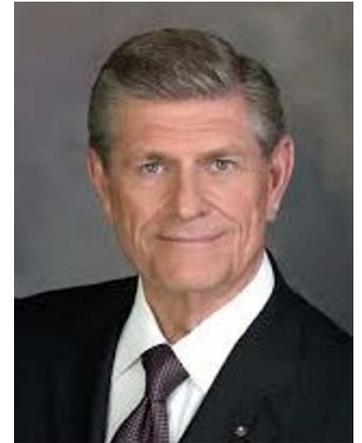
By Debi Ann Pavlecic-Bischoff

As we approach the end of 2025, time is getting short for many of the Rotary Clubs in District 5170 to plan their participation in the 2026 Richard D. King Annual Youth Speech Contest. At this point, 2/3 of the D5170 Clubs have not made a decision to conduct a Club Speech Contest.

For a club to participate at the Area Level, they must sign up by [Clicking Here](#).

One of the gifts that Rotarians can give this season is an opportunity for our high school students to have their voices heard and their ideas presented. Encourage your club leadership to connect with high school students to participate in this year's contest. If your club is reluctant to go it alone, partner with another club to share student recruitment. Every contest is a great program for a club meeting. Remember, the overall contest winner will earn at least \$4100, with guaranteed cash awards for all participants at every level.

In addition, consider having you, your club, or your business be recognized for supporting the contest by participating in the District Youth Speech Contest Sponsorship Program. Please [Click Here](#) for more information.



## DEADLINE for Club Speech Contest Commitment: January 31



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

By Sherry Auerbach

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





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## ezStory: New DACdb Feature to Boost Club Visibility Across the District

By Brenda Swiney

**Exciting News from Rotary District 5170!**

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

### 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.

We're thrilled to launch *ezStory* — a powerful new tool in DACdb that makes it easier than ever to share your club's impact and inspire others across the district!

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