Rotary Club of Vero Beach Oceanside Profile/Accomplishments (continued)

* Chartered March 27, 2009
* Currently 26 members (13 female, 13 male)
* Website [www.rotaryverooceanside.org](http://www.rotaryverooceanside.org/) , Facebook [www.facebook.com/RotaryVeroBeachOceanside](http://www.facebook.com/RotaryVeroBeachOceanside),

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* Literacy projects have included:
 2010 First Book – provided 161 new, personalized books to 101 children at Dasie Hope Center
 2010 New Mothers - books were given to new mothers at IRMC with helpful suggestions promoting the importance of reading to their children

 2010 Author Literacy Series - raised over $1,500 for local Literacy Services

 2011, 2014, 2015 “Josh the Otter” - water safety book reading and video presented to all Kindergarten children in IRC, 400 preschoolers in 2014 (Established March as Water Safety month), and nearly 500 preschoolers in 2015.

 2013 Vanuatu Literacy Project – IRC Rotary clubs will help provide books for a new reading program in Vanuatu that complements the island’s current program .

* Make a Difference Day 2010 - clean-up project at the **Environmental Learning Center**
* Monthly collections and 12 Dames of Christmas gifts for **Safe Space** 2010
* “Project Ninos” holiday project provided Christmas cheer to approximately 57 **Redlands Christian Migrant Association** families 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
* Christmas gift certificates for teens at **Dasie Hope Center**
* Soup Bowl raised over $1,000 to benefit **The Samaritan Center**
* Guardian Angel program raised over $400 in cash, supplies and in-kind gifts for **Sebastian River High School** homeless students
* Octoberfest 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 , 2014. 2015 helped IR Clubs raise over $20,000 for **PolioPlus**
* Scarecrows in the Park Fundraiser 2010– benefitted SafeSpace, the **SunUp Center**, **IRC Libraries**, PolioPlus
* Homestay cocktail party 2009 – 2015 – hosted farewell party for more than 50 global District Governor Elects
* Group Study Exchange teams 2011, 2012 - hosted teams from South Korea and France at club meeting
* Sponsoring Rotary Youth Exchange Student 2013 – Anna Briggs will attend high school for one year in Croatia
* County wide Rotary advertising project with Go-Line bus 2010
* Ride to Beat Hunger - Rev. Alexander’s ride across the US raised $25,000 for **Harvest Food and Outreach** 2011-12, and over $60,000 in 2015
* Quarterly PEACE toasts to Rotary Clubs around the globe
* Beach clean-up in cooperation with **Mother Ocean** 2012, 2015
* **Salvation Army** toy drive 2012
* **Global Poverty Project** 2013 & All 5 IRC Rotary clubs - helping GPP with a multi-media presentation to educate and empower viewers; giving them practical ways to contribute like buying fair trade products, lobbying politicians for better foreign aid, and volunteering with meaningful projects.
* Formation of RCVBO Foundation 2013 – a 501(c)3 non-profit organization
* Service project for **Riverside Theater** 2012-13 “Star Card” distribution
* Charity Poker Paddle 2012 – Raised funds for **Big Brothers/Big Sisters , Gifford Youth Orchestra, Florida Outdoor Ctr Foundation, Hibiscus Children’s Center, Gifford Youth Activity Center, Youth Guidance**
* **Shining Light Garden Project**, April 2014 Gardening project to help feed hungry, homeless and forgotten
* 5 Year Club Anniversary celebration, March 2014
* Foursome participated in **Sebastian Rotary Club’s** Golf Tournament, tee sponsors 2014
* Pretzel sales participation in Craft Beer and Wingfest **2014, 2015, 2016 Sunrise Rotary Club**
* Participation in Nautical Flea Market**, Vero Beach Club** December 2013
* Participation in **Food pantry 2014 Orchid Club**
* Paul Johnson’s 5th Paul Harris pinning
* Established Business Development Program 2014, offering professional assistance in marketing, law and business management
* Santas for Seniors 2015, 2016 project for **Senior Resource Association**. 284 seniors in Adult Day Care and Meals on Wheels recipients received a gift
* Summer off-site socials for members, guests and friends