

## Year in Review: July 2024-June 2025



July 2024: 1st service project of the year. Assembling and distributing new baby kits to 10 young mothers at the Carolyn Hobbs Academy.



August 2024: A visit from our District 5170 Governor, Jill Duerig.



August 2024: Another year supporting and participating in the Faces of Hope Project in Antigua, Guatemala. For twenty years, the Rotary Club of San Leandro has helped bring smiles to more than 1,200 children, 43 of them in 2024.







September 2024: Hosting the only sausage and pretzel booth at the 2024 Ocdroberfest event. We raised more than 4K to support our club.



September 2024: While many of us demonstrated that we aren't smarter than a 5th grader, we had a great social with our Interact youth.



October 2024: We got in the Halloween spirit and spent some great quality time at Kate Miller's lovely and spooky home. So many creative costumes, and, although not official, Leah and Dave were most creative as Martha Stewart and Snoop Dog (dead, but still fabulous).



November 2024: After several years in hiatus, we were able to help serve delicious Thanksgiving meals to more than 200 older adults at the San Leandro Senior Community Center. Great service with a purpose!

November 2024: We welcomed Police Chief Averitt to our club meeting. It was great to get to know her and hear her goals for the department and city.





December 2024: Who knew that Mrs. Clause was a member of our club? Well, here's the proof! Marta, AKA Mrs. Clause, and her Rotary elves hosted a booth at It's a Wonderful Night, 2024. We had a Rotary wishing tree, ornament decorating, and letters to Santa. So much fun for the community and all of our volunteers.



December 2024: Our club brought the holiday spirit to Eden Lodge Apartments in San Leandro for the second year in a row. More than 140 low-income seniors call Eden Lodge home. This year, we helped with two craft activities, as well as serving meals and distributing raffle prizes.

December 2024: Our club has a long-standing partnership with Davis Street. Members helped distribute toys and food bags to San Leandro residents. Elves come in many forms; Rotairnas are clearly one of them.



January 2025: We had the opportunity to join our member, Luana España, at her swearing-in ceremony. Luana is now an East Bay Regional Park District Board member. Congratulations Luana!

January 2025: Marta and her husband Greg opened their home for a New Year's bash. We had so much fun that we, apparently, forgot to take any pictures. Thanks Marta and Greg!



February 2025: This month, we kicked off Rotary Team Trivia socials. It was such a hit that we've continued it every month. Join us at Drake's Barrel House on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month.





March 2025: Our club continued our tradition of supporting local organizations through sponsorships. Members attended wonderful celebrations at the Boys and Girls Club and SLED events. Both organizations have a significant impact on youth and families in our community. Thank you for your important work!

April 2025: Our club provided funding to Building Futures to build a playground at their SL shelter. Here's the finished project. Isn't it great to see how our funding has made a difference?



April 2025: In honor of Global Volunteerism Month, we recognized 10 of our members, each with more than 20 years of service, totaling over 300 years combined. At this meeting, we hosted Vrushali Nanjundappa, our area Assistant Governor, and Herb Ritter, the incoming District 5170 Governor, both pictured here with Jinn, our incoming President. We also welcomed a new member, Rai Lee. The third photo shows him with Ivan, a newcomer to Rotary, alongside a veteran Rotarian (Ivan is celebrating 60 years in Rotary!).



April 2025: The winning trivia team and others from last month's team trivia went to Drag Loteria Night at Drake's. It was a new experience and lots of fun!

May 2025: Thank you to everyone who came to Sons of Liberty Alehouse for our End Polio Now fundraiser. SL Mayor González joined in the fun. We surpassed our goal, raising \$1,575!





May 2025: This month, we awarded 13 grants to organizations serving San Leandro. Thanks to our endowment, we are able to award grants annually. Grantees attended our lunch meeting (group pics above) and shared about how our funding will make an impact in our community. It was a wonderful, positive, and inspiring meeting. Not only did we learn more about the organizations we supported, but new partnerships were formed between the organizations themselves.



May 2025: We awarded two \$750 scholarships to this year's SLHS Interact Co-Presidents, Robyn Henson and Olive Seligman. Olive will be attending Scripps College in the fall, and Robyn will be attending Chabot, intending to transfer to a Southern California school (UCLA) after two years. Both were in the top 10% of their class. Congratulations to these outstanding young people!

May 2025: Members joined a team to help clean up the creek in San Leandro. Together with other San Leandreans, they got their hands dirty by pulling weeds, removing garbage, and planting new trees.



June 2025: This year's Rotary International convention was held in Calgary. Several members attended, made wonderful new friends, and enjoyed all the city had to offer. They even met Rotarians from Taiwan, where next year's convention will take place. That's what Rotary is all about: fellowship, connection, and service. Who's going to Taiwan in 2026?





June 2025: This year's demotion dinner was a blast! Princess Morgan led the way for our Portuguese feast. We celebrated with a Portuguese-themed meal, awards, the great gavel reveal, and the presentation of the new gavel to our incoming President Jinnhua. Can you believe it - it seems Jinn has already misplaced his gavel. That didn't take long! We also remembered Bruce Barnes and Mike Mehan, two long-standing Rotarians who left us this year. They will be missed, but their service will always be remembered.



This year, we lost two of our long-standing members. Mike Mehan was a member for nearly 40 years, and Bruce Barnes was a member for almost 50 years. Both of their wives, Barbara and Sherrie, are current members of Inner Wheel. A genuine commitment to service from both of these pairs! They will be missed, but their impact on our community will always remain.



# Annual Club Giving



\$19,080

*contributed to the Rotary Annual Fund*

\$1,575

*contributed to PolioPlus*



\$30,000

*in grants awarded to local non-profit  
organizations*