



January 4: Ring in 2025! 4:00-8:00 Marta's House <u>RSVP</u>, please

January 8: Lunch meeting 12:00 - 1:30 Boys and Girls Club

January 15: Lunch meeting 12:00 - 1:30 Boys and Girls Club

January 22: Club Social 6:00-8:00 Location - TBD

Check our <u>calendar</u> for up-to-date info

Message from Our President

Welcome to 2025!

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I hope everyone had a replenishing holiday. Are you making any resolutions for 2025? I always try to balance a variety of super easy resolutions with the perennial tough ones (e.g., get a library card and lose 40 lbs). That way, in terms of pure numbers, I can have some success! So, my easy one, which I just took care of, was my annual contribution to the Rotary International Foundation. The RI Foundation leverages our donations to fund projects around the globe. In three years, approximately 60% of our donations come back to the Club! Funds donated three years ago are returning to the Club as District Designated Funds, which we are using to support Faces of Hope in Guatemala, Educate to Envision in Honduras, and a club project to install a Peace Pole in San Leandro. Your support makes a difference! If you haven't done so, please make your 100% tax-deductible donation to Rotary International today. Log on to myrotary.org and click Donate. Your contribution, no matter the size, will make a difference. Let's make 2025 a year of impactful change together.

Did you miss having a holiday party? I did! But I'm excited to announce that Marta and her husband Greg are opening their home this Saturday, January 4, from 4 - 8 pm to welcome the New Year! The Club will provide a main dish and beverages, and we ask folks to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Be sure to <u>RSVP</u>! I can't wait to see everyone there, and feel free to bring a guest! Let's kick off the New Year with a memorable gathering.

We are returning to our three lunch meetings and one evening social per month format. We plan to meet at the Boys and Girls Club on the first three Wednesdays of each month for lunch. Thanks to Kim Pace for making the facility available! Our first meeting will be on January 8, 2025.

> Bulletin questions/input/content suggestions: Contact Jennifer - jreedsf@gmail.com



November and December were busy months! Rotarians from our club were out in force, contributing to our community in many positive ways. From serving meals to older adults for Thanksgiving to sharing a Rotary wishing tree and ornament decorating booth at 'It's a Wonderful Night' to leading craft activities with low-income older adults at Eden Lodge apartments to packaging and distributing food and gifts at Davis Street: we did it all! Thanks to everyone who helped out and to those who brought friends to help volunteer! And guess what? There are more opportunities to serve coming up in 2025 - <u>sign up</u> and get involved <u>here</u>!

Upcoming Service Opportunities

In February and March, 2025, there are opportunities to make a vital impact through supporting blood drives in our community.

Please <u>use this link</u> to sign up for/view service opportunities. Many thanks to Leah Hall for coordinating these activities!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

According to DACdb, there are no January Rotarian birthdays, but stay tuned in February - there are several!

Have you checked to see if your info is current in DACdb? If not, please do so. I'd hate to miss your birthday.

HAPPY ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

Kim Holland - 11 years Robert Jones - 35 years! Morgan Mack-Rose - 7 years Ed Niu - 14 years