



Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati

The Grapevine

Club #402, District 5130 December 2011



Community Service Message

I am honored to have served as our club's Community Service Chair for the past 11+ years. My career in law enforcement was fulfilling and provided many opportunities to serve the community. Those service opportunities opened many doors for me as a Rotarian to help those in need. "Service Above Self" is a way of life that many of us take seriously and the rewards we receive are not monetary but bring enrichment to our lives. I have said many times in public that my passion is in local community service opportunities and I cherish each time a member or the club helps someone. It is my belief that if you are a Rotarian and you have not experienced the satisfaction that comes from giving of yourself then you are missing out on the reason for being a Rotarian.



Our club has helped so many over the years that there is no way to quantify it, but know for sure that we have made a huge difference in many, many lives. Below is a partial listing of our projects during the past and present year

Provided Thanksgiving meals: Committee on the Shelterless (COTS) families in Rohnert Park. Thanks Gerard for your generosity!

Christmas Holiday Toy and Gift program : 300 + children received gifts from "Santa" last year. Many of their families received food donated by NOAH food bank.

Computer lab: donated and installed at the Boys and Girls Club.

NOAH food bank:: We volunteered over 120 hours of service.

Backpack for Kids: Provided nutritious food to 120 kids at two local schools last year. This year it grew to 144 children at three schools.

Dictionary project: Last year 400 dictionaries were donated to third grade students in Rohnert Park-Cotati schools.. We are on track for another 400 this year.

"Every 15 Minutes": focuses on decision making for high school students driving while impaired. The program is presented at the local high school once every three years and receives monetary and manpower support from our club.

Rebuilding Together: Once a year we join forces with other community volunteers to help with home upgrades or yard cleanup for low income residents.

Senior Helping Hands Project : Now in its third month. Monthly we and our partners provide minor home repairs and yard clean up assistance to senior citizens. September kick off resulted in work at three home. By November 19 homeowners were assisted by over 50 volunteers. Thanks to Paula and Wulff's devotion to this project!

We also lent financial support to local non-profits and service organizations. Our ability to help depends on our fundraising. Some of the organizations we awarded donations to last year: Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Club, Cool Kids Camp, Council on Aging (Meals on Wheels), Giant Steps Therapeutic Equestrian Center, American Red Cross, Committee on the Shelterless (COTS), Cotati Police K-9 program and Tech High Robotics program.

"Thank you" to the entire club membership and all of our partners who turn our service opportunities into reality.

Yours in Rotary, Bob Stewart

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Change Collection
During Dec. for
Committee on the Shelterless

**Helping Hands
Senior Project**
Dec. Break

Christmas Party Dec. 15
with RCRC. Sally Tomatoes

Rotary Theme Month:
FAMILY
See John

2013-2014 President
Vote Dec. 13

Meeting changes:
Dark on Dec. 27, Jan. 3.

Holiday Toy Drive
Donate Gifts/Gift Cards



Dec. 10, Gift-wrapping
Dec. 17 Distribution
See Bob

Don't Forget:
www.rotaryconvention2012.com



From the Wine Country to the world, helping others is what we do.

For more club news and events: www.rotaryrpc.org

NEWS & NOTES

December Speakers

Dec. 6: Enzo Guo, Asian Art Foundation

Dec. 13: Michelle Martin

Dec. 20: Club Assembly

Dec. 27: Dark (Christmas/Hanukkah)



New: Exceptional Literacy Project Award

Rotary International and the International Reading Association have collaborated on an exciting new award that will give two deserving projects monetary gifts of \$2,500 on behalf of the Pearson Foundation. New literacy service projects jointly undertaken by Rotary clubs and IRA reading councils in 2011-12 may be considered for these two awards.

Application deadline: June 15, 2012— Details: <http://ow.ly/7MYFq>

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO CHANGE THE WORLD?

Rotary's 1.2 million members believe it starts with a commitment to Service Above Self. In more than 34,000 clubs worldwide, members volunteer in communities at home and abroad to support education and job training, provide clean water, combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, and eradicate polio. **Details: www.rotaryrpc.org**

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Rotary Means Business: Monthly business networking opportunity for members.

Details: www.rotarymeansbusiness.org

District 5130 Yellow Pages: Online Members Business Directory

Details: www.rotarydistrict5130.org

Board

President : Mike Pastryk

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President: Wulff Reinhold

Service

Club: Paula Reinhold

Community: Bob Stewart

Vocational: Arianne Eskew

International: Dale Ann Knight

Rotary Foundation:

John Hackenburg

New Generations: Micki Jones

Sergeant at Arms: Bill Dresbach

Support Committee Chairs

Membership: Ken McCoy

Speakers: Ron Henderson

Greening Rotary: Darren Patterson

Public Relations: Karen Pierce Gonzalez

Club President 's List of 2011-2012 Accomplishments Includes:

- Because our success depends upon our members, we are pleased to welcome Ellen De Martini, Shontye Claborn, and Michelle Martin as new club members!
- Our two largest fundraisers, Fireworks and the Golf Tournament, were both very successful.
- Our PR committee has introduced The Grapevine newsletter and bi-weekly email updates. They are also revitalizing the website and adding social media to our overall PR campaign.
- We've added Rock Star Moments to club meeting to celebrate special Rotarian moments and memories.
- The Fun and Games Committee has provided games that encourage us get to better know each other.
- We hosted a Joint Club Mixer to promote business networking opportunities among Rotarians. This is in keeping with Rotary Means Business (RMB) which is quickly growing throughout the District.
- Over 2 acres of land have been donated to our organic garden project.

