

# THE WIND REPORT

Week of December 8, 2014

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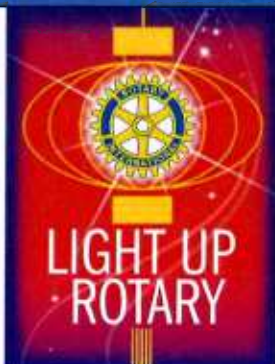
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**ROTARY DISTRICT  
5160,  
CLUB NO. 30335**



## **San Ramon Valley Rotary Club, Danville, CA, USA**

**Meeting Time:** Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.,  
Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville  
[www.sanramonvalleyrotary.com](http://www.sanramonvalleyrotary.com)

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## ***Volunteering Isn't Supposed to be Fun – Is It?***

*By Nisha Kotecha, President of the Rotaract Club  
of Hampstead, Hendon and Golders Green,  
England*

Earlier this month, I volunteered with some of my fellow Rotaract members at the Hampstead Christmas festival in the Hampstead area of London, England. We had no idea what we were going to be asked to do. It was cold, dark, rainy, and my feet were soaked within minutes of getting there.

We had organized an event for past members of our club a few days before, and I heard from some of them who had volunteered for the Live Aid Concert that they had a chance to meet and get a photo with Irish singer-songwriter Bob Geldof. I knew English television and radio personality Jonathan Ross, magician Dynamo, and actress Barbara Windsor were scheduled to be at the festival, so I was hoping to catch a glimpse of them.

It turns out I got much more than that. We were given the task of standing behind the stage and making sure no unauthorized people got on stage during the show. I'm pleased to say we managed to do this successfully. And we were able to briefly meet and get photos with some of the celebrities.

Volunteering might not always involve celebrities. But it can always be fun. As members of Rotaract, like Rotary, we put Service Above Self. But that doesn't mean all service is a selfless act. You can learn and develop skills, try new things, and meet lots of new and interesting people doing it.

Our Sunday afternoon of volunteering turned into a great time.

## Birthdays This Month:

Tim Alman, 12/10  
Buntie Sahni, 12/11  
Marci Harris, 12/13  
Greg Wilson, 12/16  
Michelle Lin, 12/16  
Vikram Gokli, 12/16  
Jessie Castro, 12/22  
Laura Montalvo,  
12/24  
Anita Frazier, 12/30

## Anniversaries This Month:

Kathy and Dave  
Richardson, 12/23  
Barbara and Jack  
Bailey, 12/28  
Jesse and Svitlana  
McGuire, 12/29

## Upcoming Greeters:

Greg McGuire, 12/10  
Santa Claus, 12/18

**TO ALL OUR RED BADGERS!** To get your blue badge, you need to be a greeter at one of our meetings. It is your responsibility to sign up and pick a slot. Any questions, feel free to contact Rita Smith.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

We had a rockin' great meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our greeter was Bob Schumacher (thank you Bob), and we inducted TWO NEW MEMBERS: **Henry Frazier, Jr., and Kristina Plicik**. Welcome to the San Ramon Valley Rotary Family! And a big THANK YOU to the families and guests of these Rotarians who shared this special moment with all of us. Look for more information to come about our new members.

We also had a very inspiring visit from our District Governor **Pam Gray** and her wonderful husband. Pam met with the SRVRC Board of Directors before the meeting and got some great information about all the fantastic programs put on by our Club.

And last, but certainly not least, Pam Gray presented our very own **Valerie Munoz** with the *True Rotarian Award*. Valerie was completely surprised and it was an incredible moment for her and the entire Club. You deserve every bit of it, Valerie! We are so grateful to have you in our membership.



## ***One Warm Coat Gets Huge Support from SRVR Members...***

Traci Engle reports that the Friday night Bishop Ranch Tree Lighting Ceremony was a huge success. Our members showed up to support the One Warm Coat kiosk and do a little Rotary promotion mixed with fellowship while collecting coats, clothing and blankets for those in need. On hand were: Dany, Valerie, Larry, Sudhir, Steve, Larry, Sharon, Rita, Traci, Brian, Lynn, Tom and Neville. On a wet and rainy evening, San Ramon residents and Bishop Ranch employees dropped off the equivalent of 4 boxes of coats and clothes.



Jesse McGuire reported another show of support on Saturday at the Sorting Party that ran from 10am to 1pm. A total of **1,777** items of clothing, coats and blankets were sorted bagged and counted. DVSR Club members stopped by and dropped off their contributions.



Thank you to Dany Gregory for getting OWC into the Valley Sentinel

Traci says it takes a village to do what we do and there are over 24 volunteer Rotarians and their friends and families assisting on this project. If they were not there on Friday or Saturday, they were out collecting the donations at merchant locations and taking them to the warehouse. Some of these folks are:

<b>Jesse McGuire</b>	<b>Brian Roth</b>	<b>James Anita, Josh &amp; Noel Frazier</b>	
<b>Greg McGuire</b>	<b>Tom Eager</b>	<b>Gary Clarke &amp; Courtney &amp; Friend</b>	
<b>Dany Gregory</b>	<b>Sharon Mace</b>	<b>Alex Harris</b>	<b>Greg Wilson &amp; son Ben</b>
<b>Kristina Plisik</b>	<b>Steve Kasa</b>	<b>Valerie Munoz</b>	<b>Larry Blair</b>
<b>Neville Guard</b>	<b>Larry Mace</b>	<b>Rita Smith</b>	<b>Kevin L'Hommedieu</b>
<b>Pam Jones</b>	<b>Neville Guard</b>	<b>Sudhir Sahni</b>	<b>Mark Murphy</b>
<b>Janice Dalton</b>	<b>Gobind Anand</b>	<b>Barbara Bailey</b>	
<b>Laura Montalvo</b>	<b>Lynn Eager</b>	<b>Traci Engle</b>	

Coming up next...

Jesse McGuire will send out an email regarding the next weekends' sorting parties. There will be one more Saturday in December and two Saturdays in January. Brian Roth will head up organizing one or two weekday evening sorting parties. We will start delivering to two of the charities before Christmas: Christmas for Everyone and St Vincent de Paul. Thanks to EVERYONE for their support and participation!!

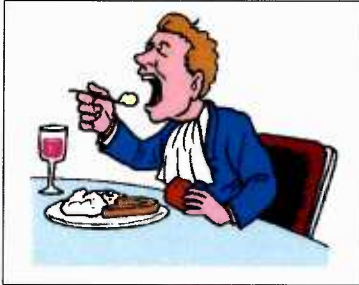


## COMING UP AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON DECEMBER 10:

Our Greeter will be Greg McGuire.

Our Speaker will be Lynda Rexroat - on the Cooking with Kids Foundation

Please remember to bring an unwrapped new toy for the Toys for Tots Drive, and if not, you can contribute \$20.00.



## WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

Winter Salad; Surf & Turf, including Petrale Sole Roulade, Florentine, Dry Vermouth and Sautéed Lemon Chicken; and Mango Sorbet for dessert. Big Yum!

## COMING ATTRACTIONS AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

November 10 through January 14, 2015 - ONE WARM COAT DRIVE IN PROCESS. SEE UPDATE ATTACHED. Contact Traci Engle at (925) 890-3205 or see her at the meeting for details on how you can volunteer to help with sorting parties.

Friday, December 5, 2014 - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - ONE WARM COAT BISHOP RANCH TREE LIGHTING. Holiday entertainment, Santa's Arrival and more will be featured.

Monday, December 8, 2014 - Diablo Lodge Game Night.

Wednesday, December 17, 2014 - 7:00 p.m., CHRISTMAS PARTY! At Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville, CA

Wednesday, December 24, 2014: - DARK - NO MEETING - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Saturday, January 17, 2015 - Evening with the Classics.

*In case you missed it*

### Need to Make Up a Missed Meeting?

Go to our club website and check out the list of neighboring clubs you can visit for more fun and fellowship. Just e-mail Valerie Munoz to let her know you made up the meeting and where.

Here's the link to the list of Clubs, dates, times and locations:

<http://www.sanramonvalleyrotary.com/index.cfm?display=sisterclubs&sub=e>

"Sometimes Me Think,  
'What is Friend?' and  
then me say,  
'Friend is someone to  
share the last cookie  
with.'"

-Cookie Monster

