

THE WIND REPORT

Week of September 8, 2014

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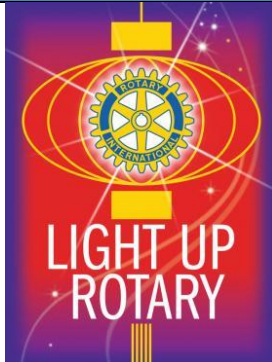
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5160,
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San Ramon Valley Rotary Club, Danville, CA, USA

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FEATURED ARTICLE:

Rotary Scholar Helps the Homeless Through Art

*By Liz Powers, 2011-2012 Rotary Scholar to
Edinburgh, Scotland*

"You feel like you are on guard 24/7," shared Scott Benner, a homeless individual in the Boston area. Scott is one of the many homeless individuals who has shared with me the everyday dangers and fears that he faces. My friend Katie Hickey Schultz faced similar challenges during her 10 years of chronic homelessness. "I spent a long time fighting for my right to exist everywhere I went." As a Rotary Scholar, my goal is to help individuals like Scott and Katie gain self-esteem and earn an income by selling their artwork.

I have worked with homeless and disabled individuals for the past eight years. From 2006-10, I worked one-on-one with homeless individuals and helped them secure housing, employment, and food stamps. After graduating from Harvard in 2010, I received a fellowship to start art groups in women's homeless shelters in the Boston area.

From 2011-12, I received a global grant scholarship to study in Edinburgh, Scotland. I earned a Master's degree creating social change documentaries and started an art show that focused on the amazing talents of homeless individuals.

*Working with homeless artists as a Rotary Scholar was revolutionary for my growth as a social entrepreneur. In December of 2013, my brother Spencer Powers and I founded **ArtLifting**, an art gallery that features the work of homeless and disabled artists. By being on the ArtLifting platform, artists are emotionally empowered and have an opportunity to earn a stable income. ArtLifting's impact has been featured in the Boston Globe, Bloomberg BusinessWeek (online), ABC local news, and the Huffington Post. Our mission is inspired by Rotary's mission of Service Above Self.*

After successfully launching in Boston with savings on a shoestring budget, my brother and I decided to raise funds to expand. We partner with existing nonprofits on the ground in order to help their artists receive the professional gallery they deserve.

Learn more about Liz Powers and ArtLifting at: www.artlifting.com.

Birthdays This Month:

Dayna Rinkle 9/10
James Frazier 9/16
Linda Schumacher 9/16
Chad Reed 9/23

Anniversaries This Month:

Jesse & Ana Castro 9/10
Neville & Pam Guard 9/13
Debora & Steve Killeen 9/18
Larry & Sharon Mace 9/29

Upcoming Greeters:

Dominique Yancey, 9/17
Debora Killeen, 9/24

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.

"If you spend too much time thinking about a thing, you will never get it done." - Bruce Lee

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING

If you weren't there – you missed a great meeting on September 3rd.

Guests visiting us were: Rachel Sklar, marketing associate at Petfood Express (guest of Traci Engle); Henry Frazier, Jr., with New York Life (guest and nephew of James Frazier); and from Golden View Elementary School in Danville, Christine Huajardo, principal and our speaker tonight; Anne Schinske, third grade teacher; and Terri Sutak (office secretary) and her husband Tom Sutak. Welcome to our Guests!!!

NOTE TO OUR MEMBERS! If you are bringing a guest to a meeting, please e-mail James Frazier (jfrazier@calmtg.com), our Director of Membership, the name of your guest, their profession or place of business and your name.

Our Speaker on September 3rd: Presenting a great program on the amazing accomplishments of Golden View Elementary School in Danville was its principal, Christine Huajardo. For those of you who do not know – our Club has adopted Golden View Elementary and we have done a great deal of volunteer work there. It was awesome to meet some of the school personnel and learn more about the school and its great programs. A big thank you to Mrs. Huajardo for sharing her time with us!

ALSO: Our very own James Frazier, membership chair, challenged us to think of three reasons why we come to Rotary every week. He will be calling on some of us to share with the Club what makes Rotary so meaningful in our lives. So be prepared!!!



Want to submit an announcement for our newsletter? Just send Laura Montalvo an e-mail at lauramontalvo@ymail.com



COMING UP THIS WEEK – SEPTEMBER 10th NO MEETING – WE WILL BE DARK!

Come join us at the Family Picnic on September 14 at the Ranch at Little Hills. Price per child has now dropped to \$9.00. Location is 18013 Bollinger Canyon Road. It will be a great time and we need to see all of you there!

Coming up on September 17: Our Speakers will be Mary Shelton, SRVSD Superintendent of Schools, and Terri Kuene SRVSD Community Outreach Director.

COMING ATTRACTIONS AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday, September 14, 2014, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Our second annual Club picnic at The Ranch at Little Hills in San Ramon, located at 18013 Bollinger Canyon Road. Price per adult is \$27.50, kids ages 5 through 12 are \$25.00 each, and kids under 4 years of age are free. This will be a great family event with a pool and the food is fully catered.

Monday, September 15, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. – Board Meeting at Sudhir Sahni's home in Alamo.

Saturday, September 20, 2014 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. SRVRC Booth at Danville Farmers Market. Come on down!

Saturday, September 20, 2014 – DVSR ROTARY VETERAN'S VICTORY VELO BIKE RIDE AND 2nd ANNUAL HOPFEST. Registration for the bike ride starts at 6:00 p.m., and you can choose a 30, 60 or 100 mile ride. The Hopfest goes from 1:00 to 5:00 and features local breweries and live music. Location is 2600 Camino Ramon and it's sure to be a rockin great time. For ticket purchase and info go to their website at www.v3hopfest.com.

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 – 5:30 p.m. – Rotary SIX CLUBS MEETING, location to be announced.

Sunday, October 12, 2014 – RUN FOR EDUCATION (formerly Primo's Run) – Our club has a water station at the corner of Iron Horse and Greenbrook Drive, and WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. Be there from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m., wear your Rotary shirts.

October 31 to November 2, 2014: DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN RENO, NEVADA! Located at the Grand Sierra Resort. District Governor Pam Gray has issued an attendance challenge. For the clubs with the highest number and largest percentage of attendees, special recognition will be given at the conference. **So far, 15 members of our club have registered and we are in contention for winning!** Let's get some big numbers at this conference! If you would like to attend this amazing weekend, give a shout to Valerie Munoz as she is the registrar for the entire event.

Saturday, November 15, 2014 – DAY AT THE RACES AT GOLDEN GATE FIELDS. Sign-up sheets are going around. Come join the fun!!! More details to follow.

DISTRICT 5160 PHOTO CONTEST 2014

TWO CONTESTS: CLUB PHOTO CONTEST AND RENO PHOTO CONTEST: For the Club Photo Contest, the deadline is October 27, 2014. Give the District your best three Club pictures of the most poignant, unusual or amazing story/people/things taken during the year with your Club (any avenue of service). Please include Club's name, photographer's name; avenue of service and description. Send pictures before Monday October 27th to Dany Gregory, District Photographer and Bill Randall, Chief Organizer – to photocontest@rotary5160.org. For the Reno Photo Contest, give the District a photograph taken at the District Convention in Reno with the name, club and phone number. Bring your CD, SD, CF or USB to the Photo Contest Box at registration or email to photocontest@rotary5160.org. NO NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. Wonderful cash prizes will be awarded to our Club, and a very special prize awarded to the photographer.

Lillian Braverman-Aamold

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Jessica Braverman's mother, Lillian. She transitioned on Friday, September 05, 2014. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to Jessica and her family as they navigate through their profound loss. Donations in memory of Jessica's mom can be made in her honor to the American Cancer Society.

We love you, Jessica!

