Dear Rotarians,

Since we are half way through our Rotary year I wanted to give you an update as to the state of our club.

We currently have 40 members with one new member application under review. In August, we participated in the Thursday Night Live events in downtown Mountain View, which brought in a new member and gave Rotary some exposure in the community.

In October, we participated in World Polio Day and our End Polio Now appeal letters have brought in roughly $1000 to date with donations still coming in.

November was Rotary Foundation month and a BIG THANK YOU to everyone for participating. We exceed our goal and Mountain View was the first club in our district to have 100% participation! Also in November, Alicia Crank was able to attend the West Africa Project Fair in Ghana, where she helped immunize 12,000 children against the Guinea worm.

On Nov. 21st Cops & Gobblers was very well attended by Mountain View Rotarians where over 250 food baskets were prepared and distributed to low income families in our community.

In January we will be honoring one of our long time members Chuck Osborn at the Celebration of Leaders event and we will also host our 26th Annual Crab Feed which I’m sure will be the Best ever!

I would like to send a special thank you out to Heather Stenshamn for volunteering to put together this newsletter and for her enthusiasm in Rotary.

I believe we are all doing our part to Build Community and Bridge Continents and I am proud to be a Mountain View Rotarian. I look forward to lots of fun in 2011 with all of you.

Yours in Rotary,

Sandi McDonough
Rotary Foundation

By contributing to the Foundation, you help support the Foundation's six areas of focus, which help to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. By giving US$100 a year through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative, you become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. Contributions to EREY are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs.

Our Club has succeed our goal of $5,700 and currently is at 100% participation and contributions of $7,360.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

COPS & GOBBLERS
Rotary power was visible at the Police Station on the sunny morning of November 21, 2010, as we filled baskets, counted stuffed animals, and delivered the baskets to smiling children and parents. Bruce and his team were extremely organized and the largest turnout of community volunteers' assisted this year. Good work Rotarians and Residents of Mountain View!

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The Rotacare Fundraiser was held on November 11, 2010 at the Del Monte Building in Sunnyvale. The auction brought many exciting donations from trips, concert tickets, and more. Fundraising totals to be announced soon

POLIO WALK
Sandi and Jerylann and their families survived a rainy day in San Francisco on October 24, 2010, as they walked down The Embarcadero for ‘End Polio Now’ Campaign.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 27
Crab Feed Club Fundraiser

FEB 8
Film evening with Jose Antonio Vargas

MARCH 24-28
Skiing & Winter fun in Tahoe

TUESDAY’S Club Meetings at 12:15
Our Club’s total contributions since December 7, 2007 are $3,786.84 with our Interact Clubs contributing $1,946.84 of those dollars. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has given Rotary International $355 million to help us and our Partners eradicate polio from the face of this earth. The challenge: Rotary must raise $200 million by June 30, 2012. As of December 31, 2010 Rotary has raised $157 million with District 5170 raising $337,187. This fall a special mailing was distributed to members to promote the cause and contributions received were sent by the Club. For weekly updates on where and how many polio cases there are, go to [www.polioeradication.org/casecount.asp](http://www.polioeradication.org/casecount.asp).

**Did You Know?**

- The first issue of ‘The Rotarian’ was published 100 years ago to 2,000 subscribers.
- There are 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide in 33,000 clubs.
- Member contributions during the 2009-10 Year amounted to $268.5 million.
- In 1985 there were polio cases in 125 countries and today it’s four countries.

**Alicia Crank’s Trip to Ghana**

On November 3, Alicia embarked on a Rotary International humanitarian trip to Ghana with 28 Rotarians.

Alicia experienced local hospitality, sightseeing in Kumasi and a rainforest, Rotary project fair, a trip to the US Embassy, and immunization of 12,000 children by the group. Alicia shared her story to the Club on December 7, reflecting on her trip and experiences.

For her complete stories, click on the link: [http://aliciainghana.posterous.com/](http://aliciainghana.posterous.com/)
Rotarians gathered on December 4, 2010, to celebrate the holidays with a four course meal at Don Giovanni with top awards to the chocolate mouse and the owner for his commitment to the community by providing Thanksgiving meals. The evening’s entertainment began with serenade by the Madrigals, wow, those kids can sing! The entertaining gift exchange surprised some with flashlights as the top gift stolen. A wonderful and well organized event, ‘Hats off’ to Anita!

Pictures can be viewed on the club website: http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/Journals/JournalDetails.aspx?accountid=4225&jid=30481

**HOLIDAY PARTY**

**NEWEST MEMBERS & RED BADGERS**

**JERYLANN MATEO**
A Mountain View native and mother of two. Jerylann’s a Real Estate broker with Alain Pinel Realtors.

**PETER EARLY**
A Mountain View native and father of two and a third child soon. Peter’s a Document Imaging Consultant with CPO Ltd.

**HEATHER STENSHAMN**
Originally from Wisconsin and a mom of a four year old. Heather’s a CPA with Young Craig & Co., LLP.

**DISTRICT & INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

**APRIL 28-30**
Enterprise Institute, Oakland

**MAY 6-9**
2011 District Celebration

**MAY 21-25**
RI Convention, New Orleans
Other Club News & Entertainment

The fall meetings were full of fun football rivalry and many laughs. Also, donations to the foundation were impressive. Members were active in the Halloween blood drive, comedy night, Fred’s tailgate at the Stanford game, Avenues of Service, and many behind the scene activities.

Please share your story in next month’s issue by emailing Heather at heather@ycllp.com.