

CLUB PROJECTS 2018-2019

Local Community Service Projects

EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY: Every February, we honor members of the San Francisco Police Department, the Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department, and the US Coast Guard. This special luncheon event has been one of our most popular programs since it began in 1987. There are volunteer opportunities on the planning committee, and at the event on February 12, 2019.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE ARC OF SAN FRANCISCO: We work with staff and clients of The Arc of San Francisco monthly to plan, prepare, and share a dinner once a month. We also prepare and serve a festive luncheon to hundreds of clients of The Arc at Thanksgiving. The Arc supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Club members are welcome to volunteer for any meal.

BABY SHOWERS WITH THE HOMELESS PRENATAL PROGRAM: Once a quarter, we stuff diaper bags with items that all new mothers need, and then provide them as gifts at baby showers for homeless expectant mothers as they graduate from the prenatal and parenting classes offered by the Homeless Prenatal Program. Club members are welcome to participate at all of these events.

HEROES' VOICES NATIONAL VETERANS POETRY CONTEST: We are the principal sponsor of this contest, which attracts entries from hundreds of veterans across the country. We provide volunteer staffing at the celebratory performance each spring that features the winning poems. Heroes' Voices brings music and poetry to veterans with PTSD and traumatic brain injuries.

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT: We volunteer at Community Days of Service to guide homeless participants through the hundreds of services available to them at these events held at Bill Graham Auditorium and other locations around San Francisco every few months.

BIKE BUILD: Once each spring, we assemble shiny new bicycles and give them to third grade students from San Francisco Public Schools, along with helmets and locks. The San Francisco Police Department provides safety training. The Salvation Army provides a nutritious lunch. There are volunteer opportunities on the planning committee and at the Bike Build event (date TBD).

DICTIONARY PROJECT: We visit San Francisco public elementary schools throughout the school year to give third-graders brand new hard-bound dictionaries, and to teach them how to use them. This is the first book that many of these third-graders own. There are many opportunities to participate throughout the school year.

ROTACARE BAY AREA: RotaCare Bay Area is a volunteer alliance of medical professionals, organizations, and community members (including Rotarians) dedicated to providing free primary, quality healthcare services to uninsured families and individuals with limited ability to pay. RotaCare is volunteer driven and supported solely through locally based philanthropy.

HOLIDAY BELL RINGING WITH THE SALVATION ARMY: Club members and friends enjoy an afternoon ringing the bell in Union Square to collect donations for The Salvation Army during the holiday season. All members are welcome to participate.



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Youth Leadership Projects

INTERACT: We sponsor Interact Clubs (Rotary for high school students) at George Washington (with the Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown) and Lowell High Schools. Club members provide mentorship.

ROTARACT: We sponsor a Rotaract Club (Rotary for young adults) at the University of San Francisco. Club members provide mentorship.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA): We conduct a weekend leadership camp for high school students every April. There are volunteer opportunities on the planning committee and at the event (Date TBD)

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CURRICULUM: We are developing a leadership curriculum for high school students, which will roll out to high school students in San Francisco. Members are welcome to join in this ongoing effort.

International Service Projects

POLIO ERADICATION: Rotary made a commitment to eliminate Polio from the world in 1985, when there were 350,000 new cases. In 2017, there were just eight. Club members participate in National Immunization Days in targeted countries.

WORLD WIDE ROTARY DAY: In March every year, we honor the Consular Corps of San Francisco at a special luncheon. There are volunteer opportunities on the planning committee and at the event on March 12, 2019.

CLEFT LIP AND CLEFT PALATE SURGERIES: We founded Alliance for Smiles and Rotaplast, organizations offering free surgeries to children with cleft lip and cleft palate, while teaching local practitioners. Club members can participate in missions in China, South America, and Africa.

MINES TO VINES: We partner with Roots of Peace, to convert fields of land mines to fields of crops. Club members have traveled to Croatia to plant grape vines and to Vietnam to plant black pepper plants.

KENYA: We are expanding a youth-to-youth radio station in Kenya that broadcasts critical health, environmental, and cultural programming while providing a foundation for local income generation through advertising and sponsorship. There are volunteer opportunities on the planning committee and on-site.

Club Service and Club Operations

LUNCHEON MEETINGS: There are volunteer opportunities at every meeting, ranging from greeting people as they arrive to writing up minutes and taking photos. Club members are welcome to join the Speaker Committee, which plans and organizes the programs presented at our luncheon meetings.

WEBSITE AND COMMUNICATION: We maintain a club website, interact with social media, and publish a weekly newsletter. There are volunteer opportunities in all these areas.

HOSPITALITY: San Francisco attracts Rotarians from all over the globe. Club members volunteer to join them for drinks, meet them for dinner, or help them select the best tourist attractions and entertainment options.

