

# CLUB PROJECTS 2019-2020



## Local Community Service Projects

**BABY SHOWERS WITH THE HOMELESS PRENATAL PROGRAM:** 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 prenatal and parenting classes offered by the Homeless Prenatal Program. Club members are welcome to participate at all of these events, held quarterly.

**BIKE BUILD:** Once each spring, we assemble shiny new bicycles and give them to third graders at 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.

**DICTIONARY PROJECT:** We visit San Francisco public elementary schools throughout the school year to give third graders brand new hard-bound dictionaries and 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.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY:** Once a year we honor members of the San Francisco Police Department, the Fire Department, the Sheriff's Department, and the local 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 next Emergency Services Day event to be held in the fall of 2020.

**FAMILY SURVIVAL PACKS:** We work with Catholic Charities to provide backpacks containing essential supplies to newly-displaced families as they arrive at shelters. Adults receive basic clothing, toiletries, snacks, and important information. Children receive books, toys, and a sweet treat. These backpacks help families cope with the first few days of shelter life while providing a sense of dignity by restoring some personal property to them. Volunteers are needed to fill and distribute these packs.

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

**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.

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

**SOCKS AND MORE SOCKS:** Our Club works with the Homeless Prenatal Program, the San Francisco Fire Department, and the San Francisco Police Department to distribute 1,500 pairs of new socks to our homeless neighbors. Club volunteers deliver socks to our partner organizations three times a year.



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## Youth Leadership Projects

**BOY SCOUTS IN THE TENDERLOIN:** We work with The Salvation Army's Kroc Center to sponsor a Boy Scout Troop for at-risk youth in this challenging neighborhood. Scouting teaches the values of good character, good citizenship, and personal integrity, along with leadership and decision-making skills. Club volunteers provide troop leadership, assist with service projects, and accompany scouts to summer camp.

**INTERACT:** We sponsor Interact Clubs at several high schools in San Francisco, some in cooperation with other local Rotary Clubs. Interact Clubs teach leadership skills and the value of service, while offering opportunities for social engagement. Club members provide mentorship.

**ROTARACT:** Rotaract provides service opportunities, social engagement, and leadership development for young adults. Our Club sponsors a Rotaract Club at the University of San Francisco (with the Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown) and a community-based Rotaract Club (with the Rotary Club of San Francisco Evening) that welcomes all young adults. Club members provide mentorship.

**ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA):** We conduct a weekend camp for 150+ high school students every spring. Campers learn about their personalities, identities, and leadership styles, and how to use them when interacting with and leading others. Volunteers are needed on the planning committee and at the event.

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

## International Service Projects

**CLEFT LIP AND CLEFT PALATE SURGERIES:** We support Alliance for Smiles and Rotaplast, which offer free surgeries to children with cleft lip and cleft palate around the world. Club members can participate in missions.

**LAND MINE ERADICATION:** We partner with Roots of Peace, to convert fields of land mines to fields of crops. This year we are sponsoring the establishment of vanilla bean nurseries in central Vietnam.

**POLIO ERADICATION:** Rotary made a commitment to eliminate polio from the world in 1985, when there were 350,000 new cases every year. We are "this close" to wiping out polio: there were only 33 new cases in 2018. Club members participate in National Immunization Days in targeted countries.

**WORLD WIDE ROTARY DAY:** We honor the Consular Corps of San Francisco at a special luncheon every March. There are volunteer opportunities on the planning committee and at the 2020 event.

## 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 of these areas.

