



THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGE

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WEAR YOUR ROTARY PIN WITH PRIDE

Topic this evening : Induction of Dave and Cheryl:

spouses and partners welcome

Sergeant: Francois, Finesmaster: :Donald, Grace and Loyalty Toast: Rick,
Fellowship and Attendance: Christo

***George Rotary, celebrating 65 years of changing lives and
improving communities***



THIS WEEK IN ROTARY 31 March 2017

Rotary road trip hits 14 West Coast cities to work with clubs and communities

Hundreds of Rotarians applauded as a 25-foot recreational vehicle rambled toward the Fess Parker hotel, a palm-lined resort on the Pacific oceanfront in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Two Rotarians, two Rotaractors, and a district governor on board the RV had just concluded a 2,400-mile road trip that originated in Seattle nearly two weeks earlier, stopping for service projects in Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, and Arizona. (There was also a kickoff party in October in Hawaii.) The road trip helped link Rotarians with charitable organizations in their home communities, encouraged clubs to partner with their crosstown counterparts, and illustrated the scope and value of Rotary.

After a brief welcome, more than 400 Rotarians, some with spouses, piled onto buses and followed the RV to two Boys & Girls clubs in Santa Barbara where they hoisted paintbrushes, sandpaper, hammers, and rakes to revitalize the youth centers. (Local Rotarians, along with members of Interact and Rotaract, met separately to refurbish a third club, in Carpinteria.) Dozens stayed behind at the hotel to fill 400 backpacks that would later be given to the children.

Joey Vaesen, a 21-year-old member of the Rotaract Club of Victoria, B.C., was the youngest person on the tour.

In Santa Barbara, he cleared brush from a playground at a Boys & Girls club as others, including Past RI President William B. Boyd, painted a door in a blue closely matching Rotary's hue. Vaesen signed on for the RV expedition at the suggestion of Katie Coard, charter president of the Rotary Club of Downtown Victoria. "It started off as this public image type thing," he explains. "We were focusing on what Rotary is doing on the West Coast and just trying to get the word out there." But Vaesen says the RV tour also ended up connecting local clubs that otherwise might not have worked together. That foray, called Rollin' with Rotary, was inspired by RI Vice President Jennifer E. Jones. Jones had asked the participants of the 2014 Young Professionals Summit, a Chicago meeting of 32 young Rotary leaders, to "dream big," and one suggested an RV tour.

"Only in Rotary could people in their 30s or 40s be called young professionals," Howard says. Only about 5 percent of Rotarians are under 40.

"We wanted to develop a network of emerging Rotary leaders and put them in leadership roles," says Howard. "But we needed buy-in from the current leadership – the 50-, 60-, 70-year-olds – to view these people in their district as having a voice. We hired two professors of innovation and change management from the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley." The summit showed participants that, young or old, Rotarians all have common ground – they share the same values and goals.

A recurring concern, however, that Hawthorne and others noted was encountering Rotarians who had not undertaken a community service project in months, if not years. The team's presence offered a reason to engage in hands-on service again.

But the turnouts, particularly at the final event in Santa Barbara, inspired the team. "What was beautiful was seeing people in their 20s and people in their 80s working side by side, some of them covered in paint, some sweating. All laughing, all feeling accomplished," says RI Director Howard.

"This kind of project reminds us of why we're in Rotary in the first place," says Ryan Clements, a member of the Rotary Club of Columbus, Ga. "To go out, roll up our shirtsleeves, and do good in the world."

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COMMUNICATION SLOT



“I’ll need a lot more money if you expect me to maintain a level of consumer confidence.”

CLUB NEWS

Please note that the Club will be preparing a special supper for Tuesday **(Roast Chicken with all the trimmings)**, however they do need early advice of numbers
If you will be attending and having supper and if you are bringing a friend or partner, please advise Martin before 12h00 on Monday 3 April

CLUB CALENDAR APRIL 2017

Duties for April

Date	04/04/2017	11/04/2017	18/04/2017	25/04/2017
Type	Speaker tba	Speaker Red Cross Children Hospital talk	Assembly Rotarians only	Fellowship Quiz Evening
Sergeant	Francois	Francois	Francois	Francois

Grace & Loyalty Toast	Rick	Simon	Martin	Trevor
Fellowship & Attendance	Christo	Christo	Christo	Christo
Fine Master	Donald	Pauline	Philip	
Introduction of Speaker		tba		

MEMBER SNIPPETS

Apologies for this meeting: Frances, Loraine

ROTARY UPCOMING EVENTS

4 April **TONIGHT** Induction Dave Hill, Cheryl Nurse
25 April Quiz Evening Family and friends welcome
Fundraiser!!!

May.....

11 June **Rotary Golf Day**
Starts 12.00, followed by fellowship in the Clubhouse
All welcome sponsorships and prizes still needed

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