

“To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch ... to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!” *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

2009-10 Goals--draft

Literacy

1. Adopt a school program—each club “adopts” a school in the community or a school that is in a lower income area that needs the support of a Rotary Club
 - a. Read in the Classroom—Rotary Rotating Readers—one hour a month
 - b. Distribute dictionaries to 3rd graders through the Dictionary Project
 - c. Become involved in parent support groups: PTA, School Advisory Council, School Site Council
 - d. Help with Clean-up/Fix-up projects—make your school your Rotarians at Work Day project
 - e. Help with the school carnivals, fundraisers, ongoing programs
2. Develop a partnership with a school in a Matching Grant program—have students communicate—either as pen pals or through the internet with students in another part of the world

Youth Outreach Programs

1. Present a “Student of the Month” award at your Club meeting—let the school staff pick the student—then invite the student & their parents/guardians & principal to come to a club meeting for the presentation
2. Sponsor an Interact Club at the local high school(s)—these students love hands-on service projects—get them to help in your community projects—they can help tutor/mentor students at your “adopted” elementary school.
3. Help support/initiate a Rotaract Club in your community—they grow up to be Rotarians!
4. Send a Team to RYLA, Model United Nations, and the Interact Symposium
5. Sponsor a youth sports team or Scout troop.

Rotary Foundation and International Programs/Projects

1. Continue high level of giving to the Rotary Foundation including Annual Programs Fund (unrestricted giving)—which comes back to our District in three years as District Designated Funds...encourage “Double Sustainer” status (\$200./yr.)
2. Develop more programs/opportunities for Permanent Fund Giving (endowment fund) to The Rotary Foundation TRF)—
 - a. Everyone can be a Benefactor for only \$1000. designated in your will or other estate planning document to The Rotary Foundation

3. Explore possibilities of being involved as a Pilot District in TRF's new Future Visions programs—a new way at looking funding Rotary Foundation Programs
4. Involve more Rotarians in Rotary Volunteer Service Grants and Rotary Friendship Teams.
5. Encourage more Rotarians to participate in international travel that involves the Rotary Foundation
 - a. National Immunization Days (NIDs)
 - b. District groups visiting other Districts to find new projects and check on those that are already in place
6. Continue supporting TRF's 3 year matching program to eradicate Polio—the Gates Foundation has giving TRF \$100,000,000 to match over a 3 year span to wipe out this dreaded disease
7. Continue the Mission Valley Rotary Club matching Recognition Points program

Community Building

1. Regional activities with Coordinators for Rotary Clubs—build a sense of community: Regional Rotary Round-ups; Regional Rotarians at Work projects; Regional Youth activities; Leadership Development Academy
2. Build membership through more club activities—including “hands on projects,” social events, international projects, fundraisers, youth activities, etc.
3. Provide more affordable District wide events which maximize time use.
4. Allow Rotarians to apply for District level positions using a one-page application form—will be available on the District web page after July 1.

HAVE FUN!!!

- If it isn't fun—why do it?
- Let's enjoy a great year together and make a difference in the world!
- I look forward to your input, your suggestions, and your dedication to your Club and Rotary
- Please invite me to your Club for special meetings, events, presentations—I would like to visit every Club before my year as District Governor.