



For 110 years, the Rotary Club of Oakland has served the Oakland community and beyond. Under the leadership of President Sean Marx, the Club of 340+ members, continued this tradition of community service. The list below highlights the Club's accomplishments during President Sean's term of July 2017 to June 2018.

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YOUTH AND LOCAL SERVICE

Supported 1002 students in 45 transitional kindergarten (TK) and combined TK/kindergarten classrooms in Oakland public schools.

- Organized volunteers to assist weekly in classrooms.
- Awarded \$24,000 to teachers to purchase classroom items.
- Collaborated with the school district OUSD and East Bay Asian Youth Center on a pilot project to improve attendance in four schools.
- Took 970 students on field trips, at no cost to students, parents or schools (659 students to the Oakland Zoo, 207 to Children's Fairyland, and 183 to Chabot Space and Science Center).
- Through the Susie Elkind book giveaway (honoring former Rotary employee and benefactor Susie Elkind), gave away 5020 new books at the end of the school year – five per student, in English, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic or Vietnamese, depending on the language spoken at home.
- Funded a weekly music teacher from Oakland Youth Chorus at four schools without music or arts programs.

Conducted the 37th year of the "Enterprise Institute" for 45 students from local high schools. Guided by 15 Rotarians, the students spent three days in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains, learning business skills, team work, and social responsibility.

Gave ten \$6,000 Saroni-Lena scholarships to high school seniors, including the new Laine J. Ainsworth STEM scholarship for a student in engineering or science. Continued collaboration with East Bay College Fund to include Saroni-Lena scholars in the Oakland Promise, with an additional \$4,000 per student and matching students with Rotarian mentors.

Sponsored Interact Clubs at four Oakland high schools, enabling local students to experience the joy of community service and friendship.

Sent six Oakland high school juniors to the Rotary Youth Leadership Award program.

Conducted hands-on service projects with the Center for Elders Independence, the Alameda County Community Food Bank, and the Police Activities League (PAL) camp in the Oakland hills.

Funded purchase of new display structures at the Junior Center for Art and Science.

Funded instruments for Bay Area Jazz Society program at Frick Middle School.

Funded scholarships at Lake Merritt Rowing Club for low-income youth to develop rowing skills.

Contributed funds toward the purchase of a van by BOSS (Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency) to transport clients to job interviews, trainings and similar activities.

Supported the Adams Point Neighborhood Group's program of mosaic installations on trash cans, beautifying the neighborhood and reducing vandalism.

Funded four portable pianos, a portable PA system and an iPad for Oakland Youth Chorus, for teachers' use when traveling from school to school.

Funded renovation of the historic veranda at Feather River Camp, which has hosted generations of Oakland families and kids for rustic camps and vacations.

Provided funding to bring the Writer Coach Connection to three classes of seventh graders at Bret Harte Middle School.

Supported replacement of the decking of the toddler yard at Saint Vincent's Day Home, used daily by 40 toddlers between two and six years.

Raised a record-breaking \$20,000 at the annual "Feed the Hungry" appeal and distributed the proceeds to nine nonprofits providing food services: Operation Dignity, Bay Area Meals on Wheels, St. Vincent de Paul, First Presbyterian Church, Harbor House, St. Mary's Center, Catholic Worker Food Program, Prescott-Joseph Center, and Alameda County Community Food Bank. (The amount raised included a match by Rotarian Sean Marx and his company Give Something Back.)

Celebrated the 24th year of the HOPE (Help Oakland Pupils Excel) program, by hosting past and present program participants. HOPE pairs 7th graders with Rotarian mentors and sets expectations for the students' attendance, grades, and citizenship. Each successful graduating senior receives \$10,000 for post-high school education/ training of his/her choice.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Bangladesh – Funded four tube wells in Cox Bazaar refugee camp, to provide clean drinking water.

Columbia – Contributed toward 24 deep water wells and a 5,000 gallon water tank and pump to serve 7500 indigenous people in a remote area of La Guajira.

Columbia – Funded the repair and expansion of water delivery and sanitation systems for a school in a mountain village above La Plata Huila.

El Salvador – Provided funds to build, furnish and equip a family waiting room in a hospital treating children with kidney failure.

El Salvador – Provided financial support for a community of 250 families to dig a well and install a pump and tank to create a dependable water supply

Nepal – Funded sewing machines for training program for unskilled, marginalized women

Sierra Leone – Provided funds for toilet/sink/shower unites near medical clinic, to be built from local resources and local labor.

Tansa Valley, India – Participated in a global grant to build 20 farm wells, 100 toilets, and 200 gray water soak pits, as part of a sustainable solution to issues of poor water quality and water shortage.

Uganda – Participated in a global grant to help village communities in northern Uganda by changing water pipes from galvanized metal to stainless steel, thus providing a more reliable water system

Vietnam – Supported District 5170 Interact's international project to fund scholarships for girls in danger of becoming human trafficking victims.

Fukuoka – Continued the Club's tradition of summer student exchange with sister city Fukuoka

Trip to Medellin, Columbia – Hosted by two Medellin clubs, ten Club members and three spouses traveled there, performing service projects, engaging in local club activities, and taking in the local sites.

Rotary Foundation – Celebrated Club members giving more than \$66,500 to The Rotary Foundation, which supports projects focused on the health and welfare of people in need throughout the world.

Projects Fair – Sent Rotarians to the Uniendo America 2018 Project Fair in Honduras, the 2018 Columbia Project Fair in Cartagena, Columbia and the 2018 East Africa Project Fair in Uganda; these fairs facilitate service partnerships among clubs from different parts of the world.

End Polio Now – Thanked each weekly speaker with a donation in his/her honor to “End Polio Now,” providing more than 4,000 children with a life free from a crippling disease, and raised additional funds from Oakland Rotarians to support the ongoing eradication efforts.

CLUB SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP

Inducted 54 new members into the Club.

In the fall, held a lively mixer for prospective and current members at Lost and Found Beer Garden

Recognized outstanding community leaders under a new Rising Star Awards program organized by the Leaders in Motion committee.

Collaborating with three other local Rotary clubs, hosted an evening speakers event focused on innovation and humanitarian services

Supported creation of a new Business Development committee, providing a better platform for members to connect with each other professionally

At the annual Brown Bag meeting in April, Rotarians visited eight Rotarian workplaces: Oakland Zoo, Mueller Nicholls Builders, Children's Fairyland, Madison Park Financial's Town 29 development, AC Transit, Ashby Lumber, Junior Center of Arts and Science, and JRDV Urban International at the Cathedral Building

Held a memorable evening meeting at the Oakland Zoo with over 160 members and guests hearing Rotarian and Zoo CEO Joel Parrott talk about the new California Trail expansion.

Held the annual new member cocktail party in May, graciously hosted by Carla and Ken Betts.

Continued to manage and build the Oakland Rotary Endowment account, currently at \$3.32 million.

With 330+ members and guests in attendance, raised \$80,000+ at Rotary at the Rotunda, the Club's annual gala fundraiser. The evening included a video about Enterprise Institute (prepared by Chris Faber), music from Rick Baskin's Layin' Down the Law Band, and an impromptu song by President Sean Marx and Past President John Protopappas.

Raised \$38,000 in “Bellringers” – \$100 donations to Oakland Rotary Endowment, made during Rotary meetings by members who wish to honor a special person, event or accomplishment.

Vastly enhanced the Club's social media presence through a new website and Facebook posts and check-ins at meetings and events

Kept the spirit of High Adventure alive with biking, hiking, rock climbing, go-Kart racing, A's baseball, kayaking, rafting, and more.

Enjoyed dinners, seasonal celebrations and other events planned by the Entertainment Committee