

For 110 years, the Rotary Club of Oakland has served the Oakland community and beyond. Under the leadership of President Gudrun Dybdal, the Club of 340+ members, continued this tradition of community service. The list below highlights the Club's accomplishments during President Gudrun's term of July 2018 to June 2019.



## YOUTH AND LOCAL SERVICE

Supported 970 students in 42 transitional kindergarten (TK) and combined TK/kindergarten classrooms in Oakland public schools.

- Organized weekly volunteers for classrooms.
- Awarded \$21,000 to teachers to purchase classroom items.
- Funded a project to improve attendance in four schools.
- Took 850 students and 400+ family members on a total of 32 field trips, at no cost to students, parents or schools. The destinations were the Oakland Zoo, Children's Fairyland, and Chabot Space and Science Center.
- Through the Susie Elkind Summer Book Reading Program (honoring former Rotary employee and benefactor Susie Elkind), gave away 5000 new books – five per student, in English, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic or Vietnamese, depending on the child's home language.
- Funded the Sing Me a Story program, providing a weekly music teacher from Oakland Youth Chorus at four schools without music or arts programs.

Celebrated the 25th year of the HOPE (Help Oakland Pupils Excel) program, which pairs 7th graders with Rotarian mentors and sets expectations for the students' attendance, grades, and citizenship. This year two successful graduating seniors received \$10,000 for post-high school education.

Conducted the 38th year of the "Enterprise Institute" for 33 students from local high schools. Guided by nine Rotarians, the students spent three days in the beautiful Santa Cruz Mountains, learning business skills, team work, and social responsibility.

Sponsored Interact Clubs at four Oakland high schools, enabling local students to experience the joy of community service and friendship. Projects included gardening at the Oakland Zoo and making chew toys, from old t-shirts, for pets in shelters. They also planned and ran an excellent meeting for our club.

Conducted hands-on service projects with the Bay Area Urban Debate League, the Alameda County Community Food Bank, and the Police Activities League (PAL) camp in the Oakland hills.

With a combined force of 24 Club members and Interactors, ran a water stop for the tenth annual Oakland Marathon, thus supporting and cheering on the 2500 Marathon participants.

Through the efforts of 12 Club members, organized the annual high school speech contest, with five students from three schools competing.

Sent six Oakland high school students to Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA).

Contributed funds for reviving the PAL Midnight Basketball program for youth and young adults.

Provided funds for the community engagement program of Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir.

Funded video equipment for the digital news program of San Quentin News, the award-winning journalism program at San Quentin prison.

Funded science books for the library at Allendale Elementary School.

Provided a computer and projector to Strive, Survive, Succeed, which helps under-served high school students prepare for college.

Paid the entry fees for Contare Cono Vivo students to participate in the American Choral Festival.

Funded improvements to the Merry Meadow at Children's Fairyland.

Supported environmental education for Oakland students by funding field trips conducted by Kids for the Bay.

Provided new computer equipment to Legal Assistance for Seniors, thus enhancing its data collection and analysis capabilities.

Funded new computers for Lend A Hand Foundation.

Supported purchase of literacy learning materials by Super Stars Literacy.

Funded a jazz appreciation performance at Oakland Technical High School.

Funded transportation for under-served youth participating in the Oakland Lacrosse Club.

Raised \$10,000 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.

## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

**Funded two disease prevention and treatment programs:** one for hospital equipment in El Salvador and the other for hearing assistance equipment in Cambodia.

**Funded five education and literacy projects:**

- Educational scholarships for Guatemala students.
- A sewing training program in Nepal.
- Conflict resolution training in Costa Rica.
- Structural repairs to a Nicaraguan school.
- Eyeglasses for school students in Columbia.
- Music practice rooms at a Macedonian school

**Funded an economic development project** to train students in Guatemala in architectural techniques to improve productivity and income.

**Continued the summer student exchange** with sister city Fukuoka, by sending one student, from the El Cerrito High School Japanese language program, to Japan and hosting one student from Fukuoka.

Hosted by two Rotary clubs in Columbia, **eight Club members and seven guests traveled to Medellin**, performing service projects, engaging in local club activities, and taking in the local sites.

Celebrated Club members **who this year gave more than \$110,000 to The Rotary Foundation**, which funds projects that transform lives both close to home and across the globe.

Rotarians participated in the **2019 Uniendo America Project Fair** in Costa Rica and the **2019 Bucaramanga Columbia Project Fair**. These fairs facilitate local relationships and service partnerships among clubs across the globe.

Thanked each weekly speaker with a donation in his/her honor to **“End Polio Now,”** providing more than 1,000 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 32 new members into the Club.

In the winter, held a lively mixer for prospective and current members at the WeWork co-working space in downtown Oakland

Through the newly-formed Business Development committee, provided a better platform to connect professionally, with bi-monthly networking mixers and two business expos, one in the fall featuring 23 Club member businesses and a second larger one in the spring featuring 50 total organizations, including Club member businesses and other local businesses

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 Hollis Oak development, AC Transit, JRDV Urban International at the Cathedral Building, Cat Town, and Dreisbach Enterprises “Cold Port.”

Held a memorable evening meeting at the Oakland Zoo with over 130 members and guests celebrating our Saroni-Lena scholars and the teachers who inspired them and enjoying a Zoo update from Rotarian and Zoo CEO Joel Parrott, DVM.

Held two new member cocktail parties – one graciously hosted by Michael and Carolyn Bruck and the other graciously hosted by Ken and Carla Betts.

Raised more than \$84,000 for Oakland Rotary Endowment through its annual campaign.

Continued to manage and build the Oakland Rotary Endowment account, currently at \$3.3 million.

With 330+ members and guests attending, raised \$80,000+ at Rotary in the Meadow – a Farm to Table Fete, the Club’s annual gala fundraiser, which included a live auction, brown bag raffle, dancing, and music from local band La Gente SF.

Revived the Club’s Music Committee, with the Committee’s Rough and Ready Bandy performing at numerous Club meetings and other events.

Under the leadership of President Gudrun and the High Adventure Committee, enjoyed the outdoors with “Hikes with the President” and bike rides at a variety of Bay Area venues, as well as A’s baseball, Golden State Warriors basketball, and more.

Heightened visibility of our Club with Club-branded caps, t-shirts and apparel for members to wear when volunteering and attending events

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