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Thanks to all of you, November was a great month for Rotary.

Everywhere Bev and I went, there were celebrations, Family Events, great projects begun, other great projects being completed. There were many Foundation Presentations; by some of the best presenters I have heard in years; and each with its own story to encourage all of us to consider November as the beginning of our support of The Rotary Foundation this Rotary Year.

Healdsburg Rotarians heard Past District Governor Cam Reeves from Lakeport Rotary put The Rotary Foundation in perspective in the life of Rotarians, and its importance in the lives of those in need in the World. Rotarians at Valley of the Moon Rotary, heard Al Frumpkin, PDG, speak about the heart of Rotary in the World that beats because there is a Rotary Foundation to support the Object of Rotary. Brad Howard, PDG from District 5170 shared his personal experiences when he and his family made medical treatment and a hospital "happen", because of the matching grants process made possible through The Rotary Foundation. And it was my privilege to share the podium at Petaluma Sunrise Rotary with PDG Mike Merrill of Santa Rosa West Rotary as we increased awareness of the opportunities available in service locally as well as globally through The Rotary Foundation. These are just a few of the presentations Rotarians in District 5130 heard and saw this Foundation month.

December is Family of Rotary month. Just IMAGINE how much this Family of Rotary can do in the rest of this Rotary Year as we pursue our goal to make Foundation giving the corner stone of our efforts to make the world a better place. This Holiday season will provide us with even more opportunities to be in touch with a Rotarian in a hospital or a Rotarian's Widow. We will also be gathering around our District at this Holiday season in Family gatherings which involve our children, grandchildren and our extended Rotary family in the meaningful work of Rotary.

Truly the energy in this District is awesome. You all are an inspiration—and so many are benefiting by the unselfish and caring way you all Lend a Hand to those in need here in District 5130 and beyond.

The December Holidays are upon us, and you are all as busy as ever sharing and caring as the Family of Rotary you are.

Bev and I wish you all a most joyous holiday season and happiest of New years.