

Greetings fellow Rotarians

As we begin our second month of the new Rotary year, we already have exciting news! The newest Association of Rotary Clubs in District 5130 is now a reality. On July 19<sup>th</sup>, the Presidents of the four Lake County Clubs, Craig Clausen (Clearlake), Gary Olsen (Kelseyville Sunrise), Doug Rhoades (Lakeport) and Bea Moulton (Middletown), under the leadership of Area 5 AG Bill Cornelison, along with several members of their boards, met and voted to create an association of Rotary Clubs in Lake County. It will be known as the Lake Association of Rotary Clubs, or LARC. They join the NVRA, SCARC and RRR in creating a means by which to share knowledge and information, as well as cross-club fellowship. They will meet every other month. The meeting schedule appears now in the District Calendar on this website. Congratulations to the newest member of our rotary family!

As many of you know, Kathy and I have begun our visits to the 45 Clubs of District 5130. To say we are enjoying ourselves would be an understatement. We have been amazed and delighted with the information and fellowship that we are experiencing in each Board Meeting and Club visit. If the first 6 Clubs that we have visited are any indication, this District is in great hands! And the socials! I have to tell you, it was a real surprise to attend the 2-Club social in Healdsburg and have over a thousand people show up. Of course, some may say it was for the Concert in the Park that's held every Tuesday night, but I like to think they were there for us! I will say, however, that the Healdsburg and Healdsburg Sunrise Clubs did a remarkable job of making Rotary visible at the event, possibly one of the reasons both Clubs are increasing their membership.

So, as we travel along the Rotary Highway, we look forward to more visits and more opportunities to meet with our best Rotary friends. See you soon!

Jim Flamson, Governor  
Rotary District 5130  
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