



Rotary Club of Clayton Valley – Concord Sunrise *Connection – Engagement - Action*

Clayton Valley Charter High School Administration Building
1300 Alberta Way, Concord, CA

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1. Rotary Foundation Giving - Irene Davids-Blair

The main presentation focused on the club's participation in the Rotary Foundation and encouraging members to increase their contributions. The club currently has 19 active members. Irene reviewed the club's current participation in Rotary Foundation giving and noted that some members have not donated recently. Members are encouraged to consider automatic monthly contributions, such as \$10 per month, rather than waiting to make one larger annual donation. The goal discussed was Every Rotarian, Every Year, with \$100 per member per year being the traditional target for full participation. Members discussed whether smaller contributions, such as \$25, would count toward participation and noted that the exact criteria can vary by recognition category.

2. How Rotary Foundation Contributions Work

There was a discussion about what happens to money donated to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund. Contributions remain with the Foundation for a period of time before being allocated. A portion eventually becomes available for district grants, while another portion supports the World Fund/Global Grants. PolioPlus donations are separate from Annual Fund contributions. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation continues to provide matching support for Rotary's polio fundraising, although the exact matching details were not established during the meeting.

3. Rotary Recognition

Several Rotary recognition opportunities were discussed:

Every Rotarian, Every Year

Paul Harris Fellow recognition

Benefactor Status, which can be achieved through a planned gift or estate commitment rather than an immediate donation.

Members are encouraged to review their own Rotary giving history to understand their current status and accumulated recognition points.

4. Checking Individual Rotary Records

A significant portion of the discussion involved showing members how to access their personal Rotary information, Members can log into [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org) and access information, such as:

Their individual donation history

Dates and amounts of past contributions

Paul Harris recognition information

Current giving status

Other Rotary membership information

The My Donations/Donor History Report area was demonstrated. Members are also encouraged to use the MyRotaryRotary mobile tools to keep track of their information. One important clarification was that individual donation information is private. Certain club administrators may have access to broader club information, but ordinary members cannot look up what another member has donated.

5. Rotary Orientation for New Members

The group identified a need for better new member orientation. Members noted that new members need to know about [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org) and the resources available there. Even longtime Rotarians may not know about all of the available tools and programs. Rotary Foundation information should be incorporated into the member orientation. Several members volunteered to help with this.

6. Membership Update

The membership report included a few prospective member developments. A prospective member has been contacted but has not responded. Another prospective member had received the required 10-day notice, after which the club could follow up regarding her decision. That prospective member was considering not only which Rotary club to join but also which organization she wanted to devote her limited volunteer time to. A membership related meeting/training was scheduled for the following month. The overall membership discussion suggested that these prospects were not yet confirmed members.

7. Vehicle Donation/Fundraising Discussion

The meeting briefly moved to the club's vehicle donation effort. The club currently has approximately 14-15 vehicles in the program. Many of the vehicles have relatively low values, sometimes around the cost of towing or approximately \$250-\$200. The club discussed the challenge of getting owners to donate vehicles that could otherwise be sold for cash. Members acknowledged that some owners understandably need the money from selling their vehicles.

8. Volunteer work

Volunteering at White Pony, 2470 Bates Ave., Concord, 9:00am-11:00am, Wednesday, October 21.