



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CLARA HOSTS “DEBUNKING” OF CLUB PRESIDENT AND HIGHLIGHTS YEAR-END ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Santa Clara, CA—June 30, 2016** -- The Rotary Club of Santa Clara ([www.santaclararotary.org](http://www.santaclararotary.org)) celebrates a year-end of accomplishments and debunking (Roast) of 2015-16 club president Andrew Ratermann.

According to past president Lou Ann Alexander, “Andy Ratermann has done a tremendous job and demonstrated leadership and Rotary spirit throughout his tenure.”

“ I am honored to have served as president and collaborate with such a great group of talented and dedicated group of Rotarians this past year,” said Andrew Ratermann. “The experience and accomplishments working together with various team members in support of community projects was tremendous and rewarding in itself.”

“All in all, it has been a tremendous year and much has been accomplished and more to come with our incoming president for 2016-17, Miten Marfatia, who brings a wealth of talent, knowledge and leadership,” he added.

During Mr. Ratermann’s tenure, the following highlights the club’s year-end accomplishments:

**Steps for Success; Christmas for Kids; High School Speech Contest; Enterprise Leadership Conference; \$32,000 in Scholarship Awards; Support to High School Interact Clubs; Co-funds a Rotaract Club; Sponsored Cub Scout Troop; Booth presence and beverage service at Santa Clara Super Events for the Super Bowl; Art and Wine Festival Rotary Booth; “Dinner is Served” Program at the JW House.**

In addition, our **two fundraisers** this year, **May 2016 the Mission City Fun Run** and The Club’s biggest fundraiser, the **5<sup>th</sup> Annual 2016 Silicon Valley Barbecue Championships**, recently held June 24 and 25, 2016, was a big success!

Other club donations to mention this year were many. One in particular this year was a \$10,000 donation towards the purchase of a K-9 for the Santa Clara Police department through the Sean M. Walsh K-9 Foundation. Others include:

The Red Cross  
The Soroptomist Group  
Wilcox High School Robotics Club

Santa Clara Library Foundation  
Parti Program  
Santa Clara City Parks  
Bill Wilson Center  
Starting Arts  
Interact RYLA  
Marsalli Thanksgiving  
YMCA  
Santa High School Grad Night  
Wilcox High School Grad Night  
Royal Family Kid's Camp  
Santa Clara Library  
Cystic Fibrosis  
Mission City Community Fund  
Wilcox High School Music Program  
Wheel Chair program  
St. Mary di Rosa Academies  
New School Supplies Santa Clara Unified

### **About the Rotary Club of Santa Clara**

The Rotary Club of Santa Clara, established in 1936, is dedicated to serving the local and world community. Composed of business and community leaders, the club designs its many projects to represent the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

The Santa Clara Rotary Foundation supports the community with many projects: Steps for Success, Christmas for Kids, college scholarships, Enterprise Leadership Conference, Interact and Rotaract clubs, speech contests, and special grants awarded to local organizations. The club's biggest fundraiser, The Silicon Valley Barbecue Championships ([www.svbbq.com](http://www.svbbq.com)) helps to support the funding for these programs. In addition to making major contributions to improve the local community, Rotarians have strongly supported many international projects such as the Rotary goal of global polio eradication.

Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. To learn more about the club and membership, please visit our website at [www.santaclararotary.org](http://www.santaclararotary.org).

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