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ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CLARA INSTALLS NEW PRESIDENT

Announces Funds Raised for Philanthropic Giving

SANTA CLARA, Calif., -- July 6, 2015 – The Rotary Club of Santa Clara (www.santaclararotary.org) is pleased to announce the installation of the 2015-2016-club president, Mr. Andrew Ratermann. Mr. Ratermann will serve as the club's 80th president and has been a member of the club since 2006. He has served on the Board of Directors, chaired and implemented the club's Guest Speaker program and was awarded the Club Rotarian of the Year in 2008, and an active participant in most of the club's charitable events.

Mr. Steve Rainbolt, the immediate past president, will have his celebratory presidential debunking on July 2, 2014 at Bay Club Santa Clara.

"Serving as president of this great club has been truly an honor and a privilege, said Steve Rainbolt, Rotary club president. "Our club accomplished many things over this year and we were able to contribute more than \$150,000 toward community and international projects," he added.

One in particular was the recent earthquake in Nepal. Rotary club members took immediate action in support of the Nepal earthquake victims by which each member "personally donated" funds to purchase and ship emergency shelter kits. Our Rotary partner, Shelter Box (www.shelterbox.org) provides emergency shelter and vital supplies to disaster situations.

In a record setting pass the hat production; our members pledged more than \$4,000 to purchase shelter boxes, in which the Rotary Club of Santa Clara matched with a \$2000 grant for a total of over \$6000 raised. Additionally, we continue to be big supporters of Rotary International's work on global polio eradication.

“ We have helped those in our local community through our community giving projects and college scholarships. Steps for Success, Christmas for Kids, Enterprise Leadership Conference, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Interact Clubs, and speech contest; and we have also awarded grants to over 15 local non-profit groups.

We recently had our club’s major fundraiser, the 2015 Silicon Valley Barbeque Championships event, which will provide funding for our club to continue its very successful journey as a major philanthropic organization for the local community and international projects.

Our club continues to grow with a record number of outstanding new members joining this past year. Under the leadership of our new president, Andrew Ratermann, we expect to reach even greater heights during his term,” he added.

Andrew Ratermann is a retired local business owner who has volunteered in the Santa Clara community for more than 20 years. He has served on the city’s Historical and Landmarks commission, was elected three times to the Santa Clara Unified School Board, where he has served as Vice President and President. For over a decade he has served on the local Boy Scout council’s Executive Board of Directors currently serving as the Vice President of Membership for the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council. He is an active participant in the Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce. Andrew and his wife Caren, have an adult son, Andrew who works for Symantec and a daughter, Katie in her senior year at Chapman University

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."

Santa Clara Rotary 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. 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.

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