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2016 - It's A Wrap!

Greetings from the VP saddle!

Greetings! November was an exciting month starting with 4th Annual Ride the Point, San Diego CA. on November 12. It was another very successful event for the **Point Loma Rotary Club**. 550+ cycling through the *Hidden, Unridden and Forbidden*. Congratulations to Richard Stakelum, Event Director for an outstanding job well done!

We will be publishing more information on how to organize a successful Rotary cycling fundraiser. Please forward your success stories as well. We will publish them in our upcoming Newsletters.

2016 was a big year for the USA/CAN Cycling To Serve Fellowship. This year we grew from a mere heartbeat to a strong fellowship of over 92 members. The Fellowship Board has worked to build upon the work started over a decade before. Because of this, the USA/CAN Fellowship is now positioned to become a prime example of what is possible through the synergy of two passions: Rotary and Cycling!

As we look forward to 2017 and beyond, we know we can achieve much. In the meantime, enjoy the Holiday Season. I look forward to hearing from and riding with you soon.

Cycle Safe!

James

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News and Updates



D5500 Ride To End Polio - A Great Success!

The 2016 Ride To End Polio took place in Tucson in conjunction with the El Tour de Tucson. The ride, which started in 2009 is organized by Rotary District 5500. This year's ride attracted over 125 Rotarians to Tucson from around the world and raised funds approaching \$10M dollars in the fight to end polio. That is simply amazing and shows the power of combining the passion of Rotary and cycling!

Members of the C2S Board attended and participated in the ride. The Board members met many of our fellowship members at the pre-ride dinner hosted by D5500. The next morning, Rotarians rode side by side on one the multiple routes covering different distances of 106, 76, 54, 37 or 28 miles.



Cycling To Serve Fellowship Board Members (left to right): Tom Drennan, Jeff Ott, Dan Kapsak, Jean Luc Berger, James Morrison, Colleen Radich

Joining the USA/CAN Board was Jean Luc Berger, the Cycling To Serve Fellowship President from [Aix en Provence le Tholonet](#), France. Jean Luc rode in the 76 mile ride on a rented bike! While in Tucson, Jean Luc let the attending Rotarians know that in 2018, the Euro Cycling To Serve Fellowship will be hosting a ride which includes a day climbing the famous [Col du Tourmalet](#)! Any fan of European cycling and the Tour de France will recognize this climb as one of the most difficult and decisive climbs in all of cycling history! All Cycling To Server Fellowship Members will be invited to this fantastic ride!

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with a piece of pave from the famed Paris-Roubaix course, in recognition of James' work with the USA/CAN Fellowship. Sections of pave (which is a bread loaf sized cobble, typically, wet, muddy, and always slippery) are included in many of the legendary Spring Classic races, sportive and fondos through northern Europe.



Cycling To Serve President Jean Luc Berger and Rotary International 2017-2018 President Elect Ian Riseley. PE Riseley, an avid cyclist, is looking forward to coming back and participating in the Ride To End Polio.

A 125 Rotarians, including many from the Rotary International HQ in Evanston, IL, participated in the 2016 Ride To End Polio, including General secretary John Hewko (back row, center).



USA/CAN C2S VP James Morrison presented D5500 2016

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Ride To End Polio Ride Director
(and C2S Fellowship Member)

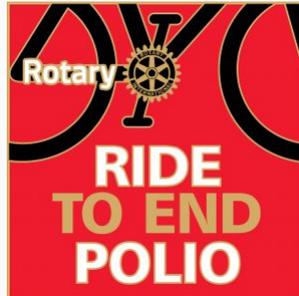
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Gary Hirsch a check for \$1,000 in support of ride operations. The donation is made possible through your Fellowship dues.

The USA/CAN Cycling To Serve Board of Directors has chosen the D5500 Ride To End Polio as the Fellowship's annual ride not only because of its scenic route through the Sonoran Desert, but also because of the significant and positive impact the ride has on the millions of lives it touches through Rotary International's End Polio Now campaign.

The 2017 Ride To End Polio is scheduled for Saturday, November 18th. Mark your calendars today and plan to cap off your 2017 cycling season raising money to End Polio!



Photos from Tucson

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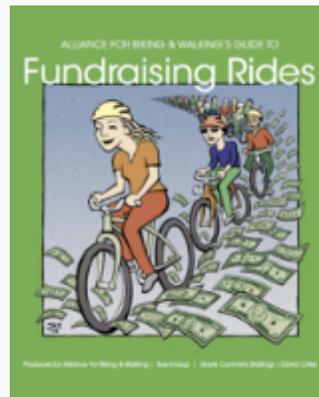


Your Fellowship is Growing!

What an exciting year! Regional Coordinators and members are spreading the word about the Fellowship and we are growing. We want to welcome the following new members, through December 13, 2016!

- David Mesimer - Concord, NC - RC of Kannapolis
- Jennifer Jones - LaSalle, ON, CAN - RC of Windsor Roseland
- Marshall Butler - Jacksonville, FL - RC of West Jacksonville
- Kirk Reed - Tucson, AZ - RC of Catalina (Tucson)
- Sandy Abalos - Scottsdale, AZ - Rotary e-Club of Southwest USA
- Dave Stumpf - Evanston, IL - RC of Evanston
- Bruce Hagel - Fair Oaks, CA - RC of Fair Oaks

Did you know you can now download a copy of the member directory? Simply go to our Member's Area of the Fellowship website. Just remember, this is for non-commercial use of our Fellowship Members.



Is Your Club Starting a New Cycling Fund Raiser?

Or... maybe you want to make sure you've covered all your bases for planning an existing event. Either way, you may want to check out this wonderful resource, available from [The Alliance for Biking and Walking](#). From their website:

From rural communities to big cities, organizations are planning fundraising bike rides that are bringing

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Walking's Guide to Fundraising Rides is the first book to bring you the ins and outs of organizing fundraising rides that benefit bicycling. This guide will take you through all the steps of planning a successful fundraising ride, from setting a date to thanking your sponsors and volunteers. Filled with expert advice, samples from successful rides, and take-away tools you can use, this guide is an invaluable resource for the aspiring event planner while offering new tips and ideas to veteran ride directors.

The guide costs \$22.95 for non-members of the Alliance. Check it out!



Cycling To Serve Benefits!

You already know the main benefits of your Cycling To Serve Fellowship is the ability to connect to other Rotarians:

- That share your passion for Rotary and Cycling
- Who host cycling related fund raising events
- And find Rotary cycling events across the USA/CAN and around the world.

Did you realize you have additional benefits? In this newsletter we welcome new two companies who are offering discounts to Cycling To Serve Fellowship members. For a full list of Fellowship Member benefits and respective discount codes, visit the Cycling To Serve [Member Area page](#).



Dual Eyewear - Dual provides performance eyewear for those athletes who need bifocals in their glasses. If you have trouble seeing your cycling computer, these glasses will work for you! Dual is offering 30% off select products!

Cycling is Social

Plan and List Your Next Cycling Season is HERE... Stay Connected Throughout The Long Winter Months!!

Know of a Rotary cycling event? Please share it by submitting your event by clicking either here or on the Cycling2Serve website!



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Got STRAVA?

Stay connected with Rotarian Cyclists from around the world on a [Strava Club just for Rotarians!](#)

<https://www.strava.com/clubs/Rotary>



On TrainerRoad?

Join the TrainerRoad Team! We will be adding workouts to help you prepare for your next Century or Fondo!



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