
USA/CAN Cycling To Serve June 2016 Newsletter

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Hello Fellow Rotarian Cyclists!

Can you believe it is June already?! It's good to feel the time spent on a trainer during the winter and spring are paying off now as we climb those hills!! Well, spring is the time for growth. With growth comes change and we have some changes to announce in this newsletter.

A little over a year ago when I reached out to the USA/CAN Cycling To Serve Fellowship and offered to step into the role to re-energize things, I saw the importance and great potential of combining two passions I knew were strong worldwide: Rotary and Cycling. I knew that the USA/CAN Cycling To Serve Fellowship needed to be revived and started the process of making it happen. The net result is now we have an active Board, a strong strategic direction and a growing membership. Rotarian cyclists across the USA and Canada also see the need and value of the Fellowship! This is fantastic and this could not have happened without everyone on the board!

There is a lot of work yet to do to keep the Fellowship going. Challenges include:

- * Engaging and re-integrating with the EU Fellowship
- * Creating USA/CAN Operating Policies
- * Atlanta 2017 RI Conference
- * Attracting and retaining members

These are tall orders and will take considerable dedication and focus to achieve. In talking with Membership Chair James Morrison about these challenges and my own coming year as President Elect for the Gateway Rotary Club, he offered to step up as the USA/CAN Regional VP for the Fellowship. His is a generous offer and my decision has not been easy one, because I had not yet fully realized the objectives I had when I started. However, the more I considered what action would best ensure the viability and success of the Fellowship, I believe this is a correct move. James is passionate about the Fellowship, a long time Rotarian, an avid cyclist and being retired, has the time to focus on the challenges that face us.

I will remain active on the Board, sending out this newsletter and other tasks as volunteered and "volun-told". There are additional changes to the board, so please read on below.

Our Fellowship has the potential of being one of Rotary's finest. Let us know how the Fellowship can

best serve you.

All the best,

-- Jeff Ott



News and Updates

Team Rotary RAAM Polio - Starts June 18!!

The Race Across America (RAAM) is an intense and challenging ultramarathon bike race that started in 1982. This year, Fellowship member and Tulsa Rotarian Bob McKenzie and three other cyclists are using this race, their bicycles and all their mental fortitude to promote awareness and raise money for Rotary's fight to end polio. They are reaching out to all Rotarians to help and contribute to raise over \$10 million dollars. You can help by visiting their Rotary Ideas Website. You can also find updates on their Facebook page.

The international Team Rotary RAAM riders are: Bob McKenzie (USA), Randy Jackson (USA), Kurt Metzler (AUS), Steve Schoonover (USA).

Here are some details about the race:

- Start: Oceanside, California - Saturday, June 18
- Finish: Annapolis, Maryland - Approximately, June 25
- Total Days: Goal is 7 days
- Route: 3000 miles and 170,000 feet of climbing
- Crosses 12 states, 88 counties and 350 communities
- Team Rotary RAAM: 4 riders, 12 crew and four vehicles, moving at 17 to 20 mph. The team and crew will be riding around the clock and in shifts.

You can track the Team Rotary RAAM's progress from the race website! Progress is updated every 3 minutes! Follow Team Rotary RAAM!



Your Fellowship is Growing!

What an exciting year so far! Regional Coordinators and members are spreading the word about the Fellowship and we are growing. We want to welcome the following new members, through June 15th!

- Harold McLeod - Lithia FL
- Ken Paterson - Victoria B.C CAN
- Bent Fink-Jensen - Oakville Ontario CAN

Did you know you can now download a copy of the member directory? Simply go to our Member's Area of the Fellowship website, enter the password cyclingRI2016! (the password is case sensitive). Just remember, this is for non-commercial use of our Fellowship Members.



USA/CAN C2S Board Changes

As already announced, there is a change to your Board. For the 2016-2017 Rotary Year, your USA/CAN Cycling To Serve Board are:

- VP (USA/CAN Geo) James Morrison (New Mexico)
- Secretary - Dan Kapsak (Colorado)
- Treasurer - Kimberley Bauman (Washington)
- Webmaster - Dave Wittlinger (Colorado)
- Membership - Tom Drennan (Missouri)
- Events - Colleen Radich (Virginia)
- RI Coordination - Kristin Brown (Illinois)
- Immediate Past VP/Newsletter Social Media - Jeff Ott (Washington)

Are you interested in helping the Fellowship? Let us know!



Meet Your New Board Members!

Events - Colleen Radich: "I enjoy cycling for fun and exercise, and using cycling to promote and support charities is a great combination. I feel Rotary is a great organization that draws people together to help improve the community they live in and the world around them. I am a Registered Nurse in Labor and Delivery, so Rotary's focus areas of improving maternal/child health, fighting disease and providing clean water and improved sanitation speak loudly to me. I live in northern Virginia, and my husband is Past-President and President-Elect of Sterling Rotary in Sterling, Virginia. My teenagers are members of Interact at Broad Run High School. I enjoy volunteering at events, biking with my family, and also participating in century rides. If you see me on a ride, I'll be the one in the middle of the pack stopping to take pictures of the scenery and enjoying the ride."



Membership - Tom Brennan: "I am 64 years old, been a member of the Rotary Club of Overland Missouri, District 6060 since 2000 and I have served as the Polio Plus Chair for Rotary District 6060 for the last 2 years. I am married to Joy Drennan since 2000. We have 5 grown children ranging in ages 24 to 43. Grandfather of one, Miss Ayla Doiron who lives in New Hampshire with my daughter and her husband. I am an active cyclist, riding in excess of 5000 miles most years. So far this year I have been able to cycle in Fort Worth, Texas, Little Rock Arkansas, Miami Florida, Boston MA, New York City, and of course in the Saint Louis and surrounding area. I do about 5 or more charity bike rides per year including the MS150 in Saint Louis area, and the Breakaway to Key Largo ride in South Florida. Also rides benefiting cystic fibrosis, and several rides to benefit Rotary including the Ride To End Polio in Tucson. I have several groups that I often ride with. I try to stay active in the cycling community in our area."



Ride To End Polio - Registration is OPEN

Registration for the [District 5500 Ride to End Polio](#), held in conjunction with the Tour de Tucson, is now open! This is a fantastic event and a fun one at that! The Ride To End Polio has raised over \$25 Million over the years in the fight to end polio!

If you cannot make it to Tucson this year, you can still participate by riding locally or even by riding a stationary bike! Wait - WHAT? That's right! You can even raise funds for this event by participating in the Indoor Ride To End Polio event! There are rides of 104, 75, 55, 40 or 25 miles; Fun rides of 11, 5 and .25 miles, PLUS the Indoor El Tour.

Now, there is no reason to NOT ride. Start planning on participating today!

Do you want to see what the 104 mile ride looks like? Here is the USA/CAN VP's ride from last year on Strava by clicking the logo:



Missing Jersey

Did you attend the RI International Conference in Seoul? Did you accidentally pick up one of our original Fellowship jersey's (examples can be seen on the riders standing on the outside of the group in the photo here) from the D5500 Ride To End Polio display by mistake? The owner would greatly appreciate getting it back. It has sentimental value and considered irreplaceable. Please contact the us to return it. No questions asked.



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!



RoadID - If you ride on the roads, you will appreciate the RoadID personal identification product. Hopefully you will never need to rely on it - but if you end up unconscious on the side of the road this product can literally help save your life. RoadID is offering a limited time 20% off all products. *This offer is only good from May 15 to June 4*, and is also limited in the number of orders.



Cycling Season is HERE... Stay Connected!

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



Facebook Anyone?

Stay up to date with the latest in Fellowship happenings on our **Facebook Page**

<https://www.facebook.com/cycling2serve/>

Got STRAVA?

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

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

Safe cycling from your Cycling To Serve Fellowship Board!

Jeff Ott - VP USA / CAN
Kimberly Bauman - Secretary/Treasurer
James Morrison - Membership
Colleen Radich - Events
Kristin Brown - RI Coordination
Dave Wittlinger - Webmaster - Social Media
Dan Kapsak - Past VP USA / CAN

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