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From the VP Saddle:

Have You Seen It Yet? The New USA/CAN Cycling To Serve Website!

We have been growing steadily over the past year. This is great news! The downside was we needed to update the management of the Fellowships website. The Board decided it was time to consolidate all our efforts into one centralized area and easy-to-use website for USA/CAN C2S members. You may have already noticed the changes!

Beginning last week, your navigation to cycling2serve.us will take you to our new home. Start by logging in, at the upper left corner of the page. Use your email address that you used to join the Fellowship. Then click on "Forgot Password" to have a password reset linked email to you.

Use these credentials to gain access to:

- Members Area
- Search & display the Member Directory
- Special Vendor Discounts
- Club documents, Bylaws, FCS Constitution and more!

We'll be adding more content, including a photo gallery over the coming months. We know you'll like it much better as it is easier to access and navigate!

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Cycle Safe!

James Morrison

News and Updates



Team Rotary RAAM Polio - A Rider's Report

- By Bob McKenzie, Rotary Club of Tulsa

Photo - (Bob, left, with Rotary International General Secretary, John Hewko, Tucson 2015)

I started riding a road bicycle in August 2011 so I could be a part of the “[Ride to End Polio](#)” in Tucson that year. I have now ridden five years in El Tour de Tucson with other Rotarians to raise money for Polio eradication. Along the way I have had the opportunity to meet some amazing Rotarians!! Watching the growth of money for Polio year after year gave me the idea to try to expand the effort.

We really do not have an event with the magnitude of El Tour in Tulsa so I decided to use “Race Across America” known as RAAM for our effort. It was quite a logistical challenge. I originally planned for it to be something for my Rotary district #6110. However, it quickly got out of hand when Niko Andreas, [International Cycling to Serve](#) president got involved. He introduced us to one of our riders, Kurt Matzler and one crew member Meinhard Huber. Niko was a great encouragement to me early on and really pushed our cause. I am sorry to report that he was killed in a car accident on March 3, 2016. We dedicated a day of the race, Wednesday June 22nd, to his memory.

There are a lot of emotions you go through during RAAM! There is so much going on with four riders and a crew of 12. We had a bit of trouble with our RV, but managed to make it through. Amazingly we had no bad weather (except HEAT), no flats, and no accidents. Highlights for me were riding in Monument Valley in Utah and riding through Athens, Ohio where my first grandchild was born. (Though I did forget the streets in Athens were brick so it was a pretty bouncy ride, ha ha) Also, getting to go through Gettysburg; although I was not on the bike that segment. For me it was one of the best weeks of riding I have done.

I did not suffer any ill effects like cramps or fatigue during the race. I was a bit tired when we finished, having ridden 100 miles Thursday, 140 miles Friday, 203 Saturday and climbed over 20,000 feet those three days!

Using RAAM as a fundraising event through Rotary, we were able to raise \$300,000 for Rotary’s Polio Plus program.

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Message from Events Chair

Colleen Radich

Rotary and cycling are a great combination and many Rotarians are using cycling as a way to reach the world, raise money for good causes and have fun with friends and like-minded Rotarians. Using cycling to benefit others by hosting and participating in cycling events is a great way to help your fellow neighbors and people around the world. Cycling events organized by Rotary clubs include races, local bike tours with distances ranging from family-friendly 10 mile rides to century rides and multi-day cycling adventures.

Rotary cycling events around the US and Canada coming up soon include:

- Sept 10 - Kootenay Rockies Gran Fondo in Cranbrook, British Columbia
- Sept 10 - Paradise Rotary Amish Country Classic Bike Ride in Paradise, Pennsylvania
- Sept 17 - Wheel A 'Mena Bicycle Tour to the Top in Mena, Arkansas
- Sept 17 - Blazing Saddles Bike Ride in Colville, Washington
- Sept 24 - Rotary Club of Hattiesburg BIKE-A-THON in Hattiesburg, Mississippi
- Oct 08 - Riverview Rotary River Ride, Danville, Virginia

Proceeds from these rides support local, national and international Rotary projects and service organizations, including rails to trails projects, local senior homes, youth cycling safety projects, clean water projects, and Polio Plus.

If you would like additional information about these rides or to post your club's cycling event listed on the USA/CAN Cycling To Serve website, please email events@cyclings2serve.us or go directly to www.cyclings2serve.us/events.



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 August 22, 2016!

- Anthony Billoni - Buffalo, NY - BNMC RC
- Carmen Cuneo - Houston, TX - RC of University Area
- Lizette Odfalk - Pearland, TX - eClub of Houston

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Jay Taylor - Houston, TX - RC of University Area
 Holgero Ponce - Houston, TX - RC of University Area

- George McCracken - Santa Rose, CA - Glen Ellen RC
- Angela Samse - Cedarburg, WI - Amigo de Milwaukee After Hours RC

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.



Cycling To Serve World Championships

This year, the European Cycling To Serve Region (FCS) hosts their 32nd World Championships. The championships will be hosted by the Rotary Club Luxembourg-allées, in Luxembourg, on September 10th. There are pre-race events on September 9 and a post race on the 11th.

The Rotary Club Luxembourg Vallées and Cycling Club ACC Contern-Luxembourg are in charge of the organization and the competition. The latter association has the support of the well known professional cycling champions [Kim Kirchen](#) and [Andy Schleck](#), as well as Fabienne Gaul, daughter of our world famous champion: [Charly Gaul](#).

If you are interested and wish to find additional details, including photos, bios, and travel information, check out the [Cycling To Serve World Championship website](#).



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

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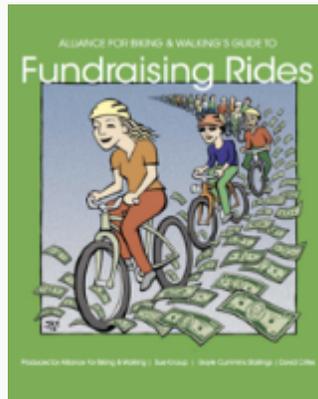
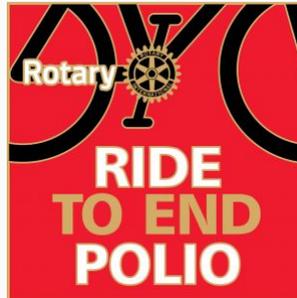
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Now, there is no reason to NOT ride. Start planning on participating today!

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:

STRAVA



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 them new members, new partners, new political connections, and funds to help their organizations thrive. But how does an organization get started organizing such an event? The Alliance for Biking and 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!

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Cycling To Serve Benefits!

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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 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!



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

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<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!

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