

Welcome to 2025

Most of us got off to a slow start for the new year (recovering from too much holiday fun perhaps?)

A few of us, however, were very busy bringing the spirit of Rotary to Cambodia with Susan Glasson and the Karma Yoga team January 9-19:

Service Above Self was applied in a big way by the 15 people (3 were TDRC members and 2 spouses of members). Besides having a lot of fun, the group worked with Kep Children's Association, Journeys Within Our Community, [Cambodia Landmine Museum](#) and [Days for Girls](#).

Each participant traveled to Cambodia with a donation suitcase filled with school supplies, refurbished laptop computers, children's tablets, iPads, wireless speakers, a Bluetooth projector, hygiene supplies, dental supplies, a CPR practice dummy, numerous soccer balls and children's soccer jerseys. The group also donated funds to each organization.

Five members of our team also signed up to sponsor a university student for \$1500/year. If any other TDRC members would like to sponsor a student, the link is: <https://jwoc.info/scholarship-program-new>.

Other projects included planting mangroves, visiting the [Kulen Elephant Forest](#) and supporting the [Cambodia Landmine Museum](#). There are currently 4-6 million landmines in Cambodia. Recent US cuts for foreign aid have hurt their demining efforts.



The trip was a great success!
Stay tuned for more ways to help!

Those of us left at home here in Tahoe enjoyed an evening of food and fellowship at the [Ridge Resort](#) on the evening of January 9th.

This could be a great venue for future TDRC events!

Due to some rescheduling, Todd Poth offered us the VIP room at the [Tahoe Blue Event Center](#) for our January board meeting on Tuesday the 21st. This conveniently coincided with the Harlem Globetrotters game, so Todd provided a discount for us to stay and enjoy the exhibition from center court. It was great fun, thank you Todd!

Our first lunch meeting at [Bally's](#) this year was January 24th when we heard from Katie Martin and Sean Ryan from Whittell High School.

We are excited about working with them on the many programs we support at our local schools. We discussed how TDRC could be involved in the upcoming Culinary Career fundraiser April 4th where young chefs will be cooking up a great evening!

We closed out January 2025 with an informative presentation by South Lake Tahoe's City Manager, Joseph Irvin.

February 2025

We kicked this month off at our lunch meeting on the 7th with Tim DeGhelder, Director of [Douglas County Libraries](#). He introduced us to the library's efforts to evolve into the digital age. Our Board of Directors later approved a \$2000 reimbursement donation for an 85" screen, speakers and wall mount to help Zephyr Cove Library update their technology.

We look forward to coordinating a social event at this library to show off this new equipment.

Mother nature was not very cooperative for our TDRC day on the slopes February 13th, but 2 of our "die hard" skiers made the best of it anyway...

Just look at those happy faces!



Some of us enjoyed the Connect For A Cause Crab Feed fundraiser on February 20th. It was a lot of fun to support local charities!



February 21st brought Susan Glasson and her Cambodia team members to share how Rotary club members are making a difference in our world!

Our final meeting February 28th featured [Shelley Zentner](#), one of Lake Tahoe's most prominent proactive artists.

Shelley was raised in the beautiful North Wales area of the UK where she discovered art at a young age before relocating to Tahoe in 2005. Last Fall Shelley teamed with Jamie and David Orr to open her new Gallery at [Cowork Tahoe](#) at the Roundhill Center. She is contributing a percentage of her charcoal pieces (using tree charcoal from the Caldor Fire) to the area Firefighters group. She also periodically donates from her art sales to [Live Violence Free](#).

