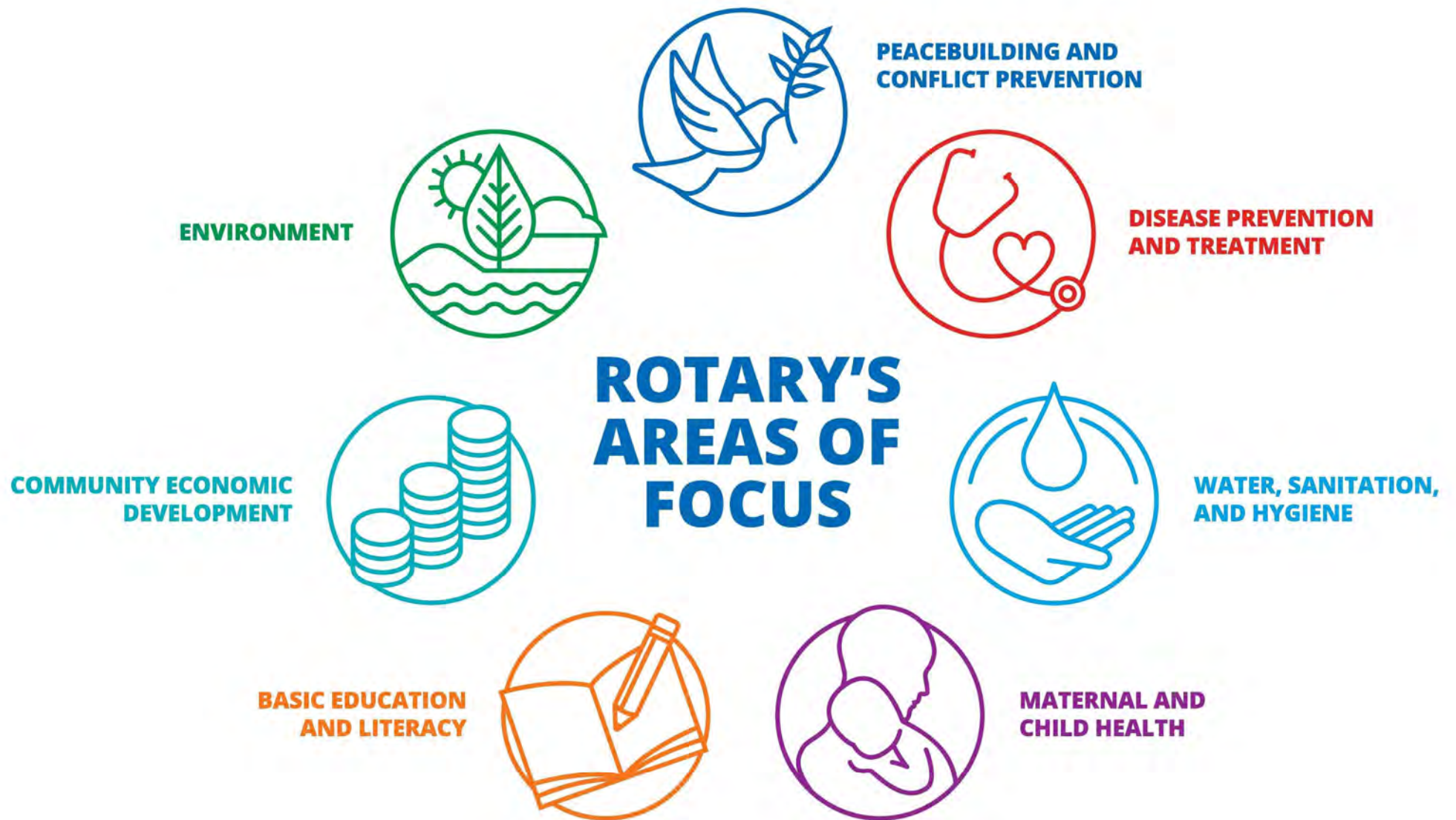


Rotary Club of South San Francisco

75th Anniversary Celebration

May 15, 2026

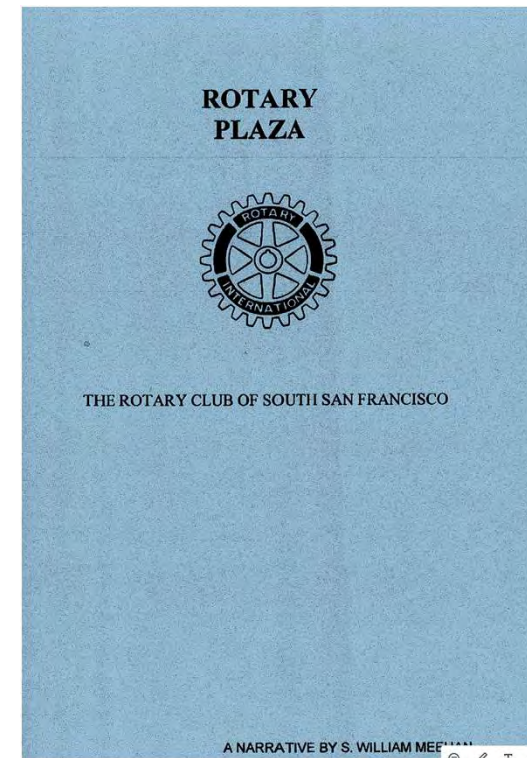






Rotary Plaza

- 1966 “THE OLD FOLKS HOME”
- 1969
 - After more delays, I was informed that the 202 program was no longer in force, and the option for the land which we had paid \$7,500.00 had expired.
 - I did not tell the club about this latest twist, which looked fatal and in the face of all the other set backs seemed to doom the dream. The loan consultant and I kept this bad news to ourselves.



Rotary Plaza (William Meehan)

- After five months of no information, phone calls and letters not being acknowledged, just utter despair facing us, I wrote a one page letter to President Nixon and explained quite simply what had transpired and the situation that had come about. I felt that it was a debt of honor owed to our group for all the delay, double talk and change of plans we had been subjected to.
- The tension level in the club was high, many members felt they could end up being responsible for moneys expended to date. In that event we would not be protected under the corporate shield.
- In less than three weeks I received a letter from A. R. Rosfeld, Deputy Secretary of HUD, informing me we had a go and funds were being set aside in a bill going through Congress at that time.

Rotary Plaza

- Groundbreaking December 1970
- Opened April 1972
- Remodeled 2016
- 181 units (now 179 after 2016 remodel)
- HUD 202 project





Bill Meehan (third from left), board president of Rotary Plaza, Inc., receives the key to the complex's East Building from Len Wahl, supervisor of Challenge Construction Co., contractors for the low-cost housing for senior citizens at 433 Alida Way, SSF. The presentation was made at a recent Rotary Club meeting. Currently 66 per cent of the 73-unit East Building

is occupied, according to Meehan. Instrumental in the project's construction and watching with approval are (left to right), A. Del Vecchio, Warren Crawford, Herb Kelley, Tex Guess, Ken Adam, R. Dominguez, Ray Scheffel and C. A. Trifeletti.

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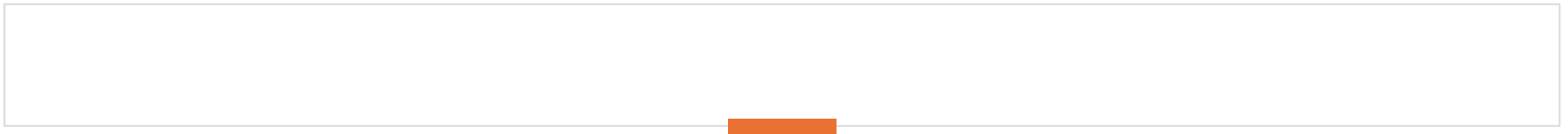
Rotary Plaza

- 2012 – Rotary Plaza original loan paid off
- 2014 – HumanGood selected as our development partner and property manager
- 2016 – Rotary Plaza property rehabilitation completed
 - Seismic retrofit
 - All units remodeled
 - Sewer pipe replacement
 - Rehab of common areas
 - Addition of solar systems





Exterior Remodel



Community Spaces





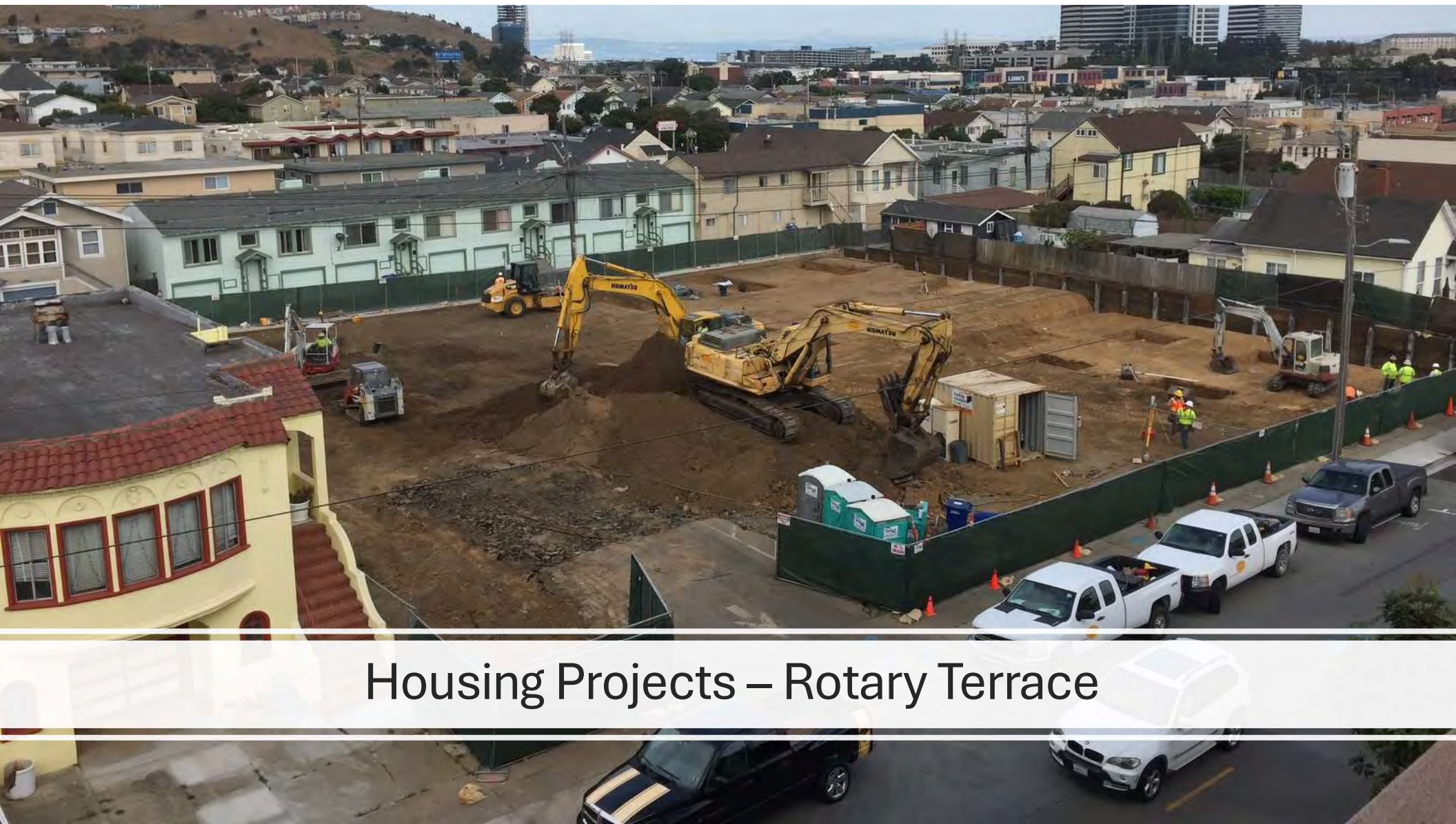
Quarterly Pancake Breakfast



El Camino Interact



Rotary Murals



Housing Projects – Rotary Terrace

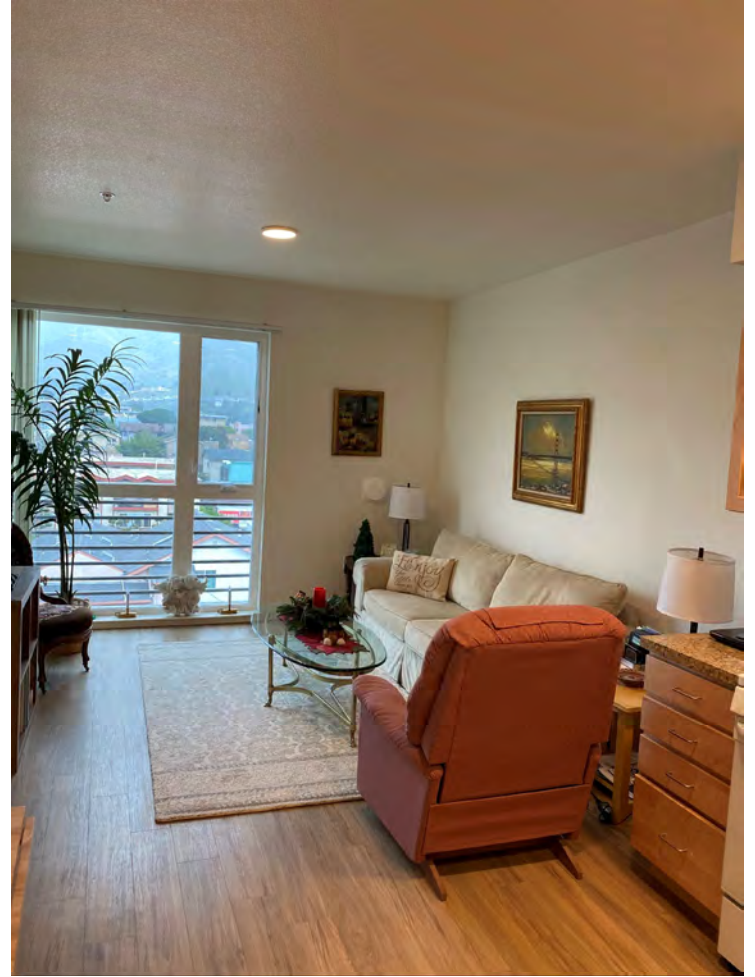
Rotary Terrace

- Groundbreaking 2017
- Opened January 2019
- 81 units
- Tax credit property
 - Must have income to qualify to live here
 - Planned for 20% very low and 80% low income, actual 50%/50%





Rotary Terrace
Mural

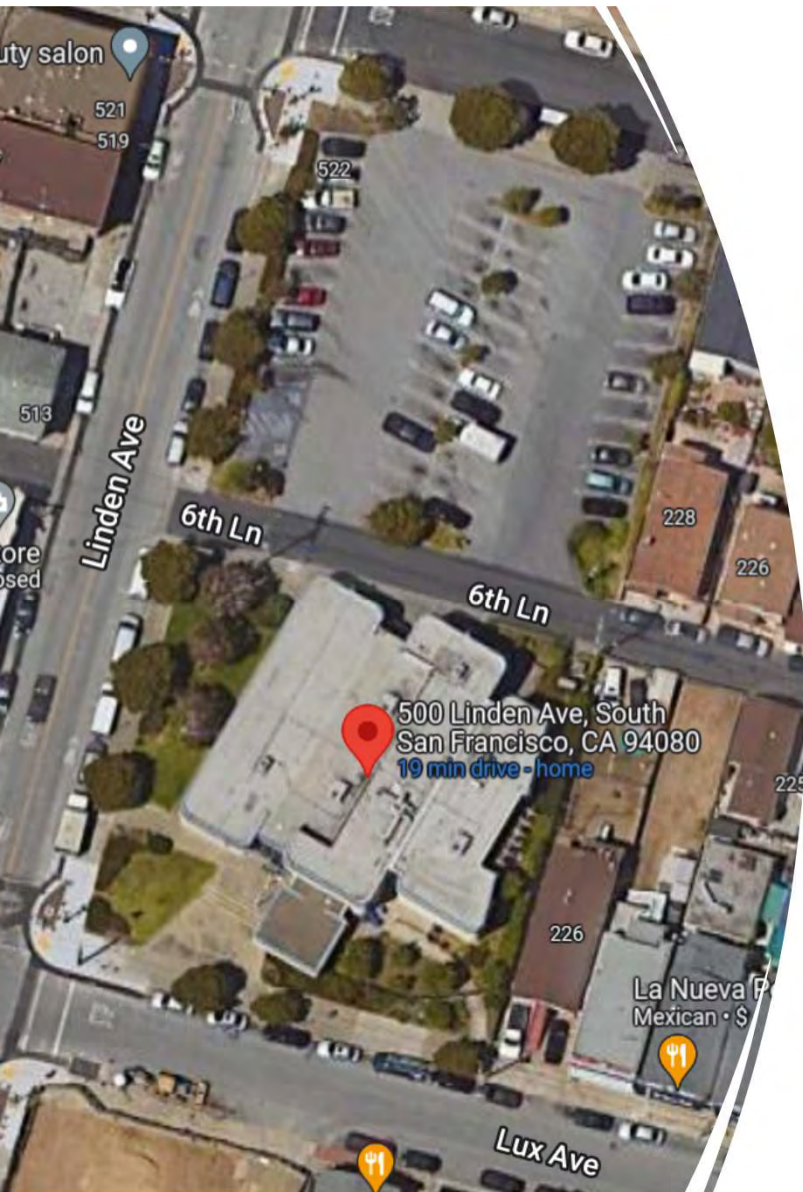






Rotary Community Room

- 2,000 square feet of meeting space for nonprofit groups at no charge
- Used 157 days in 2025
 - Rotary 62, SFSU 15, others 80
- 99 days in 2024
 - Rotary 58, SFSU 6, others 35
- 67 days in 2023



Rotary Gardens

- Site of former Liberty Bank and their parking lot
- Purchase closed in June 2024
- Planned 81 units of senior housing on bank site
- Planned 64 units of family housing on parking lot
- 2025 – County of San Mateo awards \$16.8 million
- 2026 – City of South San Francisco awards \$9 million



Rotary Gardens Senior Building



Main lobby and community room

Courtyard



Family Building



- May 12, 2026 – final funding components approved
- **GROUNDDBREAKING in early November 2026!**
- Completion mid-2028



Kishiwada Student Exchange Program



- 1992 – Sister club agreement with Kishiwada Higachi (East) Rotary Club
 - 1994 – Student exchange program with Kishiwada begins
 - Alternating years to send/receive students
 - 15 high school students
 - 4 chaperones
 - Rotary program on our side, city program on their side
 - Students stay with host families
 - Rotarian chaperones are hosted by Kishiwada East Rotary Club
 - 2008 – Peace Quilt with South San Francisco, Kishiwada and Atotonilco
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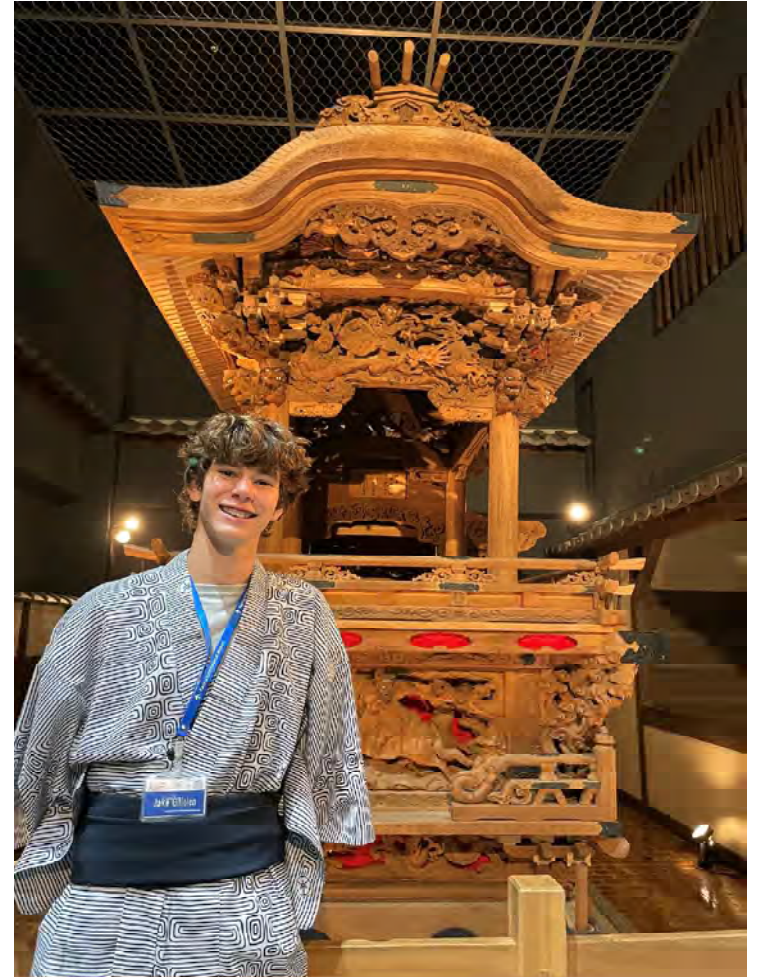
Student Exchange Program (Jasmine Chang)

- When I went the first time the program was transformative, it was incredible being able to see real-time connections and the mission statement that Rotary serves by on a global level. Seeing how interconnected the system was was simply amazing, and being able to see the world through both the lens of exploration and service and taking those same experiences and being able to offer them by organizing for the Japanese students here was incredible. As it was my first time abroad, I was amazed by the connections Rotary created worldwide, and it truly was the transformative trip of a lifetime.







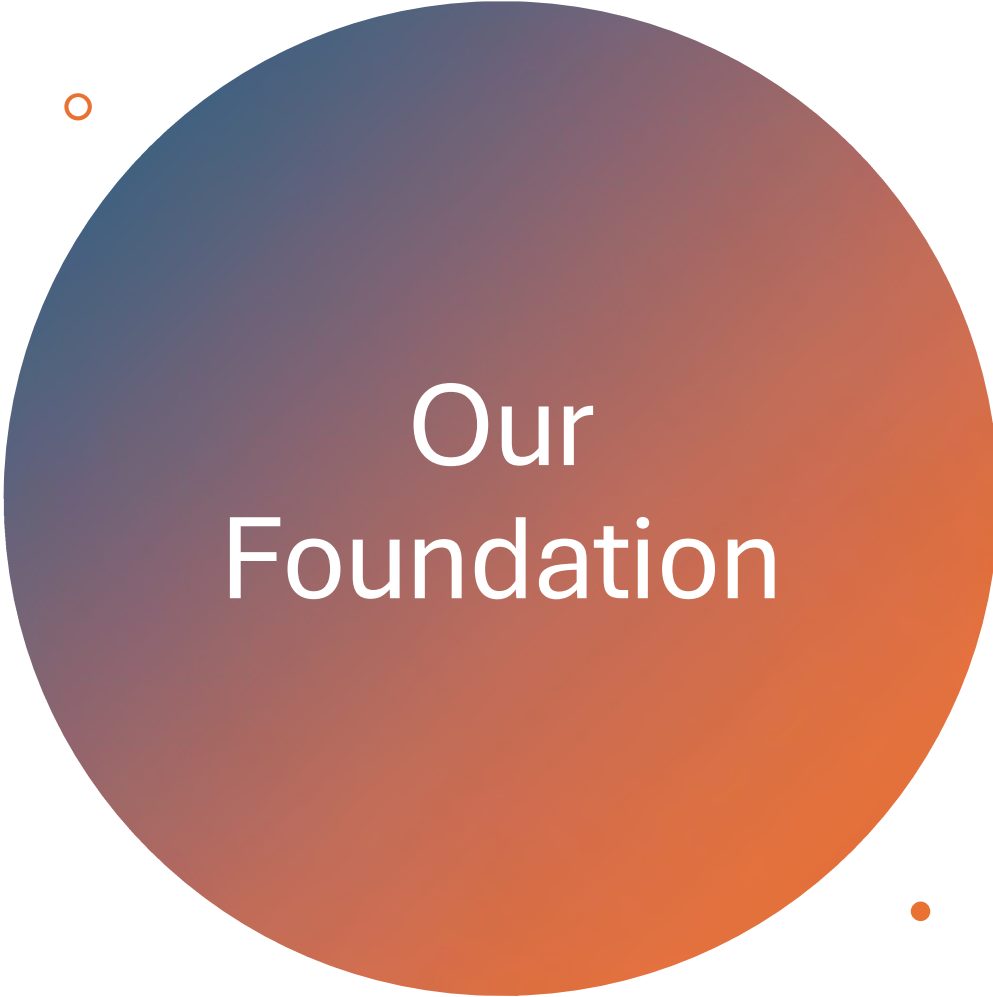




Student Visit Here Last Year

Visiting Police and Fire Departments





Our Foundation

- Formed in 1979 from surplus land near Rotary Plaza that wasn't big enough for us to build on (per HUD)
 - Seed money was \$750,000
 - We supplemented in 2022 and 2025 with funds from our housing projects
 - Annual giving will be over \$300,000
 - Over the last 26 years, our giving has been:
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Total since
2000 -
\$3,742,985



- Donations (domestic and international) - \$2,605,500
 - College scholarships - \$764,000
 - Kishiwada student exchange - \$315,407
 - Rotary Terrace community room - \$58,078
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Uganda 2001



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Ojo de Agua – fresh water and sanitation (with the Chapala Sunrise Rotary Club)



Community assessment, grand opening



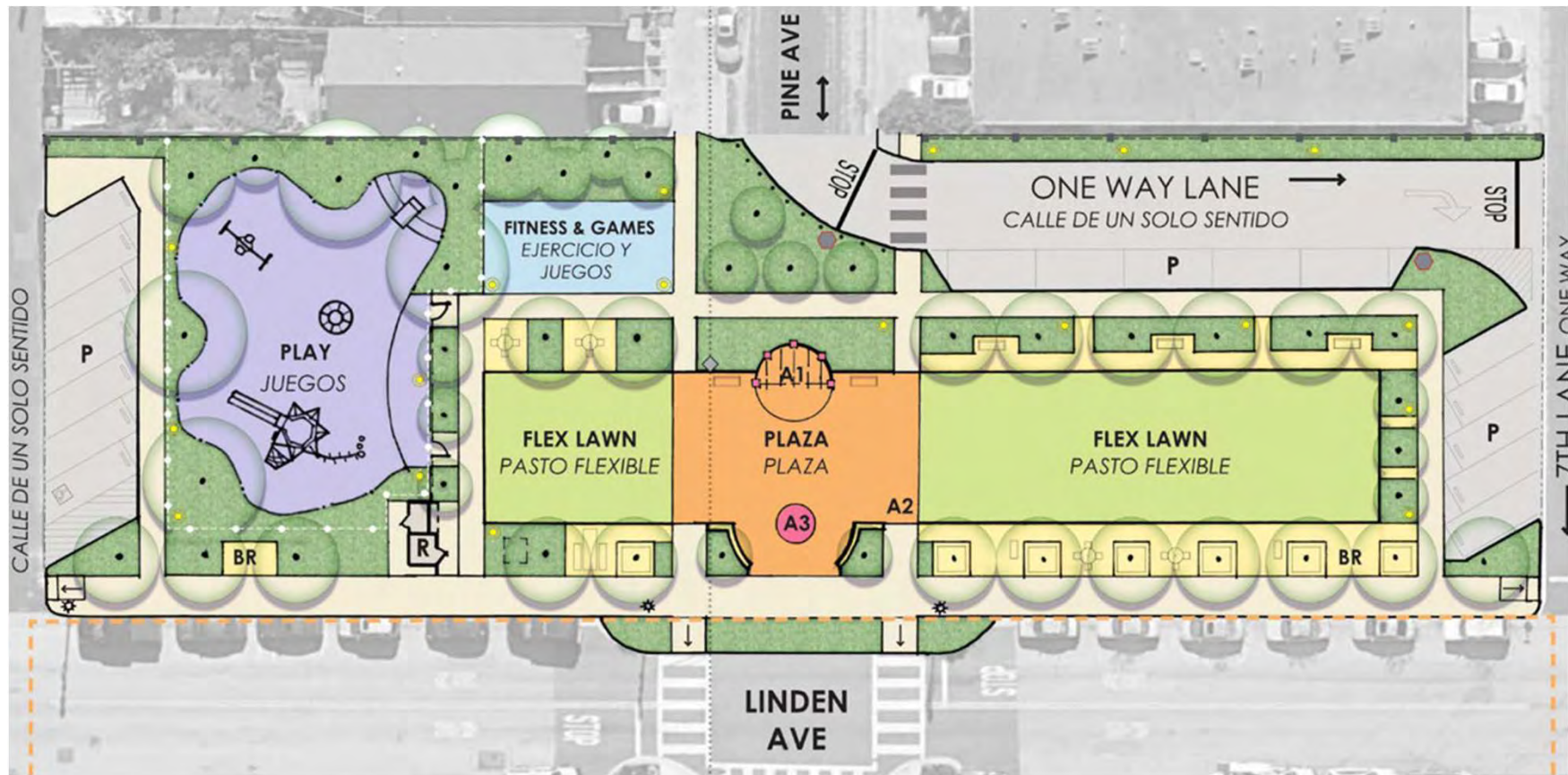
International non-cash projects

- Burn beds to Argentina
- Books for Africa
- Specialized exercise bikes to Poland
- Ambulance and fire truck support to Mexico

South San Francisco support last 5 years

- Total \$840,582
 - College scholarships - \$300,200
 - School district programs - \$300,531
 - South San Francisco Public Library Foundation - \$150,000
 - Local charities - \$89,851

South San Francisco donation – \$75,000



New Park at Linden Ave and Pine Ave



New Park at Linden Ave and Pine Ave



Thank you for all your support!

We don't do it alone.

Each of you has helped us along the way.



Club Presidents 1951-1960

- 1951-1952: Andy Bocca
- 1952-1953: Edward Coopman
- 1953-1954: Lloyd Thorpe
- 1954-1955: Leonard McLeod
- 1955-1956: Robert Reece
- 1956-1957: Ernest Piwald
- 1957-1958: James Cherry
- 1958-1959: Richard Minucciani
- 1959-1960: Victor Robinson

Club Presidents 1960-1969

- 1960-1961: Robert Miller
- 1961-1962: Fred Lautze
- 1962-1963: Norm Hynding
- 1963-1964: James Ferren
- 1964-1965: Herbert Duncan
- 1965-1966: George Eskra
- 1966-1967: Robert Glidden
- 1967-1968: Kenneth Adam
- 1968-1969: Reiar Winther

Club Presidents 1969-1978

- 1969-1970: Paul Nielsen
- 1970-1971: Walter McRae
- 1971-1972: Herbert Kelley
- 1972-1973: William Loomis
- 1973-1974: Art Tudury
- 1974-1975: William Meehan
- 1975-1976: Robert Leland
- 1976-1977: LeRoy Folmer
- 1977-1978: Douglas Wigton

Club Presidents 1978-1987

- 1978-1979: Jack DeBella
- 1979-1980: Robert Alvarez
- 1980-1981: Park Meiter
- 1981-1982: Nick Elchinoff
- 1982-1983: Albert Blumenthal
- 1983-1984: Richard Purtich
- 1984-1985: Thomas Buttimer
- 1985-1986: Reint Lingeman
- 1986-1987: Ronald Acosta

Club Presidents 1987-1996

- 1987-1988: Gerald Stratford
- 1988-1989: Bert Carli
- 1989-1990: Bob Rogers
- 1990-1991: Dennis Rosaia
- 1991-1992: Henry Hoge
- 1992-1993: Renan Dominguez
- 1993-1994: George Samayoa
- 1994-1995: Shirlee Hoch
- 1995-1996: Houston Lawrence

Club Presidents 1996-2005

- 1996-1997: Norm Martin
- 1997-1998: Donald Bowcutt
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- 1999-2000: Joe Kashani
- 2000-2001: Bruce Wright
- 2001-2002: John Stein
- 2002-2003: Dale Ziegler
- 2003-2004: Ana Gonzalez
- 2004-2005: Pete Carcione

Club Presidents 2005-2014

- 2005-2006: Pete Carcione
- 2006-2007: Rolando Delgadillo
- 2007-2008: Rob Wood
- 2008-2009: Ed Bortoli
- 2009-2010: Mark Barradas
- 2010-2011: Norm Martin
- 2011-2012: Mark Gillelen
- 2012-2013: Lisa DeZordo
- 2013-2014: Gary Chow

Club Presidents 2014-2023

- 2014-2015: John Henry Fullen
- 2015-2016: Donald Bowcutt
- 2016-2017: Michele Evans
- 2017-2018: Michael Massoni
- 2018-2019: Matteo Rizzo
- 2019-2020: Michele Evans
- 2020-2021: Brian Orth
- 2021-2022: Cristina Aquino
- 2022-2023: Brian Orth

Club Presidents 2023-2026

- 2023-2024: Ana Garcia
- 2024-2025: Michele Evans
- 2025-2026: Henry Karnilowicz

- DISTRICT GOVERNORS

- 1970-1971: Ray Winther
- 1978-1979: Robert Glidden
- 2022-2023: Gary Chow

In Memoriam (in recent years)

- Don Bowcutt
- Pete Carcione
- Rolando Delgadillo
- Renan Dominguez
- Shirlee Hoch
- Henry Hoge
- Houston Lawrence
- Gene Mullin
- Stanley Piett
- Dennis Rosaia
- Werner Sadlowski
- Doug Wigton