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Lamorinda Area Rotary Clubs Announce New Presidents

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From left, new Rotary presidents Chuck Vogel (Lafayette Club), Mark Roberts (Lamorinda Sunrise Club), John Rice (Rossmoor Club), Jack Bontemps (Orinda Club), and Jose Avelar, Rotary Assistant District Governor. Not pictured: Frank May (Moraga Club). Photo provided

The Rotary Clubs of the Lamorinda area announced their new presidents for the 2012-2013 year beginning on July 1. The new leaders are Jack Bontemps for the Orinda Club, Frank May for Moraga, John Rice for Rossmoor, Mark Roberts for Lamorinda Sunrise and Chuck Vogel for Lafayette.

These five are among the 34,000 Rotarians worldwide serving as presidents of their clubs this year. The five clubs are part of District 5160 of Rotary International. Working closely with the new presidents is Jose Avelar who will serve as Assistant District Governor during 2012-13. Avelar, a resident of Moraga, is a member and past president of the Orinda Club.

Each president will be responsible for leading his Club's local and international community service projects. The Lafayette Club recently completed the fundraising for and building of the stage at the Lafayette Reservoir, site of the Club's annual Concert at the Res which provides funds to local schools for musical instruments. Lamorinda Sunrise sponsors the annual Motorama car show each Father's Day and launched the HOME Team - Home Maintenance for the Elderly - which provides home repairs for local seniors. The Moraga Club concentrates on supporting local youth including providing Christmas stockings to Juvenile Hall residents. The Orinda Club sponsors numerous activities for youth, including the annual Egg Hunt, Field Day, fishing on

San Pablo Reservoir and Career Night at Miramonte High School. The Rossmoor Club supports people with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases and distributes specially designed fitness DVDs to people with disabilities.

Among numerous international service projects supported by the five clubs is a recent joint effort to buy a bus for the Little Flock Orphanage in India. The bus will enable children in the remote orphanage to take educational field trips to local towns.

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