

# Rotary



## Rotary Action Group Against Slavery: Board of Directors Nomination Form

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Rotary or Rotaract Club Name: Rotary Club of Central Coast Passport

Rotary District Number: D-5240

Zone Number: 25/26

Are you a current member of RAGAS: \_\_\_\_\_

### A brief biography outlining your Rotary involvement, positions held, and key accomplishments.

1. Joined Rotary in 2001 – Club Secretary & Club President\*
  - \* Quadrupled Club's revenue in that year; ended the year with +12 new members; chartered a new Rotary Club (RC/Buellton); did a very Successful convertible Mustang raffle netting \$45,000 with which we sent 6 HS students and 3 chaperones to PLC for 2 weeks' humanitarian trip; introduced several new service projects to the club, e.g. Poinsettia Sale, Dictionary Project etc.; the club won many district awards and I was named the Rotarian-of-the Year!
2. District Secretary and District Governor\*\* (05-06)
  - \*\* Besides other awards introduced the concept of "Roving District Conference entitled Race to Finish Polio". Conference started on Friday evening with Plenary Session 1 in SLO (SLO County); then we drove to Bakerfield (Kern County), overnighted there and had a Breakfast Plenary Session 2; Saturday - the caravan drove to Santa Paula (Ventura County) for Plenary session 3 (family picnic); Saturday – the caravan drove to Lompoc (S. Barbara County) for Plenary Session 4; and finally also on Saturday the caravan drove to Buellton for Conference Banquet and closing session. **At each site local Rotarians showed up in droves breaking US conference attendance record (1,040+) while raising \$182,000 for Polio eradication.** Then RI General Secretary Ed Futa (was our President's Rep (who joked that he had never worked this hard for any conference before) but he was delighted that at each site Rotarians presented him with a check for our fight against Polio.
3. Served in many other service projects as a Rotarian (building pisos in Mexico; supporting girls' education in the Philippines; Polio trips to India; chairing district's annual poverty conference etc.

## Professional and Volunteer Experience:

Please see attached bios

## Describe your involvement in anti-trafficking initiatives, including organizations, projects, and roles. *Please include dates and specific contributions.*

1. I served as lecturer at the University of Wisconsin and the Santa Barbara City College and was a teacher/coordinator of special educational programs for the **federally funded Head Start program**. In this capacity I was involved with **educating 'at risk' high school students** from the inner city in Milwaukee, Wisconsin designing and implementing innovative teaching techniques to achieve educational goals. I was also a founding board member of Cornerstone House of Santa Barbara, an organization dedicated to non-institutionalized care and education of severely handicapped children.
2. Founded US non-profit organization – *PACE* Universal (Fed. ID #38-3683155) under whose umbrella I along with my fellow Rotarians set up *PACE* Learning Center in South 24 Parganas District outside of Kolkata, India in a village called Piyali Junction. South 24 Parganas is the biggest human trafficking district in all of India and we successfully implemented an anti-trafficking (implementing FBI's recommended 4-step - Awareness, Prevention, Recovery and Restoration) programs to counter trafficking and eradicate of extreme poverty through the education of girls and women of the community. Here the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan and *PACE* have created a model that can be duplicated wherever such vagaries exist. **Reference:** October 2020 issue of the Rotarian magazine.

## List any previous board memberships, specifying the organization, your role, and the duration of your service. Highlight any leadership positions and notable achievements.\*

Served on the Boards of...

Santa Barbara Corner Stone House in Santa Barbara – a home providing non-institutionalized care for developmentally challenged individuals.

Santa Barbara Swim Club – instrumental in automating the competitions

Santa Barbara Rehab Institute

Santa Federal Credit Union

Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital

Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club

## What do you hope to contribute to the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery Board of Directors?

1. Implement FBI recommended 1st Step – “Awareness” of the existence of Human Trafficking in the US. People still tell me that it doesn't exist here – “only in South-East Asia”



2. Develop “What you can do” document for distribution to raise awareness in your local community.
3. Spearhead the development of multi-industries/services (e.g. law enforcement, highway petrol & legal communities, farming industry, hotel industry, massage parlors, medical & social service providers, high-school administrators and PTA members etc.) collisions
4. Help make this part of Rotary’s Community Service Program.

**Please detail your vision for the organization, the unique skills and perspectives you bring, and your goals for your three-year term on the board.**

Please see my attached bio.

Please attach any relevant documents that support your nomination (e.g., letters of recommendation, resume, awards).

Attached!

Please submit this form along with any supporting documents to [bob.d@ragas.online](mailto:bob.d@ragas.online). For any questions, contact Chairman Bob Deering at [bob.d@ragas.online](mailto:bob.d@ragas.online), or +1-916-804-8594.