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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATES 107TH ANNIVERSARY

*Los Gatos Rotary Clubs Join Together in Celebration and Proclamation Signing
by Mayor of Los Gatos, Honorable Steve Rice*

LOS GATOS, Calif. – February 20, 2012, -- The Rotary Club of Los Gatos and the Morning Rotary Club of Los Gatos will join together to celebrate their contributions to the community on Rotary International's 107th Anniversary through "World Understanding and Peace Day."

The celebration will take place on February 22, at the Town Council meeting (Los Gatos Civic Center) at 7:00 p.m., where the Honorable Steve Rice, Mayor of Los Gatos will formally sign the Rotary Proclamation together with both Los Gatos Rotary Club presidents, William Piche', Rotary Club of Los Gatos, and Jane Darwin, Los Gatos Morning Rotary Club.

All of the community is invited to attend this hallmark event!

"Los Gatos is fortunate to have many volunteers, individuals and organizations that support various projects in our town," said Steve Rice, Honorable Mayor of Los Gatos. "Service Clubs in general, and the Rotary Clubs in specific, are great examples of organizations that add significantly to our communities quality of life."

I am pleased to be able to recognize Rotary for what they do not only in our community, but in addition, around the world. Congratulations to Rotary on it's 107th anniversary," he added.

Rotary members, as volunteers, conduct projects to address today's humanitarian challenges. In more than 34,000 clubs worldwide, members volunteer in their local and worldwide communities to support education and job training, provide clean water, combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, and eradicate polio, while promoting high ethical standards in all vocations. The motto of Rotary is "Service Above Self" and Rotary International advocates the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Both the Rotary Club of Los Gatos and the Los Gatos Morning Rotary Club join Rotary clubs around the world to recognize this 107th anniversary known as Rotary's "**World Understanding and Peace Day.**"

Each of our local clubs fund and sponsor community programs to provide service and projects assisting our youth, the elderly, the homeless, our local military personnel, our local schools, and worldwide projects. For more information about the specific philanthropic efforts each Los Gatos club provides, please visit their websites:

Rotary Club of Los Gatos – www.losgatosrotary.org

Los Gatos Morning Rotary Club - www.lgmorningrotary.org

Rotary International

Rotary's top philanthropic goal is to eradicate polio worldwide. To date, Rotary has contributed nearly \$850 million and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. Rotary International is currently working to raise an additional \$200 million towards a \$355 million dollar challenge grant from the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**.

These efforts are providing much needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents. In addition, Rotary International has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$4 billion dollars to this effort. For more information, visit www.rotary.org/endpoli.

ABOUT ROTARY CLUB OF LOS GATOS

The Rotary Club of Los Gatos, established in 1924 is dedicated to serving the local and world community. Our many projects are our attempt to live the Rotary motto of "Service

Above Self." Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world.

Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 34,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. To learn more about our Club and membership, please visit our website at www.losgatosrotary.org.

ABOUT THE MORNING CLUB OF LOS GATOS

Los Gatos Morning Rotary Club's Mission is to provide support of youth, the humanities, sciences, music and the arts in the greater West Valley area of Santa Clara County; to support international projects in coordination with the efforts and purposes of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International; and for other publicly beneficial projects in our community.

The Los Gatos Morning Rotary Club meets every Wednesday, at the Los Gatos Lodge from 7:15 – 8:30 a.m. To learn more about our Club and membership, please visit our website at www.lgmorningrotary.org.