



All You Need to Know About the **Fifth Annual Rotavision Bowlathon**

GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

The Fifth Annual Rotavision Bowlathon will take place Saturday, April 10, 2010, from 5:00 pm to 7:30pm at Albany Bowl, 540 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, California. All proceeds will benefit Rotavision International in underwriting an upcoming mission.

Rotary Clubs along the I-80 corridor, including Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito, El Sobrante, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo, have been invited to participate. Additionally, an invitation has been extended to the San Francisco 2 Club to participate.

Light fare (i.e., “finger food”) and soft drinks will be provided free for bowlers and guests. A restaurant and bar are on site for your convenience.

Albany Bowl has provided several adjoining lanes for this event. This will permit clubs to bowl side-by-side and enjoy fellowship!

Aaron Gobler, of the **Albany Rotary Club** is the main coordinator of this event, in conjunction with **Marty Kaliski** and **Tracy Giles** of the **El Cerrito Rotary Club**. Aaron’s mobile phone number is 510-928-3662. Email bowlathon@AlbanyCaRotary.org.

CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

Rotavision International, led Dr. Otis Paul, provides eye surgery, physician training and technical support worldwide for children and adults needing sight-saving eye surgery.

The mission of **Rotavision International** is to improve eye health in developing countries worldwide by teaching local physicians new techniques and providing them with the equipment to accomplish the sight-saving surgeries. The mission is carried out by physicians and Rotarians from San Francisco Rotary Club #2, working as a team with physicians and Rotarians from other Rotary Clubs in the United States and with clubs in the host cities.

Traditionally, monies raised at the Bowlathon have been used for attaining matching grants from the District and RI levels, and the matched funds then went to Rotavision projects. However, this year, everything we raise will be donated (via Rotavision) to the Seva Foundation, to assist in the purchase of a surgical operating room microscope for an eye center in Cambodia. The facility has one microscope already, but a second microscope will permit surgeons to double the capacity of surgeries they are able to provide for the community.

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BOWLER INFORMATION

Each Rotary Club is asked to provide only one (1) team and each team must consist of exactly four (4) bowlers. Each club must identify a Team Captain, who should rally club members to pledge generously to one or more of the bowlers and to come out on April 10 and root for their team.

Each bowler will bowl two (2) games, which amounts to twenty (20) frames. Each bowler should get per-pin pledges and/or fixed-amount pledges. Each bowler is **expected** to raise \$250 (or an approximate pledge total of \$1.65 per pinfall). This pledge **guideline** is meant to increase the likelihood of each club raising at least \$1,000 for Rotavision.

FYI: Some bowlers find it easier to only solicit (and collect immediately) fixed-amount pledges of \$10 or \$20 (etc.) rather than dealing with per-pin pledges, which involve tracking down pledge-makers to collect money after the event.

AWARDS

The team that fells the most pins (in 20 frames) will be awarded a trophy engraved with the Club's name. (The trophy will be transferred to the winner of the 6th Annual event in 2011.)

The team that raises the most money will be treated to a free lunch at a future San Francisco 2 Rotary Club meeting, where they will be officially recognized.

CLUB INFORMATION

Each participating Rotary Club must submit an application identifying the team captain for their club, including phone number and email address. The application form should be faxed to **(510) 291-8306** by March 20 or as soon as possible. An entrance fee of \$75 must be paid **before** March 27, to the order of the **Albany Rotary Club**, PO Box 6004, Albany, CA 94706. This fee covers rental of the bowling lane, shoes and introductory beer, soft drinks and pizza.

It is the responsibility of each bowler to collect his/her own pledge money. After the event, each club treasurer will be given a copy of each of that club's bowler's pledge forms, plus a summary report. **It is the responsibility of each club's treasurer to ensure all bowlers have turned in their pledge money to their club by April 30.** Each club treasurer is expected to submit a single check (for the entire club) or four (4) individual checks (i.e., one for each bowler) as soon as possible after April 30 to the **Albany Rotary Club**, PO Box 6004, Albany, CA 94706.

ALBANY ROTARY CANNOT ACCEPT ANY MONEY DIRECTLY FROM PLEDGE-MAKERS.

Thank you for your participation in this worthwhile and fun event! Be sure to visit RotavisionBowlathon.org !