JOIN US IN SENDING EMERGENCY SHELTER & SUPPLIES TO HAITI

President-Elect Don McMillan announced that the Board has researched and approved a great way to send much-needed emergency shelter & supplies to Haiti:

The Board has already authorized $2,000 from Club Reserves and the World Community Service budget to fund two Shelter Boxes, which cost $1,000 per Shelter Box and include shelter and emergency supplies for 10 people for 3 months (click on the link to view actual contents of a Shelter Box: http://www.shelterboxusa.org/about.php?page=9).

We are encouraging additional contributions from our members and friends to help us send more Shelter Boxes to Haiti---we welcome any donation amount, including donations of stock or other securities.

Our contributions go to Shelter Box USA (www.ShelterBoxUSA.org), a Florida-based Rotary nonprofit founded & run by US Rotarians to send Shelter Boxes to disaster areas. Since the January 12th earthquake, they have already sent 7,000 Shelter Boxes, enough to temporarily house and sustain 70,000 people---but much more assistance is needed for the hundreds of thousands who remain homeless and without basic supplies.

You can donate directly with your credit card (please include a reference to the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa, CA and District 5130) at https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/ShelterBoxUSAInc/OnlineGiving.html, OR you can provide Jeff Gospe or Cecil Humes with your credit card info OR a check payable to "ShelterBox USA," which we will submit on your behalf.

Because ShelterBox USA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, **all donations are tax-deductible. If your donation is made before March 1st, you may also benefit from a special IRS ruling** (http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=218678,00.html?portlet=7) **allowing deduction of this contribution to Haiti for your choice of your 2009 or 2010 tax return** (presuming you itemize your deductions). If you have any questions (including donating securities), please contact Jeff Gospe at 707-494-9249.