Remembering Larry

It has been nearly a year (August 19, 2020) since our dear friend and amazing Rotarian Larry Miyano passed away. If you are like me, you still remember his wonderful smile, jovial personality and dedication to Rotary. Larry joined our club in 1994 and devoted a quarter century service to others especially young people. His leadership with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and Club Foundation Scholarship Committee were exemplary and will not soon be forgotten.

It is only fitting that Larry's legacy lives on through his memorial scholarship which was established by his family, friends, business associates and fellow Rotarians last August. The Rotary Scholarship Committee set a rather ambitious goal one year ago - **$50,000**, knowing that it would take this amount to fund a $2,000 annual scholarship in perpetuity. I'm pleased to report that we just exceeded 85% of the goal and the Scholarship Committee is confident the goal will be met within the next few months.

The Trustees of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation decided to fund and award the very first Larry Miyano Memorial Engineering Scholarship in the spring of 2020. The recipient was a young man by the name of Felix Mutisya, an honor student at SRJC who will attend UC Davis this fall as an Engineering major. Felix founded a food pantry at SRJC which served hundreds of students on a weekly basis. He has a special interest in chemistry and plans for a career involving solutions to environmental pollution.

I'm encouraging all members of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa to join me in contributing to the Larry Miyano Memorial Engineering Scholarship. If you have already given, I'm asking you to consider making an additional contribution. If you have not contributed yet, I'm asking you to consider donating to this very worthy cause. We are $7,000 short of our goal and it is within our reach. Let's do it for Larry and all the students who will benefit from his scholarship!

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