

SALINAS ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been an incredibly fast 3 months! Just a few snap shot highlights – in no particular order, nor all-inclusive include Bruce Taylor kicking things off, Rodeo and All City BBQ's, Wine Down's, Golf Tournament, and Pet Peeves (who knew?).

Our weekly meetings are put together with you – the membership – in mind. I encourage you to let me know how we're doing. Each week our meetings open with "...We are dynamic, engaged and influential. We provide fellowship and value to one another and together bring positive change to our community." Is this ringing true to you?

Something new to check out from Rotary International is the Rotary Global Rewards program providing Rotarians with discounts on travel, hotels, dining and entertainment. Century Theatres, OfficeMax, Hertz, Starbucks, and Disneyland are just a few of the participating businesses. Visit the Member Center on rotary.org to explore the discounts and special offers available.

Today and everyday, we are Rotarians.
President Vickie

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TAKE ACTION: www.salinasrotary.org

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP DONATIONS - ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

Congratulations to the Salinas Rotarians for a tremendous start to the rotary year of giving to the Rotary International Foundation! Individual Salinas Rotarians have collectively donated \$ 2,150 toward the Rotary International Foundation - Paul Harris Fellowship Program during July and August. Our Club goal this year is \$15,200.

During August, Rotarian Fred DeYoung honored family members Helen Marie DeYoung and Jonathan Rasmussen each with a Paul Harris Fellowship certificate. Rotarian Kristina Wyatt received her Paul Harris certificate from District Governor Mike Andritch during his District Governor visit.

The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary over 110 years ago. The Fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation and recognition for a contribution of \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation. This identifies the Paul Harris Fellow as an advocate of the Foundation's goals of world peace and international understanding. While it is an honor to receive a Paul Harris Fellow, it's not about the recognition; it's about what we can do in the World as Rotarians.

The Rotary Foundation is a registered charity that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.



Welcome Junko!

Our Inbound Exchange Student for the 2015-2016 year is Junko Tokaji. Junko hails from Kochi, Japan and just celebrated her sixteenth birthday. She is a sophomore at Salinas High School and enjoys being a member of the band and participating in theater. Junko is currently staying with Robert and Karen Mendoza whose daughter, Alina, is our Outbound Student this year. In the month since she arrived, Junko has experienced San Francisco and the Monterey Peninsula- she also hopes to visit New York City during her exchange year. Welcome Junko!

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

October

Mary Adams
Andrew Ausonio
Bill Barr
Pete Delgado
Frank Ducato
Wendy Duffy
Sarah Frahm
Angel Garibaldo
Oly Gomez
Jim Leach
Mark McAuliffe
Spence Myers
Mark Scarr

November

Colleen Bailey
Ray Borzini
Richard Copeland
Mark Faylor
Jim Gattis
Elizabeth Helfrich
Mark Kennedy
Adrienne Laurent
Jeannine Pacioni
Angela Savage
Mike Scarr
Nate Stoopes

December

Steve Davis
Robert Dickenson
Sam Downing
Gaylon Haney
Lisa Johnson
Felicia Kausin
Al Mortensen
Dan Ortega
David Peartree
Jim Schwefel

Anniversaries

Bill Keller 49 Years
Tom Mill 44 Years
Jay DeSerpa 38 Years
Vern Horton 36 Years
Brick Sweet 33 Years
Art Sutton 31 Years
Peter Kasavan 31 Years
Bruce Taylor 30 Years
Andy Matsui 29 Years
Wendy Duffy 24 Years
Mark Faylor 22 Years
Robert Struve 20 Years
Joe Grainger 20 Years
Vickie Dixon 16 Years
Andrew Ausonio 16 Years
Sharon Gish 14 Years
Julie Edgcomb 13 Years
Claudia Villalobos 12 Years
Tiffany DiTullio 9 Years
Mark McAuliffe 8 Years
Anna Foglia 6 Years
Amit Pandya 6 Years
Katrina Lund 5 Years
Chris Steinbruner 4 Years
Ray Corpuz 3 Years
Angel Garibaldo 2 Years
Adrienne Laurent 1 Year
Berk Brannon 1 Year
Paul Farmer 1 Year

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Joe Piini joined the Salinas Rotary Club on February 10, 2015. Joe is an associate with Piini Realty, Inc. where he works in the brokerage division of the company, selling and leasing agricultural, residential, industrial, and commercial properties. Joe was raised in Salinas and graduated from Palma High School. Joe graduated from Arizona State University in 2005 with a Business Management degree. He worked in Arizona and gained extensive sales experience before moving back to the Salinas area and joining the family business in 2010. Joe and his wife Ashleigh have a 2 ½ year old son, William, and just recently gave birth to their second son, Dominic, on September 1st, 2015. Joe likes to spend his time away from work golfing, duck hunting, and spending quality time with his family. Since joining the Club, Joe has worked on the Rotary Rodeo BBQ and the Mt. Toro BBQ's.

THE RACE OF THRONES CRAPPER DERBY

Mark your calendar for May 7th! The Race of Thrones Crapper Derby is a new club event that will benefit the Chinatown Sanitation Project. This is a relay style race of outhouse type vehicles that are held in towns and cities across the United States. The relay involves teams racing homemade outhouses that have four sides, a roof, a toilet seat and a roll of toilet paper. Teams are made up of three people who must pull or push their homemade outhouse a designated distance, with at least one rider occupying the throne.



THE DOWNTOWN PROJECT



Here's a preview of the preliminary design for the Downtown Salinas Rotary Club Landmark Project. The project goal is to encourage and enhance activity in the downtown area by creating a defined gathering space and interesting paths into the area.

We recently met with City of Salinas leaders to present our preliminary design. With the Salinas Vibrancy Plan as a backdrop, the City committed to partnering with our club to complete the project. The City has advanced the schedule for the 100-300 block improvements, and will coordinate a public meeting in November to review those, as well as our proposed landmark project on the 200 block. Please watch for the date and plan to attend.

We still have quite a bit of work to do, and we're very excited about the prospect of partnering with the City of Salinas, the new Community Benefit District, Oldtown Salinas Association, other downtown stakeholders, and the Salinas community at large, to make this great project a reality. We truly are building a better community and building a stronger club!

ORDER YOUR CLUB APPAREL



Salinas Rotary Club logo hats and vests are available for order! Help show support for our club and spread the visibility of Rotary. Hats are available for under \$20 and vests under \$50. The total number ordered will determine the actual cost - the more ordered, the better per piece pricing. Order sheets will be out through October, or contact Amy to place your order.

Immunization Day!

Wednesday, November 25th

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

30 Soledad Street

Salinas, CA 93901

Please contact Henry Francioni if you are interested in volunteering.

Club Meeting Information

Weekly: Every Tuesday, at 12 noon

Place: National Steinbeck Center

1 Main Street, Salinas, CA 93901

The Salinas Rotary Club is a dynamic, engaged and influential club that provides fellowship and value to its members, and brings positive change to our community.



The Downtown Club

P.O BOX 676
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Save-the-Date for Pigs, Pinot & More February 27, 2016

