

SALINAS ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Is it really April already?! It's been a busy year, full of service activities, fellowship socials, a great Pigs, Pinot & More event, and of course our weekly meetings. The final project I'm now focused on is the Race of Thrones Crapper Derby, our fundraiser to benefit Dorothy's Place Lake Street Service Center Project.

The goals of Race of Thrones are fourfold: 1) to diversify our fundraising efforts with an event of interest to businesses outside our club; 2) to bring better community wide awareness to the Chinatown issues and needs; 3) to raise money for a socially necessary project; and 4) to have fun while doing good!

I'm happy to report that we are hitting the mark on all four goals! The Natividad Medical Foundation is our presenting sponsor. Tom's Site Services (a Don Chapin Company) and Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System are major sponsors, and we currently have 10 other businesses that have joined us as sponsors – unfortunately, my limited space doesn't allow me to list them all. We will have 15+ entries in the derby and a Kids Area loaded with fun activities. Thanks to the Kobrinsky Group, kids and adults alike can take their turn on the Gotta Go Racers, and First 5 Monterey County has sponsored the My Museum's Wheelie Mobilee.

I need to give a shout out to John Haupt, David Peartree, and Catherine Kobrinsky Evans for their help in securing our city permit, which was no small undertaking! Mike Wilson will be working to recruit volunteers for the day, and I hope you all will make his job an easy one.

That's it from me. Bill Tebbe takes over July 1st, and I'm confident he has great plans for our club. Thank you all for a truly memorable year. Serving as your President has been the experience of a lifetime.

Today and every day, we are Rotarians.
President Vickie

Mark Your Calendars...

April 9: Salinas Rotary Crapper Build Day – Contact President Vickie for details

May 7: Race of Thrones – Contact Mike Wilson if you are interested in volunteering



TAKE ACTION: www.salinasrotary.org

PIGS, PINOT & MORE!

The Salinas Rotary Club "DOWNTOWN" had a successful 2016 Pigs, Pinot & More event held on February 27th at the PAL Headquarters in Salinas. With over 450 attendees, 18 chefs, and 26 wineries, it was an amazing party. The \$50,000.00 dollars raised for the Salinas Rotary Charitable Fund will be used to support our downtown projects, our youth work, and our international giving. We want to thank our sponsors, board, and committee for a successful event!



SALINAS ROTARY CHARITABLE FUND

The Rotary Club of Salinas Charitable Fund has donated \$5,000 to the Ariel Theatrical organization, Monterey County's only dedicated children's theatre. Ariel Theatrical operates out of their building located on Main Street in Salinas. The recent Dick Bruhn fire had a devastating impact on Ariel Theatrical, and our charitable fund donation will help them with the major cleanup damage that is not covered by their insurance. Ariel serves thousands of children and their families every year with after school programs and productions geared to teaching children, sixth grade through high school, to live principle centered lives and to develop leadership traits.

Also, the Rotary Club of Salinas Charitable Fund has committed \$500 each to two separate District- managed Global Grants that will include the participation of other clubs within our District 5230. These are large projects and our club contributions will be matched 2.5 times by the District and The Rotary Foundation.

Global Grant A: This project provides wash stands to over 200 schools in India District 3170, serving thousands of children. It aims to improve the curriculum and teaching methods while promoting hygiene practices and community ownership of water and sanitation facilities within schools.

Global Grant B: This project provides wheelchairs for handicapped individuals, teacher training, school benches, toilets, and water filters for a school in need near Kolhapur, India District 3170.

These two Global grants address the Rotary International Foundation's area of focus in Disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, and maternal and child health.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

April

Berk Brannon
John Musni
Amy Salmina
Scott Maidment
Jay DeSerpa
Derek Derdivanis
Aytac Apaydin
Fernando Elizondo
Kurt Lofgren
Laura Pruneda
Joe Piini
Brick Sweet
Christine Dawson
Stephanie Hulsey

May

Bill Keller
Joe Grainger
Amit Pandaya
Sherrie Isaac
Rodney Meeks
Tom Mill
Randy Parola
Bob Kasavan
Bob Struve
Kelly Sutherland

June

Barb McGaughey
Abby Taylor-Silva
Rod Braga
Jeff Wriedt
Anna Foglia
Claudia Villalobos
Lino Belli
Brad Griffin
David Smith
Cassie McSorley
John Macias

Anniversaries

Jim Gattis 42 Years
Don Rogers 34 Years
Jeff Wriedt 33 Years
Randy Parola 30 Years
Steve Shearn 29 Years
Gale Rawitzer 29 Years
John Menold 28 Years
Al Mortensen 28 Years
Lino Belli 28 Years
Dave Mora 25 Years
David Mills 23 Years
Bill Barr 19 Years
Cassie McSorley 18 Years
Oly Gomez 17 Years
Luis Alvarez 14 Years
Jeff Dicks 14 Years
Mary Adams 14 Years
Brian Allen 12 Years
Lisa Johnson 11 Years
John Macias 9 Years
Barb McGaughey 7 Years
Brad Griffin 6 Years
Aaron Evans 6 Years
Marcy Delbick 5 Years
Araceli Bernardasci 5 Years
Frank Ducato 4 Years
Nicole Pettit 4 Years
Seth Word 4 Years
Christine Dawson 3 Years
Pete Wevurski 3 Years
Sarah Frahm 2 Years
Jeannine Pacioni 1 Year

WHAT IS ROTARY?

We've all been asked what Rotary is, and it's a question that's hard to answer. Rotary is so many things, how do you boil it down to a quick answer that still gets across the ideals that Rotary stands for and what we get out of being members? Your Board put some thought into this dilemma, and while we couldn't narrow it down to just one answer that fits any situation, we did come up with three. The next time you're asked "what is Rotary?" we hope one of these helps you with your answer.

Rotary is a club of service minded people, who come together to create positive and lasting change locally and around the world. In Rotary we can do great things, make a great impact, and be with great people.

Globally, Rotary is the lead organization driving the eradication of Polio. Locally, my club is committed to doing projects that make an impact, but it's also about having fun. Would you like to come to a meeting?

Rotary Clubs are everywhere, and our motto is Service Above Self. We work on projects that will improve people's lives, and we like to have fun. With Rotary's 1.2 million members, we can accomplish remarkable results.

"ANDY'S SPECIAL RECIPE"

2 bunches "Andy Boy" Broccoli Rabe
4 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 small onion, diced
1 Lb. Italian sausage, casing removed and broken into small pieces
1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil
1 Lb. sliced brown mushrooms or button mushrooms
6 eggs, beaten
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
Salt, pepper and crushed red pepper to taste

Trim the stems of the Broccoli Rabe. Steam in a covered sauté pan in 2 inches of water. Cook 3-5 minutes and drain. Chop into 1-1/2 inch pieces and set aside. Sauté Italian sausage, until brown. Drain and wipe out pan, add olive oil. Add onion, garlic, mushrooms, and cook for 2 minutes. Add Broccoli Rabe and cook an additional 2-3 minutes. Add beaten eggs, cook, and season to taste. Top with mozzarella cheese and serve hot.



SUPER BOWL 50

My daughter Rachel and I had the time of our lives when we attended Super Bowl 50. Our tickets were on the 50 yard line (many thanks to Mike Haynes) and sitting in an ocean of orange and blue was electric. We had decided to root for Denver as we felt this might be Peyton Manning's last game, and it was. From Lady Gaga singing the national anthem (yes, it was as fabulous in the stadium as it must have been on TV) to the opening kick-off, and then until the final seconds ticked down on the clock, the game was amazing! As we left the stadium to return to the light rail platform, we both had to pinch ourselves! It was likely the only Super Bowl game we'll attend, and to have the opportunity to see it with my daughter will be imprinted in my memory forever.



WINE DOWN THURSDAY

The wine downs have begun again monthly due to popular demand, and Gaylon has been our steadiest participant (with perfect attendance). Patria has been a very good host, and we will look to vary the locale from time to time. So, if you are looking for some good company and want a meeting makeup, check the Rotary website calendar and "Wine Down" with us!



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You Might Not Know That...

Rotarians were asked to share something that others in the club might not know about them, and the rest of us had to guess whose sharing it was at our meeting on January 19th—our members are fascinating folks! Can you guess who shared the following?

1. I once received a request to do some consulting work for the royal family of Saudi Arabia for two weeks. I was flown first class to the summer palace in Morocco of the Crown Prince. He was the king's oldest brother and the equivalent of our Vice President and Secretary of Defense combined. I was provided a driver with a black Mercedes and a bodyguard. It was an amazing display of wealth and left me wishing that they would do more with it to help those less fortunate.
2. The name of my first horse was Geronimo. He was an old furry quarter horse who liked the snow.
3. I used to be the Santa Cruz County Athletic League high school cross country champion.
4. When I was 13-14 years old, I lived in Germany as my father was an officer in the Army, and we were stationed just outside Frankfurt. My father was Elvis Presley's commanding officer. I got to meet him and had him autograph one of his albums.
5. I have an extensive collection of Strawberry Shortcake dolls.
6. I used to give blood 4x per year but no longer can, because they think I may have Mad Cow disease due to the fact I lived in London for a year.

Answers: 1. Brick Sweet; 2. Vanessa Vallarta; 3. Jeff Dicks; 4. Bev Ranzenberger; 5. Ida Chan; 6. Brett Harrell