

SALINAS ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Rotarians:

I am both excited and apprehensive about my Rotary Presidency this coming year. I am excited, as I will be working with a great Board of Directors. Rodney Meeks and his committee already have scheduled some very interesting and timely speakers, and we will be adding more. Seeing as this is an election year, we will again try to have candidates on hand for both local and national offices. Bob Kasavan is working on more vocational programs with his committee. Bev Ranzemberger, with her great organizational skills, will be a nice addition to the already successful Pigs and Pinot Committee.

I am apprehensive because it will be hard to follow in the footsteps of Past President Vickie, who did such a wonderful job during her year. The introduction of the Crapper Derby, helping to fund a new project at Dorothy's Place, and the Downtown Project Committee led by Teri Belli are great examples of what it means to belong to this club. I want to build on those success stories, particularly the work we have done and continue to do downtown. I do not want to lose the focus that Teri Belli has brought to her committee. Teri will continue to lead that effort and will have a seat on the Board of Directors.

I want to look back on this year as a continuation of the successes that this club has been known for. We are a great organization and I want to keep that effort moving forward. Let's all enjoy the upcoming year!

Yours in Rotary,
President Bill

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Annual Club Awards Program Highlights

A thriving Rotary Club is anchored by strong relationships and an active membership. Our club exhibits these attributes and further thrives because we like to have fun while doing good. It started with those that came before us and instilled the goals and ideals we still embrace today.

With this year's Club Awards Program we started a new tradition of honoring our Past Presidents and Senior Active. It's their longevity and leadership that grounded us with a solid foundation.

We are a club working to bring positive change to our community. Together we've accomplished much this year. Fifty-two Rotarians were recognized as being *Service Above Self* All Stars. They freely shared their time, energy and talents.

John Haupt was recognized as Rotarian of the Year. John's a man of few words who doesn't do anything half way. If John says it's taken care of, it's not only taken care of -- it's also neatly wrapped up. He continues to be the organizing manager of our Mt. Toro BBQ's, he organized the All City BBQ, he was instrumental in obtaining our permits for the Race of Thrones, and he served as Chief Traffic Controller on event day.

Sherri Isaac was recognized as COG of the Year. When Sherri joined our club, she was all in! Whenever the call went out for volunteers, Sherri signed up nearly every time, bringing along daughter Rachel as an extra helper. From being a frequent greeter to BBQ's to bell ringing to Pigs, Pinot & More to Race of Thrones. Sherri has been a wonderful COG in our wheel that keeps us moving forward.

Congratulations to each of the 2015-2016 award recipients! The Salinas Rotary Club is dynamic, engaged and influential because of you. Thank you!



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

July

Bruce Adams
Greg Chilton
Paul Farmer
Henry Franscioni
Keith Hanson
Anne Leach
John Menold
Nick Pasculli
Jason Retterer
Ross Smith
William Stoffers
Bruce Taylor
Vanessa Vallarta
Elizabeth Welden-Smith

August

Ida Chan
Jeff Dicks
Vickie Dixon
Linda Fosler
Sharon Gish
Chris Steinbruner
Bill Tebbe
Harry Wardwell

September

Brian Allen
Araceli Bernardaschi
Aaron Evans
Will Lewallen
Sam Linder
Albert Maldonado
Joe Marchionna
Kelly McMillin
Mike Nolan
Bev Ranzenberger
Gale Rawitzer
Art Sutton
Pete Wevurski
Mike Wilson

Anniversaries

Archie Peterson – 62 Years
Jim Leach – 57 Years
Basil Mills – 41 Years
Kurt Lofgren – 36 Years
William Stoffers – 35 Years
Mike Scarr – 33 Years
Patie Helfrich – 29 Years
Raul Chavez – 24 Years
Keith Hanson – 24 Years
Sam Linder – 24 Years
Rodney Meeks – 22 Years
Anne Leach – 21 Years
Bill Tebbe – 21 Years
Aytac Apaydin – 20 Years
Nate Stoope – 18 Years
Derek Derdivanis – 15 Years
John Musni – 14 Years
Terry Feinberg – 13 Years
Ray Borzini – 12 Years
Mike McGirr – 11 Years
Scott Maidment – 9 Years
Mike Nolan – 8 Years
Will Lewallen – 4 Years
Kelly McMillin – 4 Years
Ida Chan – 3 Years
Pete Delgado – 3 Years
Lisa Maker – 3 Years
Linda Fosler – 2 Years
Catherine Kobrinsky-Evans – 2 Years
Amy Salmina – 2 Years

Salinas Rotary Charitable Fund Annual Report

Each year, members of our Rotary Club give generously and work hard to raise funds that provide funding support that addresses needs in our local and international community. The majority of the funds we raise come from recognitions/fines, individual donations from members, and our special events: Pigs, Pinot & More and the Race of Thrones Crapper Derby.

The board of the Salinas Rotary Club Charitable Fund reviews worthy programs and projects in our community and makes donations to deserving organizations.

The Salinas Rotary Club is very proud of all that we do to build a stronger community. The Salinas Rotary Charitable Fund has provided approximately \$146,379 to support to the following programs, activities, this year.

Youth Service Programs

Foreign Exchange Student Program - Inbound & Outbound
Camp Royal – District Youth Leadership Mt. Toro High School
Recognition BBQ's
Student of the Month
Student of the Year
Salinas High School
5th Quarter Events
Interact Club
Interact Student of the Year
Interact Holiday Gift Event
Graduation Pizza Party
Sober Grad Night
Student of the Month
Student of the Year
Teacher of the Year

Community Donations, Grants, & Programs

Salinas PAL
Youth Orchestra of Salinas
Ariel Theatrical
Chinatown Health Services Center
Grower-Shipper School Salad Bar Program
Monterey Jazz Festival Youth Program
American Cancer Society Relay for Life
Salinas Valley Half Marathon
Immunization Day at Dorothy's Kitchen
Downtown Salinas Project

Fundraising Events in the Community

Pigs Pinot & More –Wine & Food Event
Race of Thrones Crapper Derby Downtown Event
California Rodeo Salinas Concessions
California International Airshow Concessions
Salinas Valley Half Marathon Concessions

Rotary International Foundation Programs

Polio Plus
Paul Harris Fellowship Donations by individual Rotarians

International Donations & Programs

Cambodia Water Filter Project
India Schools Wash Stands



The poster for the Race of Thrones Crapper Derby event is set against a green background. At the top, it reads 'MAY 7, 2016 • 9 AM - 1 PM' and '200 BLOCK OF MAIN'. A central graphic shows a pair of legs in blue pants and white shoes, holding a banner that says 'Race of Thrones Crapper Derby'. To the right, a box labeled 'Presenting Partners:' lists 'Salinas Rotary The Downtown Club' and 'Natividad MEDICAL FOUNDATION Transform Health Care into Healing'. Below this, a 'Thank You, Sponsors:' section features logos for FOX 35, KOBRAINSKY GROUP, Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, CALIFORNIAN WE BUILT A BETTER GROUP, and FIRST 5 MONTEREY COUNTY. At the bottom, a list of sponsors includes Alvarez Technology Group, Inc., Ausonio Construction Company, Blach Construction Company, Dick Adams Automotive, California Electrical & Construction Company, California Water Service Company, Green Line Waste Hauler, Livewire Information Systems, Mazda Laguna Seca Raceway, Republic Services Company, Roto-Rooter, Salinas Valley Recycles, SSB Construction, Steinbeck Rotary Club, and Val's Plumbing & Heating, Inc.

It Was Like No Other!

Our inaugural Race of Thrones brought 11 wildly unique outhouse entries to the 200 block of Main Street on May 7th. Thanks to our Presenting Partner, Natividad Medical Foundation, along with all our other generous sponsors who made the day a huge success. A check for \$12,600 was presented to the Chinatown Health Services Center, our sole beneficiary, at our June 7th meeting.



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Dress for Success!

This year's Dress for Success was a huge success! Our club collected 136 pieces of men's clothing, including suits, jackets, pants and shirts, and 211 pieces of women's clothing, including suits, blazers, skirts, and blouses, for a total of 347 items. Everything was very high quality and will help men and women in recovery looking for employment as they will feel good and look sharp for job interviews.

