

SALINAS ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Rotarians; Happy October! Only 86 more days 'til Christmas! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is now looking forward to the arrival of fall and the many and varied holidays. I want to commend Rodney Meeks and his committee for bringing to us a variety of very nice programs this summer. I enjoyed all of them. Rodney and his committee will continue to keep the meeting programs both interesting and in some cases fun.

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have had our Pigs, Pinot and More kick-off. Bev Ranzenberger and Felicia Kausin and their committee have already started planning for another great party. We hope to have an even better event this coming year. I would like to see a majority of our membership participate by buying dinner tickets, raffle tickets and/or inviting friends. Henry Franscioni is our chief salesman for the raffle this year. Henry will be setting up a reverse raffle with opportunities for prizes scattered throughout the draw process, with one final BIG WINNER.

Lastly, I need some dirt on members! I do crawl around on Facebook but I don't see everything that our members are doing in the community or with families. Let me know if you have had a great travel adventure, helped in the community or if you know of any of our members that can be tattled on. Otherwise I will have to turn Anne Leach, Mark Kennedy and Steve Shearn loose on a fine-a-thon. And we all know what happens then....

Yours in Rotary,
President Bill

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Rotary Youth Exchange Update

The 2015-2016 school year brought us our Inbound Student, Junko Tokaji from Kochi, Japan. The highlights of Junko's year included travels to Disneyland and Las Vegas. Junko enjoyed participating in the Salinas High School band and the theater program. Junko returned safely to Japan and is now the U.S. equivalent of a sophomore at Tosa Joshi Girls School where she is active in the piano and broadcasting clubs. Our Outbound Student, Alina Mendoza, spent the school year in Hungary. She shared her experience with us at our August 2nd meeting. She loved her host family as well as the Hungarian food. She developed a special bond with her fellow Rotary Exchange Students. Alina is attending UC Santa Cruz and plans to major in psychology. She says her exchange was an experience she will value for a lifetime! Our club will be taking a break from the exchange program this year, stay tuned... ☺



All City Taco Fiesta

The All City Taco Fiesta was held on August 25th at the Markham Ranch Pool House. Last year our club brought back the All City BBQ at the Buckeye Picnic area at Toro Regional Park. Because of the Soberanes Fire, the park was not available as it was being used by Cal Fire as a command camp. Our club felt that this was an important event that allowed us to connect with the other area clubs, so we scrambled to find an alternative site. With limited time and resources, we decided to simplify and move it to the Markham Ranch Pool House and hire Oscar Long to provide us with a taco station rather than hassle with a BBQ. A special thanks to club member and Markham Ranch resident Katherine Kobrinsky-Evans for allowing us to use the clubhouse.

There were around 125 attendees at the event. Our club was responsible for securing the location, food, music, and check-in. Thank you to Steve Dixon for providing the live music and Amy Nohr for managing the ticket sales and check-in. A special thanks to Bev Ranzenberger for organizing the other clubs and their responsibilities. Thank you to John Haupt for handling the non-alcoholic beverages. Thanks to the Alisal Club for providing the bar, the Steinbeck Club for providing the desert auction, and the Santa Lucia and Corral de Tierra Club for handling the clean-up. The event went flawlessly and everyone had a great time.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

October

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

November

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

December

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

Anniversaries

Bill Keller -50 Years
Tom Mill -45 Years
Jay DeSerpa -39 Years
Vern Horton -37 Years
Brick Sweet -34 Years
Harry Wardwell -34 Years
Fred DeYoung -33 Years
Peter Kasavan -32 Years
Art Sutton -32 Years
Bruce Taylor -31 Years
Andy Matsui -30 Years
Wendy Duffy -25 Years
Mark Faylor -23 Years
Joe Grainger 21 Years
Bob Struve -21 Years
Vickie Dixon -17 Years
Andrew Ausonio -17 Years
Steve Davis -16 Years
Sharon Gish -15 Years
Julie Edgcomb -14 Years
Claudia Pizarro- Villalobos -13 Years
Tiffany DiTullio -10 Years
Mark McAuliffe -9 Years
Anna Foglia -7 Years
Amit Pandya -7 Years
Jason Reltter -7 Years
Ray Corpuz -4 Years
Angel Garibaldo -3 Years
Adrienne Laurent -2 Years
Berk Brannon -2 Years
Paul Farmer -2 Years
Mike Wilson -2 Years
Tom McAuliffe -1 Year

Salinas Rotary Charitable Fund Annual Report

The Rotary Club of Salinas operates on an annual operating budget of \$174,000 per year. This includes International and District dues, meeting room rental, catering for the lunches, part-time administrator, program costs, and other overhead expenses that allow us to run a large club. The main source of income for the club comes from membership dues, meeting day charges and missed meeting charges.

The Salinas Rotary Club Charitable Fund was established in 1996 in order for our Rotarians to make tax deductible donations for the work that the Rotary Club of Salinas does throughout the year. The Salinas Rotary Club Charitable Fund operates on an annual budget of approximately \$134,000 per year, depending the number and scope of charitable projects that the Rotary Club of Salinas takes on during the year. This budget includes expense involved with producing minor and major fundraising events; youth service programs, community donations, Rotary International programs and overhead expenses. The main sources of income for the Charitable Fund are the "Fines" levied by the President, minor & major fundraising events initiated by the Rotary Club of Salinas, and Rotary International and District grants.

Some highlights since July 1, 2016:

1. Made a \$1,000 donation to a Rotary International Global Grant being managed by the Rotary Club of Corral de Tierra. The Baraki School and Health Centre Water Project is a \$53,500 project for the installation of a solar powered water well and three large water storage tanks. This project will provide water for cooking and drinking for the 485 students and staff at the local schools, the patients and medical people at the Health Centre, and 2,500 villagers living nearby.
2. Received a District grant of \$1,500 to be used to offset the expenses of the Salinas Rotary Club Immunization Day Program at Dorothy's Kitchen in November.
3. Made donations to the Community Foundation Salinas Rotary Donor Advised Fund in memory of Rotarians Dr. Archie Peterson and Martin Dodd.

New Member Spotlight

Jeannine Pacioni is an Assistant District Attorney at the Monterey County District Attorney's Office. Jeannine has worked a variety of assignments including adult sexual assault, juvenile, gang, child sexual assault, filing and elder abuse. During her years prosecuting adult sexual assault, Jeannine spearheaded implementation of the county-wide Sexual Assault Response Team. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Arizona University. After receiving her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of San Diego School of Law in 1990, she became licensed to practice law in the states of California and Arizona. She worked as a deputy district attorney for the Kern County District Attorney's Office in 1990 and joined the Monterey County District Attorney's Office in 1992. She resigned from her position in 2001, returning in 2009, after an 8 year sabbatical during which she spent time at home with her three children, now 17, 14 & 14. During her time away from the district attorney's office she served as a Grand Juror of the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury, and as President of the Junior League of Monterey County. She currently serves as a member to the Board of Directors of the National Charity League, Monterey Bay. Jeannine joined the Salinas Rotary Club in June 2015. She has worked the Club's concession booth at the Rodeo and served as a greeter at our Tuesday lunch meeting.



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Why Are YOU A Rotarian?



The connection to Rotarians can happen anywhere – even at an airport (as Paul runs into fellow Rotarian Lisa Johnson).

Being a Rotarian for me is all about being connected. Connected to our community. Connected to our fellow Rotarians. These connections help me to feel not only that I'm a part of what's happening locally, but that I contribute to solutions for our area.

Those who have been Rotarians for a while understand that it's a pretty small group of tireless volunteers and supporters who are there to answer the call whenever needed. In a world with too much negativity, Rotary reminds us that each of us can be a source of positive inspiration. Inspiration and action - that's why I'm proud to be a Rotarian.