

SALINAS ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My, how quickly this year has gone! It has been a fun year and one that I hope you as members have also enjoyed. In looking forward, we still have some very exciting speakers for our meetings that Rodney Meeks has scheduled. Additionally, John Haupt has upcoming Mt Toro BBQ's and Linda Fosler is organizing the Salinas High and Mt Toro Student awards.

The next big event to come up in May is the Second Annual Race of Thrones. Vickie Dixon and David Peartree are doing a great job with their committee to put together another fabulous event. They have some new entries, and this should draw even more fans to the event. Funding from this event will continue to be used in our efforts to improve the lives of the less fortunate in and around downtown.

One of the highlights this year was the recently completed "Pigs, Pinot and More" event at the Taylor Building. Probably our best event ever! What a great evening of food, wine and fun organized by Felicia Kausin and her crew which included Mark and Jill Kennedy, Richard Copeland, and many more. Bev Ranzemberger also set the bar high for next year as she may have collected a record amount of sponsorships for the event. This was definitely the party of the year.

I also want to thank all of my Board members for reminding me when I forgot certain milestones or got off track, especially, Anne Leach, Vickie and Teri. There is a lot of Rotary knowledge in that group, and I am grateful for their continued diligence. Joe Piini did a great job in setting up our social events and even trying some new things such as our Sporting Clays outing, bowling, as well as golf. A special high five to Rodney Meeks who kept the club quite well informed with some great speakers this year. Bob Kasavan and his committee also came up with some great ideas for vocational videos and meeting entertainment. Claudia Pizarro-Villalobos again did a superb job with the newsletter, in addition to keeping me on track to get my comments completed.

Teri Belli continues to provide leadership for our Downtown project with our community. There is much more to come from this effort, and Teri has provided great leadership in pulling all of the interested parties together for this effort.

This Club does amazing things for our community and the world. You should all be proud to be members.

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Pigs, Pinot & More

The Rotary Club of Salinas "DOWNTOWN" held the 5th Annual Pigs, Pinot & More at the Taylor Building on February 25, 2017. Over 500 attendees indulged in the best of Monterey County, with local chef delicacies and the finest wineries that Monterey County has to offer. The "best ever" event raises money for the Salinas Rotary Clubs Charitable Fund, and this year over \$59,000 will go to several local charities.



Rotary International Foundation Paul Harris Fellowship Donations

Individual Salinas Rotarians have collectively donated \$ 10,650 toward the Rotary International Foundation - Paul Harris Fellowship Program. Our clubs goal this year was \$10,000. The Rotary year runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

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.

The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary over 109 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.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

April

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

May

Bill Keller
Joe Grainger
Amit Pandya
Sherrie Isaac
John Farahmand
Rodney Meeks
Tom Mill
Randy Parola
Bob Kasavan
Bob Struve
Kelly McCarthy-Sutherland
Tony Royal

June

Abby Taylor-Silva
Rod Braga
Jeff Wriedt
Anna Foglia
Claudia Pizarro-Villalobos
Don Rogers
Lino Belli
David Smith
Cassie McSorely
John Macias

Anniversaries

Jim Gattis - 43 Years
Don Rogers- 35 Years
Randy Parola-31 Years
Gale Rawitzer - 30 Years
Steve Shearn - 30 Years
Lino Belli - 29 Years
Al Mortensen - 29 Years
John Menold - 29 Years
Dave Mora - 26 Years
Bill Barr - 20 Years
Cassie McSorely - 19 Years
Oly Gomez - 18 Years
Luis Alvarez - 15 Years
Jeff Dicks - 15 Years
Mary Adams - 15 Years
Brian Allen - 13 Years
Lisa Johnson - 12 Years
John Macias - 10 Years
Aaron Evans - 7 Years
Marcy Delbick - 6 Years
Araceli Bernardaschi - 6 Years
Nicole Pettit - 5 Years
Seth Word - 5 Years
Frank Ducato - 5 Years
Christine Dawson - 4 Years
Pete Wevurski - 4 Years
Sarah Frahm - 3 Years
Jeannine Pacioni - 2 Years
Brenda Granillo - 1 Year
Albert Maldonado - 1 Year

Rotarian Presentation

On February 21, Julie Edgcomb, accompanied by 3 of her board members, did a presentation on the health clinics operated by Monterey County. The clinics are governed by the Community Health Center Board, and 66.6% of the board members are clinic patients. The board is responsible for ensuring that the clinics are financially stable and operating in accordance with applicable laws as well as its own policies and procedures. The board does long term strategic planning, approves the annual budget, selects the services provided by the clinics, determines the hours of operation and approves the selection and dismissal of the Clinic Director.

There are 9 clinic sites, 6 in Salinas and 3 on the Monterey Peninsula. The clinics serve 40,000 Linked Managed Care Medi-Cal patients and 9,000 uninsured patients, plus a smaller number of Medicare, Tri-Care and commercial insurance patients in over 200,000 patient encounters/year with revenues of \$42.9 million. 15 years ago there were 3 clinics with revenues of \$3.2 million. The growth is a reflection of the need for health care services for the residents of Monterey County. The clinics provide primary and specialty care medical services, including family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, rheumatology, endocrinology, psychiatry, pediatric neurology and neonatology.



Back Row: Koren Blau-Monroe, Monica Perez, Jeff Monroe, Denise Mendoza, Marie Alonzo **Front Row:** Joan Wheeler (chairperson), Bobbie Blakeney, and Margaret Osborne

New Member Spotlight



Mali is the Donor Relations Director for the Salvation Army, representing Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties. She has lived in Monterey County for 18 years, serving on several non-profit boards for the betterment

of our local community. Her professional background is in public relations and fundraising and she specializes in non-profit, political and sports related clients. She is a graduate of Fresno State where she was a student-athlete. When not working or serving the community, she likes to spend time with her family: husband Chris and kids Boston (15) and Lucas (13).

Mt. Toro BBQ

Wednesday, March 29th, our club helped to honor students at Mount Toro High School. Rotarians cooked and served a BBQ for over 225 students and staff. Students were honored for achievements in math, English, science and attendance. The mission of Mount Toro Continuation High School is to provide an alternative opportunity for a student to earn a high school diploma regardless of where the student is academically and emotionally. We are proud of these students and proud of the Mount Toro staff that is so critical to changing the course of these young people's lives.



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The Downtown Club

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Vocational Videos!

Vocational videos are a quick and easy way to have fun informing Rotarians about what you do for a living, or whatever else you'd like to share! It's part informative and part fellowship - helping Rotarians get to know each other. Below are a few stills of videos we have shared. It takes just a few minutes to film each video, so let us know if you'd like 3 minutes of fame on the Rotary silver screen!



Paul Farmer



Laura Pruneda



Kelly McMillin



Sara Frahm



Elliot Petenbrink

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