

# SALINAS ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Seeing as this newsletter comes out after the Holidays, I hope all of you enjoyed time with friends and family. We are off to a new and exciting year for Rotary. I wanted to take a few moments to reflect on what we did as a club for both our local community as well as the whole Rotary community the first six months of our club year.

We had some great club gatherings at the Rodeo BBQ and the Taco Fiesta. It was nice to have the other Salinas Clubs join for a little fellowship.

Past President Terry Belli's committee has done and continues to do great work in a leadership role with the City on a downtown improvement project. This is a long and drawn out process that will eventually involve a substantial number of people, including property owners, the City, business owners and several other interested parties.

Past President Vicki and her committee have the Race of Thrones revved up for a great showing again this year. The intent is to have more teams, more fun, and try to bring some additional players into the game. Our net proceeds will go to help with the "Case Management Unit" and the chronically homeless. The Case Management Unit combines several groups into one independent unit that shares clients and their goals for housing and life improvements.

We continue with the likes of John Haupt and his Toro barbeques and our support for the Students of the Month at both Mt. Toro and Salinas High. There are countless activities in which we as Rotarians partake to share our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of others in our community and beyond.

We should all be proud! Congratulations and Happy New Year.

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## Rotary Interact Club Update

Salinas High Interact Club sponsored 37 families at Sherwood Elementary School this past holiday season. That is one family per class, instead of sponsoring one child which was what was done in the past. The families received a big storage bin that contained a blanket, socks, towels, Pyrex bowls, a board game, books, candy, and a gift card for the Pizza Factory. Additionally, the club purchased gifts for 6 students that are living in a group home, one of which is a Salinas High Student.

The students in charge of the community service at Tatum's Garden are also working on purchasing new tools for the park upkeep as most have disappeared.

The Interact Club also recently worked with the Los Olivos Neighborhood Watch to completely transform a yard of a senior citizen who had purchased the home in 1962 and is now unable to care for her yard.



## Ride To End Polio



On November 19<sup>th</sup>, Steinbeck Rotary Past President Debbie Hale, Salinas Downtown Past President Mark Kennedy, District Governor Yavuz Atila, and Past District Governor Shirley Grace participated in the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual El Tour De Tucson in Tucson, Az. Our team, called Ride to End Polio, had 45-50 Rotarians from all over the country ride along with the other 2000 riders that had gathered for this event. Ride to End Polio started many years ago when one Rotarian in the Tucson club asked his fellow club members to sponsor him on a per mile basis to raise \$\$ for the Rotary International End Polio Fund. Well, like most things in Rotary that are started by one Rotarian's idea, this has grown into a very big event raising a lot of money. Over the years, other Rotary clubs in Arizona started to sponsor the team, then other clubs in the US, then clubs in other countries. Yes, the power of Rotary allowed this team of 45-50 Rotarian Riders to raise \$4.2 Million for End Polio Now Campaign. That is not all. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matches money raised for the End Polio Now, so the final amount raised was \$8,400,000. We are all members of an amazing organization that is doing great things in this world, ONE ROTARIAN AT A TIME!

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### January

Vern Horton  
Tim Baldwin  
Luis Alvarez  
Todd Wheeler  
David Mills  
Basil Mills  
Steve Shearn  
Brett Harrell  
Raul Chavez  
Teri Belli  
Brenda Granillo

### February

Margaret D'Arrigo-Martin  
John Haupt  
Catherine Kobrinsky-Evans  
Fred DeYoung  
Dave Mora  
Marcy Delbick

### March

Andy Matsui  
Lisa Craft  
Terry Feinberg  
Jeff Ursino  
Tiffany DiTullio  
Mike McGirr  
Peter Kasavan  
Julie Edgcomb  
Paul Powers

### Anniversaries

Gaylon Haney – 43 Years  
Spence Myers -32 Years  
Mark Scarr -32 Years  
Jim Schwefel – 32 Years  
Tony Royal -29 Years  
Bob Kasavan- 25 Years  
Joe Marchionna – 20 Years  
Paul Powers – 20 Years  
Fernando Elizondo – 20 Years  
Henry Francioni – 19 Years  
Mark Kennedy-19 Years  
Greg Chilton – 18 Years  
Teri Belli- 18 Years  
Beverly Ranzemberger – 18 Years  
Todd Wheeler – 17 Years  
Brett Harrell- 17 Years  
Dan Ortega – 17 Years  
Kelly McCarthy Sutherland – 14 Years  
Bruce Adams – 12 Years  
Abby Taylor-Silva – 11 Years  
Rod Braga – 11 Years  
Vanessa Vallarta – 11 Years  
Stephanie Hulsey- 9 Years  
Laura Pruneda – 9 Years  
Felicia Kausin – 9 Years  
John Farahmand – 9 Years  
John Haupt – 9 Years  
Tim Baldwin – 7 Years  
Richard Copeland – 6 Years  
David Smith – 6 Years  
Robert Dickenson – 6 Years  
Angela Savage – 6 Years  
David Peartree – 2 Years  
Doug Yount – 2 Years  
Elizabeth Welden-Smith – 2 Years  
Sherrie Isaac- 2 Years  
Joe Piini- 2 Years  
Jeff Ursino- 1 Year  
Mali Cuda – 1 Year

## Mt. Toro BBQ

Mount Toro High School is a great school! The staff is dedicated to helping and guiding the students to achieve their education and to prepare them for the world of work and/or college.

Students at Mount Toro do find success here. In order to inspire success, Mt. Toro expects that its students will work diligently, attend regularly, do their best on all tests, and demonstrate good character. The school wants the students to be M.O.R.E.-Motivated, Organized, Respectful and Engaged. With parents, community, students and the school working together, the students will be successful.

Mount Toro High School is a new beginning for most of the students, and a last chance for many. It provides an opportunity to be successful in an alternative setting. The goal is for students to earn their high school diploma, improve their academic standing, develop positive character traits, gain useful social skills, provide opportunities to continue their education beyond high school, and be prepared for the world of work.

Our club has been hosting BBQs for students and staff for many years. BBQs are held three times a year on the Salinas Campus. The students are greeted by the Rotarians and are congratulated on their achievements.

The BBQs are open to those students that have good attendance, achieved academically, and shown a good attitude. These BBQs have become a tradition for the students and a big incentive for them to increase their performance at school. Attendance at the BBQs has increased to nearly 50% of enrollment in the past years.



## New Member Spotlight



Brenda Granillo joined the Salinas Rotary Club on May 17, 2016. Brenda is the Interim District Manager for California Water Service, where she oversees daily operations consisting of customer service, construction, production, and

distribution of the water utility. Brenda was raised in Soledad and graduated from Gonzales High. After high school and while working full-time, she went to Heald College and received an associate of science degree, followed by a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership from Chapman University. Brenda has worked for 14 years at Cal Water and is a Water Distribution (D3) and Treatment Operator (T2) through the State Water Resource Control Board. Brenda lives in Soledad with her husband Jose Arreola and their two daughters, Trinity and Bianca. Brenda likes to spend her time away from work attending music concerts, mixed Martial Arts events, and camping with family.



Albert Maldonado joined the Salinas Rotary Club on May 17, 2016. Albert is the owner operator of MP Express Printing specializing in commercial printing and direct mail services. Albert was raised in Salinas, graduated

from Alisal High School, and received an associate's degree in advertising design from A.A.I. in Phoenix, Arizona. After a few years of schooling in Phoenix, Albert returned to Salinas where he worked and eventually purchased his first business, Copy Print on West Alisal. Sixteen years later, Albert purchased Coastline Business Forms of Monterey. A few years later he purchased Martella Printing in Salinas. Albert considers himself extremely lucky, having married his sweetheart Mari Elena. Together, they have two great kids, Albert Jr. and Viviana. Albert enjoys playing softball, coaching little league baseball, and spending time with his family.

# Salinas Rotary



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## Why Are YOU A Rotarian?

### Rotary arranges free flu shots

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Thanks to the efforts of Salinas Rotary Downtown, Wednesday was especially busy at the newly renovated Chinatown Health Services Center, as community members filed in to get free flu shots.

"This is a great time for a flu shot," says Dr. Mark Tunzi, who was spearheading the event. "Best time is usually late fall, so end of October, beginning of November at the latest."

As Rotary members handled paperwork and handed out free personal hygiene kits, Natividad Medical Center residents cheerfully administered flu and tetanus shots, if requested.

This is Rotary Downtown's 13th year of arranging this free service just before the holiday, an effort surely worthy of thanks.

Follow Jay Dunn on Twitter @dunn\_salnews #Salinas #SalinasUnfiltered

Our Fellow Rotarian Henry Franscioni led a group of Rotarians and volunteers from the medical community for the 13<sup>th</sup> year to vaccinate approximately 50+ members of the city's homeless population just before Thanksgiving. I would encourage anyone who has not had the opportunity to participate in this, to do so next year. This is where you can truly see the good that we do for people of all ages (yes, we had children come through the line).

Kudos to Henry for a job well done!

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