

# SALINAS ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I returned from the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia full of energy and excited for what's to come in 2017-2018. The Convention was celebrating 100 years of the Rotary Foundation and all the good work that has been done by Rotarians throughout the world. I learned that Rotarians are "People of Action" and that there are 1.2 million members and over 35,000 clubs. People from all continents and cultures came together to exchange ideas and form friendships and professional connections while making a difference in their backyards and around the world.

As you are aware there has been a survey of our members to determine where we should focus our work as well as our fun times. Our outstanding Board has identified three strategic priorities, which are:

Inspire Members to Act  
Build and Sustain Funding Resources  
Impact Our Club Families, Community and World

Based on these priorities, we will continue on growing our membership, participating in local events, adding to the good work we have done historically for our community, as well as nationally; and internationally, and taking all opportunities to have the Rotary logo visible within our community.

Our programs will focus on our strategic priorities which will support our commitment to impact our community and support keeping Downtown Salinas a place people want to gather and work. At the same time, we want to make sure our programs are stimulating, educational, varied, and fun!

The Board and I invite you to get involved! Space doesn't allow me to list the Board Members and our Committees, but please look them over on our website at [salinasrotary.org](http://salinasrotary.org). Feel free to contact me or any Board member if you have a special area of interest.

Together as Fellow Rotarians we will continue to do great work.

President Bev

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## Club Awards

Message from now Past President Bill: What an honor to recognize our award winners at the June 20<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Congratulations to Rotarian of the Year Felicia Kausin, COG of the Year Joe Piini, and our inspirational award winners Mark Scarr and Araceli Bernardasci. These club members truly represent the best of our Club and its commitment to our community. Additionally the work that this year's Board of Directors accomplished is truly remarkable. I hope all of you as members appreciate the work and devotion to Rotary that these leaders represent. Lastly as I mentioned at the end of the meeting, I was honored to be your Club President these last 12 months. I hope that you enjoyed the fellowship and entertainment from each and every meeting. Lastly I want to say thank you to Amy for all of the work she does for our Club. Always smiling, always energetic, and always representing the good things about our Club. Thank you all, and I look forward to a great year with President Bev!



## Rotary International Foundation Paul Harris Fellowship Donations

Congratulations to the Salinas Rotarians for a tremendous Rotary year of giving to the Rotary International Foundation! Individual Salinas Rotarians have collectively donated more than \$ 11,600 toward the Rotary International Foundation - Paul Harris Fellowship Program. Our Club goal this year was \$10,000. Sixty-one Rotarians have generously donated since July 1, 2016, and eleven new Paul Harris Fellowship certificates were awarded.

During May, the following individuals were honored by receiving a Paul Harris Fellowship certificate: Jill Isaac Lee, Rachel Isaac, Frank Shean, Lindsey Shean, Richard Jensen, Shara Yoshimura, Brandon Haynes, Felicia Perez Kausin, and Madeline Grothe.

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.

Salinas Rotarian contributions to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International are relieving suffering, improving living conditions, and providing educational opportunities for young around the world. This is a truly selfless action. Thank you.

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### July

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

### August

Sharon Gish  
Linda Fosler  
Bill Tebbe  
Vickie Dixon  
Mark Kooiman  
Chris Steinbruner  
Harry Wardwell  
Jeff Dicks

### September

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

### Anniversaries

Jim Leach - 58 Years  
Basil Mills - 42 Years  
Kurt Lofgren - 37 Years  
William Stoffers - 36 Years  
Mike Scarr - 34 Years  
Patie Helfrich - 30 Years  
Mike Haynes - 26 Years  
Keith Hanson - 25 Years  
Sam Linder - 25 Years  
Raul Chavez - 25 Years  
Rodney Meeks - 23 Years  
Anne Leach - 22 Years  
Bill Tebbe - 22 Years  
Aytac Apaydin - 21 Years  
Nate Stoope - 19 Years  
Derek Derdivanis - 16 Years  
John Musni - 15 Years  
Ray Borzini - 13 Years  
Mike Nolan - 9 Years  
Will Lewallen - 5 Years  
Kelly McMillin - 5 Years  
Pete Delgado - 4 Years  
Lisa Maker - 4 Years  
Mike McGirr - 3 Years  
Catherine Kobrinsky-Evans - 3 Years  
Amy Salmina - 3 Years  
Linda Fosler - 3 Years

## Race of Thrones

On behalf of the Salinas Rotary Club, the Natividad Medical Foundation, and all sponsors and participants of the May 6th Race of Thrones event, a check for \$12,000 was presented to the Franciscan Workers of Junipero Serra. The check presentation was made during the June 20th Salinas City Council meeting at the invitation of Councilman Steve McShane. Proceeds from the 2nd Annual Race of Thrones were \$11,000, with an additional \$1,000 contributed from the club's Charitable Fund.



## Are You Smarter Than A 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?

On Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> the Salinas Rotary Club pitted itself against 4 students from Ms. Colleen Meyenberg's 5th grade class and Amy Nohr's 3rd grade son in an epic struggle to determine "Are you smarter than a 5th grader". The format required each group to answer questions from topics such as math, science, history and popular music. Each question was worth one point and the group with the most points would win bragging rights. The students worked collectively to answer each question. Representatives from the Rotarian audience were selected to answer 3 questions and had the ability to use a lifeline for one of the questions. It was a pitched battle with the lead being exchanged a number of times. When time was up, the final count had the Rotarians winning by a very slim margin of 2 points. As agreed upon at the beginning, the Rotarians were then able to state, "You're not as smart as a bunch of old Rotarians".

## Relay for Life

The 20th Annual Relay for Life of Salinas was held on May 19-20, 2017 and our Rotary Club of Salinas was very well represented. Team It's All Good, in honor of our fellow Rotarians and cancer Survivors Mark Scarr and Araceli Bernardasci, was our Rotary Club's de-facto Relay for Life Salinas team this year.

In just one month, Team It's All Good raised approximately \$39,000.00 toward the fight against cancer!!! Team It's All Good currently ranks in third place in event fundraising efforts, behind Tanimura & Antle and The Sam Linder Auto Group, and ahead of Taylor Farms. This is by no means a small accomplishment, especially for a first year Relay team that unexpectedly and quickly came together. The Rotary Club of Salinas was a Gold event sponsor and our individual Club members generously contributed over \$7,000.00 in pledges, Honda Civic car raffle ticket purchases and business card supporter pledges.

There were OVER 80 people that walked with Team It's All Good and even more visitors at the festive tent! If you were at the Relay for Life of Salinas event, you could not help but notice the team orange gold team t-shirts everywhere! Mark courageously led the cancer Survivor opening ceremonies as the event Torch Bearer, and Araceli, also part of the event leadership team, gracefully took off her wig to honor the journey faced by other survivors.

The event culminated in Team It's All Good being honored with the Spirit of Relay Award during Relay closing ceremonies!

The 2017 Relay for Life of Salinas was once again a highly successful community event and a forever memorable experience for the Scarr and Bernardasci families. We humbly thank all Rotarians that participated in the event, supported the American Cancer Society, and those who served on the event's executive leadership team, including Sam Linder and Mark Kennedy.

Team It's All Good has plans to be part of next year's Relay for Life of Salinas event, and, together with our Rotary Club's support, will continue to "Fight, Beat & Defeat" cancer.



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## Wine Down Thursday!

Wine Downs occur the first Thursday of the month, so come have a drink with your fellow Rotarians and enjoy some good company! They count as a make up!



Bill Tebbe, Jeannine Pacioni, Steve Dixon, Vickie Dixon, Steve Shearn & Gaylon Haney



Bill Tebbe & Steve Martin



Berk Brannon & Jeannine Pacioni



John Menold

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