



DAYBREAK



Monthly Newsletter - Monterey Cannery Row Rotary October, 2021

2021-22 Rotary Year

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Hi Again Everyone,

I hope everyone has been enjoying the warm Monterey Peninsula weather we've been having of late. Lots of sunshine during these difficult times is a good thing!

Well, first I would like to thank Joy and Ed for arranging an array of great speakers for October and November beginning with **Stephen Moorer**, Executive Director of the Pacific Repertory Theatre on Thursday. Next on Thursday the 14th **Laura Kershner** and **Susan Marcellas** from the Monterey County Workforce Development Board will join us. And on the 21st Seaside Mayor **Ian Oglesby** will update us on what's happening in his neighbor city. On November 4th Monterey County District Attorney **Jeanne Pacioni** will be our guest speaker, and later in the month **Norm Groot** who is Executive Director of the Monterey County Farm Bureau. So, please plan to attend and hear what these important community leaders have to say.

October 24th is **Word Polio Day**. And we're trying to End Polio Now. As indicated on page 2 there's only been one case each in Afghanistan and Pakistan back in January. So, we're getting close. Our District has a Challenge involving a milk bottle that we'll bring to each meeting in October, and the goal is to fill it up with donations by month's end. The winner is the club that collects the most and will receive a bottle filled with 2lbs. of custom M&M's with End Polio on them. So, we appreciate your support for this great cause.

See you on the 14th,
President Berniz



Stevenson Interact Club

We are a co-sponsor of the Stevenson High School Interact Club along with the Carmel Sunset Rotary Club. At our September 16th ZOOM meeting **Ekin Atila**, one the club leaders and daughter of Yavuz, shared with us the club's recent District Conference presentation on the club's accomplishments the last couple years. It was impressive as to how many people in need that they helped.

The highlights include a *Syrian Refugee Art Drive* where they collected art supplies and money for new Syrian refugee schools in Turkey. It involved a bake sale, posters and donation collection. *California Fire Relief* that involved volunteering and donation collection of over \$10,000 to help families affected by fire. A *United Farm Workers COVID and Mask Project* that resulted in donating 75 face shields and 20 packs of rice and beans plus raising \$600 for supplies and gift cards. And the *Joint Mask Project* where Interactors helped MPC business students set up contacts with local medical facilities in need of COVID-19 and N-95 masks including Natividad, CHOMP and Dominica in Santa Cruz.

Also, there was *Holiday Cards for Medical Front Line Workers* where they mailed cards and took some in person to thank nurses, staff and doctors. A *Book Drive* that involved book collection for outsourced districts to access books and further students' educations. The *Annual Valentines Project* with Del Monte Assisted Living where in 2020 they made and distributed cards and roses while spending an afternoon with residents, and in 2021 mailed cards due to visiting restrictions. And earlier this year *Read Across America* that involved reading to students in students in several Monterey County preschools.

So, congratulations and thank you to these Interactors for all that you have done and the people you've helped.

Meetings

10/7 Club Meeting
7:30am at First Awakenings

10/14 Club Meeting
7:30am at First Awakenings

10/21 Club Meeting
7:30am at First Awakenings

10/28 Board Meeting via Zoom
7:30 -9:00am

11/4 Club Meeting
7:30am at First Awakenings

Birthdays

10/23 John Pira

Wedding Anniversaries

10/4 Tim Flanagan
10/19 Young Koh

Club Anniversaries

10/4 Anne Ross (3)
10/22 Mark Arellano (1)
10/27 Joe Gallagher (5)



Grants Update

Trees for Monterey – District Service Grant

Our grant application has been approved by the District, and we're planning on Saturday, October 23rd to begin planting trees in the Monterey Cemetery, which has lost a lot of old oak trees. Volunteer Rotarians will work with city personnel to plant about 20 trees that day. In the weeks following there will be weekday neighborhood street planting by smaller groups of volunteers for the balance of the 50 or so trees. Please volunteer and let me know if and when you are able to help.

John Hetz

2021 Marks 36th Year of PolioPlus Program



***Nearly 3 Billion Children Immunized
Against Polio
99% of World Polio Free
Over \$2.1 Billion Contributed
Africa Recently Declared Polio Free***

Latest News

Through September 28th still only one new case of the wild virus in Afghanistan (January 1st) and one in Pakistan (January 27th). This compares to 47 and 73 as of the same date a year ago, and a total of 56 and 84 for all of 2020. Let's keep hoping this is the end of the wild virus in these last two endemic countries, and we have finally ended polio in the world.

Member Profile



Sharon Pira

Sharon was born and grew up in southern California and attended Cypress Community College in Orange County. After several years as a musician and recording artist, she moved to Walla Walla, Washington and operated a gift and music store for the next twenty years. In 1997 she became an Investment Manager for the oldest bank in Washington state, and was employed there for seven years. After meeting her husband John and moving to Monterey in 2005, she launched her own coaching business and worked with owners of small home-based businesses. She also taught and facilitated courses, coaching groups, and workshops on personal growth.

In December, 2012 she was introduced to Monterey Cannery Row Rotary by Danette Roberts and has been a member since. She served as our President in the 2016-17 Rotary year, has volunteered on several committees and is currently our Club Secretary. She also served as an Assistant Governor for our area of District 5230. Sharon is a Paul Harris Fellow +6. An active and valued member of our club, and we thank you for your service.

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?