

“CONNECTIONS”

ROTARY CLUB OF MARIPOSA YOSEMITE

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TELLING ROTARY’S STORY

Breathing Life

Our Support of the Oxygen Project in India.

At our meeting last Thursday, we met via Zoom with several key players of a project in India. Kamal in India said of the Covid pandemic, “It was terror all over here.”

We were told that Colin Constable works with a man in India who knows that Colin can meet online any day except Thursday mornings when he has Rotary meetings. This fellow employee heard about the need for oxygen in a local Indian hospital and, knowing that Colin belonged to Rotary, he asked if there might be a possibility of helping him obtain oxygen for Covid patients there.

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Colin arranged for our club to give almost \$3,000 to purchase oxygen concentrators. This was matched by a Rotary global grant and combined with a \$22,000 grant from the World Fund, as well as a major donation from a non-government organization (NGO) in Detroit, Michigan, and a \$30,000 grant from Canada.

The project consisted of obtaining oxygen for Covid patients who Kamal said were “the poorest of the poor.” The project began on May 12, 2021, and by May 30th, over \$100,000 was available to purchase the oxygen concentrators and install them.

Kamal went on to say that when they received the money to buy the equipment “Our faith in humanity was restored.” They were able to provide oxygen to the children and adults in the hospital as well as several other medical offices and save lives.

The coordinators from India and Canada asked to be part of our Thursday morning meeting to thank us for our contribution (see the photo of them with the oxygen concentrators below).



REQUESTS

Rotary Shirts

When you are attending a Rotary event or working on a team project, please wear a Rotary shirt.

Upcoming Events



- Working with the Homeless/Foster Children in the School System
- Adopt-a-Highway Street Cleaning Feb 15th 8:30am
- Club Film for the Butterfly Festival - February
- Butterfly Festival Parking, April 23rd and 24th
- Art Wine and Wheels, May 28th
- Mariposa County High School Film, June 18th



Interact

Megan Harris, our Mariposa County High School Associated Student Body President, attends our meetings.



The Pig Auction

You would think we lived in Iowa, the way we bid on pigs at the county fair. Our Mariposa children raise animals all year long and then enter them in an auction at the Fair. One of our Rotary members then “bumps” the bids up or we buy the animal to raise more money for these kids. After the animal is returned from the butcher, we raise even more money by auctioning the meat at our Rotary meetings.

Victorious in battle, Eric and Sue Weihe were the winners of the ham and hocks in the December 16, 2021 “Pork in the Morning” Auction. The bidding war, between Tom Cooke, Duane Robinson and the Weihe’s ended when Sue and Eric bid \$160.

The money raised from these auctions is used to make bids at next year’s auction. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Club Meeting Information

Weekly: We meet three Thursday mornings per month, at Miners Inn starting at 7 am. Come early from 6:30am, chat and join us for breakfast. If you prefer, you can Zoom the meeting.

Adopt-a-Highway

The time has come again for us to help keep those streets clean. Kris Casto has contacted us for help on the 15th February at 8:30am.

We will be working in conjunction with Main Street Mariposa, Cal Trans and Adopt-a-highway, organized by Kris.

The work takes about 2 hours (depending on how many volunteers), and you are invited to join us for breakfast afterwards at a local establishment. So, don your brooms and let’s get sweeping!!

To sign up – contact Sarah Constable



Club Film for the Butterfly Festival

We are making a short film to tell the story of our club and what we do. We will have meetings the month of February with filming on Saturday 26th February, 10am at Bill Lowe’s House.

For further information please contact Sarah Constable.

ENVIRONMENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S 7TH AREA OF FOCUS

What a whopper. Whatever your opinion about the sustainability of our environment, the topic is broad. Water. Air. Soil. Shrinking glaciers and ice sheets. Shrinking resources.

The Rotary Club of Mariposa Yosemite does pay attention to the environment. The Service Committee keeps tabs with the Main Street Mariposa street-cleaning project. We participate in river and creek cleanups. We planted a tree at the County Park. We've volunteered with trail maintenance.

President Elaine has asked that over the next five and a half months we, our board and the club, take a look at how we will support this Area of Focus. As Elaine noted, this area undergirds so much of what we do within our other six areas of focus.

Submitted by Marilyn Saunders

YOUTH PROTECTION DEFINITIONS

What does our Rotary District mean by "Sexual Harassment"?

Sexual Harassment - Sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that is unwanted or directed at someone unwilling or unable to provide consent. In some cases, sexual harassment precedes sexual abuse and is used by sexual predators to desensitize or "groom" their victims. Examples of sexual harassment include but are not limited to:

- Sexual epithets or jokes, written or oral references to sexual conduct, gossip about one's sex life, and comments about an individual's sexual activity, deficiencies, or prowess.
- Verbal abuse of a sexual nature.
- Displaying sexually suggestive objects or images.
- Sexual leering or whistling.
- Inappropriate physical contact such as brushing or touching.
- Obscene language or gestures, and suggestive or insulting comments.

If you are aware of abuse within our club, please report it to [Chery Davis at \(209\) 742-6603](mailto:Chery.Davis@rotary.org).
GOT A STORY OR A PHOTO FOR THIS NEWSLETTER? Please send it to Sarah or Chery.

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