

“MAKING CONNECTIONS”

ROTARY CLUB OF MARIPOSA YOSEMITE

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DICTIONARIES

At our morning meeting, Walter Wall (below) displayed and read thank you notes from Woodland third graders, telling about the things they found inside their dictionaries.



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Nancy Lee Martin (far left) is taking another dictionary to a student in Coulterville Greeley who just lost his in a house fire.

Next is Gordon Varney's daughter and her dictionary. Her mother comments that, though the two sibs squabble between themselves, when her daughter brought the dictionary home, both kids climbed into a chair together and she read it to him.

Guatemala



The April 7th dinner meeting was especially wonderful due to our special guests from Guatemala and Sacramento. Chuck Mosher, MD, brought his friend Steve Herrick and Rotarian Manolo (Manuel) Saenz from Rotary International District 4250 in Huehuetenango, Guatemala. Our Rotary District 5220 Governor, Tim Madden, welcomed everyone from the Central California clubs. Our visitors told of what they hope will become an international project between our two clubs, to provide prostheses to young mountain children and the upkeep of those devices for 15 years. The video presentation displayed Guatemalan beauty as well as told the stories of several youngsters who have already received artificial limbs.



Upcoming Events

- **The District Conference** is coming up May 20th through the 22nd at the Pines Resort at Bass Lake. If you are interested, please let Elaine know. Our club will subsidize your registration.
- **Art Wine and Wheels**, May 28th
- **Trails Day at the Art Park** on June 4th will be organized by Jim Wittkopf.
- **Mariposa County High School Film** on June 18th will be shown from 1:30-3:30pm in the Quad area of the school and the money raised will all go toward scholarships.

Service Committee Updates

Bus Shelters

It's that time again, inspecting the bus shelters for the school children. Making sure they are clean and repairs are made.... Thank you to all who helped.

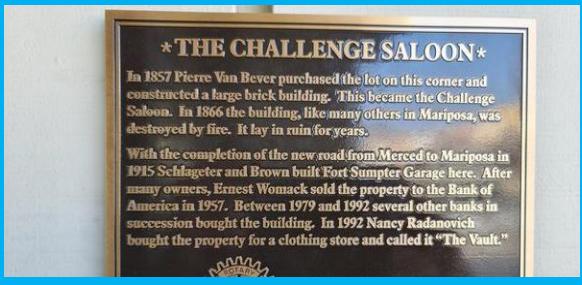


School Needs

Did you know that we help the schools with supplies throughout the year? Nancy Martin is hard at work being our main liaison checking needs and building relationships with the schools of Mariposa. Recently we provided some clothes and backpacks. We are currently working on providing some board games for the children to use.

Walking History Tour

Throughout the town of Mariposa, our club has placed plaques on 20+ buildings, teaching us about the origins and history of the buildings. Soon, in conjunction with the History Museum, we will be developing a walking tour of our plaques using QR codes. Potentially developing an APP or using a website. We will keep you updated on the progress!



Club Meeting Information

On the first Thursday of each month, we have an evening social at the fairgrounds. At our next social we will celebrate Fiesta. We hope to see you on May 5th at 6:00 pm in the Redbud room at the fairgrounds. For the evening meal, the Rotary club will be providing beef and chicken taco meats as well as corn and flour tortillas for a taco bar. Potluck items might be rice, beans, taco fillings (e.g., shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, chopped onions, sliced limes and lemons, guacamole, white cheese, yellow cheese, hot peppers, sour cream, salsa, or chips). If you would like to make any other traditional Hispanic dishes such as enchiladas, fajitas etc., that would be great. This is also the perfect time to invite a guest.

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.



YOUTH PROTECTION

Rotary District 5220 will, insofar as possible, prevent contact by persons who are prohibited by law or who are considered by Rotary District 5220 to be inappropriate persons, from working with young people. All individuals connected to our programs or having continued contact with students in connections with Rotary shall submit to a Security Clearance (Live Scan) that will be processed through the California Department of Justice. If you are aware of abuse within our club, please report it to [Chery Davis](#) at (209) 742-6603.



FFA

During Covid, Mariposa County High School FFA students were not able to visit elementary schools to introduce younger students to their choices when they enter high school. Mariposa Yosemite Rotarian Bill Lowe offered to produce this 8 and 1/2 minute video <https://youtu.be/X3b4NV9aP4U> to acquaint middle school students to the pathways, teachers, and classes they'll find in the MCHS Ag program.

Now that's the Rotary "Service Above Self" spirit.

Submitted by Susan Robinson



Membership Committee

Remember to think about who you might invite to a free Rotary breakfast meeting or our dinner get-togethers. Wouldn't the speakers from Casa, standing next to Don Smith in this photo, make great Rotarians? The speakers who come to our meetings and topics they share with us are benefits to being a Rotarian. We are exiting Covid restrictions and people will be looking for opportunities to get out and be with community. And it is now even easier to belong to the Rotary Club of Mariposa Yosemite with evening meetings, lower financial requirements, and flexible zoom options. Help us grow our club.

Submitted by Greg Harper



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