



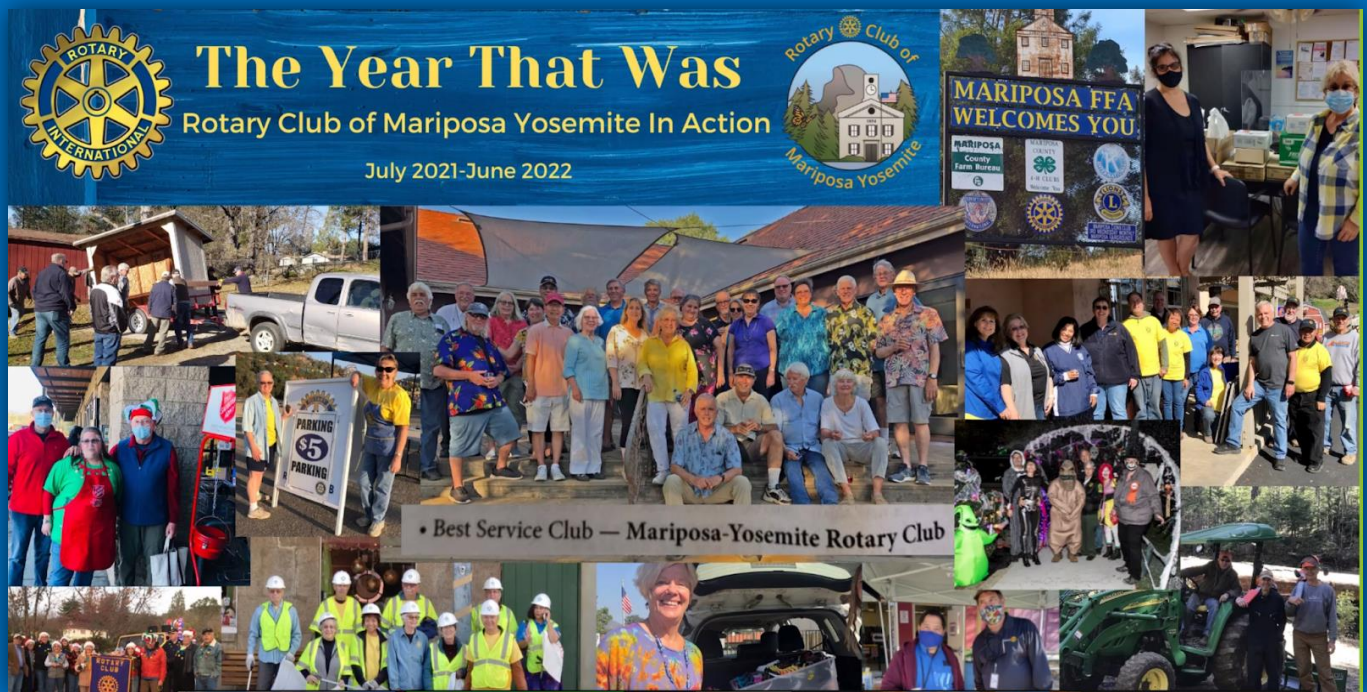


# The Rotary Club of Mariposa Yosemite Wins Triple Gold

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Mariposa is familiar with the service and dedication of its Rotary members, but it is especially reaffirming to be recognized as the “best of the best” among peers. Earlier this month, the Rotary Club of Mariposa Yosemite was presented with three awards at the Rotary District 5220 conference:

- **Outstanding Service Award**, for use of creative and effective strategies that provided significant, positive impact that demonstrates Rotary’s motto of “Service Above Self.”
- **Award of Excellence** for implementing creative and effective methods to gain new members, while maintaining and engaging existing members during this particularly challenging year.
- **Rotary Image Award** that recognizes the excellent communication of Rotary values and objectives to our Mariposa community.



Elaine Seymour, outgoing 2021-22 President of the Rotary Club of Mariposa Yosemite, says it best, “[t]his is an extremely involved Club, but what holds us together is our feelings for each other and our community.”

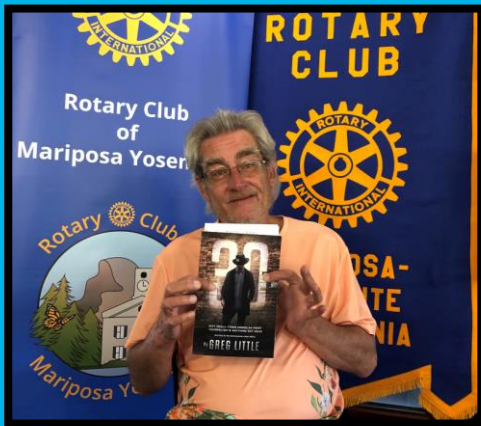
The Rotary Club of Mariposa Yosemite serves selflessly throughout the year, contributing hours of volunteer service. The collage above speaks a thousand words to tell the story of all that is given in one year, whether providing necessities for foster and homeless children in the school system; (through emergency food distribution and essential supplies including shoes, backpacks, jackets and clothes), providing bus shelters across the county, providing scholarships to high school students, volunteering in street clean-up and Adopt-a-Highway projects, volunteering in flu and Covid-19 vaccine clinics, supporting Manna House and the Mountain Crisis Services, and much more.

Want to learn more? Visit the Rotary Club of Mariposa Yosemite [website](#) or email and join us for breakfast on Thursday mornings! Rotary is a world-wide organization which - through inclusive, non-denominational and non-political ideals - serves to unite dedicated people in exchanging ideas, building relationships, and taking action.

We can now buy the MCHS movie on DVD or by downloading it from our website.

## June Meetings

Ben Goger spoke to our group about housing in Mariposa. He discussed the many requirements of his job and the needs of our community. We were informed that the price of housing in Mariposa has greatly increased in the past few years, that buyers from wealthier communities are buying many of the homes, and that members of our community are being priced out of the market. Some very good questions were raised about the need for more infrastructure as the number of residents increase, how other communities were handling the increasing number of vacation rentals and what he saw for our future.



On June 16th, Greg Little from the "Mariposa Gazette" joined the meeting to speak about his five-decade long journey that has culminated in small-town Mariposa. He shared the news that not only had the "Gazette" expanded its footprint beyond the county, but that this expansion had been welcomed by our neighboring towns. In 2021, Greg published a book titled "Why Small-Town American Print Journalism is Anything but Dead" – a title that certainly defies the snobbery of larger print houses in big cities.

June 23rd was a very special meeting. Sarah and the Service Committee put together a great presentation and several Rotarians commented on how much they enjoyed it. As always Sarah spent lots of time preparing for it. The Service Committee has done an outstanding job this year in everything they do to provide for our community.

## Upcoming Events

- Our morning meetings for July will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> at the Miners Inn.
- Duane Robinson honored his wife Barbara with a Paul Harris. He also discussed the years of data she collected on birds and that it was being used in numerous periodicals and books.
- Kevin Cann gave his wife Beth a Paul Harris and learned that she had recently obtained two more from the Rotary Club of Fig Garden. Congratulations!
- Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm, we will be celebrating and thanking Elaine for her wonderful year as president of our club. Please bring a salad and join us at Kris Casto's home and vineyard at 6943 Highway 49 North.

## Membership Committee

Remember to think about who you might invite to a free Rotary breakfast meeting or our dinner get-togethers. Help us grow our club.

Submitted by Greg Harper

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