

“MAKING CONNECTIONS”

ROTARY CLUB OF MARIPOSA YOSEMITE

February 2023



Valentine's
Day

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February Evening Social

February's evening meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2nd at 5:30. Join us and enjoy a Valentine theme get-together. The social will be located at Bill Lowe's and Michael Hall's house at 5647 Blackberry Creek Road. Please bring an appetizer or salad. Dinner will be pizza, and dessert will be Michael's wonderful chocolates. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

- February 4 Lion's Crab Feed
- February 11 Celebration of Ron Induce's Life
- February 17 - 20 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- February 25 Sheriff's Appreciation Dinner
- May 27 Art, Wine, & Wheels Festival

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Speech Contest Winners



We had 4 excellent speeches given by our high school students on Thursday, January 26th. Their theme was “Imagine Peace,” and each of them spoke about their goals, hopes and dreams. Tony Roberts organized this and in order to make sure our judges were impartial, he did not give the audience the names of the speakers until the judging was completed. From left to right above, Noah Schiff was the winner of the contest. Riley Ortiz came in second. Wyeth Bothwell was in third place, and Natalia Huerta was fourth.



Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG)

Submitted by Marilyn Saunders

Looking at Rotary’s 7th Area of Focus, our Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) works on six key themes intending to make a difference for our planet:

- Biodiversity
- Sustainable Living
- Pollution
- Climate
- Food Systems
- Circular Economy

Click [ESRAG - Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group](#). Their mission statement is:

“Eating more plant-based meals and fewer animal-derived foods is one of the most powerful steps we, as individuals, can take to protect and heal our planet starting today.”



Art, Wine, and Wheels

This year's event will be held Saturday, May 27th, 2023, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on the historic Mariposa County Courthouse lawn. Superior Court Judge Michael Fagalde will head up tours of the Courthouse and there will be a food court on 10th Street. John McCamman said, "Remember, every Rotarian is a volunteer for this event!"



Rotary float in the Pasadena Rose Parade

It is always amazing that a lot of people have never heard of Rotary and do not know what we do. That is why Rotary International builds a float every year for the Rose Parade.



Great Advice for Rotary Volunteers

2022-2023 President-Elect Mark Buenafe has some great advice about transitioning out of a Rotary position if you find something else in Rotary that you dearly love doing.

- Train someone new to take your place!
- Write down the details of your volunteer job at Rotary. Make it like a recipe so that anyone picking up your notes could run the project down to the finest details.

One of Mark's goals in the coming year is that we spend some time going back to the basics of who we are as an organization and giving people.



One more, just because it is a cute photo. Today, Heidi was dubbed "Queen of Stuff" because she has the nuts and bolts at her disposal to get things done. (literally)

Celebration of Life for Ron Iudice – 11:00 am, Saturday, February 11th at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church



Thank you Eric Weihe and Bill Lowe, for putting together so many beautiful memories of our dear friend, Ron Iudice. Bill and Eric presented this video at our Thursday morning meeting. CTRL click for video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oZ8pcH5qT3E>.

Cindy Iudice, Ron's daughter Adriana Iudice and his old sister Carolyn Harrison were there to share memories and a special t-shirt.

Here are more memories of Ron

- Ron Iudice, with Leroy Radanovich and Glenn Sutherland, brought the California State Mining and Mineral Museum to Mariposa.
- He and Larry Laity developed 7th Street Properties, where the Grove House started.
- He ran for Board of Supervisors and attended nearly every one of their meetings over the years.
- In 2012 Ron was voted Businessman of the year (Kevin Cann gave Ron a big old Italian kiss when he awarded him the plaque).
- Ron attended meetings to support the MPUD water expansion.
- Ron worked to develop KRYZ 98.5 Community Radio for Mariposa. And Eric Weihe, having worked for the sound manager of the Grateful Dead, had some music for Ron's station.

This is how Mariposa gets things done. Santa needed a place to land and greet children on the evening of the Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting at the Courthouse. Rotarians and many community volunteers joined with the Lions Club to build a Christmas Village. It all happened in the midst of other Rotary activities, but it was exciting to create something for the future Christmases in our town. Here's how it all happened.

CTRL click <https://youtu.be/VuQAMfH-rms>

Editors of "Making Connections."



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Submitted by Susan Robinson