

## Club Meeting

Antioch

Meets at Lone Tree Golf Course & Event Center  
4800 Golf Course Road  
Antioch, CA  
Time: Thursday at 12:15 PM

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## Birthdays



Lindy Maynes-Kolthoff  
September 27th



Linda Haynes  
September 27th



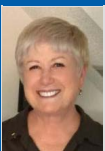
Joseph Adebayo  
November 11th



Joel Harris  
November 18th



Richard Yen  
November 26th



Martha Ellen Parsons  
November 29th

## This Week's Speaker Edward Sherman from FloWater

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Ed Sherman grew up in the Bay Area and graduated from university in San Francisco. For the 20 years, Ed has been a Consultative Account Executive. He has worked within the water industry for the last 15 years.

He has been with FloWater about 3 years and works with every business vertical throughout the Bay Area, California and nationally. He maintains an emphasis on sustainability, health and wellness.

Many of his clients include: hotels & resorts, schools, school districts & universities, gyms, corporations & small businesses, fire & police departments, city & state organizations as well as residential customers.

In his spare time, Ed enjoys hiking with family and friends, enjoying the coast and sharing his love of the arts and traveling.

## USS Potomac -Beautiful Day on the Bay

Thursday, July 29, 2021



Ahoy, Rotarians! Sal Sbranti has arranged a beautiful day on bay on the USS Potomac on October 30th. The price is \$100 per person. Please sign up early and invite your friends. There are only 100 spots available. The ship will depart at 1:30 PM and returns at 4:30 PM. Lunch & soft drinks are included in the price. Cocktails will be available to purchase on board (\$5 each after the cruise). Contacts are: Sal Sbranti (925-250-0091), Grae Darlington, Ana Cosovic and Ron Parish.

## Antioch Rotary Club starts new Elementary School Committee

Thursday, September 16, 2021



Michael Francis Gadams  
December 15th



Tirrell Muhammad  
December 19th

### Wedding Anniversaries



Chris Farros  
October 12th



Lindy Maynes-Kolthoff  
December 24th

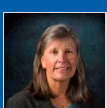
### Years of Service



Robert J. Gunson  
11-01-1974  
47 Years



David C. Naro Sr.  
10-01-1980  
41 Years



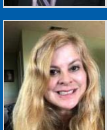
Jeanne Krieg  
09-01-1992  
29 Years



Stacey Duckett D.C.  
12-15-2009  
12 Years



Ron Parish  
08-09-2011  
10 Years



Milanka Schneiderman  
11-15-2012  
9 Years

Martha Ellen Parsons  
09-09-2013  
8 Years



The Antioch Rotary Club has decided to focus on third graders at Kimball (55 students), Turner (64 students) and Fremont Elementary (62 students) in Antioch for a number of projects. These schools were selected because they are schools that are highest in need. Samantha Liposko, our youth director has been in contact with Principals Christie Steiner, Sylvia Ramirez and Deborah Meylan to start developing these new programs.

Here's some statistics about these schools:

- 181 Third Graders
- All Students are on Free or Reduced Lunch
- 30% or more are English as Second Language Learners
- 84% or more are Socioeconomically Disadvantaged

So far, we applied for a grant for books for these students, but we would like to do more if possible.

Please let Ana know if you would like to be part of this new committee. Let's work together to make a difference.

## Antioch Rotary awarded Keller Canyon Mitigation Grant Funds for Two Projects

Thursday, September 16, 2021

The Antioch Rotary Club has worked with AUSD on the Empowerment Project program since 2015. Over the years the program has changed based on the needs of the school district and even went virtual in 2020. This year, Sal Sbranti completed the paper work for a grant for the program thru the Keller Canyon Mitigation Fund and was awarded \$7,000. The program has served over 9,000 young women. The program is usually an October event, but it is been postponed until March 2022 due to COVID.

Another \$3,000 was awarded to the Antioch Rotary Club for





Sean Wright  
10-22-2015  
6 Years



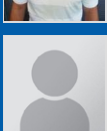
Stephanie Anello  
10-06-2016  
5 Years



Ana Cosovic  
10-06-2016  
5 Years



Sandra White  
11-17-2016  
5 Years



Joseph Adebayo  
08-10-2017  
4 Years



Thomas Jenkins  
11-16-2017  
4 Years



Velma Wilson  
12-10-2020  
1 Year



the Kings' Conference. The Kings' Conference is day long

program that was designed with AUSD that focus on at-risk young men. The young men that attend the program are members of the "Manhood" classes that are offered at the middle school and high school program. The majority of the at risk young men are African American. The program includes a panel of success African American men that share their story and how they overcame obstacles. Workshops were given on: 1) Discovering your inherent greatness, 2) Persist, 3) Mastering the Game, and 4) Rights and Responsibilities.

If you are interested in being on a committee for one of these projects, please contact Sal Sbranti.

## Antioch Rotary awarded District Grant for AUSD's Ballet Folklorico de Antioch

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Antioch Unified School District's Ballet Folklorico de Antioch program needed help with a dance floor and costumes for their expanding program. They needed \$9,000 to make this program happen. We applied for a District Grant and were awarded just over \$3,000 in funds for this project. APD's PAL also contributed \$3,000 towards the program and the Delta Rotary Club agreed to contribute \$500 to the program. The remaining \$2,200 in needed funds are coming from our golf tournament proceeds. This is an excellent example of how Rotary can make a difference in the Antioch Community.

Ballet Folklorico is a cultural Mexican form of dance. Normally accompanied by Mariachi or some Mexican regional music group, these dances are performed in shoes like tap shoes while dressed in outfits representing the region, they are dancing. These dances are broken down into various regions of Mexico such as Jalisco, Michoacán, Nuevo Leon, Durango, Chiapas, Veracruz, Aguascalientes, Huasteco, Guerrero, and many more. These dances are precious memories and traditions for students to uphold, being passed from generation to generation. They are dances that connect our students to their culture and families. Antioch Unified School District's Ballet Folklorico de Antioch program needed help with a dance floor and costumes for their expanding program. They needed \$9,000 to make this program happen. We applied for a District Grant and were awarded just over \$3,000 in funds for this project. APD's PAL also contributed \$3,000 towards the program and the Delta Rotary Club agreed to contribute \$500 to the program. The remaining \$2,200 in needed funds are coming from our golf tournament proceeds. This is an excellent example of how Rotary can make a difference in the Antioch Community.

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According to music teacher Sarah Phelan, "Ballet Folklorico is not only a traditional form of dance that most Latinos know of but is a connection that is shared from teacher to student to parent. Many of their parents danced here in the U.S or in their countries of origin. It helps build community and brings more parents onto campus, meeting staff and participating in school events. This group has strong standards and requirements. Our dancers must not only perform well on the stage, but in their classroom and out in the community. They must have a 2.5 GPA to perform and must have a clean discipline record, checked quarterly. They are representatives of their school and culture. They not only learn to dance but learn of the stories behind the dances. The class is taught Bilingual which is another great asset for our English Language Learners. Our students in ELD are not able to take electives in AUSD.

This is one of the few after school programs that allows them to opportunity to participate in the performing arts.". Antioch Unified School District has large hispanic population of approximately 47%. We asked for a grant to build their wood dance floor as well as costumes for the dances. Before the pandemic, there were 30 dancers in the program, but now the program will be expanded to the entire school district (over 16,000 students in total), open to grades 3 to 12. The music teacher has a goal of 60 students, but this program could rapidly grow

given the size of the Latinx population in AUSD. We estimate 6,000 Hispanic students in grades 3 to 12.

This project is important because 72 percent of students in Antioch Unified School District are socioeconomically disadvantaged and as a result, these students are greatly limited financially in their lives outside of school (Source:caschooldashboard.org). Antioch's student population is highly Latinx at 47% and this program would be such a positive outlet for this socioeconomically disadvantaged group of students. This program is important for several reasons: 1) Increase Cultural Pride/Appreciation Dance/Music. It is a celebration of the culture of the majority of the student body in AUSD. This will build a sense of belonging in the Antioch community in multiple ways. 2) Teach Life Skills such as: responsibility, memorization, teamwork, getting along with others, etc. It will build confidence in the students and they will learn teamwork by being in a dance group while celebrating their culture. 3) Provide a positive experience that will bring joy to our student body and their families. 4) Increase performance in school.

## Your Rotary Dues are Due

By Milanka Schneiderman on Monday, August 2, 2021

Just a reminder that your Rotary Dues are due. Please let President Ana know if you need an invoice.

## Blood Drive Results

By Milanka Schneiderman on Wednesday, September 8, 2021

We registered 39 donors, collected 34 units, and had 3 first-time donors. Those 39 donations can potentially help save up to 117 lives amazing job!

Thank you, Dave Naro, Krist Jensen, and Martha Parsons for your personal donations of blood!

## Events

### September

16th - [Antioch Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Ed Sherman

30th - [Antioch Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Emily Francona

23rd - [Antioch Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Fernando Sandoval

### October

7th - [Antioch Weekly Club Meeting](#)

14th - [Antioch Weekly Club Meeting](#)

## Club Leaders



[Ana Cosovic](#)  
President



[Ron Parish](#)  
President-Elect



[Jacqueline Clarke](#)  
Secretary



[Graeme Darlington](#)  
Treasurer



[Paul Kiruuta](#)  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



[Hilda Parham](#)  
Sergeant-at-Arms



[Martha Ellen Parsons](#)  
Membership Chair



[Thomas Jenkins](#)  
Club Service Chair



[Samantha Lipisko](#)  
Youth Services Chair



[Tirrell Muhammad](#)  
iPast President



[Milanka Schneiderman](#)  
Assistant Governor



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