

Rotary



Club of Merced

Club Meeting

Merced
Meets at Merced Elks Lodge
1910 M Street
Merced, CA 95340
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

Club Leaders



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Dan Leavitt to Speak at Merced Rotary Club

By Vinton Thengvall on Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Daniel Leavitt will be speaking about our regional rail service and the developments on the ACE Train.

Join the Merced Rotary Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82206682100?pwd=ZmhnaVpKcWYvdjJlcFF5UmhMRXFXUT09>

Meeting ID: 822 0668 2100

Password: 1GJidD

Dan Leavitt is the Manager of Regional Initiatives for the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRR) and the San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJPPA). Dan's responsibilities include managing San Joaquin and ACE service expansion planning, SJPPA annual Business Plans, and agency coordination and advocacy efforts for the San Joaquin and ACE services. In 2015, Dan was appointed by Governor Brown to be a Board Member of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. He is a long-time supporter and user of public transportation and a life-long resident of California.



Daniel Leavitt, of Davis, was appointed to the Partnership Board in March 2015. Leavitt has been manager of regional initiatives at the San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission since 2012. He served as deputy director at the California High-Speed Rail Authority from 1997 to 2012 and was executive director of the California Intercity High-Speed Rail Commission from 1995 to 1996.

Leavitt was a deputy project manager at Parsons Brinckerhoff from 1994 to 1995, a research assistant at the Institute of Urban and Regional Development from 1990 to 1994 and a design engineer at Willdan Associates from 1987 to 1990. Leavitt earned a Master of Science degree in transportation engineering and city and regional planning from the University of California, Berkeley.

About the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley:

The **California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley** is an unprecedented public-private partnership sharply focused on improving the region's economic vitality and quality of life for the 3.9 million residents who call the San Joaquin Valley home. Founded in June 2005 by Governor Schwarzenegger with Executive Order S-05-05, the Partnership is an effort to address the unique challenges facing the Valley as well as the region's importance to California. Though the Valley is one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world, the economic well-being of Valley residents has trailed behind state and national averages; its poor air quality has repeatedly failed to meet EPA standards. Despite these challenges, the Valley historically was neglected by both state and federal leaders, receiving substantially less per capita funding than the averages for California and the United States.

The creation of the Partnership was designed to address the region's challenges while establishing a solid framework for the future. Included in Executive Order S-05-05 was a request by Governor Schwarzenegger for the new Partnership to submit a Strategic Action Proposal that provided recommendations to improve the economic condition of the Valley. Partnership activities are led by a diverse Board of Directors. All Partnership Board Members are appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Directors serve without compensation. Directors include members of the Governor's cabinet, representatives of local government and business leaders from a wide range of industries from each county in the San Joaquin Valley.

The Partnership provides an organizational framework for collaboration as a way to improve quality of life in the San Joaquin Valley.

We are regional collaborators — not a governance, not law or policy makers. We work with others to support policies that are regional in scope.



Joseph R. Stefani
Membership Chair



David P. Spangler
iPast President



Michelle W. Allison
Assistant Governor



Events

No Events found

Speakers

August 19, 2020

Dan Leavitt from San Joaquin Valley Transportation

San Joaquin Valley Transportation oversees commuter rail to the Bay Area, ACE Train, High Speed Rail and the Amtrak San Joaquins.

August 26, 2020

Dr Richard Boucher from UNC

Dr. Boucher MD is a pioneer in gene therapy for cystic fibrosis at the Univ of North Carolina School of Medicine. Dr Boucher will discuss the COVID 19 virus and the development of a vaccine.

September 09, 2020

Lillian Sanchez - Mercy Medical Center
Diabetes

Birthdays

Kent Floro
August 24th

Jerry R. Schaffer
August 26th

David P Spangler
August 28th

James G. Marshall
September 6th

Rosemary Parga-Duran
September 9th

Chris R. Tomford
September 12th

Kyle Allen
September 16th

Wedding Anniversaries

Stuart Spencer
August 27th

John E. Price

We are focused on creating a PROSPEROUS ECONOMY, QUALITY ENVIRONMENT, and SOCIAL EQUITY throughout the Valley and achieve this collaboration with **regional work groups** and **strategic priorities**.

Merced Rotary - Thank You Lunch for Mercy Medical Center Staff

By David S. Dunham on Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Merced Rotary is providing a "Thank You" lunch to the Mercy Medical Center staff who are working extremely hard to care for community members who are suffering from Covid-19. This project is to show appreciation to the Mercy Medical Center staff who are working extremely hard to care for community members who are suffering from Covid-19. We are asking you to donate to this cause and whatever amount the members donate the club will match. We will use the funds to purchase meals from local restaurants and deliver the meals to the hospital. We will collect the money over the next 3 weeks so please send in a contribution. Ed indicates that you can donate in the following manner: Three ways to donate:

- Check - Make checks payable to ♦Merced Rotary Club Foundation♦ and mail to PO Box 751, Merced, CA 95341-0751
- Credit Card ♦ Contact Ed by phone (722-7429) or email (espinardi@spinardiandjones.com) and provide him with credit card number, expiration date, security code and zip code and amount of donation
- Venmo ♦ Venmo to me using my user name (Ed-Spinardi), email (espinardi@gmail.com) or phone number (209-769-1203). Write ♦Merced Rotary donation♦ in the ♦what♦s it for?♦ section.

Remember you have been "saving lunch money" by not meeting in person so please donate.

These are challenging times but Rotarians know how to meet difficult challenges by Service Above Self.

Merced Rotary Drive-Through Fundraiser October 8, 2020

By Vinton Thengvall

Merced Rotary will be hosting a drive through fundraiser October 8, 2020 from 4:00-6:30 pm at the Elks Lodge. As you know covid19 has negatively impacted our Western BBQ so we have decided to switch to a drive-thru fundraising event. We will be working with the Elks Lodge kitchen staff who will prepare a meal consisting of 1/2 chicken, beans, salad, and roll packaged to go. The event will be October 8th, Thursday, from 4:00-6:30 pm at the Elks Lodge.

All members should have received their tickets to sell for this event. If you didn't receive your tickets, contact RoseMary and she will get them to you.

September 10th

Years of Service

Curtis A. Riggs
09-01-1976
44 Years

Brenda J. Callahan-Johnson
09-01-2008
12 Years

Mary K. Camper
09-05-2018
2 Years