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THE ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEREY, RI DISTRICT 5230



## Dan O'Brien

### History Of The Rotary Club Of Monterey Fading Memories Of Club Past Presidents

Dan O'Brien is a registered California professional mechanical engineer who has practiced the art and science of HVAC and energy engineering for 49 years. He has a bachelor and masters degree in Mechanical Engineering. He started his consulting practice in 1975 at the start of the "energy crisis" with long gas lines and sky rocketing prices. His emphasis was on HVAC design and energy management and energy conservation in the built environment. Clients served are industrial, commercial, institutional, governmental, hospitals, universities and K-12 schools. The company, Salas O'Brien Engineers, Inc. has grown from a one-person shop in a Silicon Valley garage to thirty offices across the country with over 950 employees. He has

taught HVAC principles at San Jose State University and is a past chapter president of the San Jose ASHRAE chapter. He is registered in five states and is a licensed general contractor.

Dan has three children, is married to An McDowell and resides in Monterey.

He joined San Jose Rotary in 1990 and moved to Monterey in 1995. He joined Monterey Rotary in 1996 and was a Club President in 2003-4. He has also been involved in the Car Auction Committee, Programs, Cog Committee Chair, and the Ad Hoc History Club Chair.

He is also active in First Night Monterey, Guitars Not Guns, Gathering for Women, Independent Transportation Network, Death Valley Natural History Association and a mediator for the Restorative Justice Program. His hobbies are gardening, acoustic guitar, hiking and travel.



# Renata Barnwell



Renata shares her life story. Born in 1959 and raised in Marin County, specifically in the town of Novato.

I was fortunate to have been raised by a Rotarian family. My father and mother were both Rotarians. My dad, Reuben W. Kaehler's, Rotary service started in 1955 with the Rotary Club of Novato. Reuben was District Governor 1980-81. As a child our travel was mostly planned around Rotary International Conventions. The last Rotary International Convention I attended was in Montreal, CA in 2010. I include these details because Rotary has been a big part of my life and has shaped the person I am today.

My professional career started with Bank of America in 1977. I received my Real Estate Associate License in 1988 and worked listing and selling homes with Better Homes & Gardens in Salinas, CA. My Real Estate agent career ended unfortunately due to a car accident. Richard Barnwell, whom I knew since high school, and I and were married September 16, 1989 and we have two grown children, Lorena & David and two grandchildren Davy & Corrin.

In the mid-1990's Richard & I started a successful media company, Central Coast Uplink, a mobile satellite uplink company. We sold CCU in 2005 and Richard was able to pursue his life-long passion for creating metal art design. Our current company, RB Designs showcases Richard's welding talent.

Richard and I moved to Sedona, AZ in 2007 and moved back to Pebble Beach, CA in 2016.

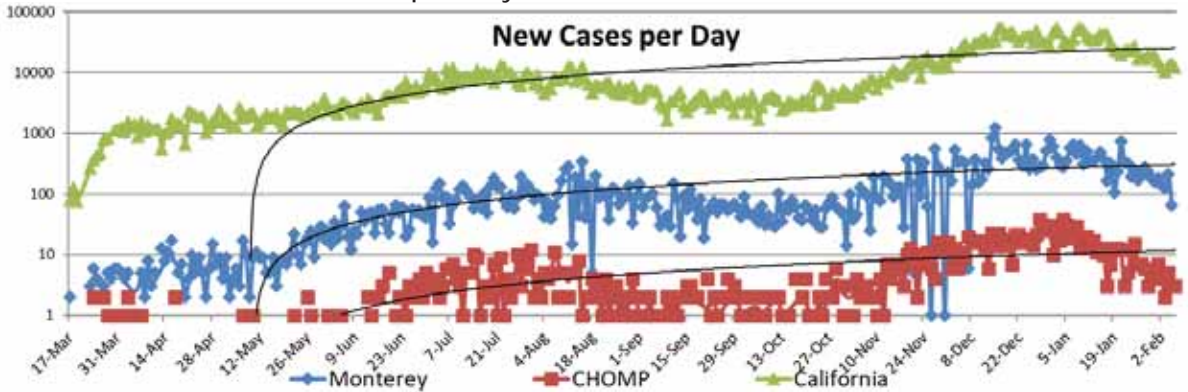
My Rotary service includes induction into Rotary Club of Sedona in 2008. Past President 2012-13 and Assistant Governor 2014-2016 District 5490. I have been a Monterey Rotarian for 4 ½ years.





# Here Is Some Good News

You can see that California, Monterey County and CHOMP are seeing a decline in the number of new cases per day.



Secondly, you can see the downturn of % positive results at CHOMP as well as Covid-related admissions at our facility.



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## FEBRUARY – MARCH

- Thursday – 02/18 Molly, Hutch, Phil – COG Bios**
- Thursday – 02/25 Dr. Nina Shattuck – Crew Rest On Ships/Subs/Planes**
- Tuesday – 03/02 COG Meeting – 5:30 PM (Via Zoom)**
- Thursday – 03/04 Thomas Foscht – Graz Austria Rotary Club President**
- Thursday – 03/11 Board Meeting – 8:00 AM (Via Zoom)**
- Thursday – 03/11 Drea Blackwell – Sports Reporting In Difficult Times**
- Thursday – 03/18 Peter Hiller – Discovering The Art Of Jo Mora in Monterey County and Beyond**
- Thursday – 03/25 Capn. Clark Bone, USN, Ret. – Naval Strategy And Information Warfare**

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