

## Rotary Club of Oakland #3



## Live Oak Newsletter

### We Care Corner

A confidential email has been set up for members to alert the We Care Committee to reach out to a member and connect.

#### Home Care -- Shared Experience Corner

Need information about home care including equipment and supplies? There may be fellow Rotarians who can give helpful tips based on personal experience. Send a confidential email to the We Care Committee address (listed below) and we will provide you some information or one of us will get in touch.

#### Other Needs

Need help:  
Post surgery?  
Logging on to Zoom?  
A ride to the weekly Club meeting?  
Choosing a committee?  
Some cheer during a rough time?

We will reach out with sensitivity and be sure we offer the appropriate support.

Rotary is here for you. Let's stay close and connect!

The email is:  
[RCOWeCareCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:RCOWeCareCommittee@gmail.com)  
The password is Rotary\$9453

### Special Events

## Stories

### Next Club Meeting – May 29, 2025 – Mary Daly – Navigating Economic Uncertainty

On May 29, our speaker will be Mary Daly, President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. She will share her thoughts on navigating economic uncertainty. If you have questions for her, please send them in advance to **Past President David Stein**.



Register on the Club's Eventbrite page to indicate you will attend: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1277382408169?aff=oddtcreator>

The meeting will be in-person as well as on Zoom. For those joining on Zoom, use this link [Thursday Club Meeting](#)

### Rotary Meeting Off-Site Tour – May 22, 2025

### Alameda County's Santa Rita Jail in Dublin

**"Spring Mixer"****Business Development and New Member Mixer**

June 3 – 5 – 7 pm

Agave Uptown

2135 Franklin Street

Cover Charge -- \$20 for food and drinks

Sign up on Club Eventbrite

**Rotary at Mono Lake**

June 13 – 15

Lee Vining &amp; Mono Lake

See flyer for details

Randy Arnold and

Greg Knight are available to answer questions.

**Rotary International Convention**

June 21 – 25

Calgary, Canada

**Fourth of July****Parade – Piedmont**

11 am – 3 pm

Details to come.

**Service Projects****Lodestar High School Career Day**

May 28 – 9:00 am – 11:15 am

705 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Oakland

Rotarians needed to talk about career requirements, challenges and opportunities in their fields.

Contact Catherine Coleman if you can participate.

**HOT Squad**

Volunteer Service Projects serving the community as scheduled.

**Committee Meetings****Public Relations**

June 2 – 10:15 – 10:45 am

Contact Marie Sescon

for meeting information.

**Fun, Sport & Adventure**

June 10 – 6 – 7:15 pm

Contact Mark Rosen

for meeting information.

Rotarians came away from a guided tour of the Santa Rita Jail feeling impressed by efforts at that facility to enable incarcerated individuals to equip themselves for success upon release. The site encompasses a half-mile long by quarter-mile wide campus on 113 acres.

**President-Elect Joe Goralka** invited the deputy leading the tour to visit Rotary soon and update the entire club on recent physical upgrades, courses leading to 20 possible professional certifications, and regular surveys conducted to determine services most desired by individuals held at Santa Rita.

**Reentry Job Fair – Tour and Overall Programs**

Beginning with a biannual Reentry Job Fair being held as we visited, we learned about vocational classes leading to qualifications for union jobs, mental and physical wellness plans being considered, and viewed decorative murals throughout the facility completed by inmates.

**Diversity of Services**

An average daily population of 1,400 men and women remain at the campus until released (60% are released within three days) or found guilty. Individuals held for longer periods are assisted before release with access to services intended to reduce recidivism, including housing, Medicaid or Medicare insurance, and ongoing connections to Santa Rita personnel. Eighty percent of the men and women at Santa Rita have seen mental health professionals.

Many physical and programmatic changes to the campus are part of bringing best practices enabling incarcerated individuals to qualify for trade union, cosmetology, and food service jobs. Seven general and four college level courses are available to qualifying prisoners.

**Operation Dignity Grant Award**

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, **Wil Hobbs** and **Debra Barnes** presented a check in the amount of \$5,527 to Operation Dignity from the club's Feed the Hungry campaign. Receiving the check were Laura Mason, Interim Executive Director and Laura Moss, Director of Development.

Operation Dignity works to house and serve the most vulnerable people experiencing homelessness, including veterans and people living in encampments.



## **Birthday Greetings**

### **Happy Birthday!**

Celebrating are:

#### May

26 – Ralph Sklar  
27 – Mieko Hatano  
30 – Ces Butner  
31 – Megan Imperial

#### June

05 – Kevin Kelley  
06 – Brett Badelle  
06 – Bob Barth  
06 – Bob Muldoon  
07 – Anne Bisagno  
07 – Dale Chamblin  
08 – Joseph Koroma  
09 – Jim Wambach  
11 – Morris Johnson  
13 – Steve Nicholls  
14 – Bruce Nye  
16 – Steve Blair  
16 – Keith Giron  
17 – Preston Pinckney  
19 – Bryan Morgan  
19 – Julayne Virgil  
21 – Kers Clausen  
22 – Robert Raburn  
23 – Michael Houston  
25 – Sheldon Crandall  
26 – Jesse Bowdle

## **Membership Anniversaries**

Thank you for your years  
of service to Rotary Club  
of Oakland and the  
community!

#### June

Ces Butner – 33 years  
Margo Seligman – 33 years  
Peter Turner – 33 years  
John Holmgren – 32 years  
Fred Morse – 31 years  
Robert Kidd – 29 years  
Mary Geong – 23 years  
Elizabeth Johnson – 22 years  
Catherine Pinkas – 21 years  
Keith Giron – 18 years  
Linda Hamilton – 18 years  
Dan Altemus – 17 years  
Sean Callum – 17 years  
Merlin Edwards – 14 years  
David Barron – 12 years  
Jain Williams – 12 years  
Barbara Leslie – 10 years



## **Alameda County Community Food Bank**

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, approximately 19 members volunteered at the Alameda County Community Food Bank as part of Rotary District 5170's Epic Day of Service. The group spent their time helping with food sorting and distribution tasks.

**President-Elect Joe Goralka** presented the Food Bank with a check from the Community Service Committee totaling approximately \$13,000 in addition to a donation from club member **Steve Nicholls**. Receiving the donations was Annie McShane, the Food Bank's Volunteer Engagement Manager.

Ahmad Anderson – 8 years  
Pat McMillan – 8 years  
Lois Corrin – 4 years  
Dave Cannon – 2 years  
Fiona Ma – 2 years  
Thomas Binz – 1 year  
Mandolin Kadera-Redmond – 1  
year  
Pat Raburn – 1 year

