



Templeton Rotary has a couple of big fundraisers during the year, a music festival, left, and barbecue on the Fourth of July, right. Middle, Templeton Rotary members give an award to the best acts at the Templeton Music Festival one of their biggest fundraisers of the year.

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our scholarships soon and last year we gave out \$28,000. Over the years, we have supported and funded the Take the Lead Seminar, Atascadero drama, Atascadero athletics, Loaves and Fishes, the Salvation Army bell ringers, El Camino Homeless Shelter, Colony Days, really you name an event or organization in the county and we have supported it in some way or another. It is extremely rewarding being a part of Rotary. I know that all of our members are proud to be celebrating 65 years of service to our community and the world."

At the birthday party was generational member and longest-standing member Jerry Decou III and his son and member J. Decou IV.

"We have had three generations of men in our family join the Atascadero Rotary Club," Decou IV said with pride. "My dad and I are members together and though he is not as active as he once was we are still big supporters of the club."

Also in attendance was Tom Zirk, the incoming president, who said that he has a project in mind for his term of office.

"We are planning in the next two years to fund Parents for Joy playground for children that are in need of specialized equipment to play on safely," Zirk said. "It will be over by the youth center and John Neil and I will be working jointly to complete the project in two years and will be applying for a Rotary International grant for the first time ever to fund the playground."

To learn more about the Atascadero Rotary Club, visit atascaderorotary.org.

PASO ROBLES ROTARY CLUB

It is the oldest club in the North County and celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2014. Their big fundraisers of the year are the Golf Tournament and Wine-makers Cook-off that fund many projects as well as the international endeavors.

Rex Thornhill, past Rotary president said that the club focuses on scholarships for the most part, last year providing \$37,500 and gifted the same amount in Senior Scholarships.

"We have given many thousands of dollars in scholarships to local students to attend college," Thornhill said. "We also sponsored the Wall of Fame at the high school and host events and fund the Pioneer Day Parade as well as the Old Timers Luncheon. It is really like a family. We have a good community of members and have been devoted to taking part in the eradication of polio by donating funds to the international organization. It is a good way to give back to the community and each president is able to work in a project of their choice every year. So when incoming president Fred Roy comes into office in June we will have a new list of goals to meet. Really this is the first club I have joined that I felt like coming back and participating in and it's great."

To learn more about the Paso Robles Rotary Club, visit pasoroblesrotary.org.

ROTARY CLUB OF PASO ROBLES SUNRISE

It was founded in 1996. According to Lorena Butts they are very active, with many projects locally that support the community and nonprofits. The current president of the club is Dan Meade and he leads with the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self." In the president's message

Meade said, "Our club supports the local community with service activities and awards to nonprofits, students, youth organizations, senior citizens, schools, and health care and service organizations. We support and engage international projects that include water and sanitation, disease prevention, education and growing local economies. We also contribute to Rotary's End Polio Now Program that is on the verge of eliminating polio forever."

Currently Paso Robles Sunrise is sponsoring six high school students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. This is a program that engages youth who are on track to become tomorrow's leaders and potential Rotary members. They also support the community through college scholarships, the Paso Robles Community Enhances Recreation Foundation, Tolosa Dental, Paso Robles Teen Recreations Center, Project Peanut Butter to save live, RISE Women's Shelter, ECHO Homeless Shelter, Canines for Wounded Warriors and many more.

To learn more about Rotary Club Paso Robles Sunrise, visit pasoroblessunriserotary.org.

TEMPLETON ROTARY CLUB

It was founded in 2001 and celebrated its 10-year anniversary in 2011. The club is currently the only one in the district with a fe-

male president, Sarah Maggelet. Their big fundraisers for the year include a 4th of July barbecue and a music festival. According to District Governor Lorena Butts, Templeton Rotary is branching out and taking on more international projects than any other group in the district.

"Templeton is very active and does a lot of international work," she said. "For a tiny club they do a lot by soliciting input and cash from other clubs. Templeton was also part of a joint project to provide bedding to the ECHO Homeless Shelter. It is amazing to see. They are working in Guatemala right now to provide a playground area for a community that needs a safe place for children to play. They are also doing a vocational project in Bolivia to teach locals to weld so they have a future and can pull themselves out of the poverty cycle they are in. They are a very active club and stand out for their international work as well as work at home."

Past projects include the Christmas food, toy and coats for kids drive, wheelchair program, financial support for high schools, college scholarships and music programs, support people-to-people project, Eagle Scouts and Brownie Troops and so much more. Recently they have been working to help a homeless family find a home.

For those interested in joining the Templeton Rotary Club, visit templetonrotary.com.



Picking up trash in Paso Robles is just one of many activities at the Paso Robles Sunrise Rotary Club.



Paso Robles Sunrise Rotary host a crab feed yearly to fund projects.

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