


Rotary

Club of Sonoma Springs




FROM PRESIDENT GAYLE

Birthdays

Mary A. Deely
May 20th

Jan Erickson
May 28th

Gayle Arrowood
May 31st

Garland Elizabeth Lamb
June 26th

Club Leaders



Gayle Arrowood
President



Jan Erickson
Club Service Chair
President-Elect



Erica King
Secretary



Sandra Otter
Treasurer
iPast President



Mara Kahn
Public Relations Chair
CCO-Club Comm. Officer



Sarah C. Brown
Membership Chair



Ron Matteson
Community Service Chair
Service Projects Chair

Fellow Rotarians! We are just 3 meetings away from our new Rotary year - let's make them count!

For those of you who missed our last meeting, we had President Jim Carruthers (Sonoma Valley Club) bring news of a dedication to honor of Morphy, a long-time Rotarian, who is dealing with ALS. Sam was a long-time member of the Valley Club, and then left to start up the Sunrise Club along with his son-in-law, Tony Moll. Sam is the owner of The Red Grape, and too many times to count has donated to countless Rotary projects, events, and functions.



There is a room being dedicated to him at the Community Center - and there is a goal of \$30,000 needed to make this happen, one way or another. If you are inclined to donate toward this, you can make a donation through our Sonoma Springs Rotary Foundation (which makes it tax deductible). Mara will take check and credit card donations at this week's meeting or [call](#) her to make a credit card donation by phone.

Sam has been a stalwart in the Rotary community. He was President of the Valley Club when I joined Rotary, and awarded me my membership pin. Please think about contributing. No amount is too small.

See you Thursday!



Kathleen Hill
Polio Plus Ambassador

Club Meeting

The Rotary Club of Sonoma Springs meets twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Thursday from 5:30-7:00 PM at FAHA Heritage Hall, 197 West Verano Avenue, Sonoma.

CLUB SERVICES & SOCIAL

We have two fun socials this week:

- Meet up at the Tuesday at the Farmersâ€™™ Market. We usually sit on the west side behind the bench for the bus pickup in the grassy area.
- Friday, May 24 - End the week with your fellow club members from 5:00 to 7:00 for Food Truck Friday at Gehricke Winery, located at 3 Badge Firehouse at the corner of Broadway and Patton. Wine and wine slushies (so good) are available, and the TriTip Trolley will serve BBQ Sandwiches and Bowls. Guests welcomed. Please let [Mara](#) know if youâ€™™ll be coming so we can grab enough seats.



Cindee is getting our scrumptious surprise dinner for our meeting on Thursday. Please RSVP to [Mara](#), so Cindee knows how much to order.

I am flying back from Michigan on Tuesday. Looking forward to seeing you all! I did attend Rotary here on Thursday, which I attend weekly when in Michigan - always good, friendly Rotarians. I appreciate their speakers also-some unique topics, but many are on topics pertinent to our Rotary.

THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

We are honored to welcome John McCaull, Land Acquisition Director of the Sonoma Land Trust as our speaker. John has been practicing law in California since 1990, providing legal, real estate, and land use planning services, complemented with over 30 years of lobbying and advocacy in Sacramento for different clients and environmental organizations. John joined Sonoma Land Trust in 2013 as Acquisition Program Manager for the Sonoma Valley/Sonoma Mountain region and became Land Acquisition Director in 2020. He is now responsible for implementing the organizationâ€™™s land and water protection projects across Sonoma County.



• COMMUNITY SERVICE

Maryâ€™s Garden is Growing!

- Please come out on **Sunday, May 26th at 9 AM**, for a clean-up of the yard. It is located next to the 7-Eleven on Railroad Avenue in the Springs.
- Planting of a variety of native pollinators will be on **Tuesday, May 28, at 9 AM**. Please bring your gloves and favorite shovel! There will be coffee and donuts for this event!

This is going to be an amazing contribution to the Springs and you could be part of its start. This is why you are a Rotarian. **Do Amazing Stuff.**

Memorial Day Celebration at the Vetâ€™s Center: on Monday, May 27. If you can help with the event or would like to contribute financially, please contact Vicki Whiting at vicki@kidscoop.com. All the clubs participate in this event, which provides a free lunch to anyone who shows up. Great fun for all.

Community Health Center's Back to School Fair: on Saturday, August 3. We are a sponsor of this event, so I hope you can spare the time to help and/or contribute to purchasing school supplies.



“Optimism is a strategy for making a better future. Because unless you believe that the future can be better, you are unlikely to step up and take responsibility for making it so.”

Noam Chomsky

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