

# Rotary

## Club of Sonoma Springs



### Birthdays

Sarah C. Brown  
July 26th  
Sylvia Bertram  
August 8th  
Vivien Ann Gay  
August 28th

### Club Leaders



Jan Erickson  
President



Erica King  
Secretary



Mara Kahn  
Public Relations Chair  
CCO-Club Comm. Officer



Sarah C. Brown  
Membership Chair



Dennis King  
Sergeant-at-Arms



Carol Jean Allison  
Club Service Chair



Kathleen Hill  
Polio Plus Ambassador



Ron Matteson  
Webmaster



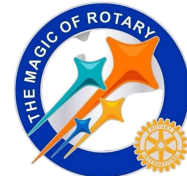
LISA TREMBLAY  
Community Service  
Chair



Gayle Arrowood  
Rotary Foundation Chair  
Fundraising Chair  
iPast President

## A Message From Stephanie Urchick Rotary International President, 2024-2025

Rotary is at its best when we foster a sense of inclusion and belonging in our clubs. In fact, I would go so far as to say that belonging is *The Magic of Rotary* itself.



With a focus on inclusivity and belonging, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. When we are committed to one another and focused on our goals, we are most effective.

## FROM PRESIDENT JAN

As Rotarians of Sonoma Springs, we have many opportunities to connect; at meetings, social events and in our community. Connecting is joining together, and uniting by showing genuine, honest interest to understand each other and meeting one another with trust. Take those few minutes before the meeting starts to connect not just with ones you usually sit with but also with those you may not know as well. This simple action builds the strength of our organization as we go out to connect with our community to build camaraderie and trust.



At this week's meeting, the committee chairs will share information about their committees and what each contributes to the success of our Rotary. I urge you to become an active participant of a

committee to strengthen the life and vigor of Rotary of Sonoma Springs. See you all soon on zoom!



Sandra Otter  
Treasurer

### Club Meeting

Sonoma Springs  
Meets at FAHA Heritage Hall 197  
West Verano Avenue, Sonoma  
FAHA Heritage Hall 197 W Verano  
Avenue  
Sonoma, CA 95476  
Time: Thursday at 05:30 PM

## THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

We are delighted to have Victor Ferrer, the 2024 Treasure Artist of Sonoma Valley join us as our speaker this week. Victor serves as the General and Artistic Director of Folklorico Quetzalen, a role he has held for over a decade. Through this position, he has had the privilege of teaching folklorico traditions to thousands of students throughout Sonoma County.



Victor was born in Mexico City, moving to Sonoma County when he was 15 years old. Upon arrival, he immediately pursued his passion for journalism and community engagement. At a young age, Victor immersed himself in the local radio, newspaper, and TV scene, eventually becoming the youngest editor of a publication in California. Alongside his career as a graphic designer, Victor has dedicated himself to actively developing numerous community projects with the goal of amplifying diverse voices. His unwavering commitment to the community has received notable recognition, including several Latino leadership awards.

Lisa Tremblay & Mara Kahn, Spreakers Committee Co-chairs

## CLUB SERVICES & SOCIAL

Our dinner this week is delicious Chinese food from Golden Springs, arranged by Kathleen Hill. Maybe dessert... RSVP to [Mara](#).

Help wanted for cleaning up after our meetings! The assignment is alphabetical: first meeting of the month, last names starting with A - H please stay to help out; second meeting of the month it's J - Z.



### Compost and recycling:

Most of our waste is compostable (food, plates, utensils, raffle tickets, napkins, soiled cardboard) or recyclable (bottles, cans, clean cardboard, sheet paper). We generate very little for the trash can. Please pay attention to what you are throwing into which bin, thank you!

### Socials:

- **Tuesday night Farmers' Market**, we gather on the lawn behind the bus stop enclosure. Come hang out!
- **Fridays at the Fairmont** for music, food, and drink. Bring your chairs and blankets; food and drink must be purchased there. Show up and see who's there!

We can have casual meet-ups, even if it's just two or more members. Meeting for coffee, drinks, happy hour, going for a walk, etc., can all be things we spontaneously reach out to club members to get together. Events that require tickets and/or more planning may need longer notice. What would you like to do? Let me know your ideas.

Carol Allison, Club Service Chair

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Community Health Service Back to School Fair

First, thank you for your donations to help purchase supplies for the event. Our club members contributed \$1490 which was matched by our Foundation Committee. That brought the total up to \$2980. Great! That is money that goes directly to supporting the children in our community.

Second, the first part of the volunteer work for the event started on Friday when Erica, LeeAnn, Kevin and Ron helped unpack all the supplies for the



back packs. Hundreds of packages of colored pencils, markers, crayons, tablets of paper, etc. were set up along tables for the next phase of the effort which will be loading large bags of age-appropriate educational supplies. There will be more to do this week so if you want to get into the fun, call Xochilt at the CHC on 707-939-6070, ext. 198, and ask her if more assistance with this is needed.

Finally, there are still a few open slots for volunteers for the actual event on August 3. Here is a link if you want to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F4DA4AC2DA0F49-50006854-sonoma>

Lisa Tremblay, Community Service Chair

## MEMBERSHIP

We had a great time at yesterday's "White Party" where we enjoyed a delicious pot luck BBQ at Dennis and Erica King's home (due to a last-minute venue switch. We wish LeeAnn and Robert Knuthson a speedy recovery!)

The membership committee is hard at work brainstorming ways to enhance the member experience and ways to attract potential new members. We want to ensure that everyone feels welcomed and supported as they become part of our Rotary family.

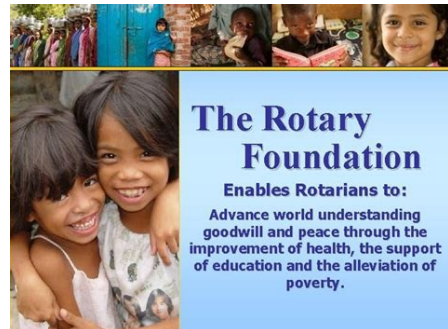
We are always open to new ideas and suggestions, so please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of the membership committee with your thoughts and feedback. Together, we can continue to grow and strengthen our Rotary club. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to making a positive impact in our community.

Sarah Brown, Membership Chair



## ROTARY FOUNDATION

Our Club has a goal of earning the "EREY" designation - which stands for Every Rotarian, Every Year. In order to attain this goal, we ask each Rotarian to contribute a minimum of \$25 to Rotary International. Chances are you joined Rotary to improve our local community - but we are all connected to community throughout the world, especially as a Rotarian. By contributing \$25 (about the cost of a Red Grape pizza these days), you help fund projects around the globe AND in our community through grants.



The money we donate today "seasons" for 3 years to grow and earn interest, and then half of the funds are available back to us to apply for our local grants. The other half is awarded and used for global projects.

Act Local, but Think Global! If you need help making a donation, I can help!

Gayle Arrowood, Foundation Chair

## 2024-2025 DUES INVOICES

DATE		101
July 1, 2024		
PAY TO THE ORDER OF Rotary Club of Sonoma Springs		
one hundred ninety dollars & no cents		\$ 190.00
ABCInstructor.com Bank		DOLLARS
1221 Main Street		
Anywhere, US 10001		
FOR STATE QUARTER, Rotary Dues		You
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Invoices for the new Rotary year are coming to you soon. You may pay in a single payment or quarterly. To pay by bank transfer, [contact Sandra](#). If you are paying with a check, you can bring it to the next club meeting or mail checks to:

Rotary Club of Sonoma Springs  
PO Box 342  
19050 Bay Street  
El Verano, CA 95433

Sandra Otter, Treasurer

## ROTARY INSPIRATION

“The world is moved not only by the mighty shoves of heroes but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker.” Helen Keller



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