

# Rotary

## Club of Sonoma Springs



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THEME FOR 2024 - 2025



### Birthdays



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Garland Elizabeth Lamb  
June 26

Patty Dietrich  
July 9th

Christa Granton  
July 12th

Sarah Brown  
July 26th

### Club Leaders



Gayle Arrowood  
President



Jan Erickson  
Club Service Chair  
President-Elect



Erica King  
Secretary



Sandra Otter  
Treasurer  
Past President



Mara Kahn  
Public Relations Chair  
CCO-Club Comm.  
Offcr



Sarah C. Brown  
Membership Chair



Ron Matteson  
Community Service  
Chair  
Service Projects Chair



Kathleen Hill  
Polio Plus  
Ambassador

### Club Meeting

### FROM PRESIDENT GAYLE

Several years back, I started a group within Rotary, and we called ourselves the "Rotary Rosies", named after Rosie the Riveter (WWII). Our belief was that we are strong as individuals, and that together we could get even



more "stuff" done. Rosie is still a role model for me, and I like to think she would be a great Rotarian. As we are coming up to the end of our "Rotary Year", it's a great time to think about how your Rotary year went, and how you can bring more Rosie into your life!

Here are a few things to ponder:

- Community Service - how do you feel about your level of participation? Is there a project you would love to see our club take part in - or wish you had participated in?
- Club Meetings - What is your favorite thing? Seeing your Rotary friends and growing friendships, or gaining knowledge through speaker presentations? How can we help to improve your experience?
- Do you feel involved? How can you be more involved, where would you like to be involved, what is your vision and expectation, and how can you help to make it happen?

Together we can do great things - Be a Rosie!

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.

STARTING IN JULY, WE WILL MEET AT THE **GRANGE HALL**  
**18627 SONOMA HIGHWAY**



## THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

We're in for a treat this week as **Gary Saperstein** joins us as our speaker. A Sonoma local for the past 29 years, having moved from New York, Gary finds the wine country an amazingly beautiful part of our country. Surrounded by rolling hills and vineyards, world-class wineries, and fabulous restaurants. Gary has worked in the restaurant business for over 30 years, where hospitality has been his passion.



Gary has been involved in the local tourism community, having sat on the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Valley Visitors Bureau and Sonoma County Tourism. He co-founded Out In The Vineyard, an LGBTQ+ Tour & Event in 2008 and became the sole owner in 2019. Gay Wine Weekend is the signature event of "Out In The Vineyard", bringing people from all around the country to Sonoma Wine Country for 3 days of events.



In recent years Gary has become one of the voices for the LGBTQ+ community in Sonoma County.

## CLUB SERVICE & SOCIAL

This week LeeAnn and Jan will be providing another delicious dinner. Please RSVP to [Mara](#) so we can have an accurate count for food.

Tuesday night is always when we gather at the Farmer's Market. We sit behind the bus pickup bench. Hope to see you all there!

Every Sunday, Music in Place offers a wide variety of musicians to provide music from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM in the Plaza amphitheater. Again, another great opportunity for us to gather and socialize together as Rotarians. So important for us to connect.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Maryâ€™s Garden, aka,  
The Pat Oâ€™Grady Community Garden  
has been started!**



Thank you to the volunteers who came out on Tuesday morning last week to plant almost 20 native plants to establish a healthy insect environment for the garden. Stay tuned for the next activities.

### **Memorial Day Celebration at the Vetâ€™s Center**

Thank you to all who made the Memorial Day celebration amazing. Per Dennis King, the speaker, Captain Brett Crozier, who currently lives in San Diego, said the Memorial Day event in San Diego doesnâ€™t compare to what is done here in our small town. Thank you, Gayle, Eric and Linda for helping. If anyone else was there helping, please let me know, so I can update your community service hours.

### **Community Health Center Back to School Fair - Saturday, August 3**

Here is a volunteer sign-up link. Volunteers have been asked to bring a box of snacks, such as granola bars, and/or water/drink boxes. These will be provided for the many people coming to the event.

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

We hope to man a Rotary Table to share information about Rotary and have some handouts for kids dropping by. Let me know if you would like to help man the booth.

## ROTARY INSPIRATION

**"A DREAM YOU DREAM ALONE IS  
ONLY A DREAM.**

**A DREAM YOU DREAM TOGETHER  
IS A REALITY."**

**- JOHN LENNON**

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