



Rotary
International
President
Stephanie
Urchick's Theme
for 2024-2025





Birthdays

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

Club Leaders



Jan Erickson President



Erica King Secretary

FROM PRESIDENT JAN

As incoming President, I feel thankful to be part of a vibrant, caring and giving



Rotary. My theme for this year is
"Connect Together to Connect with
Our Community." I am going to
paraphrase words from my dear friend
Angela Ryan, former E.D. of the Sonoma
Valley Education Foundation: "We are
our best in Sonoma (including Sonoma
Springs) when we are working together
in deep collaboration with and for one
another."

I know as we travel this journey together we will continue to serve our community

well, make money to fund needed projects, attract and make new connections, gain new members, retain existing members while having fun with our Rotary friends.

I have embarked on my annual summer trip to my home on Lake Michigan. I won't miss a beat administering the club as president. In my absence, our inperson meetings will be ably led by Gayle, Sandra and Mara. I look forward to joining you on zoom this Thursday.

THANK YOU PRESIDENT GAYLE

Last meeting we toasted to the end of the 2023-2024 Rotary year and celebrated President Gayle's leadership, drive, creativity, strength, style, calmness, humor, elegance, loyalty, motivation, energy, kindness, great hair, cheerfulness, intelligence, enthusiasm, and dedication to our club and to the ideals of Rotary.



















Click here to watch a slideshow that celebrates all we accomplished as a club this year. Click on the image to advance to the next page. Wait to move on to the next page until all the pictures have loaded to allow the graphics to open



Mara Kahn
Public Relations Chair
CCO-Club Comm.
Offer



Gayle Arrowood Rotary Foundation Chair iPast President



Sarah C. Brown Membership Chair

Carol Allison Club Services Chair <u>Dennis King</u> Sergeant-at-Arms



<u>Kathleen Hill</u> Polio Plus Ambassador



Ron Matteson Webmaster

LISA TREMBLAY Community Service Chair

Club Meeting

The Rotary Club Sonoma Springs meets twice monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM at FAHA Heritage Hall 197 West Verano Avenue, Sonoma properly.

Thanks to everyone who submitted the 3 words that come to mind when they think of Gayle. As a token of our esteem, those words were put into a word cloud in the shape of the Rotary wheel. Click here to open an animated version where the words expand as you roll over the image.



THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER Lisa Tremblay & Mara Kahn, Co-Chairs

This week's speaker, Rachel Ballow, coundn't be speaking at a more apropos time. As a retired Assistant US Attorney, she has unique insight into the current state of our federal courts. Rachel began her various careers after college (BFA UConn) as a lighting and set designer in DC theatres and TV studios. A mid-70's transition led her to a decade plus career as a litigation



paralegal in a prosecutor's office. An 80's transition started with a Master's degree in Forensic Science (G.W.U) followed by a JD (Scalia Law) and a twenty-year career as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria. Serving under Republican and Democratic Presidents, she prosecuted high profile

RICO and fraud cases, moving onto the Civil Division side defending cabinet officials around the world and US. After almost thirty years spending glorious time in her second home on the Chesapeake Bay, full retirement landed her in Sonoma with blue skies and no mosquitos.

CLUB SERVICES & SOCIALCarol Allison, Club Services Chair

We'll be having delicious Mexican food from Los Molcajetes (organized by Jackie) for our meal on July 11, plus a home-baked treat for dessert afterward.

It will be my mission to have all of our compostable items go into the correct bins, marked COMPOST, at the end of every meeting. I'll try to make that as easy as possible to achieve!



Lisa Tremblay, Chair

August 3: Back to School Fair needs lots more volunteers. The Sonoma Valley Community Health Center sponsors this annual event which helps students get



ready for a great academic year with a communitygiveaway of 600+ backpacks stuffed with school supplies. The event is held from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM at Altimira School. Volunteers are needed to direct parking cars, greet families, and assist students with choosing their favorite backpacks. Speaking Spanish is useful but not required. Volunteer registration can be done via this Sign-Up Genius link. You may also do so by calling (707) 939-6070 ext. 198 or emailing Volunteer@svchc.org. Last year, 5 club members volunteered. Thank you to those Rotarians

who have already signed up, and let's aim for 8 or 10 this year!

Interested in doing light home maintenance projects and/or yard work for needy seniors? Talk with Gary or Lisa with questions about our worthwhile "Serve A Senior" program through Vintage House.

MEMBERSHIP Sarah Brown, Chair

The membership committee has been 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. We can't wait to see you at the upcoming dinner party in the garden! Please be sure to RSVP to LeeAnn by July 11.



2024-2025 DUES INVOICES Sandra Otter, Treasurer



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, <u>contact Sandra</u>. If you are paying with a check, you can bring it to the next club meeting or mail checks to:

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"Well, we have a whole newyear ahead of us. And wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all be a little more gentle with each other, a little more loving, and have a little more empathy, and maybe, next year, at this time we'd like each other a little more.†â€" Judy Garland

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