

Rotary

Club of Sonoma Springs



*THIS WEEK'S MEETING WILL BE A YEAR-END CELEBRATION
OF ALL WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AS A CLUB
UNDER GAYLE'S LEADERSHIP IN 2023-2024.*

PLEASE RSVP TO [MARA](#) SO WE HAVE AN ACCURATE HEADCOUNT.

FROM PRESIDENT GAYLE

Fellow Sonoma Springs Rotarians:

So many thanks to all of you for the work you have put into our club this past year!

There are so many wheels in motion, from our Club meetings to work projects, managing the online database and software, managing budgets, decorating, preparing or bringing food, brainstorming for speakers, connecting with community members, cleaning, setting up, taking home laundry, organizing, spreadsheets, emails, more meetings, having fun and loads of laughs - soooo many hands are needed to run a Rotary Club.

The bottom line is that we all have a desire to improve our community, and maybe just bring a smile to someone's face by doing something nice. Each of you is vital to our success.

Each committee has worked hard, and I'm sure they will share details of all they have accomplished, and so I just want to thank each one of YOU for what you have brought to our club.

We have grown in structure and have begun functioning as a true Rotary Club, increasing awareness of what Rotary does, and fundraising successfully through our own 501c3, in order to give even more back to our community.

We may not be the biggest in numbers, but we definitely have the biggest hearts for what we aspire to do. Continue to look ahead, think big, and have an open mind and heart.

Getting to know each of you in service has been my true joy in Rotary this year.

Yours in Service,
Gayle



Birthdays

Garland Elizabeth Lamb
June 26th
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
iPast President



Mara Kahn
Public Relations Chair
CCO-Club Comm. Officer



Sarah C. Brown
Membership Chair



Ron Matteson
Community Service Chair
Service Projects Chair



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.

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

ROTARY IS MARCHING IN THE 4TH OF JULY PARADE

In partnership with the other two Sonoma clubs, we will be once again participating in the July 4th parade. We hope to have many of you walking along with us! We will hand out seed packets to the audience (with Rotary branding). President-Elect Jan spent a lot of time putting stickers on seed packets, so let's support her effort by handing them out!

If you are walking in the parade, please wear your **GOLD** Rotary work-shirt. Let [Gayle](#) know if you will be marching.

The parade lines up along 1st Street East. Last year, our float/truck was in the overflow parking lot next to the Veterans Hall. Just look for other people wearing Rotary shirts next to a big flat-bed truck!



Parade info:

- The parade begins promptly at 10 a.m.
- Walking units should be in position, assembled and ready to go by 9:45 a.m.

Float set-up:

- Wed, July 3rd at 6pm. The location is Cam Fraser's warehouse. The address is 100 East Watmaugh Road. Look for a large modern gray "barn."

MEMBERSHIP

Wow, what a year it has been! We are so happy to have you as members of our club! We are thrilled to have added new members to the club and continue to expand. We are putting a new spin on fireside chats this year.

We will have a fun "White Attire Only" garden party next month that you won't want to miss.



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*Summer Dinner Party
in the Garden*

DRESS IN YOUR BEST WHITE ATTIRE

**07/21/24
4PM-7PM**

BRING A GUEST

664 BARCELONA DR., SONOMA

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN EMAIL
TO SIGN UP TO BRING A DISH.**

**RSVP BY TEXT OR CALL LEEANN
707.307.3774**

We are planning a fun family BBQ later this summer at Larson Park. Be on the lookout for an invitation!

As always, the best way to grow our club is by inviting friends and family to come see what WE do for the Sonoma Springs community

CLUB SERVICES & SOCIAL

Gayle supported our community, Sonoma Springs, by leading us on a culinary adventure touching many cultural cuisines-Mexican, Lebanese, Italian, Chinese, down-home American, represented by the rich dining experiences surrounding us for our meeting meals.

Her exuberant spirit led us to a wide range of just plain fun opportunities to play and get to know one another so much better. Whether it be a theatrical presentation at Transcendence Theatre Company or comedy at Deerfield and Buena Vista Winery or rock and roll and jazz music at the Plaza during the Tuesday Farmer's market or Maria Muldar providing nostalgia in the amphitheater, or kick up your heels and dance at Sebastiani Winery or trying new wines at a multitude of local wineries, it was all meant to bring us together! Her ongoing commitment to us and bringing us together is so appreciated.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our club made a difference in the Springs. We devoted a total of 302 hours of community work this year. This is just what we were able to record. Many other hours are unrecorded, I am sure. The in-kind value to the community is estimated at over \$7000. Pretty good for a small club like ours. Thank you all who managed to find the time in your already busy schedules to come out and pitch in to these activities that benefit our community.

Our 2023â€“2024 projects:

- 5 individuals regularly spent time with elementary school children as reading tutors for both the Fall and Winter sessions. I am sure this project will be back.
- If we can get a few more volunteers, we might be able to continue with some senior support. Lisa and Gary Tremblay really appreciated the couple of home maintenance efforts they accomplished.
- Last August, the Community Health Center Health Fair had 5 volunteers from our club, and we raised \$2445 to pay for the backpacks and supplies. Letâ€™s beat both totals this year!
- We had a massive clean-up of the Springs Community along Highway 12. All three Valley Rotary clubs participated, and we gathered a truckload of trash. Expect future events just like this.
- Having qualified for a District Grant early in the Rotary year, we funded and built a wall at the Community Garden in Larson Park to create a flat area for picnics or presentations. The area was successfully used for a Masters Gardening class recently.
- We started a pollinator garden in Mary Deelyâ€™s lot next to the 7-Eleven using a small environmental grant from the Rotary District.
- Other projects where we provide volunteers were for the Grange Pancake Feed, The VFW car show, FISH Bell Ringing at Safeway and the Memorial Day feed at the Veteranâ€™s Hall.



Looking forward to the new Rotary year, we will volunteer at the **Community Health Center's Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 3**. Last year we supported the fair by raising \$2445. Letâ€™s beat that. Consider donating at this week's meeting by credit or debit card via Square (small transaction fee) or by bringing a check payable to the Sonoma Springs Rotary Foundation (tax-deductible)

and note that it is for the BTS Health Fair.

We only had 5 volunteers at last year's fair. Letâ€™s beat that! [Sign up here](#).

Volunteers are asked to bring a box of snacks, like granola bars, and/or water/drink boxes. These will be provided for the many people coming to the event.

NO INCREASE IN CLUB DUES FOR 2024-2025

Great news! Treasurer Sandra and President-elect Jan have worked diligently with the board to create a budget for the 2024-2025 Rotary year that will allow club dues to remain at their current level of \$780.00.



Dues are comprised of 3 charges:

- District Dues: \$70.00 for the Rotary year (7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025)
- International Dues: \$59.19 for July through December billed semi annually (twice a year).
- Club Dues: \$50.22 per month which includes meals, venue charge and club operating expenses.

We will continue to offer two payment options, either a single payment of \$780 or quarterly payments of \$195.

Payment may be made by cash, check or ACH. Please let Sandra know if you want to transfer funds from your account to the Club account. She will give you the account number and routing number.

The new Rotary year begins on July 1. On that date, all members are financially responsible for the payment of International and District dues for the new Rotary year. We truly hope everyone will remain a member, but if you are not going to continue, it is important to let Sandra know before June 28.

ROTARY INSPIRATION

“When you come to the edge of all the light you have and must take a step into the darkness of the unknown, believe that one of two things will happen. Either there will be something solid for you to stand on - or you will be taught how to fly.”

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