

Rotary



Club of Redwood City

Club Meeting

Redwood City
Meets at Angelica's Bistro
863 Main Street
Redwood City, CA 94063
Time: Tuesday at 12:15 PM

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President

Reminder - April 23rd is an Offsite Evening Mixer!

By John McAfee on Friday, April 19, 2019

Remember - lunch is cancelled on 4/23 in favor of a fun evening at Main & Elm (863 Main Street in Redwood City). Hope to see everyone there!

Welcome to Dan Mulholland - The Newest Rotarian In Our Club!

By John McAfee on Tuesday, April 16, 2019



Welcome to Dan Mulholland, Redwood City Chief of Police, as our newest Rotarian. Dan brings a life of experience in Redwood City - even being a member of the winning little league team coached by our own Bill Nicolette and Don Hack back a few years ago.

Dan looks forward to contributing as a Rotarian to support the various efforts of the club and sees Rotary as an extension of his duty to serve the residents of Redwood City. Welcome Dan!!

Welcome to New Rotarian LaShonda Kennedy

By John McAfee on Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Welcome to LaShonda Kennedy who was inducted last week into the Rotary Club of Redwood City. LaShonda is the Program Services Coordinator at the College of San Mateo. LaShonda brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the club. Welcome LaShonda!



Mitch Postel Discussed The Historical Society with Rotary

By John McAfee on Thursday, April 11, 2019

On April 16th, Mitch Postel of the Historical Association stopped by Rotary and gave an informative presentation to our members.

Mitch started his presentation by discussing the Gaspar de Portola Expedition of 1769. On November 4th we will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the discovery of the San Francisco Bay from Sweeny Ridge between Pacifica and San Bruno. This was a major finding for the Spanish and signified a huge opportunity for expansion. In 1539, New Spain got a new Governor - Governor Mendoza - who wanted to continue exploring north into what is now the United States.

In 1542, a second exploratory force went by ship up the Western coast of the US. Their goal was to find the Northwest Passage - a mystical sea lane that would connect the North Atlantic and the Pacific. They never did find the passage and so Spain felt that there wasn't a lot of interest in going north again for over 60 years. In the meantime, Spain's position as a great power is diminishing as English power is increasing. In 1602 a private venture was taken on to explore the California Coast.



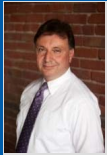
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This is when Monterey was named and was declared a great port.

Gaspar de Portola was later instructed to evict the Jesuits from Baja and replace them with Franciscans while heading north into California. He was also to lead the exploration northward and worked to establish an overland route linked by Missions with support from ships. The San Carlos, The San Jose and the San Antonio were the 3 ships and they would meet in San Diego - an existing port. In January 1769 they started their journey north and things didn't go well initially. More than 1/2 of the 300 men who started out never even made it to San Diego.

They arrived in San Mateo county around late October, 1769. They were traveling from Monterey up what was basically the Pacific Coast Highway (Hwy 1). They came to a large village they named Casa Grande, named because of the large house located in the middle of the village. This village would have been around Waddel Creek. As the traveled north the camped in an indian village where Pacifica is today. A hunting party headed to the top of the ridge they saw "many smokes" coming from the peninsula which were the small fires of indiginous people. On November 4th, Gaspar de Portola's group came to the crest fo the ridge and discovered "a large arm of the sea" that created a safe port "large enough for all the ships in the world."

They then headed south toward Palo Alto and they didn't find the golden gate. Portola decides to head south and established the Mission in Monterey. It would be years later before the golden gate was discovered and in 1775 The San Carlos sailed into the bay for the 1st time. This lead to mass expansion into the bay and the discovery of the Sacramento River Basin. With this came an even greater foothold for the Spanish in the area.

Thank you Mitch for telling us about this watershed moment in American and California history!!

Caring & Sharing - Esther Strathdee

By Sarah LaTorra on Thursday, April 11, 2019

Esther Strathdee, wife of Fred Strathdee, was born on April 19, 1944. April 9th, a few days short of her 75th birthday, she passed peacefully. Fred said that at her last annual checkup she was doing well. Recently, however, she started growing weaker and has required hospice care with a 24/hour caregiver. Fred said that she was at peace and they knew they only had a matter of a few hours left.

Fred wanted me to make sure everyone knew about this and that if he doesn't respond to you, it is not for lack of trying. I will send around his home address for anyone interested in sending their condolences. When I hear more about a funeral service I will share that with the club.

Sarah LaTorra
Club President

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