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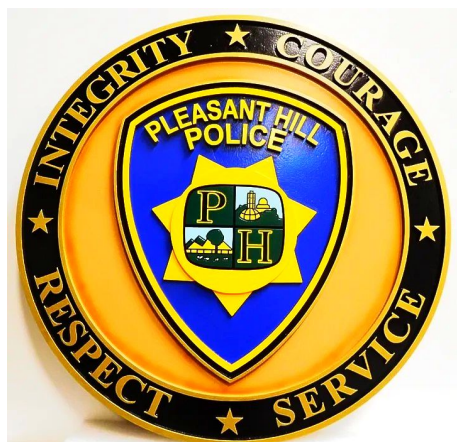
Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill



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APRIL 10, 2025



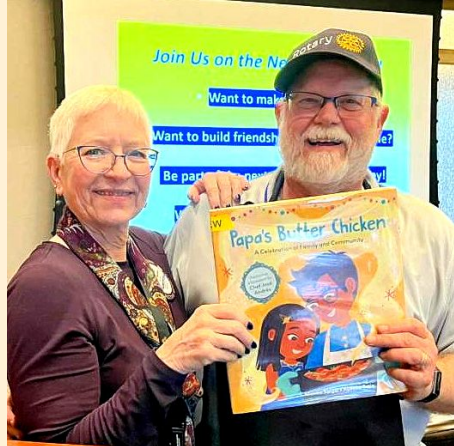
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THIS WEEK's MEETING
McHale Room Pleasant Hill
Community Center
Scott Vermillion-PHPD Chief
Matt Kristic-PHPD Captain
Update on Crime in Pleasant Hill
Gather 12:15 PM
Meeting Starts 12:30 PM

Last Week's Meeting Recap: A Life-Changing Adventure in Service!

With Club Prez Diane at the helm, Steve Lack took us on an inspiring journey through his Adventure in Service trip to Monterrey, Mexico. Alongside 29 Rotarians and 6 Rotary Interactors, Steve participated in a life-changing wheelchair distribution mission as



part of Rotary District 5160's partnership with the Wheelchair Foundation.

Thanks to the generous contributions of our club and district, this effort brought mobility—and joy—to countless lives.

The five-day whirlwind wasn't all work, though! The group balanced hard work with hard play, teaming up with six Monterrey Rotary clubs for impactful local projects by day and enjoying food, drinks, and warm

fellowship by night. Steve described the experience as a perfect blend of service and camaraderie—a transformative opportunity that he encouraged everyone to try for themselves.

And here's the exciting part: Steve and his wife Sheryl are already planning to join the 21st wheelchair distribution in Monterrey in two years—and they're inviting YOU to come along! Don't miss this chance to make a difference while creating unforgettable memories.





HAPPY DOLLARS



Happy 85th



Mike Kasin

With a heart full of gratitude (and a suitcase full of memories), he generously donated \$100 to his PHF in honor of an unforgettable family trip to Oahu, Hawaii!

Jim Nunes

Cheers to 85 Incredible Years! □
Jim generously donated \$100 to his PHF, with \$85 in honor of his 85th birthday—a fabulous milestone for a truly

Lou Rossi

In a truly generous gesture, made a wonderful donation of \$200 to his Paul Harris Fellowship in celebration of his return after two months of recovery from serious back surgery. He

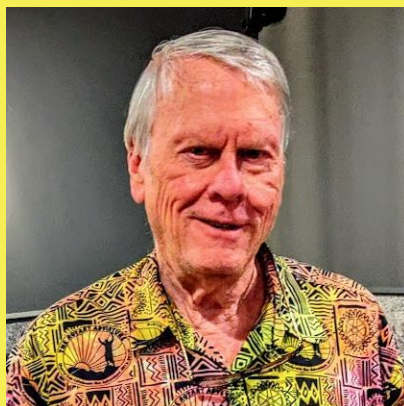
The highlight? Watching his daughter shine in a high school performance at the USS Missouri.

They also soaked in the magic of the world-famous Polynesian Cultural Center, making it a trip to remember. Aloha, indeed!



remarkable man. A pillar of our club and our community, his wisdom, kindness, and steady presence have made a lasting impact on us all.

Here's to 85 amazing years—and wishing him many, many more! ☐☐☐



was deeply moved by the thoughtful cards and calls from everyone in the club, which gave him the strength and motivation he needed for a speedy recovery. Thank you for being such a supportive and caring community!



Jocelyn Reite made a generous donation of \$50 to her PHF in honor of her daughter Lola. The inspiration? Lola's keen eye for Rotary spirit! While enjoying a meal at Round Table Pizza in Alamo, Lola noticed and proudly pointed out the Rotary gear on a sign in the restaurant to her mom.

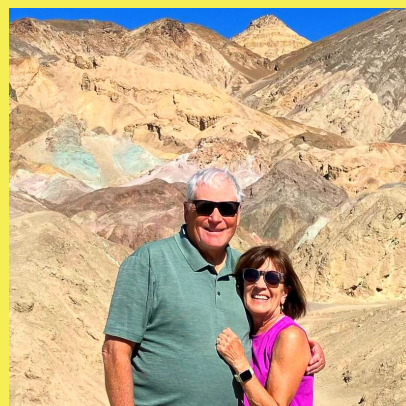


Mark Hinds

Donated \$20 HD to the club as a lighthearted apology for not personally writing Lou a get-well card...

BUT it was quickly pointed out that Mark had signed the Club Get Well card that contained all of our signatures.

Still, we'll never turn down a little bonus for the club coffers ☐☐☐



Tina Young

Took a road trip to 3 Southern California National Parks with great friends, Channel Island - Grey and Humpback Whales mating, Death Valley - Golden Canyon Trail, Artist Trail and star gazing. and Joshua Trees



Matt Rinn

"Quacking Good News: A Future Duck Joins the Flock!"

In celebration of his daughter Ashley choosing the University of Oregon as her college, Matt made a generous donation of \$100 to the club. Soon, Ashley will be cheering on the Ducks instead of the Cal Bears—but no worries, since they're no longer conference rivals! With Oregon now in the Big Ten, we wish Ashley an amazing college experience
Congratulations, Ashley—go Ducks!

Diane McRice

Family, Fun & Future Grandbabies!

Diane donated \$100 to her PHF in celebration of a heartwarming trip to Washington State, where she spent quality time with her daughter and granddaughter—and a Great grandbaby is on the way! □

There's nothing better than making memories with family—and family-to-be. □ Here's to love, laughter, and a growing crew!

Diane McRice

"Raffle Roulette: Diane Wins Big... Sort Of!"

This week's raffle pot was a whopping \$176, and Diane was the lucky winner—well, kind of. She pulled out one of the two white golf balls, which earned her a cool \$5. Don't worry, Diane, it's not about the money; it's about the thrill of possibly winning big! Next week, the stakes are higher with over \$200 up for grabs, and only one white ball stands between you and the coveted yellow ball. It's time to get in on the action—show me the money!

Upcoming Events

Rotary

Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill



Activity Schedule

**THUR
APRIL
10**



REGULAR MEETING

Scott Vermillion - PHPD Chief
Matt Kristic - PHPD Captain
Status of Crime in Pleasant Hill

**THUR
APRIL
17**



REGULAR MEETING

Denise Koroslev
Rogers Ranch Update

**SAT
APRIL
19**

DIABLO VALLEY 8 (DV8)

BBQ-SOCIAL
SUGARLOAF PARK
WALNUT CREEK

**THUR
APRIL
24**

OFFSITE MEETING

Steven's Printing
Pleasant Hill

**THUR
MAY
1**

REGULAR MEETING

Terry Mullin
PACE Healthcare

**Fri-Sun
MAY
2-4**

DISTRICT 5160 CONFERENCE

Marriott Hotel
San Ramon

**THUR
MAY
8**



SPECIAL WORK MEETING

Stephanie Prescott
LadyBug Program
LadyBug Kit Assembly

SAVE THE DATE

Rotary
District 5160



DV8

BBOQ Party



Join Rotarians and
their families and
guests from our 8
Diablo Valley Clubs
under the beautiful
Pergolas at Sugarloaf
Open Space Walnut
Creek
Food Wine Activities

Sat April 19

ENTRY: \$20
Kids Eat Free

1-4PM

RSVP AG
Cathy Durfee

2151 Youngs Valley, Walnut Creek

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A "DON'T MISS" District Conference

RE/CONNECT 2025

OUR ROTARY FAMILY REUNION

May 2-4, 2025

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RE/CONNECT 2025 AT A GLANCE

It's time for a big, spectacular, awe-inspiring

Special Guests and Keynote Speakers



SYLVIA WHITLOCK

Educator, Humanitarian and Rotary Pioneer



WILLIAM K. WESLEY

National Financial Lecturer, Life Coach, Management Trainer, Keynote Speaker & Author



ROBERT BREWER, JR.

*US Attorney, Southern District of California, 2019-21
Airborne Ranger, Vietnam*



BROOKE DETERLINE

*Founder & CEO of Courageous Leadership
TEDxTalk: Bridging Divides*



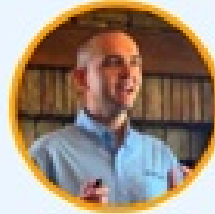
DR. ANNE MATTHEWS

*RI President's Representative
Educator, Author,
Public Speaker*



DENNIS KYRIANOS

*Conjuring Wonder
Professional Magician, Speaker,
Actor/Director/Writer, Martial Artist*



ROBBIE MESSER

*Founder, Autism Quest
Accept, Understand, Teach,
Inspire, Support & Motivate*



BRIAN RUSCH

*CEO of Out for Equality
Vice Chair, RI's Joint Advisory
Council for DEI*

Break-out Session 1 - 9:45-10:30 am

Women Pioneers - Rotary and Beyond

Sylvia Whitlock

Anne Matthews

Brian Rusch moderates a discussion with Sylvia Whitlock, the first woman Rotary Club President, and RI Representative Anne Matthews, the first woman to serve as Executive Vice Presidents on the Rotary International Board.

Are You Happy?

Author, national speaker, content creator and fellow Rotarian, William Wesley, knows the importance of well being for ourselves, those we love and those we serve. Explore the four factors of daily happiness that enhance our joy.

The Children's Foundation

Learn about the work the Foundation is doing in Uganda Africa to change the lives of children, women and villages. All programs can be shared and duplicated in developing countries. Their motto? "A hand up, not a hand out."

Positive Peace is a Super Power

This session focuses on harnessing the power of positive peace. See how the 8 pillars of positive peace can be used to build stable and resilient environments that can withstand and mediate the conflicts that are the human experience. - personal, professional and societal.

Break-out Session 2 - 10:45-11:30 am

Becoming a Voice for the Voiceless

Be inspired by award winning filmmaker Paul Freedman as he shares his journey of

bringing a voice and face to human rights struggles around the world. His stories bring out the humanity of people facing genocide, coping with PTSD, losing a parent, struggling to make a life living on the streets, and so much more.

Changing the world one Teen at a Time

Youth Exchange is where Rotarians build peace through goodwill and friendship every day! Hear from our now and future peace builders as they share their experiences and impressions exchanging with the US from Germany and Bolivia; Taiwan from the US; and getting ready to head out to France..

CIVIL DISCOURSE

How can we connect or reconnect with those with different opinions and viewpoints of matters big and small? In our homes, our places of employment, with friends and colleagues alike? Listen and HEAR! Civil Discourse is an undertaking Dan leads monthly in his Rotary club. Learn their secret!

What is AI? (Hint: It's not Allen Iverson)

Is it time to learn a little bit more about Artificial Intelligence (AI)? Maybe see in real time how AI can make every day tasks we undertake as Rotarians quick and easy? If you have a fundraiser to plan, are searching for new service project ideas, or developing a new membership plan - This session is for you!

Building a more vibrant, inclusive rotary

Learn about Rotary's commitment to diversity, equity & inclusion from a founding member of Rotary's DEI Join Advisory Council. Learn how to gauge where your club is on it's journey of inclusion, how we can meet club members where they are, and how we can all do something so people feel they belong.

Break-out Session 3 - 1:45-2:30 pm

The Wheelchair Foundation

Have you ever distributed wheelchairs to those in need? Hear stories from those that have and be ready to sign-up! Through District Governor Dan's embrace of wheelchair distributions for our 2024-25 International project, our members have raised funds, matched by the Foundation, to fill 5 containers of chairs.

Healing our divides

Through demonstrations and practice, participants will see how evidence-based tools to lower distress and strengthen connection & goodwill, as learned during lunch, work to build connections across our differences - whether those differences are personal, professional or societal. Practice connecting conversations from your own life to support

The Philippine medical Society

Partnering with other organizations that share our goals is one critical way to expand our reach and increase our impact. The Philippine Medical Society of Northern California is one such organization. Learning about their history and good works, as you imagine the power of connections. Teaser: Do you know the role the Philippines played in our Polio eradication efforts?

A mother's journey with autism

Learn through Margaret's unique perspective as she shares the challenges of raising a child with autism. Her son, Robbie Messer, will be joining her. Robbie,



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District 5160 Governor Dan Gerald

District 5160 DV8 Assistant Governor Cathy Durfee

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