



# Rotary

Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill



## The PLEASANTREE

AUGUST 31, 2023

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**AUGUST 31**

**MEETING**

**OFFSITE**

**RODGER SMITH**

**PARK**

**SOCIAL GATHER: 12:15 PM**

**Chick Fil-A Sandwiches  
will be served**

**& Adult Beverages  
Allowed**

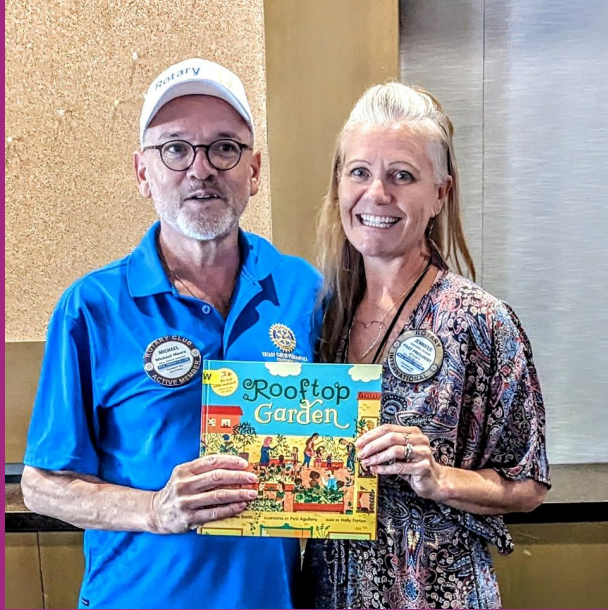


### LAST WEEK's MEETING

2015-16 Past Club President Jen Grossi spoke to the club about her Goddess Gatherings venture.

She started with a few easy yoga





techniques and then played a unique bowl musical instrument and a Sea Sound Box.

She described that Goddess Gatherings is 1) a retail space 2) a Galley and 3) a place for different gatherings.

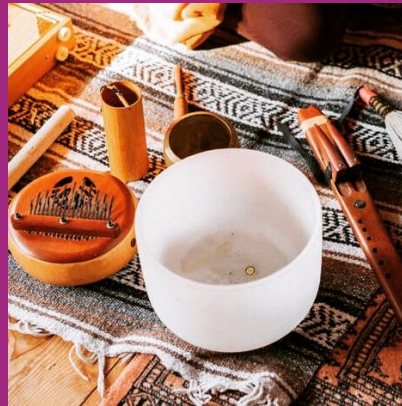
Workshops, guest facilitators, sound experiences, movement, sustainable fashion, curated retail, artwork, and more, weave together opportunities to attune to the wisdom and wildness of the

Goddess, expanding the field of unconditional love.

Their hybrid retail/gathering/gallery space at 3534 Golden Gate Way in Lafayette is tucked inside a larger building in Lafayette, CA. Inside you will find a curated blend of bohemian wanderlust, procured vintage pieces, jewelry, new and new-to-you attire, ceramics, oracle decks, crystals, candles and a rotating collection of handmade artisan treasures. Through-out the week we transform our retail space to accomodate our gatherings.



Mike, Ethan and Matt doing the yoga exercises guided by Jen's instructions



Here are unique musical instruments including the white bowl Jen played for us.



Jen Grossi and her partner Amy Miller at their Goddess Gatherings store

**HAPPY TIMES & DOLLARS**



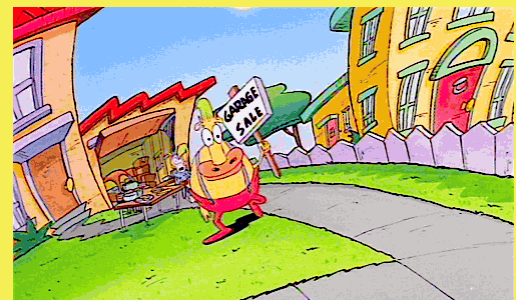
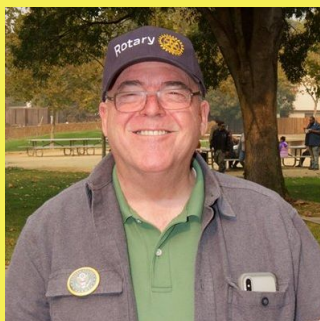
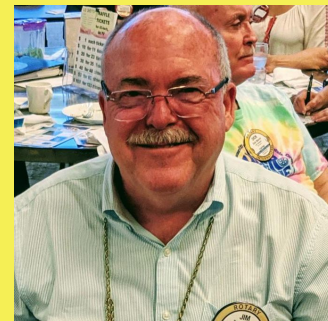
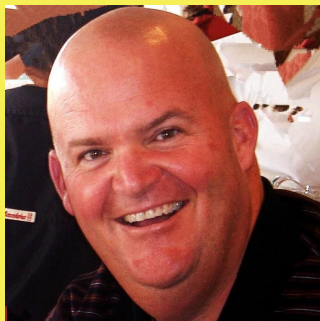




**Ken Housefeld** gave \$25 HD to his PHF in honor of attending a family reunion in Chicago, and had the opportunity to visit Rotary International HQ and a bring back a Rotary hat for Prez Michael

**Mike Kasin** gave \$150 HD to his PHF in gratitude to the club and its members for the support they have provided for his Domestic Violence Legal Clinic.

**Jocelyn Reite** gave \$20 HD to the club for successfully dropping off her niece to Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo.



**Mike Maxwell** gave HD to his son's PHF out of

**Jim Bonato** gave \$50 HD to the club in appreciation for having held a



gratitude of Jim Bonato handling Meals on Wheels by himself as Mike had missed it because he had the wrong date on the calendar.

**Joe Thibedeau** gave \$100 to his granddaughter's PHF in honor of His and Jane's 50th wedding anniversary.

successful garage sale last week



We are so happy to share a quick update from the Bid Committee to bring the **2028 Rotary International Convention to San Francisco**

### **What is the status?**

... The bid committee made up of representatives from Rotary districts 5130, 5150, **5160**, 5170, 5180, 5190, 5220, and 5230 submitted a full proposal for consideration

to Rotary International.  
(each club belongs to a District- Our District is **5160** with 70 Clubs including ours)

The proposal was reviewed favorably and Rotary International is sending a site inspection team this September to review facilities and preparedness to host Rotarians from around the world. San Francisco is one of 2 cities scheduled for a site visit. The other is Minneapolis Minnesota.

### **How can I be a part?**

you can participate, like your member Past District Governor Steve Lack, and support the bid for the Rotary International Convention. by attending Rotary Day at the Giants! It will be a fun evening with Rotarians across the 8 co-host districts.

### **When will we know?**

We should receive feedback on our bid in the first part of 2024.

### **What are the next steps?**

Rotarians across Northern California and Nevada are working hard to prepare for the site visit. We'll put our best foot forward with the site inspection team.



## **DISTRICT SOCIAL: SF GIANTS GAME**

**ORACLE PARK, SEPTEMBER 8 | 7:15PM**

**Hosted by Rotary District 5150:**

**Open to all Bay Area Rotary, Rotaract and Interact members!  
Come CONNECT with fellow Rotarians while cheering on the  
San Francisco Giants in a game against the Colorado  
Rockies. See existing Rotary friends...make new Rotary  
friends!**

**[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)  
[\\$35 TICKETS FOR ROTARY DAY AT THE GIANTS](#)**

**Please note the following when reserving your seat(s):**

- 1) Tickets are for a lower level box section of Oracle Park. To the extent possible, purchased tickets will be grouped near other Rotarians in the same or neighboring section.**
- 2) Details for picking up your tickets will be emailed to you closer to the day of the game.**
- 3) Ticket price is inclusive of taxes and processing fees. Ticket price does not include any food or beverages.**
- 4) To purchase more than one ticket in a single order: first select a single ticket for yourself, then you will be given an option to add-on additional tickets.**

**Looking forward to seeing you at the "Ole Ball Game."**

**WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEWSEST  
PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**





**ETHAN BINDERNAGLE**  
City Manager  
City of Pleasant Hill



**LYNDA PLUMMER**  
Mortgage Loan Coordinator  
Stone Castle Mortgage



### **Mike Kasin Awarded PHRC Challenge Coin!**

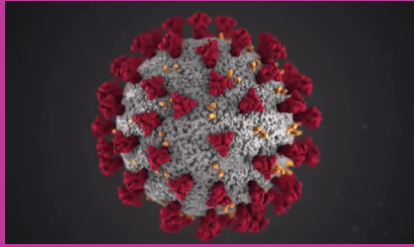
When Jim Bonato was our club President he had a Pleasant Hill Rotary Club "Challenge Coin" created that he awarded to club members who distinguished themselves through Service Above Self Actions.

To honor Mike Kasin for creating and starting the Domestic Violence Legal Clinic at DVC, he presented Mike with his own PHRC Challenge Coin.



It is called a "Challenge Coin" because in the Military, a Challenge Coin recipient can challenge any other coinholder to see if they have their coin. If they do, the Challenger

buys the Challenged a drink.  
If the person who was  
challenged does NOT have his  
coin on them..they must buy  
the Challenger a drink/



## CORONA VIRUS UPDATE AS OF SATURDAY August 27, 2023

ACTIVE Covid cases: IN THE WORLD **21,150,396**  
**(Up 0.3% from two weeks ago)**

## TOP COUNTRIES WITH MOST COVID CASES

# 1 Poland 1,062,209

# 2 Vietnam 939,004

#3 USA 878,606 (4%) of the world's cases  
**UP 14% FROM TWO WEEKS AGO**

# 4 Brazil 894,214

**TOTAL RECOVERED IN USA 105,899,699**  
**UP 436,452 since two weeks ago**

**32,971 CALIFORNIA ACTIVE CASES**

#3 in the USA

**4.3% of USA Active Cases**

**UP 24% FROM LAST WEEK**

38,108 Florida #1 **UP 91% Since last week**

9,855 New York #12 **UP 11 % since last week**

1,173,270 903 deaths in USA

104,089 in California (10 % of USA ) #1

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**Angela  
Kalinowski**

**Margi Alkire  
In Memory of  
Jim Alkire**



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

**Rotary International President Gordon R. McNally**

**District 5160 Governor Claire Roberts**

**District 5160 DV8 Assistant Governor Cathy Durfee**

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