

Rotary



Club of Merced

Club Meeting

Merced
Meets at Merced Elks Lodge
1910 M Street
Merced, CA 95340
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

Club Leaders



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Merced Rotary - Wednesday, May 28, 2025 - Erick Serrato

Join us today Wednesday, May 28, 2025, for lunch at the Elk's Lodge. Merced Rotary is meeting at 12:00 noon for food and fellowship. Our speaker today is Erick Serrato, Director of Workforce Development for Merced County. Erick has served in this role for 4 years and brings his experience and collaboration skills to Merced County.



As Director of Workforce Investment, Erick Serrato also serves as the Executive Director of the Merced County Workforce Development Board. In these roles, Mr. Serrato is responsible for the oversight of federal workforce programs and initiatives aimed at solving employment pain-points for workers and businesses. Mr. Serrato is also a respected consultant with subject-matter expertise in human-centered design and innovation in the public sector, and has been invited to present with the National Association of Workforce Boards and the California Workforce Association. Mr. Serrato previously managed the workforce development bureau of the City of Long Beach and served as the Assistant Executive Director of the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network. Mr. Serrato grew up in Modesto, California, studied Architecture at Woodbury University (Los Angeles) where his thesis focused on social design in public housing.

Last Week at Merced Rotary

Last week at Merced Rotary was our evening social at Hi-Fi Wine. Please send any pictures from the event and I will post in next week's bulletin.

In case you missed the meeting, here is a recap of our March 26, 2025 meeting.

Kassey Mosher presented the club with this year's Mercy Medical Center Foundation project. The current beds in the hospital ICU department are in need of an upgrade. In the last 15 years hospital beds have greatly advanced to provide better care for critical patients. Here is a summary of her presentation. Each bed is \$30,000; two beds have already been purchased. The goal is to replace the beds on a rotating basis as funds are raised.

Mercy Medical Center Merced ICU Bed Upgrade

Critical Need

- ICU beds are at 95% capacity most days
- 31% increase in demand for intensive care since 2017
- Modernization required for 16 existing ICU beds

Project Benefits

- Enhanced patient comfort with reduced pressure ulcer complications
- Improved monitoring for more responsive care

Events

June 27th
[Merced Rotary Kick Out](#)

Speakers

May 28, 2025
[Erick Serrato](#)
Workforce Development of
Merced County

June 04, 2025
[Adam Amaral](#)
Merced County Office of
Emergency Services

June 11, 2025
[Steve Jacobs, MD](#)
Update on Rotary Polio Efforts

June 18, 2025
[Steve Teitjen](#)
Merced County Office of
Education

June 25, 2025
[No Meeting Today](#)

June 27, 2025
[President Cyril Lawrence Kick Out
Dinner](#)

Birthdays

Joy Alexander
June 3rd

Wedding Anniversaries

Barbara Ward
May 30th
William A. Spriggs
May 31st
Laura Fong
June 7th
Rick Marchini
June 9th

Years of Service

William (Skip) George
06-01-1979
46 Years
John Rohrer
06-01-1993
32 Years



After 15+ years of tireless service, our ICU beds have reached the limits of their lifespan, just as the demand for intensive care in our community has surged by 31% since 2017

- Infection control measures for vulnerable patients
- Advanced positioning options to aid in patient recovery

Community Impact

- Supporting elderly grandparents and vulnerable community members
- Standing alongside families during critical moments
- Investing in more than infrastructure—providing essential, dignified care
- Creating an ICU that nurtures the human spirit while treating illness

Our Vision

- Transforming critical care for Merced and surrounding Central Valley communities
- Honoring the dedication of our caregivers
- Demonstrating what's possible when a community unites to care for its own
- Ensuring every patient knows: "You matter. Your comfort matters. Your dignity matters."



Enhanced Comfort

Advanced surfaces to reduce pressure ulcers and improve patient comfort during extended stays.



Improved Monitoring

Advanced surfaces to reduce pressure ulcers and improve patient comfort during extended stays.



Infection Control

Strengthened measures to protect vulnerable patients from hospital-acquired infections.



Advanced Positioning

Specialized positioning options to aid in patient recovery and prevent complications.

Erik G. Ekizian DC
06-01-1995
30 Years

David S. Dunham
06-01-2004
21 Years