

Rotary



Club of Merced

Club Meeting

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

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Merced Rotary - Wednesday June 8, 2022 - Lester Knox

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Join us for today's meeting at the Elks Lodge, 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, June 8, 2022.



Our speaker today is Lester Knox, Aerospace Engineer at the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), Edwards AFB, California. Lester grew up in Atwater and Merced, receiving an AS degree from Merced College in 1995. He continued his education at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, graduating with a BS in Aeronautical Engineering in 1998. In his senior year Lester received an employment offer from AFRL based on his senior project presentation. He started work at the AFRL as a DoD Civilian that year, with an emphasis on solid rocket motor propulsion.

We are meeting at the Elks Lodge in person. The speaker today will join us via Zoom, which is also available for those who want to join us remotely.

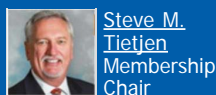
Zoom Link - The meeting portal will open at 11:45 AM and close at 1:15 PM. The link is open to all, no waiting room and no passcode required.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://mcoe-org.zoom.us/j/96217100820>



Lee Andersen Receives Paul Harris Award

Tuesday, June 7, 2022



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Merced Rotary recognized Lee Andersen, former Merced County Superintendent of Schools at our May 25th meeting.

Lee began working for the Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) in August 1978, in the position of Special Education Coordinator. Over the next 32 years of service, he served in a variety of positions giving him the opportunity to improve access and services for all students, especially those with special needs. He was a tireless advocate for children and families.

As Principal of Schelby School he was involved in transforming the original school site to a modern state of the art school facility complete with swimming pool, therapy pool, developmental center for older students with the functioning level of preschoolers, and life skills training apartment for students with moderate disabilities to learn how to care for themselves and their home. A pair of hydroponic green houses were built for the ROP program, one of the first programs in the area to provide actual on the job training for students with moderate to severe disabilities.

As the Special Education Local Plan Area Coordinator (SELPA), he supervised the school psychologists and worked with all the districts in the county to ensure every student who was identified with special needs had access to appropriate services. In this role he developed local plan area policies and procedures, worked with the Citizens for Special Education, wrote grants for vocational training programs along with the ROP Department, and acquiring the first student computers.

As Special Education Director and then Assistant Superintendent he oversaw the expansion of the move of classes off segregated sites like Schelby School to their home school district, expanded the vocational services programs for students in the district, the development of programs specifically designed for students with Autism, and the expansion of the information technology services for all districts countywide.

As County Superintendent of Schools Lee boldly led the effort for MCOE to become the Head Start and Early Head Start grantee for all of Merced County. Under his leadership all Head Start sites were renovated, new standards for teacher quality were applied and best practices for early education were implemented. Lee also led the effort for MCOE to be the grantee for child care resource and referral services and child care support services for children and their families in Merced County. Under Lee's leadership MCOE became the most recognizable face of quality early education in Merced County. Strategic partnerships with foundations, including the Packard Foundation and with its support established the Business Education Alliance of Merced. This Alliance led an effort to bring business entities into partnership with education to promote quality education, including early education.

Two of Lee's exceptional gifts were his coaching and mentoring of new leadership talent. He challenged his leadership team to take risks and to try new approaches to solving problems. He supported his team through failures and always praised successes. Working with Lee provided a safe place to grow intellectually and professionally.

Congratulations Lee!

Pictured are Don Bragonier with the Paul Harris Award, Lee Andersen, and Ann Andersen.



Events

June 11th
Rahilly Park Day of Service

June 29th
President RoseMary Kick Out Party

Speakers

June 08, 2022
Lester Knox

June 15, 2022
Chris Tomford

June 22, 2022
Rebecca Burton
California Highway
Patrol

June 29, 2022
Kick Out Party

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Wedding Anniversaries

Rick Marchini
June 9th

Cyril L. Lawrence
June 15th

Ernest William Bizzini
June 19th

Years of Service

No Years Of Service
Found

Go Gator!! Rotary Donation for Kiddie Land

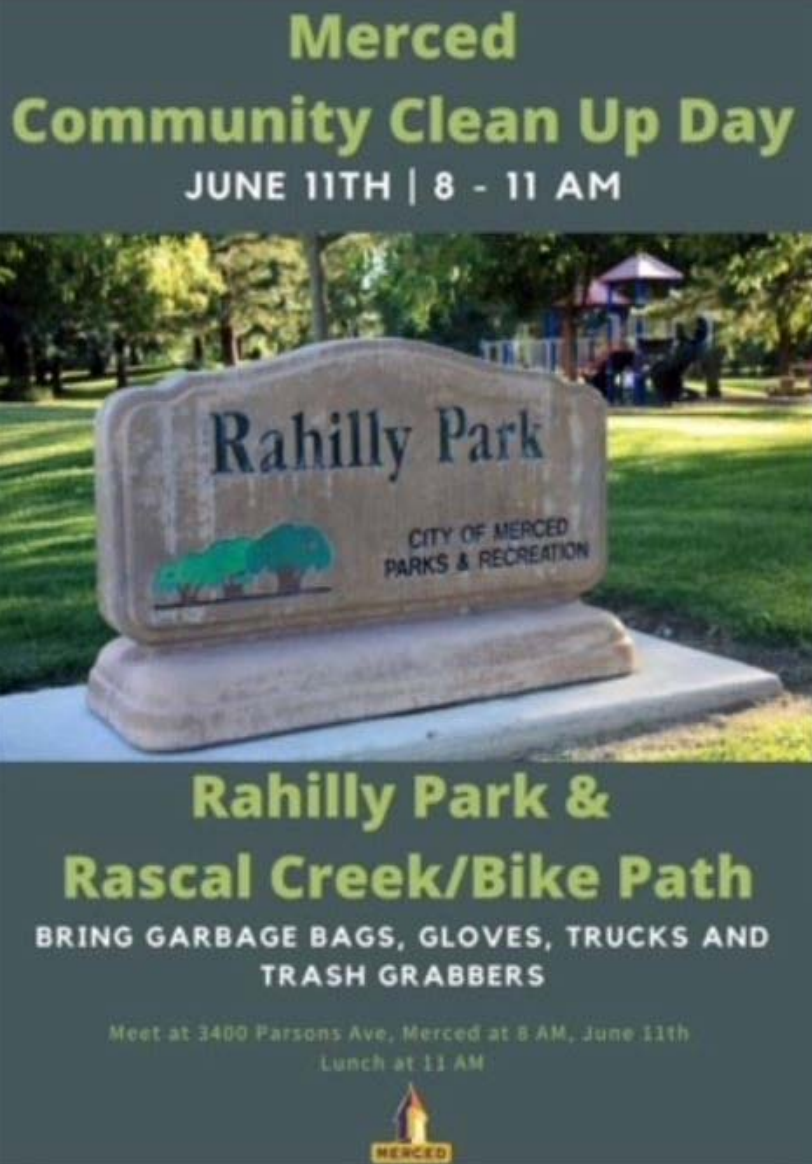
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Go Gator!

Merced Rotary donated \$2,000 in March to Kiddie Land in Applegate Park to maintain the Gator Ride. Here are a couple pictures of the ride.



Merced City Cleanup - Rahilly Park - June 11



District 5220 Leadership Assembly

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Rotary District 5220 Leadership Assembly
June 18, 2022

Let President RoseMary know if you plan to attend, let's make it a Merced Rotary event!



District 5220 Learning & Leadership Assembly

Inspirational Speakers & Engaging Instructors

Saturday, June 18, 2022

8:30 - Breakfast

9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Pitman High School

2525 W Christoffersen Pkwy

Turlock, CA 95382

Register by June 15, 2022

<https://www.dacdb.com/index.html?EventID=77591635>

Need more information:

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Choose 3 Topics

Tips for Treasurers

DACdb - sending group email easily

Getting involved in international projects

PETS Make-up

Enter club goals in My Rotary

DACdb - Print a club Roster

Donate to The Rotary Foundation Easily

Council on Legislation updates for your club

Lets Talk Global Grants - How to get involved?

Pitfalls and the Joys!

How to keep your club legal!

My Rotary - How to get in & Navigate

Attracting and Retaining Members

Encouraging giving to The Rotary Foundation

Community Projects Think Tank

Easy Club Newsletters

Get your club started on Social Media

Club Fellowship Think Tank

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