

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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Events

No Events found

Speakers

July 24, 2024

John Ceccoli
Merced HHSA Housing

July 31, 2024

Raul Lomeli-Mendez
CEO Merced County

August 07, 2024

Stephanie Dietz
Community Foundation of Merced
County

Birthdays

Rick Marchini
July 26th

Stuart Spencer
July 30th

Beverly Ann Schick
August 2nd

Merced Rotary - Wednesday July 24, 2024 - John Ceccoli

Welcome to Merced Rotary, Wednesday, July 24, 2024, meeting at the Merced Elks Lodge at 12:00 noon. Today's speaker is John Ceccoli, Deputy Director at the Merced County Human Services Agency.

John oversees the Continuum of Care in coordination with City and County agencies, providing care and resources for our population of homeless people.

The Merced County Continuum of Care works to provide services and housing for people experiencing homelessness in the county. The group includes nonprofit providers, law enforcement, city and county departments, and social service providers. The Continuum of Care (CoC) is responsible for managing and tracking the homeless community, including conducting counts of the homeless population and emergency systems. This information can help the CoC redirect services, funding, and resources as needed.



Last Week - UC Merced Medical School

Last week at Merced Rotary President Lawrence was off and running, and on time. No last minute courtroom subpoenas for the week. Tip: Brush up on your early Rotary history (names and dates) if you want to avoid fines. Chris Tomford was the ticket winner, and received a free lunch.

Our speaker was Dr. Margo Vener, MD, MPH. Dr Vener is the Interim Director of Medical Education at UC Merced, overseeing the San Joaquin Valley PRIME + BS to MD program at UC Merced.

Last academic year, the program accepted 15 students out of over 1,200 applications. Applications were accepted from schools in the 8 counties in the San Joaquin Valley. The program has accepted another 15 students for the 2024-2025 academic year. The emphasis is on "From the Valley, For the Valley", with the goal of keeping as many doctors as possible in the San Joaquin.



Dr. Vener's excitement for the students and their new experiences was contagious. The program recently broke ground on a new medical building, scheduled for completion in the Fall of 2026. The first class through the PRIME program will graduate in 2031.

In addition to the 15 students accepted into the PRIME medical program, for the next 60 students who applied to the program, spots were opened to be in contact with mentors in other medical positions, such as physical therapists, chiropractors, physician assistants, etc. She said one of the barriers to success is that students do not know anyone in the medical profession. Getting these additional students into mentor relationships in the medical community has a powerful impact on their future success.

The university is looking for medical professionals willing to mentor small groups of 3-5 students. Please reach out to Dr. Vener if you or someone you know would want to be a part of this program.

Go to the UC Merced website, read more [here](#).

Wedding Anniversaries

William (Skip) George
July 29th

Curtis A. Riggs
August 2nd

RoseMary Parga Duran
August 2nd

Years of Service

Jorge Cisneros
08-06-2013
11 Years