

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



Cyril L. Lawrence
President



Brenda J. Callahan-Johnson
Secretary



Edward C. Spinardi II
Treasurer



Clark Kellogg
Sergeant-at-Arms



Susan Coston
Youth Services Chair



James G. Marshall
Rotary Foundation Chair



R. Neil Morse
Membership Chair



David P Spangler
Attendance Secretary



Steve M. Tietjen
iPast President

Events

No Events found

Speakers

August 07, 2024

Stephanie Dietz
Community Foundation of Merced County

August 14, 2024

Colton Dennis
Merced County Arts Council

August 21, 2024

Kimiko Vang & May-Ci Xiong
Merced County Youth Resiliency Center

August 28, 2024

Dave Dunham, UC Merced
Athletic Director

Merced Rotary - Wednesday, August 7, 2024 - Stephanie Dietz

Join us at Merced Rotary today, Wednesday, August 7, 2024. We are meeting at 12:00 noon at the Merced Elks Lodge. Come enjoy lunch and fellowship. Our speaker will be Stephanie Dietz, Executive Director of the Community Foundation Merced County since January 2024.

Stephanie Dietz is a prominent figure in Merced County, California, known for her dedicated public service and leadership. She has made significant contributions as a local government official, focusing on improving community services, infrastructure, and regional development.

Stephanie is dedicated to fostering positive change and active in shaping the future of Merced County.

The Community Foundation Merced County, which is led by 11 local volunteer board members, was started in the early 2000s and has donated more than \$3 million back into Merced County through fundraising, scholarships to students, donations to nonprofits and others the organization identifies as in need of help since its inception, according to Bill Cummings, president. Read more at the [Merced Sun Star](#).

Stephanie received her bachelors degree from Fresno State and holds a masters degree from National University. Please give her a warm Rotary greeting today.



Last Week at Merced Rotary - Raul Lomeli Mendez

Last week our guest speaker was Raul Lomeli Mendez, Merced County Executive Officer. He has been in this CEO position since February 2022.

President Cyril Lawrence quizzed the club on New England history, several fines were handed out. What was the name given to the skirmish in Boston in March 1770, British soldiers killed 5 civilians? Don Bragonier got it right, the "Boston Massacre". How were the people throwing tea into the Boston harbor dressed? Ed Spinardi's answer "As American Indians" was correct. Ed's history teacher at OLM, Tony Dosetti, got Yorktown correct as the battle where the British were evacuated from Boston in 1781.

Raul is a product of the Central Valley and has been in public service since graduating from college in Michigan, first in Stanislaus County, and now in Merced County. During his tenure he has worked on learning about the community, and makes time to interact in venues such as our meeting.

He received a crash course in water and disaster recovery in the floods of 2023 and continues working with other government agencies to mitigate risks in the future. He saw the community come together in Planada, Merced and McSwain during the crisis and provide help for those impacted by the flood.

Fiscally, the county is in challenging times. They are working through the budget shortfall and will be coming back to the board in September. The general fund shortfall is \$6.6 million. Departments have submitted recommendations for reductions. He is confident they will be able to close the gap by the time the budget is due.



For the marble game, the winning ticket was held by Brenda. She pulled the white marble! It hasn't been too long since our last winner, probably a free lunch would have been better!

September 04, 2024

[Matt Serrato](#)

Mayor, City of Merced

Birthdays

Matthew Michael
August 16th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

Jorge Cisneros
08-06-2013
11 Years

Kassey Mosher
08-16-2023
1 Year

Ernest William Bizzini
08-16-2023
1 Year