

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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Events

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Speakers

August 14, 2024

Jill Cunningham
Merced College

August 21, 2024

[Kimiko Vang & May-Ci Xiong](#)
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Center

August 28, 2024

[Dave Dunham](#), UC Merced
Athletic Director

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Merced Rotary - Wednesday August 14, 2024 - Jill Cunningham

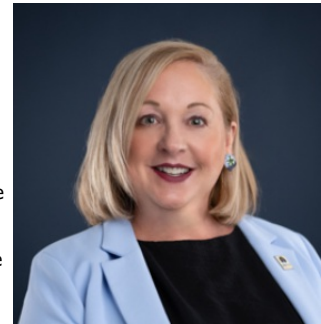
Join us at Merced Rotary today, Wednesday, August 14, 2024 for fun, food and fellowship. Our speaker today is Jill Cunningham. Come join us for another great Rotary meeting.

JILL CUNNINGHAM

Jill is the Vice President, External Relations at Merced College and Executive Director of Merced College Foundation.

A Le Grand, CA native, Jill's family goes back 4 generations in the community. She has a passion for spreading the good word about one of the jewels of our community, Merced College. She holds a B.A. from American University, Washington. Since 2018 Jill has worked in her current position at Merced College to promote the school in the community and across the state. She develops relationships with like-minded people dedicated to the success of Merced College in our community.

Join us today at Merced Rotary, 12:00 noon at the Elk's Lodge.



Birthdays

Matthew Michael
August 16th
Kent Floro
August 24th

Wedding Anniversaries

Stuart Spencer
August 27th

Years of Service

Kassey Mosher
08-16-2023
1 Year

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Rotarian Jim Marshall welcomed new member Joerg Schuller, MD, sponsored by Erik Ekisian. George is a family medicine doctor in Merced. He received his medical degree from University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine and has been in practice for more than 25 years. Please welcome Joerg and sign his apron. A Canadian native, his father's family are from California so he feels at home here in Merced. Loren Gonella gave him his first tour of the community in 1995. On South Bear Creek he remembers being impressed that there was a sign saying Merced is an Arbor City.

Jim went through some Rotary history, which may be good to know the way President Cyril has been quizzing us. The First Rotary was formed in 1905 in Chicago, then in 1908 Chicago sponsored the club in San Francisco, then San Francisco sponsored the club in Modesto in 1920, and Modesto, in 1922, sponsored our club in Merced, CA. Over 102 years of Rotary in Merced!

We had several members give gifts to President Cyril. Some were prestigious, King Charles III gave a tin of his coronation tea to "King Cyril". Others were a little inglorious, like a pair of boxers in the colors of the Italian flag. Both were brought by Ed from his recent trip to England and Italy.



Curtis Riggs, recently returned from Las Vegas, brought a new genuine imitation gold keychain for Cyril's new car with the Las Vegas logo. Jim Marshall had also been traveling, and brought a Del Mar "long shot" glass from his recent visit to the track.



Cyril referred to the 4 Way Test, and brought into question the truthfulness of these stories. Ed Spinardi said all his tales were "based on a true story". It was confirmed that all three members had been in these locations.



Our speaker was Stephanie Dietz, executive director of the Community Foundation Merced County. The foundation has been in the community for 20 years. She started in her position in January of this year. The four areas of focus for the foundation are Education, \$175,000 in grants this year alone. The second is Property Mitigation and Disaster Response for those most vulnerable, third is Health Care, and last is Community and Workforce Development. The foundation receives funding from private donations and grants. She is excited to work with a diverse board, some of whom she has known from her other roles in Merced, others who are brand new to her. Stephanie found this to be the most fun Rotary meeting she had ever attended. Someone get her a membership application!



The winning ticket was Danica Gantney's, for a free lunch.