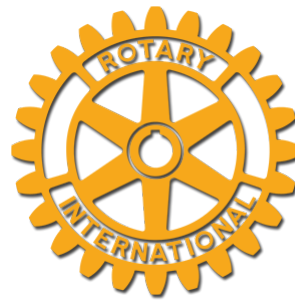


# Rotary Club of Sanger



Monday, March 27, 2023

## We Got Water!

By Dennis C. Dorman on Saturday, March 25, 2023



Phil Desatoff, General Manager of the Consolidated Irrigation District, (CID), presented a great program during last Friday's (3/24) meeting.



I came to the central valley in 2005 and I kept hearing there was no water. Little fish were causing problems with the water flow. Farmers on the West Side were not going to get any water. We are letting too much water flow right out into the ocean . . . It went on and on. Now this year we have water everywhere! So much water we are getting floods and I wondered how the ponding basins, canals, and dams were working to control the flow. Well, Phil put it in terms I could understand. We got water and here's where it is going!

CID was established to assume the rights and assets of three canal companies; Lone Tree, C&K, and Fowler Switch. The Kings River water diversions vary but average 270,000 acre-feet per year. This delivery of surface water led to a rise in water tables. New pumping technology and electricity allowed land without surface water to be farmed and the water tables started to decline. So CID early on acquired land for recharge. Discussions continued on the snow melting, the flooding and the reemergence of Tulare Lake.

Gene Branch, a former Manager of CID, arranged for this special program but was spending two weeks on the coast, so he wasn't present for the program. But it was strange that Phil pulled Gene's ping pong ball from the tub! Fifteen Rotarians and two guests in attendance wondered how that happened! Anyway, \$100 will be forwarded to the Rotary Foundation in Gene's name to count towards a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Ray McCann led the meeting as our Club President was tied up with work. Ray announced the little league schedule was almost finalized. Karen Pearson then announced this year's Hall of Fame inductee is Ray McCann. Congratulations Ray!



## IMAGINE ROTARY

### Club Meeting

Sanger  
Meets at Community Center  
730 Recreation Ave.  
Sanger, CA 93657  
Time: Friday at 12:00 PM

### Events

March 31st

[Sanger Weekly Club Meeting/Pgm: TBA](#)

Speaker: TBA

April 7th

[No Club Meeting Today. We are DARK!](#)

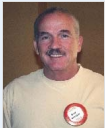
April 21st

[No Club Meeting Today. We are DARK!](#)

### Club Leaders



[Adela M. Jones](#)  
President



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Secretary



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Treasurer



[Don Vincenti](#)  
Rotary Foundation  
Chair



[Harold M. Phillips](#)  
District Assistant  
Governor

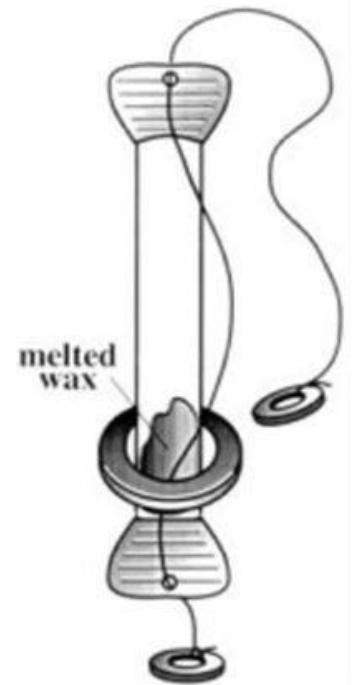
## WAPI Projects

By Dennis C. Dorman on Sunday, March 26, 2023

This coming Friday (3/31) closes Rotary's "Water and Sanitation" month, but "Water and Sanitation" remains one of Rotary's seven areas of focus. The rains and flooding has caused the news media to warn certain areas to boil their water before drinking. It's a problem that many areas in the world deal with year round.

Our recent flooding brings to mind a Rotary project that frequently comes and goes from Rotary clubs and Interact clubs . . . the WAPI! A Water Pasteurization Indicator (WAPI) is a simple thermometer that indicates when water has reached pasteurization temperature and is safe to drink.

Pasteurization destroys all microorganisms that cause diseases from drinking contaminated water and milk. A small polycarbonate tube contains a wax that melts when water or milk is heated enough to be pasteurized (65 degrees C/149 degrees F). This saves much fuel by eliminating the need to boil water or milk to ensure that the pasteurization temperature has been reached. Since water pasteurizes at temperatures well below the boiling point of water (100 degrees C/212 degrees F), WAPIs save time when using solar cookers to pasteurize water, and save fuel when using traditional fuels. A simple Google search like "Rotary WAPI project" will provide anyone with information on what Rotarians are doing in the area of "Water and Sanitation and the WAPI!"



## People of Action

By Dennis C. Dorman on Monday, March 27, 2023



Ray McCann has been busy changing out Sanger's old, rusty and damaged safety signs for new ones. Sanger Rotary originally placed these signs around Sanger schools fifteen or more years ago. Ray has replaced a number of these signs already and has a total of fourteen to do. He sure is demonstrating that Rotarians are "People of Action".

Rotary International wants Rotary Clubs to show Rotarians are "People of Action". Although three quarters of the general public know our name, Rotary's most recent research tells us that the public still doesn't really understand Rotary. They don't know what we stand for and aren't familiar with any Rotary programs. They don't know what we do in local communities and are not even aware of the role we have played in the effort to end polio. In fact, nearly 60 percent of those surveyed said they were unaware that a Rotary club exists in their own community.

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