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The Object of Rotary

THE FOUR WAY TEST: OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, AND DO

1. *Is it the TRUTH?*
2. *Is it FAIR to all Concerned?*
3. *Will it build GOOD WILL and better Friendships?*
4. *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all Concerned?*

The Paso Oak Leaf

Rotary Club of Paso Robles, California

93 years of service to the Community

Charter granted January 15, 1924

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July 27, 2017

Ralph & Paula Byrd, Brenda Cressey, Bob Fonarow, Koene Graves, and Gail Tannehill

Highlights from Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, GA

The Paso Robles Rotary Club was well represented this year at the Rotary International (RI) Convention in Atlanta. Our attendees provided a snapshot of activities and lasting impressions they experienced during the convention. A common theme expressed by our attendees was the awesome depth and breadth of the event with over 40,000 participants representing over 200 countries. This was the largest crowd ever except for the convention in Seoul, South Korea. Brenda Cressey (*left*) was inducted as an RI trustee, quite an honor for her and our club. Brenda noted one of the convention's most impressive achievements, collecting \$1.5 B in pledges toward the global initiative to eradicate polio. This was powered by



Bill Gates who attended the event and challenged attendees to collectively match his \$450 M contribution. They did so by a 2 to 1 margin. Ralph Byrd (*right*) was impressed by the LED bracelets given to the crowd by Gates that were lit red symbolizing polio cases in every country before the start of the campaign many years ago. The lights all turned green except one showing the 99.99% success rate of the campaign in a strikingly visual way.



Paula Byrd (*left*) talked about the many speakers who made an impression such as Amina Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General for the United Nations. Ms. Mohamed talked about the importance of making international projects scalable-such as drip irrigation. Many projects go through phases where they are good, bad, transformed and good again. Rotary does change the world, one life at a time.

Coming Programs

- Today:** Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham, 35th Assembly District
- Aug 3: Penny Borenstein, MD, Public Health Director, SLO County Health Agency
- Aug 10: Matt Thompson, PE, Paso Robles Tertiary Water Treatment Project
- Aug 17: Amanda Diefenderfer, Big Red Marketing, Paso Robles Tourism
- Aug 24: Courtney Howard, Water Resources Division Manager for SLO County, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Compliance

News You Can Use

- **Reminder - District Governor Visit Postponed** - New District Governor John Weiss (from Morro Bay) has postponed his scheduled August 10 visit to our club due to surgery scheduled for July 26 in SLO. We wish John a speedy recovery and look forward to having him visit us in the near future.
- **Winemakers' Cookoff** - The 19th annual Winemakers' Cookoff will be held on **Saturday, August 12**, from **6-9 PM**. We now have 32 wineries and 4 breweries committed this year's event. The committee is still seeking Magnum Sponsors. This year's sponsors will be allowed to enter the event grounds early at 5:30 PM to enjoy a brew or glass of wine prior to food availability at 6 PM. Please contact Chris Bausch to sign up for volunteer activities on the day of the event. Brian Stack will be selling tickets including volunteer tickets before each Thursday meeting or purchase on-line through Eventbrite. Thanks to Marcy Eberle for getting this event highlighted in August edition of *The Rotarian*, KSBY television and other media outlets!
- **Pioneer Museum Benefit** - Mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 19 from 3-7 PM** for "A Day in the Old West" barbecue with live music, games, and a silent auction. Event is at the museum, 2010 Riverside Avenue, Paso Robles. Adults: \$50, Children 10-18: \$15, Children Under 10: Free. For tickets, call 238-6864 or 239-4556.
- **Barn Dance & BBQ** - Mark your calendar for this *Celebrate America* event on **Saturday, Sept 9** at the PR Event Center. Proceeds are used for scholarships to high school and college students, supporting our troops and providing books for underprivileged children. Please contact Nicolette Harley for further details.

Birthdays in the Next 30 Days

John Hamon	July 27	Vicki Silva	Aug 14
David Sousa	July 27	Lee (Cristina) Sirota	Aug 14
Marcy Eberle	July 28	Willemke Bokma (Dale Gustin)	Aug 16
Phil (Jean) St. Martin	July 28		
Joanne (Steve) Hovey	Aug 1	Jayne (Jeff) Orcutt	Aug 16
Pat Sayne	Aug 8	Stephen McAbee	Aug 19
Jan Jensen-Pyeatt	Aug 9	Cristina Sirota	Aug 20
Matt McClish	Aug 9	Julie (Chris) Bausch	Aug 20
Lisa Henry	Aug 12	Barbara (John) Partridge	Aug 20

Anniversaries This Week

Gary Nelson & Carol Craig	July 27
Don & Vera Jacobs	Aug 1

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This was Gail Tannehill's first convention. She enjoyed the tours held outside of the convention center, getting to know attendees from around the world. Gail (*left*) observed "Rotary is an international family. Everyone has a big heart and it made me proud." She also attended the Peace Conference held prior to the convention. Rotary branding is an important topic so that others understand Rotary is not some exclusive club.

This was also Koene Graves' first convention and it inspired her to want our club to be more involved internationally. Koene (*right*) also enjoyed the tours including the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Center for Human & Civil Rights. It resonated due to Koene's involvement in civil rights in college.



Bob Fonarow (*left*) wrapped up the presentation by saying the convention experience is like "Rotary on steroids". Bob is a veteran of prior conventions having attended events in Los Angeles and Copenhagen, Denmark. He reminded attendees that the 2018 convention will be in Toronto, Canada. Bob urged club members to consider joining Brenda Cressey and him next June in Toronto.