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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

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Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham 35th Assembly District

New Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham was our featured speaker last week. He was elected last November to represent the 35th District in the CA State Assembly.

Cunningham started his talk by outlining his 4 legislative priorities: improving the regulatory and business environment for small business owners, ensuring the public safety needs of constituents, increasing local water resources, and providing for a robust Career Technical Education (CTE) program.

Jordan noted that a majority of young people do not graduate from college and need technical skills development and training. He has introduced

legislation (AB 445) to permanently fund and improve the CTE program and is working with members of both parties on passage.

Cunningham is also proud to have supported funding for the new Paso Robles waste water treatment facility that will improve the quality & availability of drinking water to local residents. He has also been vocal on the need to fix the "Y' or intersection of Highways 46 & 41. This dangerous intersection has resulted in 6 deaths this year alone, but no design for improving safety has been forthcoming from Caltrans yet. Cunningham observed that the Central Coast does not have the political clout of metropolitan areas like Los Angeles or San Francisco and you have to be a "squeaky wheel" to get things done. Cunningham noted his work on legislation to improve background checks for public safety officials and what he considers to be the best small business initiative under consideration - one that creates a government liaison to efficiently resolve regulatory or other issues for small business owners.

The last issue Jordan chose to address in his prepared remarks was his recent vote to approve the extension of CA's Cap & Trade Program (AB 398). He acknowledged that his vote was considered very controversial by some of his Republican colleagues. (*continued on page 2*)

Coming Programs

- Today: 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
- Aug 31: Chris Williams, Paso Robles School District Superintendent, Back to School Kickoff

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Cunningham defended his decision by stating that the bottom line is that state law requires the reduction of greenhouse gas by 40 percent (below 1990 levels) by 2030. He believes there are three options to meet this mandate: institute a carbon tax, let the Air Resources Board regulate reductions, or continue the Cap & Trade Program. He estimates that the Cap and Trade Program will be \$18 billion cheaper than the other alternatives. It has the further benefit of eliminating the very unpopular fire prevention fee levied on rural residents and also limits the use of Cap and Trade revenue for the controversial bullet train that Cunningham opposes. The vote demonstrates that Cunningham intends to be thoughtful and pragmatic in weighing the complex trade-offs posed by various legislative initiatives and doing what he believes is best overall for his local constituents.

Cunningham was introduced by City Councilman John Hamon. Jordan was born and raised in the Central Coast. He graduated from Atascadero High School, attended Point Loma Nazarene University and received a law degree from UC Berkeley. He served as a Senate Fellow in the CA Legislature, worked in WDC as an attorney in private practice, a federal law clerk, and an attorney for the U.S. Dept of Justice He returned to the Central Coast to raise his family and joined the District Attorney's Office as a Deputy DA. After he left public service, he founded the Cunningham Law Group. His passion for the community coupled with his experience as a deputy DA and taxpayer advocate, motivated him to run for State Assembly.

Birthdays Remaining in August

Pat Sayne Jan Jensen-Pyeatt	Aug 8 Aug 9	Willemke Bokma (Dale Gustin)	Aug 16
Matt McClish	Aug 9	Stephen McAbee	Aug 19
Lisa Henry	Aug 12	Cristina Sirotta	Aug 20
Vicki Silva	Aug 14	Julie (Chris) Bausch	Aug 20
Lee (Cristina) Sirotta	Aug 14	Barbara (John) Partridge	Aug 20
Jaynee (Jeff) Orcutt	Aug 16		

Anniversaries This Week

Steve & Dawn Gregory Aug 8

News You Can Use

- Winemakers' Cookoff Less than two weeks away! -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. 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.
- <u>Pioneer Museum Benefit</u> 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.
- <u>Barn Dance & BBQ</u> The *Celebrate America* fundraising event will be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>Sept 9</u> at the Paso Robles 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.



Gypsy at Wine Country Theatre August 11-27

Wine Country Theatre founder Cynthia Anthony treated club members to a sneak preview of *Gypsy*, that she calls "the best American book musical". That's Jim Brescia surrounded by fellow cast members singing "Together Wherever We Go".