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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

94 years of service to the Community

Charter granted January 15, 1924

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April 12, 2018

Gary Barker Pastor, Grace Baptist Church

When club member Gary Barker showed up at our meeting last Thursday with a large sword and spear, some may have wondered why. But Gary brought these tribal weapons along with a great array of photographs to discuss the adventures he and his wife, Mariann, experienced during their time as missionaries in Zambia. Gary and Mariann recently returned from Zambia and settled in Paso Robles where Gary is pastor of the Grace Baptist Church.

At a young age, Gary wanted to be a coach, but eventually found his calling as a minister. He attended divinity school and became pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Paso Robles for 15 years before moving to Pleasanton, CA, to serve as pastor of the historic Amador Valley Baptist Church for another 16 years. At the age of 57, when many are contemplating retirement plans, Gary and Mariann announced they were heading to Africa to do missionary work.

Gary began his presentation by providing some background information on Zambia, a land-locked country in the center of southern Africa. Zambia has a population of 15 million people and 60% are children. It is a very poor country where the average income is \$60/month and even a wealthy individual might make only \$500/month. The main industries are copper mining and agriculture. Mortality rates among children are 10% and the average life expectancy is only 36 years. So the Barker's arrival in Zambia was needed and welcomed by locals.

One of the Barker's most visible achievements during their time in Zambia was the construction of the Grace Baptist Church of Showgrounds. It was constructed of mud bricks and completed in 2015. They also started a Baptist Bible College to enable students to study theology at a very low cost. The Barker's time in Zambia was very fulfilling spiritually and educationally as they experienced the wonderful diversity of plants, animals and people in the region. Gary left the church in the good hands of Pastor Mulimba when they returned to the U.S.



Coming Programs

Today: Deepa Willingham, Past District 5240 Governor

Apr 19: Commander Ty Lewis, Paso Robles Police Department - *A New Police Chief's Vision*

Apr 26: *No Lunch Meeting* - Meeting will be supplanted by the Golf Tournament Reception on Friday, April 27, at Eberle Caves

May 3: Scott Leckman, Governor Elect-District 5249, *Marginal Gains & Rotary*

May 10: TBD

News You Can Use

- **New Paso Police Chief** - Congratulations to club member Ty Lewis who was recently appointed to be our new police chief succeeding retiring chief Rob Burton on July 15.
- **Bereavement** - Club members send their sincere condolences to Brenda & Dick Cressey on the loss of their son, Gary.
- **Rotary Social** - Nicolette & Doug Barth have graciously volunteered to host the next social at their home at 25 12th Street on **April 20 from 5:30-8:00 PM**. Please bring your favorite appetizer and beverage to share.
- **CASA North County Dinner** - CASA SLO Chairman Tom Dobbins addressed club members last week regarding the 2nd annual dinner benefiting SLO CASA. It will be held **Saturday, April 21, from 5-9 PM** at the Paso Robles Inn Ballroom. The event includes gourmet food & wine, live/silent auctions, and stories of how CASA makes a big difference in our community by training and supervising volunteers who serve as court appointed special advocates for abused and neglected children. Proceeds benefit the new North County facility that was established a year ago. Purchase tickets by April 6 at slocasa.org or call (805) 541-6542.
- **Boy Scout Fundraiser** - Scout leader Paul Bradley announced that members of the Los Padre Council will be selling discount cards to support the Rancho Alegre campground damaged by the Whittier fire. The cards are only \$5 each. Rancho Alegre has been the home camp for local scouts for 52 years. You can get more information or donate at <http://www.lpcbsa.org/>.
- **Rotary Golf Tournament** - Chairman Rick Goree reminded members that the tournament is just weeks away and we are still in need of tee sponsors and auction items. The tournament will be held on **Saturday, April 28** at the **Paso Robles Golf Club**. The silent auction will be held on **Friday, April 27**, in the **Eberle Caves**.

New Member Brian Maxted Inducted

Brian Maxted was nominated by Pete Bishop. Brian is the CEO and owner of the Holloway Group, a privately held group of affiliated companies in the agricultural, environmental, mining and logistics industries. Brian is also a licensed attorney with a B.A. from the University of Virginia, and a J.D. from the College of William and Mary School of Law. Brian moved to Paso Robles from Washington, DC in Oct 2017 with his wife, Joanna; two daughters, Evelyn & Lauren; and two dogs. Brian looks forward to helping others through Rotary.



Birthdays in the Next 30 Days

Gail Harold	Apr 13	Scott Laycock	Apr 26
Jackie (Bob) Fonarow	Apr 14	Neil Olsen	Apr 27
Keith Gillis	Apr 17	Bill Dailak	Apr 28
Kevin Brush	Apr 23	Jeff Orcutt	May 1
Dick (Brenda) Cressey	Apr 23	David (Lisa) Henry	May 3
Chantel Paul	Apr 23	Vera (Don) Jacobs	May 5
Willie (Jim) Riffenburgh	Apr 24	Nathan (Chantel) Paul	May 10
Dan Blake	Apr 25		

Anniversaries This Week

Randy & Iliana Kohn	Apr 12
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Humor Corner

A local gas station/convenience store in Seattle is legend for the daily sign messages it posts outside. Here is a sampler:

- If attacked by a mob of clowns, go for the juggler.
- Is there ever a day mattresses are not on sale?
- I childproofed my house but the kids still get in.
- The first five days after the weekend are the hardest.
- Ban pre-shredded cheese and make America grate again!
- I want to grow my own food but can't find bacon seeds.
- They're not going to make yardsticks any longer.
- Practice safe eating - always use condiments.
- Frog parking only. Others will be toad.
- I checked into the Hokey Pokey Clinic and turned myself around.
- What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
- My wife says I never listen to her, or something like that.