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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 www.pasoroblesrotary.org September 7, 2017

Chris Williams, Superintendent Paso Robles Joint Unified School District

As we begin the new school year, Superintendent Chris Williams



(left) reminded us of the many exciting changes and improvements going on within school district for children of all age levels. It is

children of all age levels. It is impressive! School Board Trustee Chris Bausch (*right*), provided the introduction describing Chris as a CEO in charge of a staff of 800 employees and a budget of almost \$80 million. He noted



that "Chris is never content with being second best". Paso Robles has now been rated in the top

9% in the nation among all public high schools for the second year in a row. While enrollment was declining when he arrived, it is now the only district with a growing enrollment of over 7,000 students. While academic achievement continues to thrive with high test scores and new AP classes, Chris is particularly proud of the expansion of programs for Visual & Performing Arts (VAPA) to all elementary school students at a time when many schools are dropping programs



for budget reasons.

Chris also introduced Gabby Clayton *(left)*, a high achieving sophomore and member of the Superintendent Advisory Committee. The group, now in its 4th year, provides valuable input from students on potential improvements such as the refillable water stations that greatly reduces use of disposable plastic bottles. According to Gabby, new solar facilities, football, soccer & track fields.

and a new pool are either underway or in planning. She also praised programs to draw women to math and science programs. Gabby agreed to come back regularly to update members on new school initiatives.

Coming Programs

- Today: Dick McKinley, Paso Robles Public Works Director, City Public Works Update
- Sep 14: Tom Apkarian, Pioneer Museum Board Member, <u>Please note: Off-Site Meeting at the Pioneer Museum</u>
- Sep 21: Pradeep Kapadia, Founder of Kapadia Education Foundation, Developing Minds in Developing Countries
- Sep 28: Becky Gray, Executive Director, Must!Charities
- Oct 5: James Worthley, SLOCOG Regional Planning Division Chief, 2019 Regional Transportation Plan

News You Can Use

- <u>Congratulations Bob Chute</u> Last week, Bob announced the sale of *PASO Magazine* to Nicholas Mattson who also attended our meeting. Bob started *Paso Robles Magazine* in February 2011 and it has been a great source of local news and features for the past 16 years. As Bob approached his 70th birthday on Sept 4, he decided it was time to pass the torch to a new owner. He was delighted to find Nic, a native of North County, who was interested in starting a local magazine with his wife Hayley. Bob and his wife Rhoda now have more time for travel, grandkids and gardening. Bob plans to continue in Rotary and has nominated Nic to be a new member. We wish Bob and Nic a successful transition and many new adventures in this next chapter of their lives!
- <u>Barn Dance & BBQ</u> The *Celebrate America* fundraising event will be held this **Saturday**, **Sept 9**, 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.
- <u>District 5240 Conference</u> New District Governor John Weiss is encouraging members to attend the annual district conference Oct 6-8 at the Ventura Beach Marriott. Registration is \$199 per person that includes a Friday evening reception, breakfast on Saturday & Sunday morning, and dinner with hosted wine & entertainment on Saturday night. Rotarians can register at www.rotary5240dc.com.
- <u>Save the Date</u> John Hamon has been selected as the recipient of the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA) by the Los Padres Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Please join the Los Padres Council in celebrating this event on **Wednesday**, **Oct 18**. Contact Paul Bradley at paul.bradley@scouting.org for further details.

Birthdays in the Next 30 Days

| Rick Minton | Sep 7 | Harry Ovitt | Sep 22 |
|------------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| Rick (Gail) Harold | Sep 8 | Gary (Kathy) Tucker | Sep 25 |
| Paul Shannon | Sep 9 | Jennifer Sorenson | Sep 26 |
| Sharon Ross | Sep 11 | Brian Stack | Sep 26 |
| Frank (Jan) Pyeatt | Sep 11 | Susie (Tom) Apkarian | Sep 27 |
| Patricia (Don) Keefer* | Sep 12 | Mary (Pat) Sayne | Sep 27 |
| Megan (Ryan) Tannehill | Sep 14 | Aeri (Tom) Taylor | Sep 28 |
| Koene Graves | Sep 19 | Debbie Lorenz | Oct 3 |
| David Lundy | Sep 22 | Linda Midkiff | Oct 5 |
| *In memoriam | | | |

Anniversaries This Week

| Dannie Tope & Paul McCann | Sep 7 |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Dave & Rebekah Lundy | Sep 13 |

Hurricane Harvey - An Unprecedented Disaster • Hurricane Harvey was a Category 4 major hurricane with sustained winds of 130 mph. • Harvey was the 1st major hurricane to make landfall in the U.S. since Wilma in 2005 and the highest wind speed since Charley in 2004. • While Harvey's wind and storm surge were considerable, flooding from rain has caused the most widespread damage. • In a four day period, many areas received over 40" of rain with peak accumulations of 52", making it the wettest cyclone and the most rain from a single storm in continental U.S. history. • The resulting floods have inundated thousands of homes, displaced more than 30,000 people, and prompted more than 17,000 rescues. • Harvey has caused at least 66 confirmed deaths (65 in the U.S.) with many more anticipated. • FEMA Director Brock Long called it the worst disaster in Texas history with economic losses estimated between \$70-\$190 billion with a large portion of the losses sustained by uninsured homeowners.

- Recovery is expected to take many years.
- If you would like to make a donation to the hurricane relief effort, please send a check to Rotary D5240 Charitable Foundation C/O Barry VanderKelen, 1212 Marsh St. Ste 3, San Luis Obsipo, CA 93401. *Individual donations will be matched by the Foundation*.