

## ROTARY OFFICERS - 2017-2018

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## Rotary Club of Paso Robles - Officers and Directors - 2017-2018

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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](http://www.pasoroblesrotary.org)

January 11, 2018

## Greg McGill, Board Member

### Honor Flight Central Coast

Greg McGill is very passionate about helping veterans. He actualizes his passion through Honor Flight, a non-profit group that takes veterans *at no cost* to visit their war memorials in Washington, DC. Greg observes that "if the Government builds memorials, all vets should get to visit and experience them." Their priority are the most senior veterans. With only 700 World War II veterans still living, they are working hard to arrange

Honor Flights for this rapidly dwindling group and are now offering trips to Korean War veterans and planning for Vietnam veterans. There are currently 134 Honor Flight "hubs" spanning 42 states.



John Hamon introduced Greg and two special guests, Ed Monteath and Don Keefer, who have both participated in Honor Flights. John provided some fascinating history on Ed and Don. Ed joined the Navy in 1940 and flew dive bombers in the Pacific Theater in

WWII. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal for his valor. Army Private Don Keefer served in the 5th Infantry in Europe and was awarded a Bronze Star for his heroic actions successfully defending against an overwhelming force of attacking Germans shortly before the end of the war in August, 1945. John also recognized another Honor Flight participant, Don Jacobs, who was unable to attend lunch. Don had previously shared that "the greatest honor of his life" was laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during his Honor Flight.

Greg grew up in SLO County and graduated from Templeton High School. He moved to Bakerfield to attend college and joined the Kern County Fire Department after graduation. He got involved with Honor Flight in Kern County in 2012. He was so moved by the experience that he felt compelled to start an Honor Flight hub in the Central Coast. They have completed 8 flights to date involving 250 veterans. The trips are truly meaningful for both the veterans and the "Guardians" who serve as escorts to help assist the veterans and make the travel more enjoyable. Details on how to contribute to Honor Flight can be found on page 2 under *News You Can Use*.

## Coming Programs

**Today: Dr. Wen Chen, Human Rights Activist, *Human Rights Movement in China***

Jan 18: Steve Martin, Mayor of Paso Robles, *State of the City*

Jan 25: Chris Williams, Superintendent, Paso Robles School District, *School Bond Measure M Facilities Master Plan*

Feb 1: Steve Cass, 2018 Paso Pops 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

## News You Can Use

- **Rotarian of the Month** - President Pat Sayne announced last week that Larry Ward is our Rotarian of the Month. Not only is Larry a long time and very active club member serving on the Finance & Investments Committee, he was instrumental in the transfer of over \$400K from the Kathleen & Cullen Black Scholarship Fund to our Rotary scholarship fund. Congratulations Larry!
- **Holiday Giving** - Rick Minton and Kathy Tucker expressed thanks to Club members for their generosity in making two Christmas projects successful. Rick and his wife Debbie again organized gifts for the “kids” at the Porterville Developmental Center while Kathy scheduled the Rotarian bellringers for the Salvation Army.
- **Honor Flight Giving** - Greg McGill will be participating in a 22 mile “march” to raise funds and awareness of the virtues of Honor Flight. We will provide details for potential sponsors as they become available. In the meantime, those wishing to donate, may do so on-line at [www.honorflightccc.org/donate.html](http://www.honorflightccc.org/donate.html). The cost to take each veteran on their trip is \$1500. Each trip costs approximately \$33,000 and they will take as many trips a year as donations allow.
- **Ventura Fire Relief** - While the fires are mostly contained, the Ventura Rotary Club continues to seek donations for the Thomas Fire Fund. The fund will help support the local agencies that will be assisting families and individuals to rebuild and address specific, immediate needs that may not be addressed by insurance claims or other relief efforts. Please consider making a donation at: <https://www.gofundme.com/ventura-rotary-thomas-fire-fund>.
- **Wine Country Theatre** - The “Kings of Cool” are back for a special Valentine’s Day weekend with performances Friday, Feb 8 and Saturday, Feb 9. This special dinner show is a tribute to many of the greats of Vegas such as Nat King Cole, Tony Bennett, Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra. Dinner is at 6 PM and the show at 7:30 PM. Get tickets at [WineCountryTheatre.com](http://WineCountryTheatre.com) or (800) 838-3006.

## Birthdays in the Next 30 Days

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| Lee Swam (Linda Kristenson) | Jan 13 | Karen (Marty) Self           | Jan 30 |
| Ty Lewis                    | Jan 15 | Brett Van Steenwyck (Debbie) | Feb 3  |
| Jean St. Martin             | Jan 20 | Chris Bausch                 | Feb 5  |
| Dale Gustin                 | Jan 26 | Ann Hansen                   | Feb 7  |
| Todd Corgill                | Jan 30 | Tom Taylor                   | Feb 9  |

## Anniversaries This Week

Marty & Karen Self

Jan 12

## Board Approves New Member - Gary Barker

Gary was nominated by President Pat Sayne. He served in the Rotary Club of Pleasanton from 1986 to 2003. Gary then moved to Africa helping the communities through missionary activities. He recently returned to live in Paso Robles and would like to get involved with his new community. Gary is very much a "hands on" kind of Rotarian and helped out in the kitchen during the Old Timers Lunch this past year.

## New Member Inducted - Welcome Pete Bishop

Pete was inducted last week as our newest member. He was nominated by Paul Shannon. Pete was born & raised in Bakersfield. In 2008, he joined the California Highway Patrol as an Officer. He was injured in an on-duty auto collision that ended his CHP career. Pete is now a resident of Paso Robles with his wife Gina & daughters, Trinity and Ella. He is currently employed as a Loan Officer with Central Coast Lending. In his post-induction remarks, Pete emphasized his commitment to serve our

community through Rotary. Pete’s new mentor is Tony Wallace.

(Photo: Pete is sworn in by Pat Sayne (right) with Paul Shannon (left) looking on.)

