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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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December 7, 2017

David Cooke, Executive Director Paso Robles Housing Authority (PRHA)

Paso Robles Housing Authority is demonstrating success in the creation and sustainability of affordable housing in Paso Robles. Their mission statement is to “provide quality, affordable housing, that promotes quality of life through a healthy community.” David Cooke leads the administrative staff and reports to the Board Chairman Harry Ovitt. David was introduced by Bob Fonarow who previously served on the Board.

David began his presentation by outlining the history of Oak Park. The original development of 148 units was built in 1942 to serve the enlisted men, women, & families of Camp Roberts during WWII. In the early 1950's, it was converted to HUD low income housing and remained as such for the next 58 years. In 2012, the Housing Authority committed to the demolition of the existing units (over time) and the construction of up to 302 units of new affordable family style apartment home in four phases. The rents are targeted to qualified families making 30-60% of SLO County median income. To date, two phases of the project, Oak Park 1 & 2 are complete. They offer a total of 150 beautiful new affordable family style apartment homes. They are currently 100% leased with a waiting list of over 400 applicants demonstrating the need and attractiveness of this development. Phase 3 has secured financing and will begin construction soon.

Additionally, the Housing Authority sponsors on-site children programs, including its own YouthWorks Program and ACORNS after school programs. These programs provide mentoring, homework support, paid work and job skill development as well as scholarships. The Youth Works program alone serves over 400 youths. Its success can be measured in part by the 99.9% on-time graduation rate of its participants. David expressed gratitude for our club's \$5,000 sponsorship of this non-profit organization that addresses an urgent community need.



Coming Programs

Today: Warren Frace, Community Development Director,
Paso Robles Planning Commission

Dec 14: Rotary Christmas Party, Paso Robles Inn, No Host Bar-6 PM,
Dinner-7 PM

Dec 21: No Meeting

Dec 28: No Meeting

Jan 4: Greg "Bear" McGill, Chairman of the Board, Honor Flight of
the Central Coast

News You Can Use

- **Rotary Christmas Party** - Members are strongly encouraged to attend this year's holiday party on the evening of **Dec 14** at the **Paso Robles Inn**. Music by Route 66. Tickets are \$75 pp that includes wine at the table. **No host bar at 6 PM, Dinner at 7 PM.** Please RSVP to Nicolette Harley-Barth before Dec 11.
- **Honor Flight a Winner** - Rex Thornhill announced that Honor Flight was a big winner of the Pac Eye sponsored a Give Back Charity Challenge during the Thanksgiving holiday season. Rex thanked club members who took time to register their votes daily on-line. Don Jacobs also spoke of his fantastic experiences traveling to Washington DC recently to visit the veteran memorials and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was quite a moving experience for Don and others veterans attending. Thanks to Rex Thornhill for bringing the Pac Eye opportunity to our attention and for his efforts to secure Honor Flights for local combat veterans like Don.
- **Wine Country Theatre** - Thanks to Wine Country Theatre founder Cynthia Anthony for her considerable efforts to provide visibility to our Rotary club. Cynthia included a full page feature on the Paso Robles Rotary Club in the program of their recent production of *Gypsy*. In addition, Cynthia spoke prior to the beginning of the program on the great works of Rotary both locally and internationally. She was very appreciative of the \$1,500 donation we recently made to Wine Country Theatre.
- **The Nutcracker Ballet** - The North County Dance & Performing Arts Foundation is presenting this holiday classic **Dec 8-10** at the Templeton Performing Arts Center. Please contact Jim Moffatt for more information. Tickets at 2017nutcracker.brownpapertickets.com.

Birthdays Remaining in 2017

Abe Flory	Dec 9	Linda (Kevin) Will	Dec 29
Terry (Joe) Irick	Dec 13	Susan (Stephen) McAbee	Dec 30
Joyce Ganes	Dec 14	Gisela (Neil) Olsen	Dec 30
Tony Wallace	Dec 25	Jessica Fullerton	Dec 31
Eliana (Randy) Kohn	Dec 27		

Anniversaries Remaining in 2017

John & Marjorie Hamon	Dec 14	Tom & Susie Apkarian	Dec 23
Bob & Isolde Lata	Dec 15	Don & Patricia Keefer	Dec 23
Darrell & Cheri Cooper	Dec 17	Cynthia & Andy Anthony	Dec 29

Nutcracker - A Holiday Tradition

Club members (left-to-right) Jessica Fullerton, Lars Jorgensen, and Vicki



Silva presented a sponsorship check to performers from the North County Dance & Performing Arts Foundation. Members were treated to a preview of their upcoming performances of *The Nutcracker*. (See pg 3)

Rotary Finance Update

Finance & Investment Committee Chair Randy Kohn reported that as of Nov 30, the market value of our fund is \$887K with an unrealized gain of \$135K. Larry Ward also reported that our Rotary club will soon be managing the funds of a local trust worth almost \$500K allowing us to substantially increase our annual high school scholarship giving beyond the \$50K target we set last year.

Board Approves New Member - Pete Bishop

Pete was nominated by Paul Shannon. He 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 career. Pete moved to Paso Robles a year ago with his wife Gina & two daughters, Trinity and Ella. Pete loves the community in Paso Robles and wants to get more involved through Rotary. He is employed as a Loan Officer with Central Coast Lending. **Welcome Pete!!!**