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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

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November 29, 2018

Tom Frutchey, City Manager

City of Paso Robles

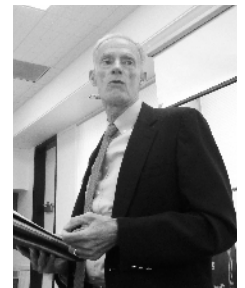
City manager Tom Frutchey was fast on his feet as he ably filled in as our speaker last week. Our scheduled speaker, Sun City Rotarian Robert Solis, was unable to attend. Tom has been our city manager since January 2016, and has already acquired an impressive depth of knowledge on city operations and issues. Tom provided attendees with updates on a variety of topics including the results of four measures considered by city voters in this month's election, the status of the abandoned California Youth Authority (CYA) facility, and local economic development issues.

Tom was city manager in four other CA cities before coming to Paso Robles and also spent many years working in the private sector. These experiences help shape his approach to government management.

There were four local measures on this year's ballot. Voters approved a change from electing the city clerk to appointing them. A measure to allow the city to tax cannabis was adopted and also approved by other cities in the county. Another measure to raise sales taxes by ½ percent failed and the related measure to direct the funds to road repairs was moot since the tax increase was not approved. Looking ahead, Tom believes that the Voting Rights Act will likely require the city to move to district elections in the future to ensure adequate representation for protected groups. Another option might be to become a "charter city" that can use cumulative voting or rank order elections to meet Voter Rights Act requirements.

The city has become very involved in trying to secure possession of the abandoned CYA facility as it is hindering economic development near the airport. While the state has finally surplussed the property, they have placed too many restrictions on potential buyers including assumption of any liabilities for environmental cleanups. Tom noted that the city continues to look at options to reduce restrictions and find a viable use for the property.

On economic development, Tom emphasized that enhancing the quality of life for residents was their top priority including increasing affordable housing, head of household jobs, and economic diversity. The City Council also approved 250 parking spaces and \$5 permits for downtown employees.





REMINDER

Paso Robles Rotary Holiday Party



Get into the holiday spirit by joining your club colleagues and significant others for a festive evening of food, wine, music, dancing, and fun at our annual holiday party.

Where: **Paso Robles Inn Ballroom**

When: **Thursday, December 6**

No Host Bar at 6 PM

Dinner at 7 PM

Cost: **\$75 per person**

Contact: **Nicolette Harley-Barth at nicolette@thegarleygroup.net**

Music by Scott Laycock and Route 66.

News You Can Use

- **Condolences** - Our heartfelt condolences go out to Joyce Ganes and her family on the passing of club member Clyde Ganes last week. A Celebration of Life barbecue will be held at the **Paso Robles Event Center Frontier Pavilion on Saturday, Jan 12**. More details to follow at a later date.
- **Celebration of Life** - Sincere condolences to Pat Scott and his family on the passing of his beloved wife Betty. There will be a Celebration of Life event **today at 2 PM at the Paso Robles Golf Club**. Please text Ryan at (562-618-8017) or email at ryan@lazerstarlights.com to let him know you plan to attend.
- **Wildfire Relief Efforts** - District Governor Sandy Schwartz sent a note to all district members noting that donations for local fire relief can be sent to the District 5240 Charitable Foundation - Attn: Barry VanderKelen, Chair, 1212 Marsh St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Write "Fire Relief" in the memo section on the check.
- **Wine Country Theatre** - Please consider attending the Pulitzer Prizing winning musical *Next to Normal*, that completes its successful run this weekend with shows on Friday & Saturday night as well as Sunday afternoon. Veronica Surber (*right*) is outstanding in the lead role. This is truly a "feel everything" musical that is very moving and entertaining. For tickets or more information call (800) 838-3006 or WineCountryTheatre.com.



Coming Programs

- Today:** Theresa Clark - Agriculture Educator, Paso Robles High School, *Christmas Floral Presentation to Rotary*
- Dec 6: Rotary Christmas Party at the Paso Inn, no Host Bar at 6 PM, Dinner at 7 PM. No daytime meeting.
- Dec 13: Leight Rubin, Cartoonist, *A Twisted Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste*
- Dec 20: Holiday Break - *No Meeting*
- Dec 27: Holiday Break - *No Meeting*

Birthdays Through December

Katie (Kyle) Davis	Dec 4	Iliana (Randy) Kohn	Dec 27
Abe Flory	Dec 9	Linda (Kevin) Will	Dec 29
Terry (Joe) Irick	Dec 13	Susan (Steve) McAbee	Dec 30
Joyce Ganes	Dec 14	Giesela (Neil) Olsen	Dec 30
Kyle Davis	Dec 20	Jessica Fullerton	Dec 31
Tony Wallace	Dec 25		

Anniversaries for the Next Two Weeks

Fred & Kathy Roy Nov 29

Humor Corner



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