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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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February 9, 2017

## Tom Dobyns, Board President

### Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children

Tom Dobyns received a heart-felt introduction from Rick Goree on the critical work of CASA in improving the lives of abused and neglected children. Rick, along with Gail Tannehill, have served as mentors for CASA and have seen first hand how it makes a huge difference in the lives of these children. Tom provided a powerful presentation on the challenges and achievements of CASA noting “we are winning!”.

Tom has invested over 30 years in volunteer public service. Tom’s work helping children began in Orange County where he served for 22 years on the board of Orangewood Children’s Foundation. His professional life was in banking where Tom last served as CEO of Mission Community Bank. He began his career as a teller, commercial lender and branch manager at Bank of America almost 40 years ago. Tom has an undergraduate degree and MBA from USC. He currently lives with his wife in Shell Beach and operates a consulting firm, Enthusiology.



Tom began his presentation with some sobering statistics. There are about 500 children in foster care in the county awaiting adjudication. Of these, 90% have physical or mental maladies, 50% have drug or alcohol issues in the home, and 65% of those who leave the system are homeless with 50% unemployed and 20% incarcerated. 70% of the inmates at the Men’s Colony in SLO were foster kids. CASA aims to help these unfortunate victims by providing them with adult mentors who provide guidance and encouragement as they navigate the court system.

The local CASA organization was started 23 years ago in SLO. It currently serves about 170 of the 500 children in the system. CASA operates on an annual budget of \$800K with five paid supervisors overseeing 30 volunteers each. The CASA budget has grown thanks to a generous \$250K/4 year grant by MUST Charities. With only one third of the kids currently served, Tom urged members to consider volunteering as a mentor, making a donation or helping with one of their fundraisers. They particularly need men as only 10% of mentors are male.

## Coming Programs

### Feb 9: Valentines Day Program with the PRHS Choir

Feb 16: John Donovan "Abraham Lincoln in his own words"

Feb 23: Dick McKinley, Public Works Director - State & Federal Stormwater Regulations

Mar 2: Steve Cass, Producer, Paso Pops 2017

Mar 9: Tom Halen, Cow Parade - Bovine Art

### Rotary District 5240 Conference



Thanks to Koene Graves for representing our club at the STEPS Conference in Thousand Oaks on Jan 27. This year's conference focused on human trafficking, an issue affecting people in poverty here and around the world. Koene provided members with some grim statistics about trafficking and continuing efforts by Rotary and other groups to eradicate this global scourge.

## News You Can Use

- **Ski Trip** - The Paso Rotary ski trip is set for **March 1-4** at Mammoth Mountain Ski Resort. There is currently over 300" of snow resulting in some of the best ski conditions in years. The trip is open to all interested parties. Please see Rex Thornhill for further details.
- **Boy Scout Lodge Dedication** - Mark your calendar on **March 4** for the dedication of the Troop 60 "Esteemed Eagle" Lodge. Our club has been intricately involved with Troop 60 for many years and is a sponsor of the lodge refurbishment. The Saturday dedication starts at 2 PM at 2247 Oak Street. Please see John Hamon for further information.
- **Golf Tournament** - Chairman Rick Goree announced there are now 21 volunteers on the tourney committee and they have a goal of raising \$50K this year. The event will be held on **May 13** with the Silent Auction the evening of **May 12**. Contact Rick for further details.
- **Rotary International Convention** - Please consider attending the annual convention **June 10-14** in Atlanta, GA. The Fonarows and the Byrds will be there representing our club along with Brenda Cressey who will be inducted as a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation. Interested members can register at <http://www.riconvention.org/en>
- **Paso Rotary Website** - Check out our website recently updated by web master Brenda Cressey. With Brenda taking on new responsibilities as a Rotary Foundation Trustee, she is seeking a new web administrator. Please contact Brenda for further details.

## Birthdays in the Next 30 Days

Tom Taylor	Feb 9	Karisha Dearing (Matt)	Feb 24
Delores (Jack) Ogden	Feb 12	McClish)	
Dannie Tope	Feb 12	John Partridge	Feb 27
Jack Ogden*	Feb 12	Lisa (Keith) Gillis	Feb 27
Darrell Eide	Feb 13	Carolyn (Jim) Brescia	Feb 28
Deb (Scott) Greaves	Feb 14	Marion Todd	Mar 3
Stephen (Linda) Janzen	Feb 16	Jim Riffenburgh	Mar 4
Debbie (Rick) Minton	Feb 20	Kathy Tucker	Mar 4
Steve Hovey	Feb 21	Tracy (Phil) Cagliero	Mar 4
Isolde (Bob) Lata	Feb 21	Jon Dallons	Mar 7
Linda Jansen	Feb 23	Phil Cagliero	Mar 8
Sam (Jennifer) Sorenson*	Feb 23	* In memoriam	

## Anniversaries This Week

Dennis & Diane Cassidy	Feb 10	Steve & Susan McAbee	Feb 14
Pam & Ray Derby	Feb 14		

## Valentines Day Humor

