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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

94 years of service to the Community

Charter granted January 15, 1924

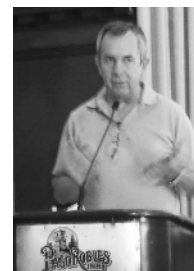
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Steve Cass, Board Member

Paderewski Festival & Paso Pops

Steve Cass is the founder of Cass Vineyard & Winery, but he might better be known as a key player in reviving and expanding the Paderewski Festival. The festival was originally launched in 1993 to honor composer & pianist Ignacy Jan Paderewski and commemorate his association with the Central Coast. The death of one of the festival organizers and the earthquake in 2003 suspended the annual concert series. It was re-launched through the efforts of Steve and other patrons in 2007. Festival organizers added the popular "Paso Pops" concert and Independence Day celebration in 2016.



Steve's own association with the Central Coast began when he and his wife Alice visited the area in 1999. They bought property and established a new vineyard in 2001. A winery was built a few years later and has become a popular venue for wine tasting, food and music. Steve noted that Alice's roots are Polish and this sparked interest in reviving a festival whose namesake was not only a renown musician & composer, but the former president of Poland. Paderewski's involvement in the Central Coast initially included visits to the spa at the Paso Robles Hotel beginning in 1914 and later developing a local vineyard. One of his prized pianos now resides in the lobby of the Paso Robles Inn.

Steve's presentation was primarily to discuss this year's Paso Pops concert to be held on July 1 at the Paso Event Center after two years at the Paso Robles Horse Park. While the 2017 event attracted over 4,000 attendees and was considered a huge success, it did not make a profit. Steve noted that this was largely due to the \$50 K in infrastructure costs for the stage, seating, parking, and security. The use of the Event Center will reduce infrastructure costs and provide a larger venue more convenient to many local and out-of-town attendees. Key sponsors for this year's event include Travel Paso, Cass Winery, and Firestone Walker Brewing Co. The event will include the SLO Symphony Orchestra, MC Casey Biggs, carnival rides for kids, wine & beer tasting, and the canons.

Coming Programs

Today: Valentine's Day Program with the Paso Robles High School Choir
 Feb 15: Jerry Lohr, Founder & Proprietor, J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines, *Paso Robles Wines*
 Feb 22: Lindsey Leonard, Executive Director, Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation
 Feb 28: Dannie Tope, *Rotary Ski Trip to Mammoth Mountain*
 Mar 1: Marta Galambos, Engineers Without Borders, *Cal Poly Students*

News You Can Use

- **New Webmaster** - Thanks to Nic Mattson who has volunteered to be our new Webmaster succeeding Brenda Cressey. Brenda deserves kudos for revamping our website to conform to Rotary standards and maintaining it through the many changes sought by members in recent years. This is one of the essential infrastructure elements to a successful Rotary Club and Brenda did an outstanding job. Please support Nic as he takes over these responsibilities.
- **Skills USA** - Thanks to all members who volunteered to organize and judge the recent Skills USA Region 2 competition. Skills USA is an essential tool for developing our future workforce.
- **Rotary Ski Trip** - Dannie Tope is organizing this year's ski trip to Mammoth Mountain. It will be **Feb 28 through March 4**. Members are welcome to spend as many days as they have available. Please contact Dannie to sign up or for further details.
- **Rotary Golf Tournament** - The 2018 golf tournament will be held on **Saturday, April 28**. The silent auction will be held on **Friday, April 27, in the Eberle Caves**. Tournament chair Rick Gore welcomes new volunteers to help the golf tournament committee team raise \$40 K this year.
- **Wine Country Theatre** - The "Kings of Cool" are back for a special Valentine's Day program this 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. Theatre founder Cynthia Anthony has done a great job of bringing visibility to the good works of our club prior to recent performances. Support Wine Country Theatre by purchasing tickets at WineCountryTheatre.com or (800) 838-3006.

Birthdays in the Next 30 Days

Tom Taylor	Feb 9	John Partridge	Feb 27
Dannie Tope	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
Linda Janzen	Feb 23	Jon Dallons	Mar 7
Karisha Dearing (Matt McClish)	Feb 24		

Anniversaries This Week

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

Valentine's Day Special Battle of the Sexes

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish, unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. A student asked, "What gender is 'computer'?" Rather than give the answer, the teacher split her class into 2 groups, male & female, and asked them to decide whether "computer" should be a masculine or feminine and four reasons for their recommendation.

The men's group decided that "computer" should definitely be of the feminine gender because: 1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic; 2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else; 3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long term memory for possible later retrieval; 4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

The women's group concluded that computers should be masculine because: 1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on; 2. They have a lot of data but still can't think for themselves; 3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they ARE the problem; 4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have gotten a better model. The women won.