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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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April 19, 2018

## Deepa Willingham

### Founder of PACE Universal & Past District Governor

Deepa Willingham joined Rotary in 2001 and called it “one of the best moves I ever made in my life”. Deepa is a past 5240 District Governor and she was introduced by her close friend, current District Governor John Weiss. Deepa is a true humanitarian and passionate about the issue of human trafficking. She noted “When I turned 60, it bothered me that I hadn’t done anything to help others”. So in 2003, she founded the nonprofit organization PACE Universal (Promise of Assurance for Children Everywhere) to stop trafficking and gender biased abuses of children and women. For her efforts, she has been recognized at the White House, was the keynote speakers at Rotary International’s 100th year Convention in Birmingham, England and has addressed the United Nations on Rotary-UN Day twice.

Deepa is a longtime resident of Solvang and a native of India. She grew up in Piyali Junction, a poor village located 45 km from Kolkata (Calcutta), India, a major hub for the trafficking of girls. Her work at PACE began with the construction of what is now the PACE Learning Center (PLC) in her home town. She also formed a strategic partnership with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan.



Deepa’s presentation was full of sobering statistics on the issue of global poverty and how it enables traffickers to exploit the poor, especially women and children. There are 7.5 billion people in the world and 22% earn less than \$1.25 per day. One in five are illiterate and two thirds are women. Deepa asserts that “poverty is the parent of revolution and crime” and addressing poverty will help undermine terrorism and trafficking. Child trafficking captures over 2 million new victims each year and it grows because it is a “renewable commodity”. Many are brought to the U.S. where there are 300,000 domestic children at risk of sex exploitation. One of the most shocking facts is the Super Bowl is the single biggest trafficking event annually. Deepa is currently raising funds for PACE and details of their local “Bollywood” event is on page 2.

## Coming Programs

**Today: Commander Ty Lewis, Paso Robles Police Department**  
***A New Police Chief's Vision***

Apr 26: *No Lunch Meeting* - Meeting will be supplanted by the Golf Tournament Reception on Friday, April 27, at Eberle Caves

May 3: Scott Leckman, Governor Elect-District 5249, *Marginal Gains & Rotary*

May 10: Sasha Irving, Executive Director, Studios on the Park

May 17: TBD

## News You Can Use

- **Volunteers Needed** - The nonprofit PACE Universal (Promise of Assurance for Children Everywhere) will host the inaugural "Bollywood Night" on **Sunday, June 25, 2017**. PACE was founded by former DG Deepa Willingham and is dedicated to disrupting human trafficking. The event will be held at the beautiful Terra Mia Vineyards on Arbor Road in Paso Robles. The event is sold out, but please consider making a donation to PACE or volunteering for set-up or clean-up on the day of the event. Please contact Mike Pond (460-8710 or mpondmbfd@gmail.com) for further details.
- **Rotary Social** - Nicolette & Doug Barth will host the next social at their home at 25 12th Street on **April 20 from 5:30-8:00 PM**. Nicolette encourages members to bring a guest who might be interested in joining Rotary. Please bring your favorite appetizer and beverage to share.
- **CASA North County Dinner** - The 2nd annual dinner benefiting SLO CASA will be held **Saturday, April 21, from 5-9 PM** at the Paso Robles Inn Ballroom. The event includes gourmet food & wine, live/silent auctions, and stories of how CASA makes a big difference in our community by training and supervising volunteers who serve as court appointed special advocates for abused and neglected children. Proceeds benefit the new North County facility that was established a year ago. Tickets sales have closed but please consider making a donation at [slocasa.org](http://slocasa.org) or call (805) 541-6542.
- **Rotary Golf Tournament** - The golf tournament is less than two weeks away and we are still in need of tee sponsors and auction items. The tournament will be held on **Saturday, April 28** at the **Paso Robles Golf Club**. The silent auction will be held on **Friday, April 27**, in the **Eberle Caves**. Please contact Rick Goree for further details.

## Birthdays in the Next 30 Days

Kevin Brush	Apr 23	David (Lisa) Henry	May 3
Dick (Brenda) Cressey	Apr 23	Vera (Don) Jacobs	May 5
Chantel Paul	Apr 23	Nathan (Chantel) Paul	May 10
Dan Blake	Apr 25	Pete Bishop	May 14
Scott Laycock	Apr 26	Greg Jaeger	May 15
Neil Olsen	Apr 27	Rex Thornhill	May 16
Bill Daillak	Apr 28	Nichollette Harley	May 18
Jeff Orcutt	May 1		

## Anniversaries This Week

Jean & Phil St. Martin      Apr 19

## Three New Members Inducted!!!

**Lauren Pickard** was nominated by Chris Williams. She was born and raised in Orland, CA. Lauren graduated from CSU Chico and moved to Paso Robles when her husband got a job at Paso Robles High School. She started her banking career with Mission Community Bank and is now store manager at Umpqua Bank. Lauren is the current treasurer for the Transitional Food and Shelter in Paso Robles.

**Jonathon Stornetta** was nominated by Wade Taylor. He grew up in Atascadero and his family has raised beef and dairy cattle locally. Jonathon has served as the interim Paso Robles Fire Chief for the past 6 months and was confirmed to be the permanent Fire Chief on April 3. He has been involved in emergency services for over 25 years. Jonathon lives in Creston with his wife Lindsey and his two children.

**Denise Wakefield** was nominated by John Fisher. She and her husband recently moved to Paso Robles from Northern CA. Denise retired from public service in 2009 as the Director of Facilities for the Tracy Unified School District. She is a graduate of UC Berkeley and worked as a financial analyst for Southern Pacific Land Co. prior to public service.

Photo (from left to right) Denise Wakefield, Jonathon Stornetta, & Lauren Pickard get inducted by District Governor John Weiss (far right).

