Lodi Rotary

September & October Meetings

September 13
Mike Hodge &
Yvette Herrera
Literacy Presentation

September 20
Steve Schwabauer, City Manager, City of Lodi
City Funding Issues

September 27
CASA of San Joaquin County

October 4th
Date Night
Pietro's

October 11th
Grace and Mercy
Cheryl Francis

October 18th
Stockton Children's Receiving Home
Joelle Gomez

October 25th
Lodi Asset Based Community Development,
Sheri Aguilar

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you!

Before talking about what is happening with our club in September, I want to thank the many members who made our Steak and Oysters event so successful. I don't have the space in this column to personally name each individual. But I just want to say again: Thank You. Our evening together last Thursday was special and a new memory for our club moving forward.

September in the Rotary Calendar is the month we focus on promoting literacy. To this end, Mike Hodge and others will be providing an update to their literacy efforts in our community at our meeting on September 13th. Last year Mike gave a very touching presentation on literacy with the help of one of his students. I am looking forward to hearing about what the fruits of his efforts have achieved since then.

On September 20th, Lodi City Manager, Steve Schwabauer, will talk about a proposed tax to augment the City's budget. This presentation will obviously generate a lot of discussion both pro and con. So, keep an open mind when you hear the arguments.

On September 27th we will hear from CASA of San Joaquin County. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special

STRIPPINGS

Your 2018 Board of Directors

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Kirk Stangeland

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Jim Fitzpatrick

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
Mike Hodge

MEMBERSHIP
Pat Patrick

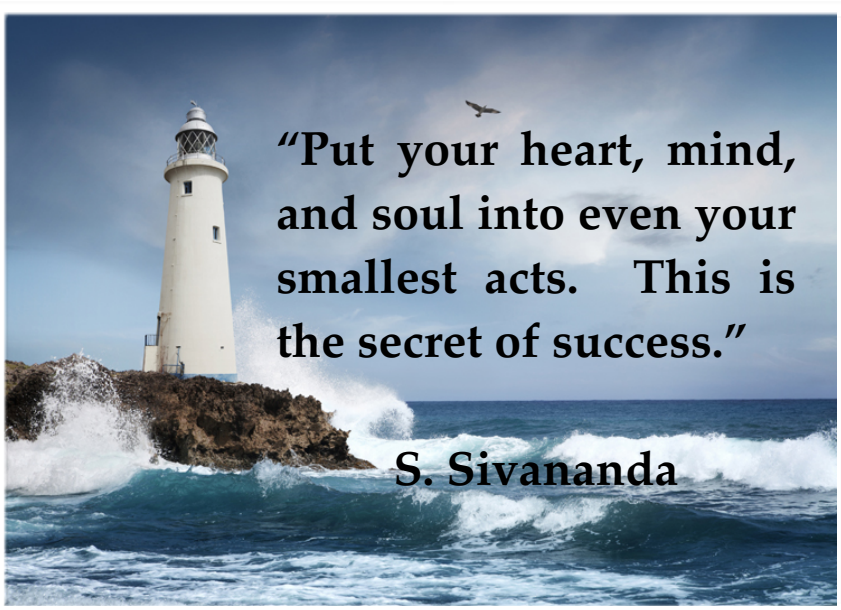
PUBLIC RELATIONS
Cathi Woods-Bacher

Advocates. This is a program where volunteers become advocates for minors who lack the ability to fully advocate for themselves both in legal matters and with family.

As a special note: at our Board meeting on September 10th, your Board will decide on whether to have a new social outing, namely, attending a Stockton Kings Basketball game. Yes, the junior Kings are now going to play in Stockton after re-locating from Reno. This team is in the developmental league of the NBA. The Stockton Kings are owned by the Sacramento Kings and have several of their players under contract but placed on the Stockton Kings. Last year, many of us attended a Rotary District outing to the Stockton Heat. The rules of hockey were a bit confusing for some. So, we are hoping many more know basketball rules and will want to attend.

Finally, don't forget that our Dictionary Distribution Project is just right around the corner. We will need many hands to make this project successful. It is amazing to me that we are going to distribute a dictionary to every third grader in the Lodi Unified School District. That says a lot about the generosity of Lodi Rotary Club members. You are the best! YIRS,

Phil Sherwood



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BE THE INSPIRATION

STEAK, OYSTERS AND A FRAUD???
(QUE SUSPENSE MUSIC)
DON DON DA...

On August 30, 2018 the Lodi Rotary Club along with their guests gathered to feast on delicious grilled steak and oysters. It was a gorgeous night and the Mettler Family Winery was the perfect backdrop for the evening.

Unbeknownst to our past president Kirk Stangeland, we also used the evening to roast and celebrate his year of leadership...and who knew that Kirk was Swedish? Read on to learn the truth. Please enjoy the pictures from the evening, and to view a video of the event please go to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i_8c47mjof8 (compliments of Mike Hodge)

Joe Cotta purchased a Norwegian Aquavit to pay tribute to Kirk. Larry, Phil, and Vern toasted Kirk and his achievements.

STEAK, OYSTERS AND A FRAUD???

(CONT.)

Cathi and Mike pay tribute while Kirk is seated upon his golden throne. Sherry (disguised as someone from 23 and me) reveals Kirks REAL heritage. He isn't Norwegian but SWEDISH!!!

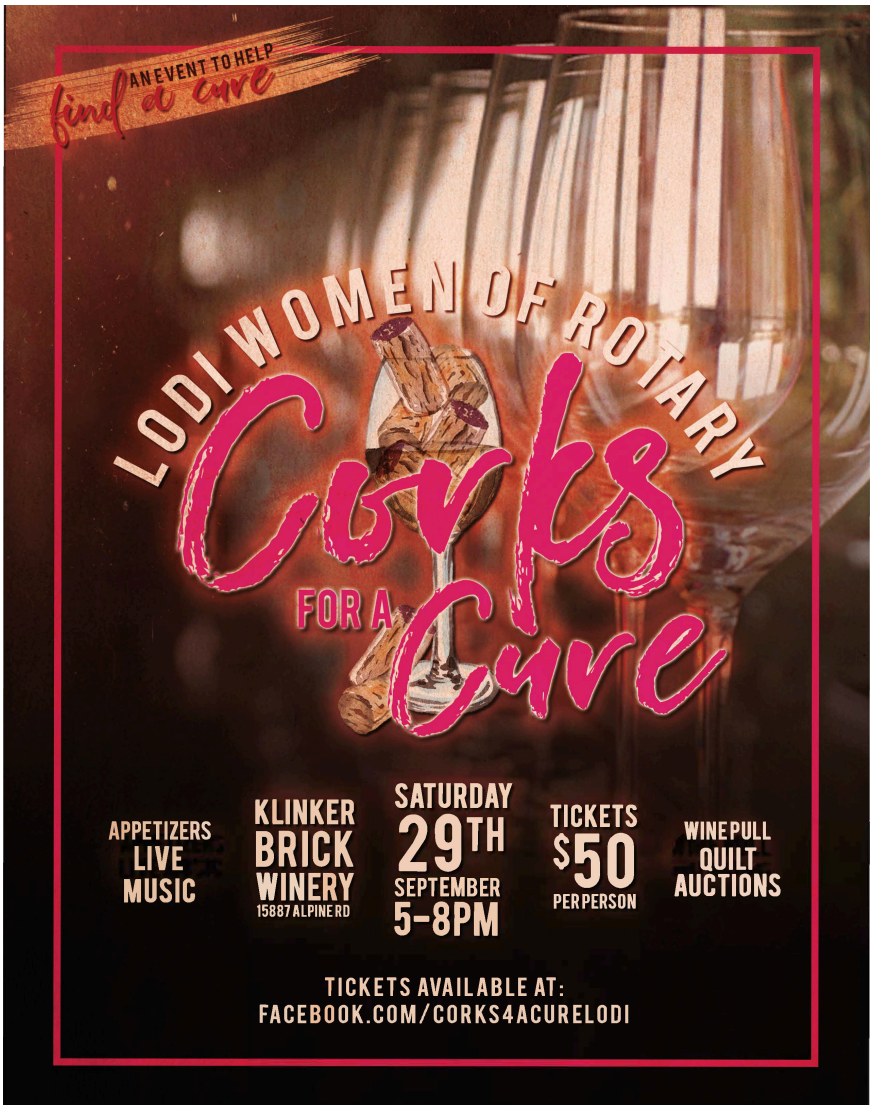
The numbers don't lie Kirk!! Who can save Kirk now from the angry crowd who feels they have been duped into believing Kirk was Norwegian?

Enter stage left: Helga the Amazon Princess Warrior (Played by the infamous Pat Patrick)...get a look at those legs!

THE END...or is it?

ONE OUT OF EIGHT WOMEN WILL HAVE BREAST CANCER...

YOU CAN HELP CHANGE THIS STATISTIC.



Our inaugural Corks for a Cure is quickly approaching and we need your help. Would you please consider supporting the Lodi Women of Rotary in their endeavors to raise money for breast cancer research.

To help raise funds for research we will auctioning off quilts handmade by members of the Corks for a Cure Committee. We will have a Cork Pull, as well as a pink wheelbarrow filled with wine for the lucky door prize winner.

During the evening we will be celebrating breast cancer survivors and those still in the fight with special gifts.

The proceeds from the event will go to breast cancer research locally in hopes of helping to find a cure. If you are interested in helping sponsor the event please contact Sherry Cotta or Cathi Woods-Bacher for a sponsor packet. Tickets will be available for purchase at the club meetings as well.

Welcome to Our Newest Rotary Grand Baby!

Owen Blake Love

Born: Saturday,
September 9, 2018
10 lbs 1 oz.

Congratulations
Sherry and Joe

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sushil Kumar Gupta selected to be 2020-21 Rotary President. for more information:

https://www.rotary.org/en/2020-21-rotary-president-selected

Oh, What a Night!

September 6, 2018 our Rotary Date Night was held at El Pacifico. Great food, great friends and a great time was had by all...even the owner was helping serve our group and took the time for a photo opportunity with Pat. If you haven't made it lately to date night you really should try to make it to our October date night because it is at Peitro's. Hope to see you there!

Meet Our Newest Member

Julie Damron Brown

I have always wanted to be a veterinarian since childhood, and have practiced in our county for over 20 years. As an emergency veterinarian I am able to help both people and animals in crisis. It also gives me more freedom to participate in community activities during the day.

Community service is pivotal to me. I actively advocate for those that cannot protect or fight for themselves. I serve on the Hunger Task Force, Homeless Task Force, Emergency Food Bank of San Joaquin/Stockton Board, Pixie Woods Board, and United Way Board. I founded Loving Tails which in coordination with the Veterinary Technician Students of Carrington College provides free vaccinations and other services to the pets of the homeless on a monthly rotating basis at Saint Mary's Dining Hall, Gleason House of Gospel Center Rescue Mission, and Grace and Mercy. I helped to set up the original surgical facility at the Stockton Animal Shelter, volunteered for many years doing surgeries, and created The Animal Bill of Rights.

I have been a member of The Rotary Club of Stockton intermittently for the past 10 years. During that time I was able to chair 2 major fundraisers, run the bell ringing, assist with dictionary distributions, run Cog, participate in dictionary distributions, participate in the Read-In, and several other activities. Rotary means a great deal to me, it allows me to help make a different in the lives of others both locally and internationally. I am also the current president of the Stockton Hosts Lions Club. I've chaired the Inaugural Patriot's Ball-a celebration of veterans in our community, and the Fire Bowl-a fundraiser for the relocation of the Stockton Fire Fighter's Memorial. I'm a member of Leadership Stockton 2017, Junior League, The Karl Ross Post 16 Auxiliary, several chambers, a chamber ambassador for Stockton and Lodi, a Certified Tourism Ambassador for Stockton, and a Toys for Tots Ambassador. I have written a bi-monthly Pet Column for The Record since 2007, and am now writing one for The Lodi Sentinel as well. I wrote a chapter last year in a bestselling anthology on success, and ran a strong campaign for County Board of Supervisors. I look forward to working with all of you to make a difference in the Lodi community and beyond.

Sincerely,
Julie Damron-Brown