

# 2019 – 2020 Executive Board

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*The first Thursday of each month is  
Date Night. We visit local restaurants and  
enjoy each others company. Spouses and  
friends are welcom*



## President's Message for January 2020

Dear Club Members

January started with Date Nite at Doug Holck's. We had a group of 10-15 that attended. It was fun evening and a chance to socialize with our spouses and fellow Rotarians.

Presentations for January were from John Weston, Board Member of NAMI. We learned about the challenges confronted by people suffering from mental health issues and what NAMI was doing to help. Here is a link to the NAMI presentation. John was presented with a check of \$250 for NAMI.

<https://www.lodirotaryclub.com/nami-presentation>

Next was the annual speech contest. What a nice group of speakers from Bear Creek High School. The winners are pictured on the web page from left to right, first place winner, Janelle Baryuga, second place Lauren Oaks, third place Grant Johnson. The winner was awarded a check from the club and will go on to the next level of competition.

Here is a link to the Speech Presentation.

<https://www.lodirotaryclub.com/new-pagerotary-speech-contest>

Last meeting this month was RYLA. Here is a link to the RYLA presentation. We had almost 50 people in attendance at the meeting.

<https://www.lodirotaryclub.com/ryla>

Finally, at the RYLA meeting Richard Eklund received his Paul Harris +2 award. Kudos to Richard and also to Sally Snyder who received her award a few of months ago. Her is a link to the Paul Harris Award recipients page created 2/2/2020.

<https://www.lodirotaryclub.com/paul-harris-recipients>

*Mike Hodge*

P.S. Date Nite is February 6<sup>th</sup> at Chris Littlefield's home in Stockton. Here is address: 5270 Quashnick Road, Stockton, CA 95212.

### Where Do You Want To Hike?

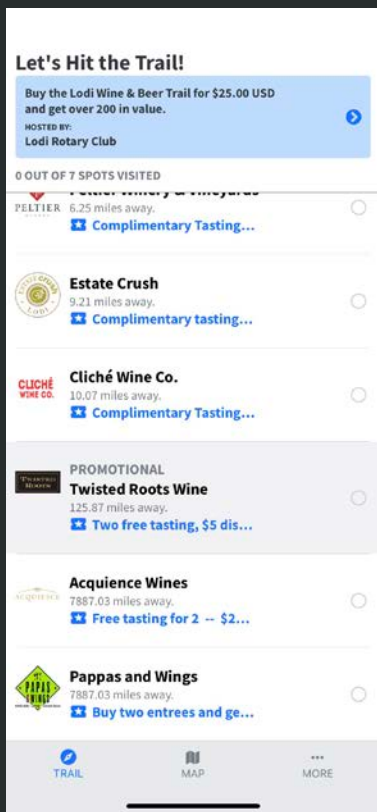
CHOOSE A TRAIL TO GET STARTED



#### Lodi Wine & Beer Trail

Take a hike on the Bainbridge Island Wine Trail! Explore the amazing wineries on Bainbridge Island along the trail at a discount and give back to the community. Hosted by the Kingston-North Kitsap Rotary club. 21+

LET'S GO!



You don't have a pass?

See Cameron Bregman, Brian Kanegawa or Mike Hodge.

Support your club by buying and selling Trail passes \$25 each.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Shrimp Mania

February 8, 2020

Shrimp Mania will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Once again, our very talented kitchen crew will be working under the masterful eye of Dan Ingram. This year will be better than ever (not that last year's wasn't great). It is not too early to start finding items to donate and talking to your friends about supporting the event. Tickets cost \$55, includes one drink, get yours quick we sell out at 200 guests.



#### Wine to Water Team Event

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:30 am at the American Legion Hall. Our club will be teaming up to build Sawyer water filters for shipment by Wine to Water to areas in need of clean water. Lisa Merritt, Field Coordinator will be making a presentation on the water crisis and leading us through the filter build process.



#### District Conference – April 24 – 26

DGE Jim Pearce has scheduled the next conference to be held at the Tenaya Lodge, Yosemite, CA. Plans are underway now so stay tuned. If you haven't attended a conference you really are missing a fun and inspiring event. April 24-26, you will be sorry if you miss it.



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**Rotary International Conference –  
June 6 – 10, 2020 Honolulu, HI.**

Go to

<http://www.riconvention.org/en>

register. Our very own Sherry Cotta  
will be District Governor Elect at this  
conference.

February 2020							January '20	March '20													
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
26	27	28	29	30	31	1	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
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9	10	11	12	13 Valentines hosted at Saint Jorge Winery 6:00 PM	14	15	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
16	17	18	19	20 Noon Meeting	21	22	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	31	29	30	31			
23	24	25	26	27 Noon Meeting	28	29															
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A BIG THANK YOU to Chris Littlefield  
our first Silver Sponsor this year.



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Update on the Global Grant 1987474. Lodi Rotary and the Downtown Batangas club, Philippines have received approval of the grant from Rotary Internattional. The grant is in process of being funded and it is anticipated that the Ultrasound machine will be purchased in March 2020. Our club donated \$10,500 towards the machine and will receive 10,500 Paula Harris points which can be awarded by the club.



**Below is an interview conducted by Dr. Julie Damron-Brown with George Edd-Bennett our newest member.**



Greetings fellow Rotarians, I am your newest member, George Edd-Bennett, and I am excited to be counted among you as people committed to doing what benefits all concerned in the community of Lodi, CA and in the world at large. The kindness in this Rotary club stands out to me. I had been invited to Shrimp Mania and the Steak and Oysters Kick Out Party last year. It was clear then that this group has made deep and meaningful friendships with one another and that there is a longstanding devotion to benefitting the greater good.

As a pastor in the United Methodist Church, I believe that faith is life and life is faith. Living out the principles of love and compassion is the highest calling of my faith in Christ, Jesus; who told his followers to "Love one another. The way I have loved you; love one another." When opportunities arise in my life that represent new ways of living in faith, I am very interested. I am grateful to Jerry Fry (and his wife Peggy, the real closer of the two) for the invitation to live out my calling as a Rotarian in Lodi, CA.

Rotary is not completely new to me. I was a past President and a past Sargent at Arms in my Last club (Sanger Rotary) and I also joined Rotary in Fairfield, CA. In Fairfield, I was not even a pastor. I was in my first career – the restaurant industry. As the General Manager of the Fairfield Hungry Hunter, I joined a lunch Rotary club; which may have been in the same district as Lodi. The members there were well connected to Travis Airbase and the local businesses. One of the older men in the club told me the secret reason for joining Rotary – his wife had laid down the law saying, "I married you for better or for worse; but not for lunch." Rotary was the answer.

I look forward to another blessing in my life as I join with you. I am sure there remains still more wisdom to be gleaned, friends to be made, and kindnesses to be performed.

Enjoy God, Dr. George Edd-Bennett