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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 March 2020

Dear Club Members

This year has been full of challenges for Rotary and our Club. We lost two longstanding members Steve Borra and John Bahnsen and then Covid 19 happened. I have included Steve and John's obituary notices in this edition of Strippings in case you missed them. This edition of Strippings is dedicated to them.

As you know I have some physical challenges to overcome. I had surgery on my left foot to remove Melanoma, it was successful, and my foot is healing. I am attached for the next several weeks to a "wound vac" which accelerates the healing. The vac must be attached 24/7 so it makes getting around a little cumbersome. I have been able to attend church once prior to the shelter in place order and go to medical appointments as needed. As all of you are, I am trying to be good and comply with the CDC recommendations.

I pray that all of you are well and understand the need for us to cancel our regular meetings through May. We had a Zoom internet meeting on March 19, 2020 to try out this protocol for holding meetings in the interim. Stay tuned as this may be the way we meet until the Covid 19 virus pandemic is over and life returns to normal.

Mike Hodge

Remembering Steve Borra



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!

Let's Hit the Trail!

Buy the Lodi Wine & Beer Trail for \$25.00 USD and get over 200 in value.

HOSTED BY:
Lodi Rotary Club

0 OUT OF 7 SPOTS VISITED

FELTIER 6.25 miles away.
Complimentary Tasting...

Estate Crush 9.21 miles away.
Complimentary tasting...

CLICHÉ VINE CO. 10.07 miles away.
Complimentary Tasting...

PROMOTIONAL
Twisted Roots Wine 125.87 miles away.
Two free tasting, \$5 dis...

Acquience Wines 7887.03 miles away.
Free tasting for 2 -- \$2...

Pappas and Wings 7887.03 miles away.
Buy two entrees and ge...

TRAIL MAP MORE



Stephen Juvenal Borra was born on February 9, 1943. He was raised in Lockeford on a small family farm. Steve attended Lockeford Schools and graduated from Lodi High in 1961. Fast cars were his signature, as he would recall stories of the 1963 Plymouth Sport Fury. In 1964, Steve married his true love, Beverly Bowman. They made a home together and started their family on the ranch where they have been for 54 years of marriage. Together they had two children, a son, Steve Jr. and a daughter, Gina. Family was everything to him. He loved spending much time together and celebrating his Italian heritage. Often over a plate of pasta or more often over a bottle of wine, Steve would take time to remind us with words as well as by example of the importance of a strong, loving family.

Steve served for 4 years in the National Guard, then enrolled in Electrical Design School. The goal was to become an electrician, but at graduation time, electrical jobs were scarce. He joined the ranks of Pacific Bell and quickly climbed to management, but his passion for farming kept calling. After 17 years, when offered early retirement in 1982, he took it. This allowed him time to develop Borra's Cellar (est. 1974). A year later, he happens upon his first irrigation pipeline needed on the family farm, which he installs himself. Shortly after, neighbors begin asking him for help installing pipelines for them and in 1983, Lodi Irrigation was born.

An amazing gift that Steve had was a technical mind that was continually able to solve uncommon problems. He was exceptional with his hands. With Bev at his side in the business, the two of them committed many years of blood, sweat, and tears building their company. The 90's introduced drip irrigation to Ag and Steve was ready. He quickly perfected water hydraulics and irrigation design. For the next decade, this self-taught irrigation designer brought water to wine in Lodi. In the late 90's, Lodi Irrigation expanded to include Lodi Pump and North Coast Irrigation. All combined, LPI had grown to service water needs in Northern CA, the North Coast and Central Coast when the family sold the business in 2018.

Steve's greatest passions were winemaking and farming. When asked why he opened the first bonded family winery in Lodi in 1975, his response was simple. He would say with a smile, "Well, I just really liked to drink it..." And he would immediately follow with "great wine is made in the field". Turns out those fields made more than great wine, they made him a great man. Steve's signature hat, customary jokes and political persuasion were sure to entertain all. He came a long way from the days of the late 70's where he would join with local restaurants pouring his signature Barbera for free to dining patrons just for the

Send your check to Brian Kanegawa for the passes given to you \$25 each a donation to Rotary. Many of you received 4 passes in an envelope at a meeting a few months ago.

Note if you activated your pass, they have been extended for 60 days as a result of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

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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chance to introduce the wine. Steve's dedication created wines that received high accolades. In 2008, Borra Vineyards was honored to be included in the Wall Street Journal Wine Club. In 2012, Borra Vineyards was awarded Lodi Winery of the Year. Steve was so honored in 2018 to be inducted into the San Joaquin County Agricultural Hall of Fame and for his induction into the Lodi Community Hall of Fame in 2019.

Following a brave and humble battle with lymphoma, Steve was gracefully lifted to Heaven on March 2, 2020. We are grateful that he is healed and toasting to us all from there with the finest wine that Heaven can make. Steve is survived by his wife Beverly, children Steve (Tina) and Gina Granlees (Mike), grandchildren Dominic, Trevor, Gabriella and Chantz, and his sister Gloria Duffy. He was preceded in death by his parents Steve and Lucille Borra.

Those wishing to honor Steve can donate to Hospice of San Joaquin - 3888 Pacific Ave, Stockton 95204 or Borra Family Scholarship. Make checks payable to: Community Foundation of San Joaquin, 6735 Herndon Pl, Ste B, Stockton 95219 Ck Memo Line: Borra Family Scholarship or donate online at cfofj.org.

Remembering John Bahnsen



John Frederick Bahnsen, of Morada, passed away March 12, 2020. John was born July 3 rd , 1931 in San Bruno, CA to parents Andrew and Julia. He had one brother, Bob, who was 7 years older. John married his beloved wife of 67 years, Mona, in 1953. John and Mona have two children, Steven (spouse Debbie) and Marianne (spouse Dan). John was Opa to five grandchildren, Erica, Caitlynn, Christopher, Andrew, and Tyler, and two great-grandchildren, Aubrey and Chloe.

John earned a bachelor's degree at COP (now UOP) and attended Michigan State University, where he earned his PhD in School Administration, on a prestigious Mott Foundation Fellowship. John was an educator for many years, ending his career as San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools. John's zest for life and wide range of interests was known by many. His favorite activities included sailing as a member of the Stockton Sailing Club, serving in the Lodi Rotary, and his great joy - golfing as a member of Woodbridge Country Club, where he shot three hole-in-ones.

John resided in Morada for more than 60 years and was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Lodi. A role model to his family and all those he encountered, John will be remembered for his humor, intelligence, and unique ability to touch those around him in profound and positive ways. He will be truly missed.

Family will hold a private celebration of John's life.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests donations be made in John's name to the Lodi Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 821, Lodi, CA 95241. The

A BIG THANK YOU to Chris Littlefield our first Silver Sponsor this year.



Found this picture from the past on the Rotary International Website.



donations will honor John's passion for education and support scholarships for a new generation of students.

Shrimp Mania has come and gone.

On February 8, 2020 we held Shrimp Mania 2020, and we had a good turnout. Income was down from past years as a result of a decline in auction items donated.

Thank you to everyone that pitched in and made it a success. A BIG thank you Mr. Bergman (Cameron's father) for donating the sound system for the event.

Stay tuned as the PE's will be looking to put together a committee to organize and put on the event in 2021. We will want this to be a great event since this will be our Centennial year.



Wine to Water Team Event Cancelled

This event was cancelled because of W | W staff issues. In retrospect with the Covid 19 Virus it turns out to be fortuitous. Remember World Water Day was March 22d and you can donate to Wine to Water by following the link below.

<https://www.winetowater.org/donate-intro>



District Conference – April 24 – 26 Cancelled because of the Covid 19 virus. Stay tuned for more information regarding plans for rescheduling the conference.



Cradling Your Heart

I am the mouth
of a river flowing
into an endless sea,
the aching sun
burning itself
to give you light;

I am tomorrow
at your doorstep
and yesterday
in your heart.

When night comes
and my eyes are heavy,
I say a prayer and
a blessing for you
before sleep claims me.

I cast a wish
into the starry night
that you will feel me
cradling your heart
even when I am
not there.

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**Rotary International Conference –
June 6 – 10, 2020** Honolulu, HI.
Cancelled as a result of Covid 19.

Other Events Cancelled

- **April visit to lone, Sanderson Aircraft Restoration.**
- **May - Steak and Oysters at Mettler's Winery.**

Grant Update

Update on the Global Grant 1987474.
Lodi Rotary and the Downtown
Batangas Club, Philippines have
received approval of the grant from
Rotary International. The grant has
been funded and it is anticipated that
the Ultrasound machine will be
purchased in March or April 2020.
Our club donated \$10,500 towards
the machine and will receive 10,000
Paula Harris points which can be
awarded by the club.



Helping Others During Covid 19

DGE Sherry Cotta spoke with Tracy Williams, a fellow Rotarian and Director of LoEl Center. Tracy says Meals on Wheels is still running and serving our shut-ins a hot meal daily. She says, however, that they are very nervous and scared about what is to come. Seniors who came to LoEl every day for lunch are no longer able to have this hot meal provided for them. There is concern that those who are less ambulatory will begin to run short of provisions in a week or two. As it is possible the 'Shelter in Place' order will be in effect for the senior crowd longer than for many of us, we have an opportunity to serve this population of our community and provide for their basic, immediate needs.

The general plan is to begin to stockpile items Tracy has listed for us. Around the 1st of April, we will collectively inventory what we have, compare it to what we need, and fine tune a pick-up, drop off, drive thru, delivery of items to a central area (probably the parking lot of Hutchins Street Square). If we have bulk food items, like dried prunes or apricots, we will be masked and gloved when we divide and package those into smaller quantities. You do not need to worry



LOEL Senior Citizens Center



about that yourself. If you choose to bake cookies or muffins, sanitize your workspaces and please mask and glove when preparing and packaging. Please purchase fresh or perishable and semi-perishable items (fruit, bread) close to the delivery date. At that point, we will fill bags for seniors, and divide them up for front-porch delivery.

Here is the list Tracy gave me:

Apples, Bananas, Cuties, Pears, Oranges, Seasonal Fruit (perhaps from your yards)
 Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit
 Small Boxes of Cereal
 Crackers
 Granola Bars
 Bread, Tortillas, Muffins
 Ensure or generic senior supplement
 Soups
 Peanut Butter
 Jelly
 Small easy to prepare items like Mac N Cheese individual cups
 Cheese Sticks or Individually Wrapped Cheeses
 Rice, Noodles and Pasta
 Canned Pasta Sauce (small sizes if possible)
 Canned Stew, Canned Chili', Canned Baked Beans
 Tiny Mayo Jars
 PopTarts
 Cookies
 Pastries or Sweet Treats

Once you've collected the items you are giving, please email me a list so we can begin to collate the data. Again, we won't be looking to schedule a pick up, drop off, or drive thru from you before April 1st. Thank you all for whatever you can do. I know that soup is wiped out on Amazon. I can donate the soup in my pantry as, hey, I can make soup! Thank you, as well, for thinking of others, the Rotary way, during this stressful time.

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