

2019 – 2020 Executive Board

Lodi Rotary Club, Executive Board
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President - Mike Hodge

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Foundation – Doug Holck

Community Service – Matthew Lenser

Vocation – Chris Littlefield

International Service – Sherry Cotta

Membership – Joe Cotta

President Elect(s) 2020 – 2021

Joe Cotta, Jerry Frye, Doug Holck,

Phil Lenser, Christ Littlefield, Mike Smith

PE Nominee – Dave Lagorio



President's Message for December 2019

Dear Club Members

This has been a very busy six months and I hope one that has caused you to find some enjoyment with the club agenda and activities. This is your President's humble opinion if we keep doing the same things the same way and expecting a difference in the club, we are living out the definition of insanity (attributed to Einstein). This is our club and it is up to each and every one of us to support it (not just financially but with time and energy).

I have decreased the number of lunch meetings and replaced them with events such as the Alzheimer's Walk in Stockton. We have held some Date Nites at my home and we are going to have some of our club members host Date Nites this spring. I am making this change because we need to fellowship with each other more outside of the lunch meeting setting.

Below are edited responses (to protect the innocent) from attribution. They should be cause for concern and we should try to do something to make positive changes. For those of you and that is many that have held the presidency and other board position (more than once) I want to say THANK YOU.

We had a great Christmas dinner at Saint Jorge Winery, and Vern and Jenise deserve a BIG THANK YOU for going out of their way to host and make the dinner special. If you would drop a personal note in the mail thanking them, I am sure they would appreciate it.

Our last meeting December 12th was well attended, and we had a great presentation from Mark Chandler on the growth of Lodi (thank you Mark). We also packed 72 gift bags for the senior citizens at LOEL and inserted a Christmas card with each one.

And Sally Snyder received her Paul Harris + 3 award. Congratulations Sally. Additionally, Phil Lenser announced that he was going to personally match any donations to the Lodi Foundation (not Rotary International) up to a limit of \$5,000. Thank you, Phil, for your generosity and dedication to Rotary.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Mike Hodge

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

Where Do You Want To Hike?

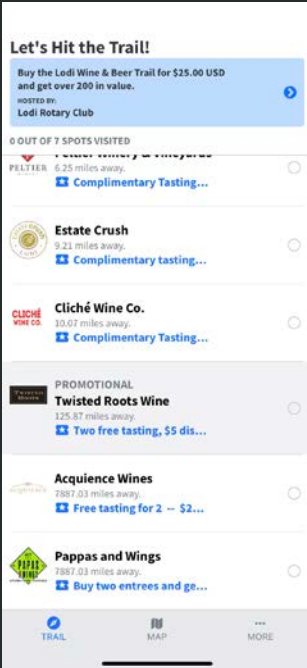
CHOOSE A TRAIL TO GET STARTED



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!



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P.S. The first meeting of the new year is Date Nite January 9th, 5:30 pm, at Doug Holck’s. Doug’s address is 17565 Hillside Drove. Lodi, CA 95240.

Upcoming Events

Lodi Wine and Beer Trail Kick Off Party

You are invited to the party, 5:30 PM, January 18th at Peltier Winery. Come have some wine and appetizers and meet our business partners that make the Trail possible. No cost to attend and you will be given a ticket to win one of 10 Trail Passes to be given away at the event. You must be present to win. And of course, passes will be on sale, buy some for gifts for friends and yourself. The pass will entitle you to discounts and breweries, wineries and restaurants.

Shrimp Mania - will be held on February 8th, 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 go on sale in December 2019. Cost \$55, includes one drink, get yours quick we sell out at 220 guests.



District Conference - 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.



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.

Nostalgia

Many of you remember some of the great Strippings publications put out by previous editors. Of note was the Jib Jab gif cartoons Paul Mertz always included in Strippings.

I have included one of them from the 2016 time frame. Enjoy!

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Sherry Cotta-President 2016/2017



Lodi Rotary Celebrates Thanksgiving



Sherry Cotta

Lodi Rotary Club

President for 2016-2017



Say Hi to Our Newest Rotarian



Lodi Rotary welcomes Mike Hodge as its newest Rotarian and yes Virginia, Mike will also be taking over the Webmaster duties for LodiRotary.com



Lodi Rotary Club in the Spotlight



Extra, Extra

Lodi's Jerry Fry Celebrates 50 Years of Perfect Attendance

Longtime Lodi Rotarian Jerry Fry was recently honored with a dinner at the Woodridge Country Club to celebrate his 50 years of perfect attendance. This is a remarkable achievement that few can or will duplicate. Whether he attended every meeting or was absent there waiting to make up from other club meetings, in countries as far away as Russia, Jerry has achieved an incredible goal—perfect attendance with the Lodi Rotary Club for 50 years. Attendance and involvement are important in Rotary, and the Lodi Club feels it is important to honor those members who make the effort to achieve or maintain perfect attendance. Jerry and his wife Peggy are pictured cutting their 50th anniversary cake.

Submitted by: Paul Merz, paul@paulmerz.com



CLUB ACTIVITIES

Lodi 1st Graders Get Gardening with New Planter

The Lodi Rotary Club with the support of a Master Gardener program and students at Neelan Elementary School worked together to deliver a garden planter on September 8, 2016. It is a water trough (2'x2') in which California Valerian 1st Graders assisted in rolling to the area it will be used. Students will be planting a fall garden now. Featured are Bob Skayback, Rotarian & Master Gardener, 1st Graders and Teacher, Doug Frick, Rotarian.

Submitted by: Bob Skayback, bobskayback@att.net



Are You Ready For The Turkey Family?

The Bird Is The Word!



Another Amazing Thanksgiving Video by our own Lodi Rotary Players

<http://www.jibjab.com/view/sNqhYgHRSZa8mLUlvny3ww>



Famous Quotes

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." Clarence Darrow

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."

Mark Twain



Rotary Humor



A man was brought to Mercy Hospital and taken in for emergency coronary surgery. The operation went well and, as the groggy man regained consciousness, he was reassured by a Sister of Mercy, who was waiting by his bed.

"Mr. Smith, you're going to be just fine," said the nun, patting his hand. "We do need to know, however, how you intend to pay for your stay here. Are you covered by insurance?"

"No, I'm not," the man whispered.

"Do you have any savings?" persisted the nun.

"I'm afraid I don't, Sister."

"Well, do you have any close relatives?" the nun essayed.

"Just my sister," he volunteered. "But she's a humble spinster nun."

"Oh, I must correct you, Mr. Smith. Nuns are not 'spinsters.' They are married to God," replied the nun.

"Wonderful," said Smith. "In that case, please send the bill to my brother-in-law."

ShelterBox Prepares for Mosul Refugees



Today marked the start of the battle to take control of Mosul back from the Islamic State group, also known as ISIS. The city is the group's last major stronghold in Iraq. But humanitarian aid agencies have known about the military offensive, giving them an unusual opportunity to prepare for the crisis.

"It is rare for the world to get early warning of a vast human catastrophe," says Chris Warham, chief executive of ShelterBox. "The United Nations High Commissioner

for Refugees issued a paper in July saying this would likely be the biggest humanitarian crisis of the year — and we better get prepared."

ShelterBox, Rotary's project partner for disaster relief, and ACTED, a French nongovernmental aid agency, have teams in the city of Irbil in Iraqi Kurdistan, 53 miles (85 km) east of Mosul. They have been working since July to get aid supplies ready so they can respond quickly as the battle unfolds.

"By tomorrow, 650 of the 3,000 tents that have been deployed to Irbil will arrive," says Warham. He estimates that, without the early notice, it would have taken ShelterBox at least two and a half weeks to gather these supplies.

Follow ShelterBox on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the latest updates. Learn how you can help at [ShelterBox](#).

By Maureen Vaught

Comments

Submitted By [Alwyn D'Sa](#) on 18-Oct-2016 10:31 pm

It is highly gratifying to note that Rotary responds instantly to aid the victims of ethnic and political and natural disaster refugees all

over the world in a significant way. It has the network of collaborating with the most acknowledged agencies. Kudos to Rotary. Let us keep up the good work.

Lodi Rotary Club Membership Roster



Amador, Antonio (Tony)

Baffoni, Ivern (Biff)

Bahnsen, John (John)

Beckman, Nancy (Nancy)

Nancy Byer-Hauan (Nancy)

Bokides, Nick (Nick)

Borra, Stephen (Stephen)

Camper, Sue

Jan Chandler (Jan)

Chandler, Mark (Mark)

Corell, William L.
(Bill)

Cotta, Joe A. (Joe)

Cotta, Sherry (Sherry)

Daegling, Eric (Eric)

Darling, Steven L.
(Steve)

Davis, Eric G. (Greg)

Dellinger, Nathan

Edwards, Craig (Craig)

Eklund, Richard

Elson, Jeni (Jeni)

Evans, William G.
(Jerry)

Felton, Steven C.
(Steve)

Fry, Jerry Jr. (Jerry)

Gilliland, Jack (Jack)

Hodge, Michael (Mike)

Holck, W. Douglas (Doug)

Hugo, Jerry D. (Jerry)

Huyett, William (Bill)

Ingrum, Daniel (Dan)

Kanegawa, Brian (Brian)

Karanidas, Nicholas

Kneeland, Tyrell (Ty)

Koepplin, Gary (Gary)

Lagorio, Dave (Dave)

Lenser, Philip G. (Phil)

Littlefield, Chris
(Chris)

Thomas Lyon (Tom)

Macias, Mary

McReynolds, Joanne

Mertz, Paul C. (Paul)

Mettler, Larry (Larry)

Mettler, Ronald H. (Ron)

Ochoa, Andrea

Patrick, Pat

Shinkle, John

Slayback, Robert D.
(Bob)

Smith, Michael W. (Mike)

Snyde, Sally G. (Sally)

Stangeland, Kirk (Kirk)

Steinwert, Kent (Kent)

Stokes, Thomas (Tom)

Suess, Virgil R.
(Virgil)

Thompson, David G.
(Dave)

Thompson, Jeffrey D.
(Jeff)

Melanie Toutai

Tudor, John W.

Vierra, Vern J. (Vern)

Vilinskas, Jamie

Vilinskas, Ross

Weybret, Fred E. (Fred)