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Lodi Rotary Celebrates Moms



Lodi Rotarians, Welcome to May!

We have been busy through April packaging gift boxes for our elderly Lodi Shut-Ins, extending planter boxes at Loel Center, as well as scooping, dumping and shoveling dirt into those newly expanded planter boxes. We celebrated Perfect Attendance with students at Needham School in a very inspiring Pizza Party, including demonstrations of their contributions to service for their community and world projects. Very giving

bunch of kids and educators. I saw many future Rotarians at work there. (Cont'd Page 3)

## Sporting Clay Shoot



## Remembering Steve Darling



Get Your Marching Boots on for this Mothers Days Video by our own Madam President



## Mothers Day Humor

Bill phones his mother says:

'Mom, how are you?' he asks. 'Not too good,' answers Lionel's mother, 'I've been very weak. 'Lionel, concerned asks, 'Why are you so weak, mother?' She says, 'Because I haven't eaten in 23 days' Lionel stammers, 'that's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 23 days?' His mother replies, 'Because I didn't want my mouth to be filled with food if you should phone.'

Longtime Rotarian, Steve Darling passed away April 26<sup>th</sup>. Steve had been a member of our club since 1995. He was a Paul Harris Fellow. Steve was our resident song leader and provided invocations at the weekly meeting.



## Bob & Norma Slayback Honored



Lodi Rotary Club recognizes one of its' own at a recent

luncheon, Bob & Norma Slayback were presented with a Major Donor Award from The Rotary Foundation. The prestigious award was presented by renowned local physician, Dr. Joe Serna. Dr. Serna went on to emphasize the work Rotary International has done in conjunction with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and others to eradicate Polio on a global scale. Rotary, along with its partners, has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide since their first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.



## Rotarians in the Spotlight

Bob & Norma Slayback noted in the Lodi News Sentinel-April 25, 2017

## Rotary Clubs 2017 Chili Cook Off







Rotarians taking a break after completing the Loel Center raised garden project.

## Presidents Corner Continued

Our Rotary Area One, District 5220, had a fun chili cook off. Although we did not win the grand prize (a crummy little trophy anyway), next year we need more attendees as it appears that is how the prize gets chosen! Next year, people....next year.



## Loel Center Master Gardeners At It Again



We honored and were honored with a Major Donor Award to Bob and Norma Slayback. Giving to the Rotary Foundation always makes you wonder who benefited more, the giver or the recipient! Giving is a gift itself, as many of you know. We have surpassed the past six years of giving this year with our member's TRF donations. When I asked for \$12,000, I was hopeful we would make it, but I should have known we would surpass it, and we have. Thank you for opening your hearts and wallets to TRF and all they help Rotarians accomplish. Lodi Rotary members are truly a gift to TRF themselves.

May brings our first Lodi Rotary Club CLAY SHOOT!

Continue to sell your raffle tickets, you shooter tickets and your sponsorships, please. It's going to be a BLAST! Hope to see you all there May the 4<sup>th</sup> at Birds Landing Hunting Club. We are a little short on shooters this year and next year we will schedule this on a Saturday to make it more Rotarian Friendly. Our sponsorships and our raffle tickets are helping us bring in much needed donations to our Lodi Rotary Foundation. Please keep up the good work.

In April we had "Date Night" at Porter's Pub. Although "Date Night" in May is Star Wars Day, May the 4<sup>th</sup>, and some of you will be in Birds Landing that morning, we have decided to continue and have "Date Night" that night as well. We will be back at Woodbridge Uncorked this May 4<sup>th</sup>, about 5:00 or 5:30. Hope to see you there to lift a glass to celebrate a fine Clay Shoot.

It is with a heavy heart that I speak of the passing of Rev. Steve Darling. I've always referred to him as "Darling Steve Darling". As you are aware, Steve suffered a massive stroke about two weeks ago. He lingered about ten days, but the news was

never positive and he has gone on to a much better place. As Steve would want us all to do, we continue to do the work of Rotary. I will never hear "God Bless America" without thinking of Steve. Until we meet again, my friend, until we meet again. Prez Sherry



## 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)

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)

Koeplin, Gary (Gary)

Lagorio, Dave (Dave)

Lenser, Philip G. (Phil)

Littlefield, Chris  
(Chris)

Thomas Lyon (Tom)

Macias, Mary

Mertz, Paul C. (Paul)

Mettler, Larry (Larry)

Mettler, Ronald H. (Ron)

Ochoa, Andrea

Patrick, Pat

Sherwood, Phillip (Phil)

Shinkle, John

Slayback, Robert D.  
(Bob)

Smith, Michael W. (Mike)

Snyde, Sally G. (Sally)

Stangeland, Kirk (Kirk)

Steinwert, Kent (Kent)

Stewart, Mark

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)