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## President's Message

**HAIL ROTARIANS!**

### Lodi Rotary Names New Officers to the Board

The following individuals have been selected to serve on the Lodi Rotary Executive Board for July 1, 2019 through 2020. A picture of the board appears at the end of the article.

President: Mike Hodge. Mike is a retired Army Colonel having served in Vietnam and Desert Storm 91. He

### Four Way Test

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

served as President Elect last year and as Director of International Services.

Immediate Past President: Phil Sherwood. Phil served last year as President and is a retired Director of CSEA. Dr. Sherwood has also retired from State government and teaching.

President Elect's: 2020 – 2021 - Joe Cotta, Jerry Frye (Jerry Frye is CEO of Mohr Frye enterprises and is one of the longest serving members of the club), Doug Holck, Phil Lenser, Chris Littlefield, Mike Smith. The forthcoming year will be Centennial Year for the club. Lodi Rotary is the oldest club in Lodi and the two other clubs are offshoots. A Centennial celebration is being planned in 2021 at Wine and Roses . As the date gets closer look for announcements of the event.

President Elect Nominee: Dave Lagorio works for Dieder Construction and has been a member of the club for many years.

Treasurer: Brian Kanegawa is a dentist and is returning to the board as treasurer and has served in that capacity for over 5 years.

Secretary: Julie Damron-Brown is new to the board but not to the community. Julie hosts the radio show each week, The Voice of Stockton and is a Veterinarian in the community. She is a supporter of many charities in the area and serves on several boards.

Sergeant at Arms: Dave Thompson is a retired minister and has served in the position for over 5 years.

Directors:

Club Service: Cameron Bregman is the newest member to our club and the youngest. He graduated from Tokay High School and chaired our Love Lodi Day project refurbishing the flower beds at Tokay High School.

Rotary Foundation: Doug Holck returns for another year to the board. Doug is a retired

builder having built several of the tasting rooms in the area.

Community Service: Matthew Lenser is a member of the Satellite club and also an AAMS® certified Financial Advisor with Edward Jones in Lodi.

Vocational Service: Chris Littlefield is owner of Kellogg Gardens a family owned business of 25 year in the area.

International Service: Sherry Cotta is an owner along with Joe Cotta of Cotta Vineyards and is also a member of several boards (Lodi Hospital, Salvation Army). She is returning to the board having served as Secretary and President and will become the District Governor of Rotary District 5220 in July of 2020.

Membership: Joe Cotta is an owner of Cotta Vineyards and a past president of the club.

Youth Services: Mike Smith is owner of Mike Smith Engineering and has coordinated the Rotary Young Leadership program for the club for many years.

It's going to be an amazing year. I am looking forward to serving our club !!!

Mike

### Coming Events

**ALZ Team Walk** We will not be having a regular meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>, instead we will be meeting at 8:00 on Saturday October 19th in Stockton at University of the Pacific, 3601 Pacific Ave., Stockton, CA 95211. If you can walk in the event wear your Rotary shirt. We will be meeting after the walk at Five Windows Brewery at 9 Locust Street for pizza and beer. If you can't join us, please support us with a donation by going to the following link:

[http://act.alz.org/site/TR?s\\_tr\\_part\\_finder\\_search\\_mode=basic&fr\\_search\\_type=team&fr\\_id=9494&searchTeam=Lodi+rotary&fr\\_find\\_search=Search&pg=pfind&s\\_donation\\_search=false&submit=true](http://act.alz.org/site/TR?s_tr_part_finder_search_mode=basic&fr_search_type=team&fr_id=9494&searchTeam=Lodi+rotary&fr_find_search=Search&pg=pfind&s_donation_search=false&submit=true)

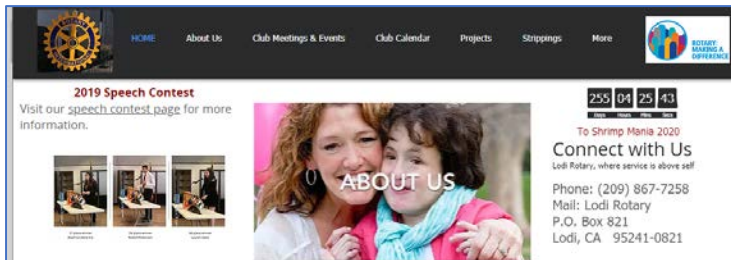
**Shrimp Mania** - will be held on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Once again, our very talented kitchen crew will be working under the masterful eye of Dan Ingram. This year will be better than ever (not that last years wasn't great). It is not too early to start finding items to donate and talking to your friends about supporting the event.



**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.

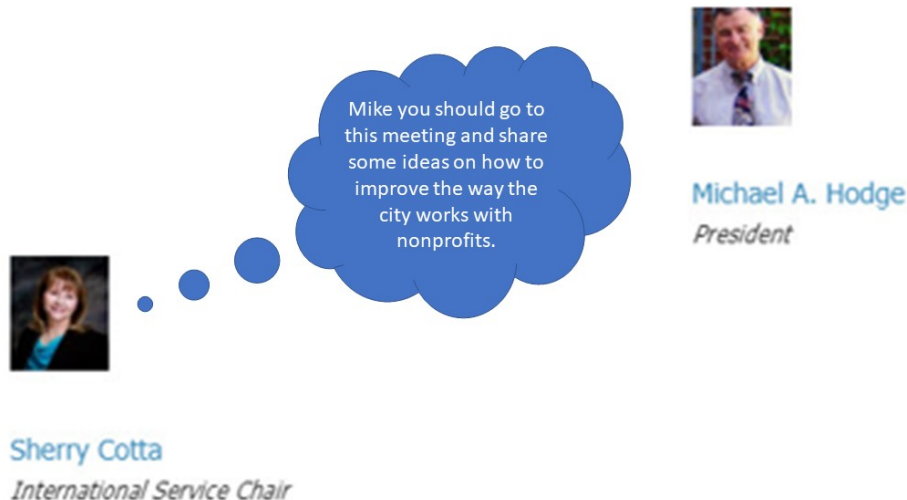
**Rotary International Conference – June 6 – 10, 2020** Honolulu, HI. Go to <http://www.riconvention.org/en> register. Our very own Sherry Cotta will be District Governor Elect at this conference so if you can attend please do and show your support for Sherry and Joe. Sherry will be DG during the year of our Centennial, and this will be a busy year for the club.

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## True Story About Lodi Planning

Last month your President received an email from DGE Sherry Cotta urging him to attend a planning meeting being conducted by the Lodi City Council. The meeting was a planning meeting and encouraged people to bring ideas about how to improve the city.



Being a conscientious club member, the President responded and attempted to attend the meeting only to find city hall closed? The President goes home talking to himself, "I need to read more carefully. I got the date wrong."

The organizer of the meeting also invited interested parties to submit ideas to them. So, the President sent an email with an attachment suggesting for the city to consider (appears on the last page) to the organizer.

The next day PP Phil Lenser asks in an email if I am in Wisconsin? So, I reply all no, I am in Lodi. The next email in the chain references Lodi (Wisconsin). Several emails then go back and forth, and the light goes on...this meeting was in Lodi, WI. It appears that our DGE failed to read the notice correctly :-). Which set off this hilarious chain of events.

I do believe that the DGE should ring the bell at the next meeting for this egregious offense wasting the President's valuable time. If you agree join me in encouraging the DGE Sherry Cotta to ring the bell.

## Recommendations for City Planning

### Recommendation

City of Lodi establish a liaison position to work with civic clubs.

### Discussion

Lodi could take advantage of the many service clubs in the community by creating a position to liaison with the clubs. This position could be an additional duty for someone in the city.

Lodi has two Rotary clubs, two Lions clubs, a Kiwanis, Soroptimist and Veterans clubs. The clubs want to support the city and many already do support the city by helping with park services and other items. However, the city has many rules and regulations that make it difficult for the clubs to help. Over the years the clubs have made many contributions to the city but could do more if a process was set up to coordinate with the clubs.

An example is the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pancake breakfast at Lodi Lake. Our Lodi Rotary club has helped the LOEL Senior Citizens Center, our Satellite club has purchased bicycles for the Salvation Army each and the Lions club has helped with renovations to the parks.

The city could assist the clubs by providing or assisting with an electronic sign or static signs in strategic locations letting people know about the clubs, fundraisers and civic events. The clubs are currently trying to develop a way to do this and have a committee devoted to researching and coming up with the most cost-effective way to accomplish this.

The city currently does not have a central point of contact and does not offer any assistance. Most clubs have a grant process they must follow to obtain funding for projects. Thus, each club attempts to identify projects that they can carry out on their own. There would be a savings in time and effort for clubs if there was city coordination for projects.

Examples for considerations: Lodi could review its needs, create a list for clubs to consider bidding on either separately or together when the costs were prohibitive for one club.

Sincerely

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August 2019 Rotary Theme Membership						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Date Night 5:30 PM Cactus, Woodbridge	2	3
4	5 Noon, Board Meeting Woodbridge Inn	6	7	8 United Way Kristien Birtwhistle 320-6206	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Kathy Piazza Meeting at "The Village" 25 E Pine st	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Barry Crall	23	24 District Foundation, Membership Retreat
25	26	27	28	29 Tripp Manely Jim Elloit School 368-2800	30	31
<i>Notes</i> Boxed dates indicate catering by Hollywood.			District Fdn membership retreat, Sierra Outdoor School 15700 Old Oak Ranch Rd, Sonora, CA 95370			

July 2019 Rotary Theme Transition						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	4 4th of July Holiday no meeting	5	6
7	8 Board Meeting, Woodbridge Inn noon	9	10	11 Date night, Habenaro Hots, 5:30 PM	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Noon, Presentation Budget, Calendar, Installation New Board	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Noon - Catherine Curran, Dir. Public Relations, Shriner's	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

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