



# THE SLUICE BOX

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Angels-Murphys  
**Rotary**  
Club



Imagine Rotary

SERVICE Above Self

December 1, 2022

## Club & Meeting Information

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY AT NOON

*Murphys Historic Hotel*

*457 Main Street, Murphys CA*

Mailing:

Angels-Murphys Rotary Club

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## Where to Make Up

West Calaveras Rotary:  
Thursdays, Noon, Thai House  
Restaurant, Valley Springs

San Andreas Rotary: 11:30 AM  
Wednesdays, Downstairs at Town  
Hall, 24 Church St. San Andreas

Attend a Board Meeting, Rotary  
Function or Online @ Rotary.org

## All are Welcome

**At this time we are meeting  
indoors in the upstairs Ballroom.**

Please contact us to inquire if we  
will be meeting upstairs,  
downstairs, outdoors, or off-site,  
or for information on attending  
via video. For other accommoda-  
tions or questions, please call us  
at 209-278-0455.



## THIS MONTH



### A TIME FOR REFLECTION AND JOY



**12:15** Call Meeting to Order  
Flag Ceremony & Rotary 4-Way Test  
Welcome Guests & Rotarians  
Recognition Wheel  
Announcements & Board Decisions  
Happy Bucks & High 5's  
Lunch

**12:45** Program/Guest Speaker

**1:05** President's Reminders & Drawing

**1:15** Thought for the Day / Adjourn Meeting

## Program Schedule:

Dec 1: Kim Gardner, Performing Animal Welfare Society (P.A.W.S.)  
*Post-Meeting, Kids' Christmas Wrapping & Dead Presidents Meeting*

Dec 8: Students of the Month / Greg Taylor, New Member Intro

Dec 15: **HOLIDAY PARTY! 5 PM in the Ballroom, RSVP to Jim**

Dec 22 & 29: NO MEETINGS – Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

**CURRENT PROJECT:** *Rotarians are just ordinary people doing extraordinary things by working together.*



members are encouraged  
to attend the breakfast  
and spend a little time

with our honorees. We are also  
resuming our annual Kids' Christmas  
Party with gifts for 20 Michelson  
after-school students. Santa and his  
elves have been very busy getting  
ready to spread the cheer!



## Club Leadership 2022-2023

President:	Paula Cobbett
President-Elect:	David Stormont
Secretary:	Omar Mansour
Treasurer:	Jerry Lucas
Sergeant at Arms:	Louie Clark
Past President:	Scott Nanik

### DIRECTORS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

International Srvc.:	Roger Huddleston
Community Service:	Sabrina Julian
Club Service:	Jim Bailey
Public Image Chair:	Scott Nanik
Vocational Service:	Donna Stevenson
Youth Services Chair:	Jenny Baxter
Foundation Chair:	David Stormont
Membership Chair:	Chuck Milazzo

Rotary Intl. President:	Jennifer Jones
District 5220 Governor:	Chris Daly
Asst. District Governor:	Open



## Prez Paula's Pop Quiz!

How many Mark Twains are in this newsletter?



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT . . .



New members joining the club in November were Randy Ehle and Mary Stai – a great big Welcome to you both! We had a few “ringers” – of the bell that is... representing \$100 donation to TRF – Roger, for the success of our Soles4Souls project; Jenny, for her book “A Food Affair” being published on Amazon!

Park Ranger from New Melones Mike McGraw spoke about the current state of the recreation area with the water being at 20% of capacity. Now run by the Bureau of Reclamation, the new dam was built by the Army Corps primarily for flood control purposes when atmospheric rivers were flooding the valley. Other purposes include hydropower, water for San Joaquin County, for the salmon runs and lastly, for recreation. In the last drought (2015) it got down to 11% of capacity.



On the 10<sup>th</sup> we were joined by guests Peggy Lucas and Mary Kennard. Our Student of the Month honorees are both conscientious in academics, involved in sports, and headed for careers in conservation psychology (Makenna) and agricultural engineering (Zachary).

We also were inspired to hear about the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Foundation and their programs. They've placed 176 mentees since 2003 and are looking for mentors – particularly women, and more in the upper Hwy 4 area. It's a 2 hour a week commitment. You can support them with Time, Talent OR Trea\$ure! Email [calaverasmentoringfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:calaverasmentoringfoundation@gmail.com) for more information.

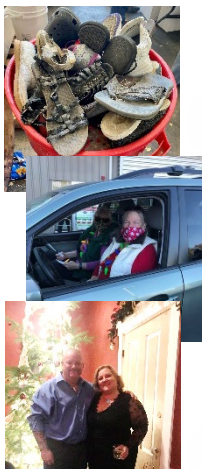





Meryl threatened to resign as Finemaster, and would have had to spin for that horrible idea, but the Wheel Was Missing! Crisis averted. Mike introduced returning guest speaker Alitia Danciu, who practices Holistic Medicine and Acupuncture right across the street here in Murphys. She began her career after an accident and injury changed her course. Alitia explained how western medicine treats symptoms of disease, while Chinese medicine is about the whole body and mind, promoting the concept of balance. Some in our health care system are starting to integrate this, though it's still rare. Healthy tip: omega 3s and turmeric are the most important for inflammation. Call Alitia to learn more at 209-518-4582.





## OTHER HAPPENINGS:



-  **EVEN MORE SHOES!** After packing 344 boxes containing 2558 pairs of shoes, even more came in, so the Shoe Crew (Jim, Scott and Roger) packed and shipped off about 30 more boxes to Soles4Souls. Best year ever thanks to our generous community of shoe-sharers!
-  Barb is looking for a few volunteers/supporters to donate to Santa's Express, also known as the Christmas Baskets project, now headed up by San Andreas Rotary. Let her know if you can help with this much needed annual Food Bank delivery project!
-  RSVP to Jim for the Holiday Party on December 15<sup>th</sup> – this is a wonderful evening to share fellowship and meet our members' significant others as well.

Jerry made two marble grabs, and Louie made one,  
but both came up "clear as a bell!"  
*The Super Pot rolls up to \$450!*

## Up Next:

***Our Meals on Wheels Fundraising Campaign begins now, until Spring, with a goal of raising \$5,000 from the community and matching it from our Foundation!***

*The **White Elephant Auction** will be on January 5, our first meeting of the New Year! This fun exchange raises money for the running of our Club and is IN LIEU OF club dues. Please bring a WRAPPED GIFT containing something funny, weird, or just nice, and of course INTERESTING!*



**OUR CAUSES** Rotary is dedicated to seven areas of focus to build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever.

***PROMOTING PEACE: Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures. We train adults and young leaders to prevent and mediate conflict and help refugees who have fled dangerous areas.***



*Today, over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. **Half of them are children.***

### **ROTARY CREATES ENVIRONMENTS OF PEACE**

*We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect. By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.*



## What we do!

Angels-Murphys Rotary Club holds great fundraisers so that we can do good in the community! As a small club we do so much every year, and plan to:

- Award \$6000+ in scholarships to graduating seniors
- Give winter coats, backpacks & school supplies to local children & illustrated dictionaries to every third grader
- Provide items of comfort to abused children
- Send juniors to leadership camp & honor top students
- Raise emergency funds for disaster victims
- Bring joy and gifts to our elders with Santa for Seniors and Valentines for Vets
- Contribute to ongoing improvements in our towns & parks
- Foster the spirit of service in Bret Harte's Interact Club
- Support the Senior Center's food pantry & Meals-on-Wheels
- Hold a free community shredding & electronics recycling event
- Collect and repair wheelchairs for the disabled
- Pack & ship 2500+ pairs of shoes for repair by Soles4Souls
- Contribute to Rotary International's Seven Areas of Focus, including the worldwide eradication of polio
- Build goodwill in the community and friendships with one another – visit us at a meeting to find out more!