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February 2, 2023

Angels-Murphys

Rotary

Club

# Club & Meeting Information

MEETS EVERY THURSDAY AT NOON

Murphys Historic Hotel

#### 457 Main Street, Murphys CA

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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 accommodations or questions, please call us at 209-278-0455.



# THIS MONTH



#### A TIME FOR WARMTH & KINDNESS

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:

Feb 2: Erin Groble, The Rotary Foundation – Planned Giving
Feb 9: Valentine's Lunch – Bring Your Sweetheart
Feb 14: Valentines for Vets Candy Distribution @ Veterans Memorial
Feb 16: Students of the Month / Paul Harris Awards Update
Feb 23: Rebecca Callen - City Administrator, Angels Camp

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



Our Valentines for Vets event is just around the corner. Due to the generosity of a private donor, we will be giving a box of delicious See's Candy to each of 71 veterans who live in our service area as a small acknowledgment and thank you for their service. These local veterans have been

nominated for

the program and received an invitation letter to stop by and pick up their candy on Valentine's Day at the Murphys Veterans Memorial Park on Algiers Street between 10 and noon. Stop in to meet some of these friendly neighbors as they come by!



#### Angels Camp & Murphys, California

#### February 2023

#### Club Leadership 2022-2023

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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 Huddlestone	
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: Jennife District 5220 Governor: Ch Asst. District Governor:

Jennifer Jones Chris Daly Open



#### Prez Paula's Pop Quiz!

How many Mark Twains are in this newsletter?





#### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT . . .



Dr. Chris Draper from P.A.W.S. sanctuary in San Andreas gave a beautiful presentation about the history and purpose of the organization (a peaceful retirement for former circus and otherwise abused performing animals), with an introduction

to their many elephants, bears and tigers. P.A.W.S. always needs donations

of time, talent and treasure. Check out their website at <u>www.pawsweb.org</u> to find out how to support them and their 35 animals of 7 species. Their \$3.7 million/year cost is funded solely by donations.



A grand time was had by all who attended our holiday party on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> in our usual meeting room, all gussied up for the festive season. Fellowship was the goal, and we got to know each other's families better too.

We rang in the new year with our fun and sometimes silly White Elephant Auction! In lieu of club

dues, we fund our meetings by bringing in surprise gifts (interesting, funny, not particularly useful), and auctioning them off to our fellow Rotarians. Your editor was not able to attend, but needs to know, who got the bota bag?



In December and January we honored a number of high achieving Students of the Month from Bret Harte, and younger Students of the Semester.





We welcomed many guests over the last weeks to our meetings: Jazmine and Tammy from Hospice of Amador and Calaveras (support them by buying Valentine's Raffle tickets! Call (209) 223-5500); and guests/potential members invited by Linda, Chuck, Sabrina and Omar. We look forward to their return visits. New member speeches were made, pink badges replaced with blue badges, the bell was rung for various momentous events and happy bucks filled the basket. Don't miss out ... see you at the meeting!

#### Angels Camp & Murphys, California OTHER HAPPENINGS:



Santa for Seniors – Gifts were purchased specifically for a dozen local senior citizens who needed a little extra TLC this holiday season. They were also treated to a breakfast at the Hotel and we got to know them a bit.

*Kids' Christmas Party* – Our own resident Santa brought gifts to all the children at Michelson's after-school program: chosen just for them from their Santa lists. Club members got together to wrap all these wonderful gifts after the meeting one day, led by Santa's best elf Jenny Baxter!

Breaking News... Omar Mansour has accepted his nomination by the Dead Presidents Society to be President-Elect 2024-2025!

Mike must have the luck of the Irish, with 3 grabs at the marble in a row! But the black marble proved elusive, even to this lucky fellow. *The Super Pot rolls up to \$570!* 





# Up Next:

Our Meals on Wheels Fundraising Campaign is continuing through Spring, with a goal of raising \$5,000 from the community and matching it from our Club! Watch for e-mails.

Murphys Irish Day is on 3/18 and we will have our booth in front of Black Sheep Winery, where we'll paint yer hair green for a donation and sell ye some beads! This FUNraiser supports our high school's Interact Club and their service projects.





**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!