



# Munchkin' Land PWR News



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## Get to know your 2022-23 Point West Rotary Board Candidates

### Dominic Porrino



Dominic Porrino was born and raised in San Leandro, went to high school in Santa Rosa, college at

UCSB, and law school at Golden Gate University in SF. He focuses his law practice on Family Law, with offices in Sacramento and Pleasant Hill. His wife, Christy Rollofson Porrino, is a lifelong Sacramento resident and Dentist with offices in Sacramento and Elk Grove. Dominic and Christy have two children, Francesca "Frankie" (6 y.o.) and Domenico "Nico" (4 y.o.)

During his short tenure as a member at Point West Rotary, he has contributed to the Club by the following: Co-Chairing of Polio Plus program, running the Putting for Polio event with Lori Curry, donating wines for an auction to raise money for Mary Lyn's term, sponsoring a brewery for a week of the 2020 virtual Brewfest, assisting Tom Engwer with running the front gate at 2021 Brewfest, head of running the front gate for 2022 Brewfest, and is one of the Sergeant of Arms for Mary Lyn's term.

Dominic is not only proud to be the first virtually inducted member of Point West during Kathy Copeland's term, but also achieving the honor of being Rookie of the Year during Russ Fuji's term.

### Maria O'Neil



In December 2001, a friend invited me to a Rotary meeting. I was go-

ing through a tough time personally and she said, "Come to Rotary with me Friday morning. You will meet the most amazing people. It's exactly what you need right now, Maria." Fortunately, I did join her at the meeting, and my life was changed forever. Rotary is full of amazing people, doing selfless, caring, and compassionate work for people all over the world, often, in very quiet ways. Being part of this organization has made me a better person. I love that I am a part of this organization, and able to experience and participate in the impact that Rotary makes, every day, in so many remarkable ways.

During my years at Point West, I have had the privilege and opportunity to work on many things. I have previously been on the Club Board, I have chaired the Speech Contest, spent many years on the Festa di'Vino committee (including its inaugural year), spent many years on the Brewfest committee, served on the International Committee, assisted in the marketing and promotions of many events, worked on many initiatives over my 20 years in the club, and am currently a member of the PWR Foundation Board.

I am a mother of four children (adults now) who grew up in the club. I would be honored to be a member of John Price's Board of Directors.

### Mike Bede



Mike became a charter member of the PWR Satellite Club in 2017 and was the club treasurer for its first year. He then transferred over

to the PWR main club in February 2018 and has been an active member ever since.

Since joining Point West Rotary, he has co-chaired the Fun(d) Raiser Committee during 2020, co-chaired the Document Shredding event, chaired the Salvation Army Bell Ringing in 2021, and has been in charge of scheduling Thought for the Day speakers for the last two years. He has also volunteered for the American River Parkway Cleanup, Brewfest, Chicken Chuckin', Festa di Vino, Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Run the Parkway.

He is a US Navy veteran and was born in the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia as his father was in the Navy as well. He currently resides in both Sacramento and Truckee, CA.

He is retired from the high-tech industry, after having worked at Tandem Computers, EMC, Cisco Systems & Blue Coat Systems.



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### Robert Berger



I joined the Point West Rotary Club—Sacramento during Jack Kasper's term (1996

-1997) and was sponsored by two fellow accounting friend's—David Suter (deceased) and Keith Tronson. After joining the Club, I was asked to be the treasurer of the "Spring Fling," and was subsequently the treasurer of many events, including—California Brewer's Festival, Festa di Vino, Partners In Leadership and others. I also had the privilege of serving on the PWR Board for the two Larry's—Larry Suddjian (2000-2001) and Larry Challis (2001-2002). During this time the Club made many changes, including how the fiscal year fundraising proceeds were distributed. Also, I had the privilege of being one of the founding members of the Point West Rotary Club Foundation in 1998 (as Treasurer), which has grown from the "first" contribution from David Suter (\$1,000.00) to the current balance; the Quiet Rotarian (1999-2000); and Sergeant-At-Arms for Gary Pevey (2013-2014). I would be honored to be reelected to the Board, looking forward to serving and providing historical information for "The Best Damn Rotary Club on the Planet."

### Greg Garcia



Greg Garcia joined Point West Rotary in 2004. He previously served on the board from 2011-13. He has participated

as a worker or co-chair in many of the club's fundraisers and events and has chaired multiple events including the Salvation Army Food Distribution. Greg has owned Screaming Squeegie, a distributor of promotional products, logo apparel, and graphic design services, since 2006. A native Sacramentan, he has been married for 25 years, has two daughters, and resides in the Del Dayo area. His most memorable rotary moment was several years ago at a meeting at the Sacramento Red Lion when a prank guest speaker, posing as a Rotarian from the bay area, informed the club of Rotary's intention to return to an only-male membership policy and the ensuing in-meeting revolt by club members.

### Randy Burton



I am a Sacramento native. I think I qualify as a member of the "Sutter Sibblings", an unofficial offshoot of the "Placenta Brothers", having been born

at Sutter Maternity Hospital. Perhaps my Mother has the same doc as the Placenta Brothers?

After many years as a Rotarian of the Foothill Highlands, Sacramento and the Greenhaven/Pocket Clubs, I am finally very happy member of the Best Damn Rotary Club on the Planet. Since I was accepted for membership in PWR, I have completed all of the new member requirements; I putted for polio twice; Co-chaired the Comfort Cases Packing Party, I co-sponsored Ross Rushton as a new member; I helped with registration at the PWR Golf Tournament; I helped set up and worked at the Brewfest; I "attended" the District Assembly and the District Conference on Zoom; I attended President Russ' Demotion; and I participated in many service projects, including the Dictionary Distribution, warehouse work at the Food Bank and the Rise Against Hunger packing event.

I was surprised by the invitation to run as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Rotary Club of Point West-Sacramento. I would be honored to serve, if elected.



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### Paul Friedrich



Paul Friedrich, has been a member of Point West Rotary (PWR) since 2009. In that time,

he has served on the Grant Review Committee, The Foundation Board, Club Board of Directors and Chair of the International Giving Committee. He currently holds a position on the District Foundation Committee overseeing the Global Grant process. He has also tutored at Thomas Edison and Jonas Salk, was Treasurer for the Festa Di Vino and is a yearly participant with the Encina Leadership Academy. He is a long time resident of the Sacramento area: having attended elementary school in Fair Oaks, High School in Elk Grove and college at CSUS.

Paul lives in the Arden Arcade area and has been married to his wife Sharon for 31 years and has two children Leanna 30 and Nicholas 26. He loves attending live theatre, playing a round of golf and reading books about American History.

### Jeff Milde



Jeff Milde is the owner of the Calma Association Management Company, serving non-profit organizations. Jeff has a BS de-

gree from San Jose State University and an MBA from the University of San Francisco. He has been a member of Rotary since 2003 when he joined the Rotary Club of San Francisco (#2), where he became a Paul Harris Fellow. After moving to Sacramento he joined the Point West Rotary Club and was active on the Festa di Vino committee, softball team and served as the newsletter editor for a year. Work moved his family to Los Gatos where he was active with the Los Gatos Rotary Club until returning to Sacramento and recently re-joining Point West. This make Point West his 2nd and 4th Rotary Club. He is currently one of the flying monkeys (sergeant-at-arms). Jeff has been married for 24 years to his wife, Jennifer, a practicing physician in Obstetrics & Gynecology. He has two sons, Calvin (16) and Dashel (12).

### Vote

Voting for your board members will be at the in person PWR meeting on 12/3/2021. Come to see your favorite candidates get elected. The vote will take place on December 3, 2021.

If you are not able to attend in person to cast your vote, please contact PP Russ Fuji for details of how your vote can count..

### New PEE

Let's again congratulate our new President-Elect-Elect for the 2023-24 PWR year, **Mr. Roger Gilleland.**

