



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI VALLEY



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## MEMBERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



### Sorry Emperor for the Pre-emption—Members are in the Spotlight this week.

Did you know that — **Kate O'Brien** studied music in college, scored high in math and science on a vocation test, studied engineering and became an engineer. She has lived in Simi Valley for almost 20 years, served on the Park District board for the last 16 years. She has been with her current significant other Frank for over seven years—for fun she enjoys antiques, hiking, poker and visiting museums.



Did you know that — **Pete Stong** was born in Pasadena a long time ago; loves sports—having played baseball and basketball and music—he actually played the trumpet through the 12th grade. He attended UCLA; has been married 46 years and has a son and a daughter. He worked for Beverly Enterprises for 41 years and served as VP of Operations. He enjoys UCLA sports and is a 20 year season ticket holder at Pantages; and he really enjoys Glamping. Pete enjoys giving back to the community and his wish is that we learn to tolerate differing views and get along with one another.



Did you know that — **Dana Apple** is from Fresno and as a kid she was teased because of her last name. When the Apple I-Phone came out that made her very happy. She graduated from UCSB and met her husband at the Elephant Bar in Goleta. When she was pregnant she seemed larger than normal and it was for a good reason—she was carrying twin boys, who are now 16 years old. She was a stay at home mom for a while, worked for Milgard, decided to go down a different path and purchased a travel franchise. This was sort of sparked by her love of travel and memories of traveling to Europe and visiting 13 countries in 50 days. Dana's travel agency is Dapple Destinations.

### Proposed for Membership:

#### Maggie Kestly, Joe Grinstead and Jennifer Swenson

The Emperor is pleased to announce three proposed candidates for membership. Our bylaws state that notification of proposed new members must be announced at least three times—this is the second notice. **About the proposed members:**

**Maggie Kestly** has been a resident of Simi Valley since 1985. Maggie is seeking a transfer from Simi Sunset Rotary. She has been a Rotarian since 1997, having served as President and Cajun Festival Chair. She is a Major donor, benefactor, Bequest Society Member and a Paul Harris Society member. Maggie is the President of the Free Clinic Board of Directors, Chair Elect for the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce and a Ventura County Planning Commission appointee.

**Joe Grinstead** has been a resident of Simi Valley since the 1960s. Joe is seeking a transfer from Simi Sunset Rotary. Joe has been a Rotarian since 1998; he is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and served as the Cajun Festival security Chair. Joe was a fireman at the young age of 18, but his career was cut short when attempting a rescue he plummeted 40 feet from a cliff. He switched gears and became an electrician and started his own company—Joseph Grinstead Electric, his career as an electrician has span 40 years.

**Jennifer Swenson** is the president and CEO of Simi Valley Hospital. She has more than 20 years finance, operations and business development leadership experience in the health care industry. Swenson served as corporate vice president for the Kettering Health Network and as president at Fort Hamilton Hospital—both in Ohio. Swenson is no stranger to the Simi Valley area ... she resided in the City from 2000-2004.

### Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Club Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

Lynne Kline 1/07  
Christina Orta 1/08  
Dan Rosen 1/13  
Dr. Deb Wollum 1/21  
David Ralphe 1/22  
Gordon Lindeen 1/23  
Jerry Gladden 1/28

#### Spouses Birthdays

Michael McIntyre 1/13  
Vonda Lansden 1/13  
Michael Dare 1/27

#### Anniversaries

Jack and Toni Parfitt  
1/27/60

#### 57 Years

#### Club Anniversaries

James Hoehn 1/7/14  
**3 years**  
Kate O'Brien 1/23/01  
**16 years**  
Josie Hirsch 1/25/11  
**3 years**  
Mike Judge 1/25/11  
**3 years**

"Small things

BIG Difference!"



#### Rotarians of the Month

Congratulations to Hal Ward and Henry Goldstein, named Rotarians of the Month. They were recognized for making sure "Happy Bucks" were accurately counted and submitted to the club's accountant Carolyn S.

### Happy Bucks ...

Kate started happy bucks with an ouch for banging her leg on the table and for the rain, Michele was happy for the SSI Board Retreat and for Becky and Darryl working on new ideas for the 4th of July, Hal was happy to be named Rotarian of the Month along with his partner in crime Henry and Bob was happy to introduce his guest Ivan. Pete was happy his son and granddaughters were visiting and for successfully climbing Mt. Rubido and he added a nervous buck because he was going to have to speak in front of the club, Allan was happy for the upcoming PHN and the many awards that will be handed out, for Police Chief Mitch M.'s retirement party, and he shared that he was still waiting on his invite to the Inauguration. Ginny was happy to attend Mitch's retirement party, and for the Rotarians of the Month, Maggie K. was glad to be attending the meeting and happy her table did not feel like she was in time out, Joe G. was just happy, and Henry was happy to be named co-Rotarian of the Month with Hal.

Joe G. added more happy bucks and put himself in time out, Terry was happy Maggie stood her ground, for Joe W. suggesting the club sing the Beatles' hit "Let it Be", for the SSI Retreat, sad for the Cowboys loss, happy for the Seattle loss. John L. joined Joe G. in time out and declared the table would be known as the politically incorrect table and lastly, the Emperor acknowledged those who attended Heather F.'s memorial service and was looking forward to the Craft Talks.



### A Few Announcements ....

January 27 — Salute to Business Luncheon (honoring Coleen McIntyre/Swink's Towing)

January 28 — STEPS Conference (see Jonathan K.)

February 9 — Galentine's Day Event (See Michele H.)

March 19 — Bolio (see Hal W.)

Upcoming Poker Tournament—more details to come-Dan Rosen is chairing

April 20 — Paul Harris Night



Paul Harris Video Debut  
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