



MILLWORKS



President Frank Smithson gets Demoted at the Pork Palace June 28, 2026

Past-President Frank Smithson was finally demoted after a successful year as President. "Where you be now, Frank?"

New Four Way Test announced:

1. Is it a lie?
2. Are we sure it is a lie?
3. Will it make you feel good?
4. Shall we just drink a Bourbon?

President Frank led a year of a great class of new members by shepherded by membership Chair Babette Grupp.

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Mark Your Calendars Programs

July 4 - Parade!

July 7 - Club President Kristan Morrison's first new meeting!



Here's President Kristan 2026-2027!



Millworks Message

Thank you **Past-President Frank Smithson**, for your excellent year.



**Babette Grupp Receives
Rotarian of the Year 2026-27**



**Bonnie Jacobsen Memorial
Rookies of the Year
Elizabeth Breen, and Bob Worth!**
Presented by **Past-President Ian Jacobsen**

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Announcements

**4th of July Parade on for
10am Saturday, July 4, 2026**

See Steve Palmer for assignments

**Discount ends midnight July 4,
2026 for tickets to:**

Comedy Night Sept 11, 2026 8pm

Dennis Regan

**Owen Andersen and Bangs Out
Improv**

**[https://solvangtheaterfest.org/
show-details/comedian-dennis-
regan](https://solvangtheaterfest.org/show-details/comedian-dennis-regan)**

Congratulations to Paul Harris Fellow Awardees ~

Steve Palmer

John Adams

Eileen Bristol

Mary Maranville

Linda Johansen

Kristen Morrison

Bobby Brugnone

Allan Jones

Valarie Kissell

Babette Group - Rotarian of the Year

Tom Olmsted

Steve Decker

Bob Worth - Rookie of the Year

Ron Nielsen

Ed Skytt

Elizabeth Breen - Rookie of the Year

Jan Clevenger

The origins of Paul Harris Fellow recognition

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

At the International Assembly in 1979, incoming RI President James Bomar challenged each Rotary club to make one non-Rotarian a Paul Harris Fellow. The Rotary Club of Pikesville, Maryland, USA, responded by making a donation in the name of Mother Teresa in 1980. The entertainer Pearl Bailey also became a Paul Harris Fellow through a joint effort of the Rotary clubs in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Many other notable figures have been named Paul Harris Fellows, including U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, U.S. astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and polio vaccine developer Jonas Salk, Comedian Dennis Regan, Guitarist Tommy Emmanuel

The number of Paul Harris Fellows reached the 1 million mark in 2006.



NOTICE OF SPECIAL EVENT SOLVANG 4TH OF JULY PARADE

June 16, 2025

Dear Resident or Business Owner,

This letter serves as a courtesy notice that a special event is scheduled in the area of your residence or business on Friday, July 4, 2025. There will be road closures affecting some areas. Detours to Mission Drive (Hwy 246) around the affected area will be on Pine Street, Laurel Ave, Fifth Street and Oak Street. Residents will have access via detours. Many efforts have been taken to ensure the parade runs smoothly and the impact is as minimal as possible.

Name of Event: Solvang 4th of July Parade

Area of Event: The parade starts at Old Mission Santa Ines and the Solvang Veteran's Hall and heads west on Mission Drive to Fourth Place, then south on Fourth Place, east on Copenhagen Drive, south on Alisal Road, then east into the Mission via the driveway adjacent to the post office.

(See map below)

Parade Start Time: 10:00 AM – **NEW START TIME**

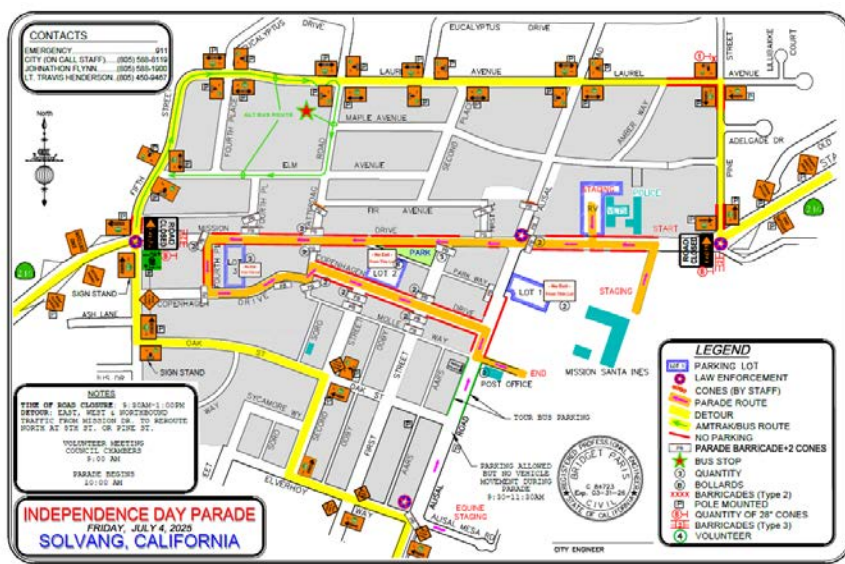
Road Closures: 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Should you have any questions or concerns in regard to the parade, please email me at solvang4thparade@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Wishing you a happy 4th of July!

Steve Palmer

4th of July Parade Chairman Solvang Rotary





<https://solvangtheaterfest.org/show-details/comedian-dennis-regan>

Buy your tickets now and save some big money!

Early Bird Pricing (June 10–July 4 at Midnight):

Center Sections \$50 | Outer Sections \$40

Regular Pricing (after July 4 at Midnight):

Center Sections \$55 | Outer Sections \$45

Get ready for a night of nonstop laughter with comedian Dennis Regan live under the stars at Solvang Festival Theater. Known for his quick wit, relatable storytelling, and brilliantly funny takes on everyday life, Dennis has been entertaining audiences for decades with appearances on The Late Show with David Letterman, The Tonight Show, Comedy Central, and Showtime. His laid-back style, sharp observations, and effortless delivery have made him a favorite on stages across the country.

Opening the evening is SYV local comedian Owen Andersen & Bangs Out!, bringing high-energy improv, spontaneous comedy, and big laughs to kick off an unforgettable night of live comedy in Solvang.

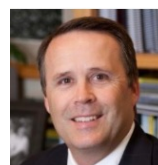
Proceeds from this special event support the incredible community work of Solvang Rotary Club and Solvang Theaterfest. Through scholarships, youth programs, local initiatives, community support, and charitable outreach, Solvang Rotary continues to make a lasting impact throughout the Santa Ynez Valley while helping keep arts and entertainment thriving at Solvang Festival Theater.

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**KRISTAN MORRISON,
PRESIDENT
2026-2027**

Our President Kristan, grew up in the valley, Went to USC, worked from fellow valley resident President Ronald Reagan.



**STEVE PALMER
PRESIDENT
-ELECT
2027-2028**

He can do it all, married to Lisa, runs our parades, sells our fundraiser tickets, three excellent sons, hikes the world.



ALLAN JONES
Lowly Millworks
Editor. Former Pig
Farmer



Demotion Party Success!

Thank you's to:

Don Conner for the excellent BBQ chicken from Whiskey 'N Rye

Randy Jones, donation of the Pork Palace venue.

The Albertoni girls - Jan and Ellen for organizing the excellent party













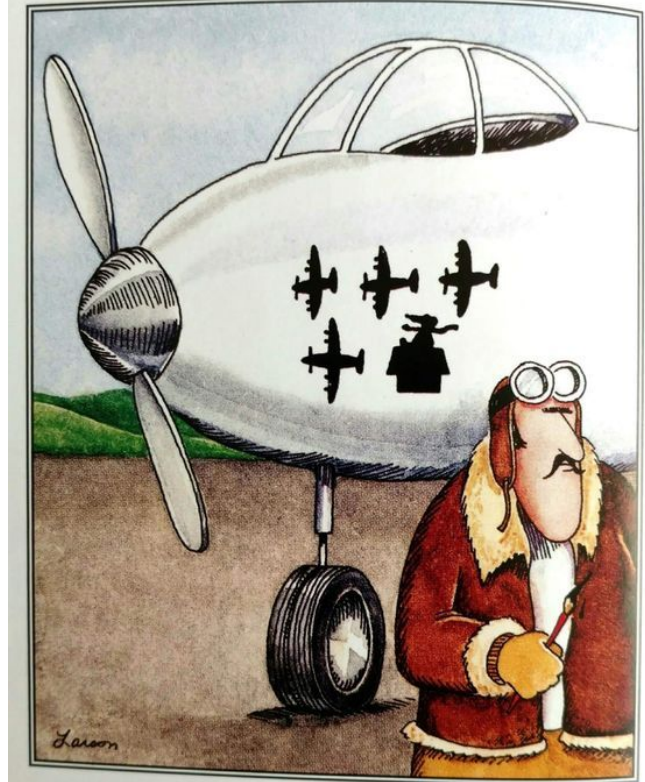




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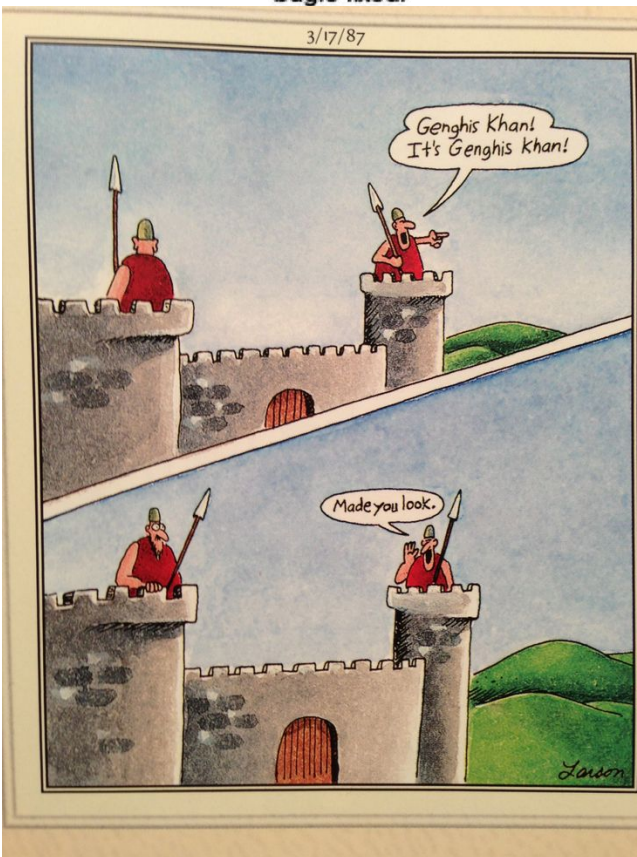


"You heard me, Simmons! . . . You get that cursed bugle fixed!"



"What did I say, Boris? . . . These new uniforms are a crock!"

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Past President - **Frank Smithson**
President-elect - **Steve Palmer**
Vice President - **Tom Olmsted**
Secretary - **Dennis Bales**
Treasurer - **Eileen Bristol**
Membership Chair - **Babette Grupp**
Programs - **Barbara Breza**
Public Relations/Webmaster - **Christy Wolfe**
Foundation Chair - **Tresha Sell**

Avenues of Service:

Community - **Elizabeth Breen**
Club - **Jan Clevenger/Ellen Albertoni**
Environmental - **Bobby Brugnone**
International - **Linda Johansen**
Peace Building - **Clau Orona**
Vocational - **Robb Kennedy/Frank Smithson**
Youth - **Open**

Seargent at Arms - **John Adams**
Joke Masters - **Bill "Chilli" Chillingsworth/Chris Lowry/Gary Riches**
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Club Administration and
Event Chairs in addition to
Officers and Board:

Awards Chair: **Art Kaslow**
Invocation/Pledge: **Bill "Chill"
Chillingworth**
Polio Plus Drawing:
Scholarship Chair:
Grants Chair: **Dean Elser**
July 4th Parade: **Steve Palmer**

Solvang Rotary Foundation
President: **Allan Jones**
Grants Chair: **Art Kaslow**
Scholarship Chair: **Alan Hitt**

International and District Leadership 2026-2027

Rotary International President:

**Olayinka Hakeem
Babalola**

International President-
Elect:

**Larry A. Lunsford -
Kansas City -Plaza USA**

District 5240 Governor:

**Margarida Eidson -
Ventura East**

Governor-Elect:

**Scott Astrosky - Pismo
Beach Five Cities**

Asst. Governor Group9:
Ruth Shepard - Lompoc

Solvang Rotary is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Join Zoom Meeting

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86772399267?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86772399267?pwd=NhWXPmGarRagR9HN4bOccVZaVsQDuC.1)
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Meeting chat link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/jc/86772399267>

Meeting ID: 867 7239 9267

Passcode: 846553

One tap mobile

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Join by SIP

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Join instructions

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Dear Fellow Solvang Rotarians,

What a great year it has been.

Looking forward to another great year ahead.

On to the Parade July 4, 2026.

Over 90 entries so far.

Next meeting on Tuesday, July 7 2026 with new
President Kristan and officers for 2020.

Yours in Rotary Service

- Millworks Editor Allan