



MILLWORKS



Past President Frank Rescues

President Kristan from her absence and runs the meeting like an experience pro.

Speaking of rescues....



Rhyn Hammargren of Veggie Rescue speaks about their rescuing achievements and Tom Shepard's Farm producing vegetables to distribute. She verified kale is the most difficult veggie to rescue.

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Mark Your Calendars Programs & Events

July 14 - Next meeting program:
Eryn Shugart of Veggie Rescue

July 18 - AYSO BBQ - See Art K.

July 29, 2026 - Wednesday - Rotary
Redcoat night at Solvang Festival Theater
for "Frozen." See Past President Frank.



Here's President Kristan 2026-2027!

Millworks Message

Second week of Solvang Rotary of President Kristan's reign and still surviving!

Thank you **Past-President Frank** for your excellent coverage whilst **President Kristan** wasn't able to be at the meeting last minute. It is like he never left. One more year, One more year, One, more year!

Thank you to **Don Conner** for his great three minute occupational talk. What an upbringing, education, entrepreneur, generous, and achieving young man he is.

Thank you again **President-Elect Steve Palmer** for your leadership for the largest 4th of July parade in Solvang. It takes about eight months of preparation, applications to the city, planning, and interaction with hundreds of people. He and Lisa deserve a wonderful long vacation. We look forward to his return.

Parade 2026 news article links:

<https://www.noozhawk.com/crowds-turn-out-for-solvangs-annual-fourth-of-july-parade/>

https://syvnews.com/news/local/patriotism-on-parade-solvang-celebrates-independence-day-with-community-festivities/article_b262f1d3-e2a9-5e12-8eb0-83004e7903a5.html

Past-President Frank is heading the takeover at Solvang Theaterfest on Wednesday, July 29, 2026 for "Frozen." Great show and fun way to see the play while helping Solvang Theaterfest.

It a pleasure to serve as your Millworks Editor. I look forward to writing about the your achievements and our club.

Yours in Rotary Service

- *Millworks Editor Allan*

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Prayer and Pledge led by:

Denise Johns

Songmaster & Guitarist:

Brad Mann

Shoo Fly

Jokemaster:

None

Birthdays:

Walt Alves - 91!

\$20 Dollars Please!

Wedding Anniversaries:

None

Rotary Anniversaries:

None

Guests:

Fr. Andrew Rutledge

Candy Waldron

Bill Krauch

Three Minute Occupation Talk:

Don Conner

Fines:

\$25 - Jan Clevenger Photo in the newspaper with paraded garb

\$20 - John Adams parade help with Jan

\$25 - Tom Olmsted, 64th Wedding anniversary to Diane, trip to Carlsbad

\$25 - Sandy Riches Daughter moving to the valley

\$25 - Alan Hitt, trip to Carlsbad and San Diego with Grandson at USD.

\$5 - Chris Lowry's ex wife is from Carlsbad

The Solvang Rotary Club Foundation grants: \$1,000 to SYV Airport Authority Scholarships \$3,500 for Refrigerator at St. Mark's Kitchen



Bill Krauch of the SYV Airport Authority accepts a \$1,000 check from the Solvang Rotary Club Foundation for their scholarship program
L-R - **Allan Jones**, **Art Kaslow**, Bill Krauch.

Announcements

Art Kaslow - July 18, 2026 AYSO Food Service Volunteers Needed - Signup sheet

Valerie Kissell - Backpack donations needed for PHP and Coastal Pacific Transportation.

Past Pres Frank Smithson - Solvang Festival Theater Red Coat Ushers takeover July 29, 2026 for "Frozen"

Dennis Regan Comedy Night September 11, 2026. Get your tickets and be a sponsor. Call **Allan Jones** for details

Polio Plus Winner

Walt Alves - 8 of Diamonds
No Joker = One more week!



Fr. Andrew Rutledge and **Andy Waldron** of the St. Marks-in-the-Valley accepts a check for \$3500 from The Solvang Rotary Club Foundation for their community kitchen refrigerator.

L-R. **Allan Jones**, Fr. Andrew Rutledge, Candy Waldron, **Art Kaslow**.

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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
PRES-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



Three Minute Occupational Speech



The Extraordinary Smokin' Successful Don Conner

From his Central Valley roots of Visalia, CA to an 18 year old Century 21 agent, to USC graduate at the top of his class, working at Disney, Fandango, finance and real estate developer, and now owner of the expanding and successful restaurant empire of Whiskey 'N Rye, Q in Santa Barbara Public Market, Maker's Son in Los Alamos, and soon to be open another Whiskey 'N Rye Barbecue restaurant in the Camino Real Marketplace (Home Depot and Costco center) in Goleta, Don also donates his time as President of the Solvang Theaterfest and Rotarian Extraordinaire.

Don sponsors our Annual Comedy Night through Whiskey 'N Rye and other great causes locally.

Thank you for sharing your occupation, life and being a part of Solvang Rotary, Don Conner.

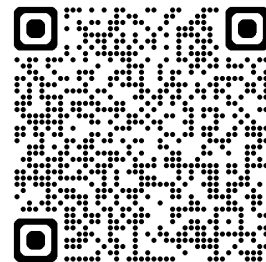


WED, SEPT 16 · 4:00 PM

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN PARK · SOLVANG, CALIFORNIA

CATERED BY WHISKEY & RYE

Tickets are \$15 Each on Eventbrite →
Buy your tickets by September 7th!



REMEMBER!

Bring yourself, your appetite, your
favorite beverage (BYOB) . & a lawn chair!

CORN HOLE & GAMES



Get ready for an afternoon of
fun and games that everyone
will enjoy at our Rotary BBQ!

**HOSTED BY
THE SOLVANG
BREAKFAST
ROTARY CLUB!**



QUESTIONS? ASK ELIZABETH! (805) 350-1182

Get your nominations in by July 27, 2026. Solvang Rotarians encouraged.

[View in browser](#)



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY FOUNDATION
Champions of the Valley

Honoring volunteers who uplift others and help our community thrive

CHAMPIONS OF THE VALLEY

October 11, 2026

For more than 30 years, *Champions of the Valley* has celebrated the extraordinary volunteers of the Santa Ynez Valley and Los Alamos who quietly give their time, talent, and heart to uplift others and strengthen our community.

Join us on **Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.** at **Camp Carmina in Los Olivos** for this cherished community tradition. More than an awards program, *Champions of the Valley* is an opportunity to recognize the power of volunteerism and honor those whose service inspires us all.

Nominations are now open! We invite you to nominate an outstanding volunteer, become an event sponsor, and join us in celebrating the individuals whose service makes our communities extraordinary places to live, work, and thrive.



Know a volunteer who goes above & beyond? We want to celebrate them!

Champions are nominated by community members like you!

**NOMINATE
A
CHAMPION**

Is there a youth whose passion and dedication is making an impact?

**NOMINATE
A
YOUTH**

Honorees are selected by a committee of past recipients and Santa Ynez Valley Foundation board members and will be announced in late August. They will be recognized at the Champions of the Valley celebration on October 11th.

Each adult Champion receives a \$1,000 grant from the Santa Ynez Valley Foundation to direct to the nonprofit organization of their choice, extending the impact of their volunteer service. Youth Champions, students in grades 9–12, receive a \$1,000 scholarship to support their educational goals.

Nominations are open through July 27.

Help us shine a light on those who give so much!





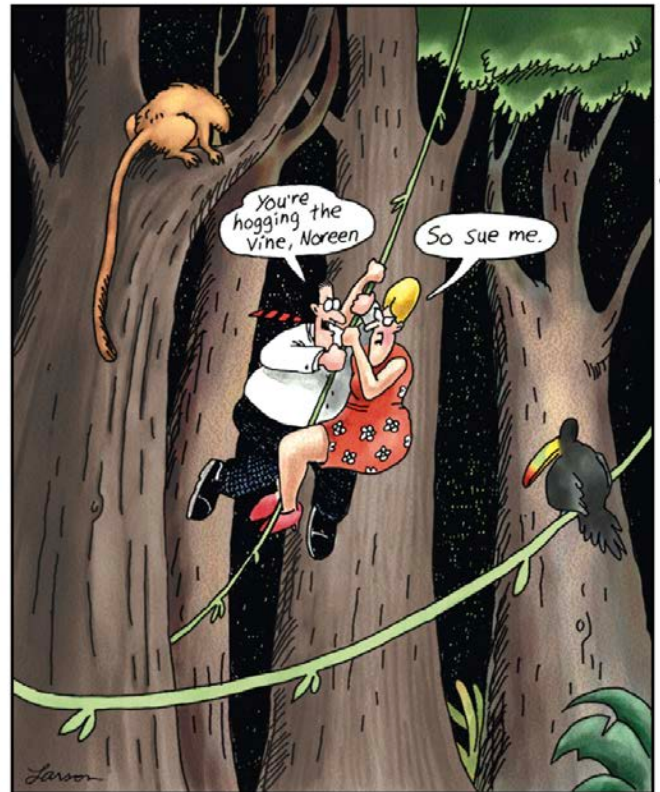






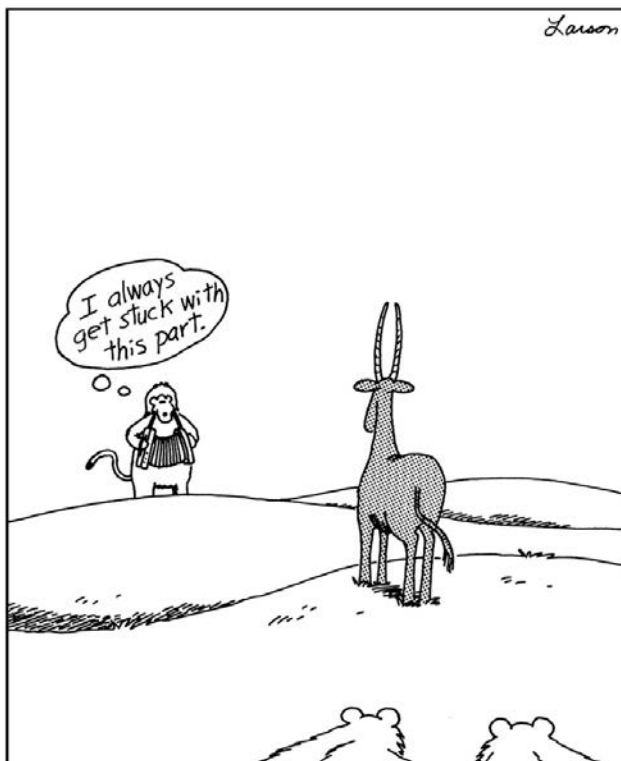
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"He's using blanks—pass it on."

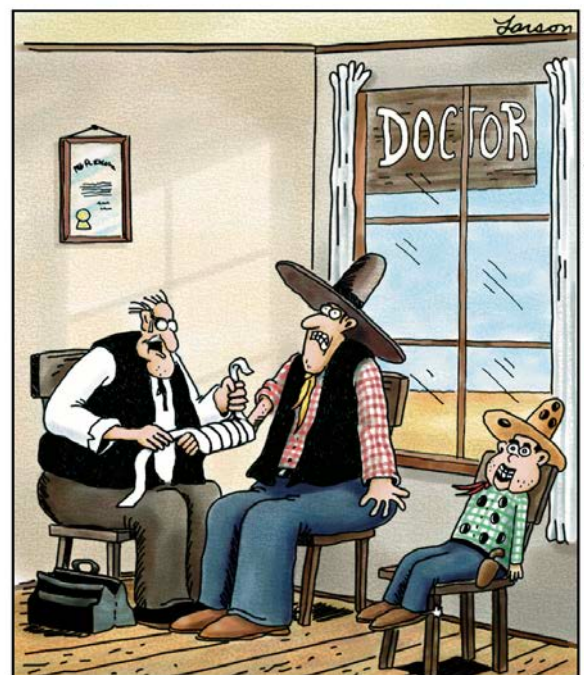


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The Hendersons of the Jungle



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"You're gonna be okay, mister, but I can't say the same for your little buddy over there. ... The way I hear it, he's the one that mouthed off to them gunfighters in the first place."

Club Officers 2026-2027

President - **Kristan Morrison**
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**
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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 Group 9:
Ruth Shepard - Lompoc

Can't Make the Meeting Person?

Zoom in from anywhere the world.

100% attendance is the goal.

We miss you when you are gone even though you don't think we do. We do. Your presence and participation adds special energy to our meetings.

Solvang Rotary is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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pwd=NhWXPMGarRagR9HN4bOccVZaVsQDuC.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86772399267?pwd=NhWXPMGarRagR9HN4bOccVZaVsQDuC.1)**

Meeting chat link

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

Meeting ID: 867 7239 9267

Passcode: 846553

One tap mobile

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Join by SIP

• 86772399267@zoomcrc.com

Join instructions

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