

# ROTARY TAILINGS

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## Can you believe it is already November? And, no rain!

There are several service projects that await our attention. We are fortunate to have had three District Service Grants approved this year. Grateful thanks to PDG John Sullivan, for writing and managing our grants. It is a great relief to me to have him as our go-to grant guy. Our first grant was for \$750 which paid half the fees for our five REGL students. That grant is closed, but we have two other grant funded hands-on projects that will start soon. The first one is for \$1,000 matching our \$1,000 to fund the sun shelter over the playground area at the women's shelter. That money is in the bank. After a USA inspection is completed, Alan will schedule a work party do the site preparation. Once that is done we will place the order for the structure and complete it. The third grant is for \$1,500 and helps fund the vision garden and rest area on a hillside near the walking trail, northeast of the helipad at Sutter Amador. This location will give patients in the Infusion Center something colorful and calming to focus on while receiving treatments. We have done several site visits and hope to sit down with SAH staff to get agreement on any site and logistical requirements. The grant money for this project should be in our mail box. We need to complete both grant projects by the end of April.

The Trivia Challenge, which helps fund our six RYLA students each year, should launch advertising this month to announce the contest on March 9, 2019, at the Highway House. We will also be updating our flyers and applications and begin the media blitz advertising the sign-up process. Our request for six RYLA positions has been sent to the District RYLA Chair and are now reserved for the 2019 season. Your support of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Challenge will insure this year's contest will be another success.

I hope you enjoyed District Governor Tina's Official Visit last week. Mixing our Halloween party with her visit was different. Tina congratulated and presented pins and certificates to Frank Verardi for being named the Quiet Rotarian, Pat Crew for my MVP and Renee Davis awarded a Paul Harris Fellow as recognized by Stan Lukowicz. Tina also recognized Aaron May/JB'S for providing the graphics for many of her District projects. Pat Crew was recognized for becoming a member of the Paul Harris Society. Our Foundation Chair, Pat Crew was successful in collecting another \$3,200 to purchase the basket Tina brought from her previous club visit. All of proceeds went to Polio plus. Her Basket sales have thus far earmarked over \$50,000 for Polio Plus. We will use our purchased basket's contents for prizes at the Club's Christmas Party. Tina took the basket we put together to her visit at the Nevada City club.

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This week we will hold our “Annual Meeting” as required in the Club Bylaws. What’s this all about? It is when the Nominating Committee names their choice for President Elect Nominee. It is also an opportunity to discuss the “State of the Club” and meeting the challenges that lay ahead for the remainder of the term and setting things up for President Elect, Rick Sprenkel’s year. The recommendations that are gleaned from the discussion will be forwarded to the Board for their information and possible action at the November Board Meeting.

Please make every effort to attend this week’s meeting. The club and I value your input.

**Don’t forget to vote!**

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