

# MORAGA ROTARY NEWSLETTER



**July 2, 2024**

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## **Next Meeting:**

**Tuesday, July 9,  
12 noon @  
La Finestra Ristorante**

**Program: – Steve Kinsella  
Brentwood Childrens Theater**

**Next week's Greeter &  
Thought of the Day –  
Pat Tidmarsh**

**Zoom connection information for next week's  
meeting will be distributed early next week.**

### **Upcoming Speakers:**

**Jul 9 – Steve Kinsella – Brentwood  
Childrens Theater  
Jul 16 – Cavan McCarthy - St Mary's  
College  
Jul 23 – Janette Kennedy - Loaves and  
Fishes  
Jul 30 – Sue Farmer - Arts Council  
Aug 6 – Allison Simon - Amtrack  
Aug 13 – District Governor's Visit  
Aug 20 - Monument Crisis Center**

## **Calendar of Future Events:**

- July 29 – Tips for Change Fundraiser
- Aug 13 – District Governor Visit
- Sep 21 – E-Waste Recycling Event
- Sep 28 – Moraga Town Parade
- Oct 4-6 – Community Service Days

**Welcome to Moraga Rotary**, where we have been serving the community and the world for 57 years.

Members and guests met for a picnic lunch at Moraga Commons Park, under balmy 98 degree skies.

New **President MarySue Erickson** rang the bell and welcomed all. She led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Her thoughts for the day were 3 famous quotes:

"If we ever forget we are 'one nation under God', we will be one nation gone under." – Ronald Reagan

"Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men, and so it must be daily earned and refreshed, else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, will die." -Dwight Eisenhower

"May peace, love and happiness always be with you." - MarySue Erickson



Guests today included Campolindo Interact Co-Presidents **Bhavana Kasalanati** and **Thea Stratford**, whose presidencies began this week also. Also joining us were Honorary members **Mary Caburi**, **Carol Irwin**, and **Linda Campbell**, as well as the Erickson's daughter **Gwyn** and her daughter **Brittney**, and also Past Vice President **Julia**.



**Jim & Linda Campbell** provided a choice of roast beef, ham, turkey or vegetarian sandwiches complete with chips, macaroni salad and chocolate chip cookies, plus plenty of cold waters. **Keith Katzman** provided his family-recipe chocolate cake with melted chocolate frosting. **Gwyn & Brittney** provided home-made chocolate and snickerdoodle cookies, plus brought the Corn Hole game for a friendly competition. **MarySue** provided \$5 Loard's Ice Cream coupons for the winners of Corn Hole, plus everyone got a big firecracker filled with candies.

~~Happy Bucks~~

**Past President Jennifer Brophy** kicked off with \$10 Elated Happy Bucks for the passing of the presidential gavel to **MarySue** and the beginning of her year as president.

**Debbie Koo** had a fabulous \$25 Happy Bucks, first for **MarySue's** presidential year, second for the soft-opening of the Lumumba Children's Library in Goma last week that Moraga Rotary is supporting, and third for the last-second approval of our Rotary International Global Scholar Grant of nearly \$89,000 for **Regina Kong**, who will be able to attend Oxford University in London for her second year towards attaining her Master's Degree. Many members also kicked in with personal donations.

**Debbie Roessler** had \$5 Belated Sad Bucks for the news that the Warriors' **Klay Thompson** is leaving the Warriors after 13 years to join the Dallas Mavericks.

## ~~Birthdays & Anniversaries~~

No birthdays or anniversaries announced this week.

*Note: Members celebrate their birthdays with a dollar donation for every year up to a maximum of \$60, and anniversaries up to a maximum of \$40.*

## ~~Announcements~~

Mark your calendar for the next **Tips for Change** dinner fundraiser at Gianni's Italian Bistro in San Ramon on Monday evening, July 29. We act as the servers for the evening and get 10% of the dinner proceeds, plus all the tips. Please volunteer as servers to **Debbie Roessler** and **MarySue**.

Our new District Governor **Dan Gerald** will visit our club on August 13.

Our next E-Waste Recycling and Document Shredding event will be on Saturday, September 21. Let **Rich Render** know if you can work a shift.

Our two **Camp Venture** students completed the Camp at St. Mary's College and reported in:

**Emory Hsiao** said: "First, I just want to say thank you again for selecting me to participate in this program! This camp was really informative, I really feel like I learned a majority of how businesses are run in just 5 days. This camp really was a boot camp, I've never been to such an intensive camp, it started at 8:30AM and didn't end until 9:30PM, but since the material we were learning was really

interesting, it didn't feel like 13 hours at all, it felt more like just a regular school day. Also, I really enjoyed getting to meet new people that were also interested in business. They were all really fun to be around and work with. Overall, I really enjoyed the camp and possibly next year I will even go and help run the camp. Thank you so much again for this opportunity."

**Ian Moore** stated: "I learned a tremendous amount and it was more like "school" than a summer camp because it was quite intense, something I didn't expect. Even so, I was incredibly grateful for the opportunity to attend because it reinforced my desire to pursue a career in business, probably marketing." **Ian's** mother **Monica** stated: "We can't express how grateful we are for the entire Moraga Rotary community who continues to inspire all of us (parents and kids alike) with their commitment to serve. With much gratitude, **Monica & Mark Moore**."

## ~~ Program Today~~

Our program today was enjoying the outdoor picnic, the great comradery with members and guests, and staying cool. We posed everyone at the All-Access Playground for a photo shoot by **Carol Irwin**. The photo will be mounted on a plaque and placed in the **Moraga 50-Year Time Capsule**, to be opened in 2074. We'll all be there for that event.



## ~~Greeter/Thought of the Day~~

7/09 – Pat Tidmarsh

7/16 – Tony Schoemehl

7/23 – Frank May

Note: You can be greeter on Zoom also.

**For 2024-25 Rotary Year the Club Leaders are:**

<b>President</b>	<b>MarySue Erickson</b>
<b>President Elect</b>	<b>John Graf</b>
<b>President Nominee</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Evie Michon</b>
<b>Past President</b>	<b>Jennifer Brophy</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Debbie Koo</b>
<b>Program Chair</b>	<b>Debbie Roessler</b>
<b>Community Service Chair</b>	<b>Tony Schoemehl</b>
<b>International Service Co-Chairs</b>	<b>Debbie Koo &amp; Diane Wilson</b>

**Foundation Chair**  
**Youth Services Chair**  
**Public Relations Chair**  
**Fund Raising Chair**  
**Membership Chair**  
**Director at Large**  
**Eternal Director**  
**District 5160 Governor**  
**International President**

**John Erickson**  
**Rich Render**  
**Gary Irwin**  
**Frank May**  
**Roger Gregory**  
**Linda May**  
**Cliff Dochterman**  
**Dan Gerald**  
**Stephanie Urchick**

Newsletter Editor for July: Hot Rich Render











# Tips for Change

BENEFITTING  
ROTARY CLUB OF MORAGA

**MONDAY, JULY 29TH**

Join us for a delicious meal at Gianni's Italian Bistro.  
All tips and 10% of sales support our club. Enjoy  
good food and support a worthy cause.  
It's a win-win!

Dine-in and pick-up available between 4:30-8:00  
PM. To make a reservation or place a pick-up order,  
go to [giannissanramon.com](http://giannissanramon.com) or call 925-820-6969.

The Rotary Club of Moraga has been serving the  
youth in our community and beyond for 57 years.

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