



We are meeting in person and via Zoom!

President's Message

Catherine Thermond



It's hard to believe, but in about two months we will be hosting our Saratoga Rotary Fine Art Show! A Saratoga tradition since 1957, the first weekend in May raises funds and builds community.

Most of you know that the Art Show is our primary fundraiser for the Saratoga Rotary Charitable Foundation. SRCF uses the funds to provide grants to local nonprofit organizations and to support our Club's community and youth services programs. This year, the SRCF has budgeted to spend about \$90,000 on grants and programs!

The Art Show is more than a fundraiser. When our Rotarians were asked to complete the prompt "Our Art Show is ___," two thirds of us responded with "Community." Working on the Art Show builds community and camaraderie with fellow Rotarians. The show itself provides friends and neighbors a wonderful weekend with art, music, food, and beverages while strolling the beautiful grounds of West Valley College and connecting with their community.

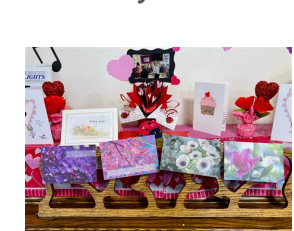
Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to chair an Art Show team, to Carol and Alba who volunteered to chair this event, and to each and every one of you who will be coming together to pull off the show! Your support enables us to give back to the community. I am so proud of our efforts and know that it will be another great show!

Cathie

Stories

Valentine's Day Cards: Palm Villas

Posted by [Mike Sneider](#)



Thank you Thank you Thank you !!!



For additional photos, see Albums - Valentine's Day Cards Palm Villas.

Valentine's Day at Cedar Crest Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility

Posted by [Rosanne Kapur](#)

Jit and all the residents of Cedar Crest wish to thank the Saratoga Rotarians who prepared the beautiful Valentine's Day greeting cards for them.

On the 14th of February, a card accompanied by a red rose was delivered to the room of each resident. Joyfully, the residents thanked us for the beautiful cards and the lovely sentimental words written inside. Some asked about who these "wonderful people" were who had remembered them. "Rotary Club of Saratoga," I answered with pride. Due to privacy restrictions, I haven't included the photographs commemorating that day. It was touching to record the smiles.

The cards made a difference in the lives of the elderly and infirmed who live there, especially some who have no visitors throughout the year. Thank you, Rotarians, for thinking of them.

News

Mardi Gras TGIF: Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!

Posted by [Marcia Hansen](#)

Sheeba Garg hosted a full house for our Mardi Gras TGIF on Friday, February 17. Dave Guidry and Sheeba made delicious gumbo and Sheeba added her sourdough bread. Patti Workman and Terrie Creamer made King Cakes, complete with babies inside (or on top). Sonal Christie made a delicious jambalaya dip and there were many other great offerings. Festive attire (Debby Rice, Helen Shaw and Marsi Nomura get special mention) or at last beads were in evidence.

Our next and last Fellowship event of the year will be on Thursday, March 16, at 6:00pm - Saint Patrick's Day Bocce Ball. [Read more...](#)

Valentine's Day

Posted by [Parul Samdarshi](#)

Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own. – Robert A. Heinlein

February is a fabulous, fun-filled, and full-of-love month. Valentine's Day falls on the 14th day of the month. The sweet celebration can include chocolates, flowers, and handwritten cards to loved ones. It's all about spreading the love. Our club continued this tradition of spreading love to senior communities in our area. We handwrote almost 600 Valentine's Day cards and distributed them to eight senior care facilities, including The Villas at Saratoga, Cedar Crest, Saratoga Senior Center, Villa Fontana, Palm Villas, etc. We also handed cards out to seniors shopping at the Park It Market at Fellowship Plaza. A small gesture of receiving a handwritten card brought a beautiful heartwarming smile. Thank you for helping to make this special connection. Special thanks to Aparna Vijay, Jamie Price, Carol Woodard, Mary Ellen Comport, Anne Cummins, Larry Grace, Dave Eshleman, Connie Hodgkin, Cynthia Chang, Sheeba Garg, Sangita Seshadri and Bob Bohn, who helped to write and distribute these cards.

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Home Fire Safety

Posted by [Verna Wong](#)

Gina Cali of the Santa Clara County Fire Department spoke about home fire safety. Cooking fires are the #1 cause of home fires. Here are some key points:

1. Splatter guards are recommended to protect against cooking fires.
2. Fires need fuel, heat, and oxygen to burn.
3. Every second, the fire doubles once it ignites.
4. The most common cause of death in a fire is death by the inhalation of toxic gases as you are inhaling the smoke from the fire.
5. Use a glass or metal object to smother the fire.
6. The response time for a fire unit to arrive is 4-8 minutes.

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Speakers

Mar 03, 2023
Family Caregiver Alliance/Speech Contest
Christina Irving/ Various Participating Schools

Mar 10, 2023
[Lisa Blanchard/Georgina Ong](#)
The Grateful Garments Project

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Upcoming Events

[Art Show Monthly Meeting](#)
Fire Station
Mar 07, 2023
5:30 PM - 7:06 PM UTC-08:00

[WVCS Mobile Pantry / Park-It Market](#)
Mar 14, 2023
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)
Saratoga Fire Station Community Room
Mar 14, 2023
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

[Community Service Committee Monthly Meeting](#)
Mar 15, 2023
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

[St. Patrick's Day Bocce Ball Party](#)
Campo Di Bocce
Mar 16, 2023
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

[Martha's Kitchen - Food Prep](#)
Martha's Kitchen
Mar 20, 2023
7:00 AM - 10:00 AM

[WVCS Mobile Pantry/ Park-it-Market](#)
Mar 28, 2023
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[WVCS Mobile Pantry/ Park-it-Market](#)
Mar 28, 2023
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

[Art Show Monthly Meeting](#)
Fire Station
Apr 04, 2023
5:30 PM - 7:06 PM UTC-07:00

[WVCS Mobile Pantry / Park-It Market](#)
Apr 11, 2023
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Inspiration

Larry W. Grace

As most of you know, I am, and have been for a long time, working with the Boy Scouts. There we have a saying that goes a long way in explaining my dedication.

As a Rotarian, I believe this saying applies to our service just as much. Consider our Breakfast with Santa at Washington School, our Dr. Seuss book reading at Latimer School, our support of ELC, our sanitation projects for schools in other countries, and more.

This saying?

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a youth!"

Author Unknown

Marcia Hansen

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."
C.S. Lewis

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