

# Rotary



## Club of Fairfield-Suisun

### Club Meeting August 4, 2020

Fairfield-Suisun  
Meets at KROC Center  
KROC Center - 586 East  
Wigeon Way  
Suisun City, CA 94585  
Time: Tuesday at 12:10 PM

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### WELCOME TO ROTARY August is Membership and New Club Development Month

### Speakers

#### August

4th - Carol Paterson - Solano County Fair 2020 and Beyond  
11th - Nicole Braddock - Solano Land Trust  
18th - Paul Mirich - Center for Freedom and Flight  
25th - Team Day - Planning socials, service & fun!

### Events

#### August

29nd - Contra Costa Solano Food Bank - 9 to 11:00 - Trail Blazers

### Birthdays



Zach Powell  
August 10th



Joseph Michael  
Dingman  
August 10th



Brian C. McEvilly  
August 15th



Gail Zick  
August 28th



Ralph Buss  
August 30th

### HAPPY AUGUST Rotar-Versaries



**ROTOVERSARY** is the anniversary date of when YOU joined our great Fairfield/Suisun Rotary Club. If it's your Rotoversary Month, reflect on your Rotary journey, what you're most proud of during the past year and/or when you "became" a true Rotarian.

August 5, 1996 **Matt Lucas** – 24 Years

August 11, 2015 **Betty Homer** – 5 Years

August 25, 2009 **Talyon Sortor** – 11 Years

August 29, 2006 **Suzanne Bragdon** (+ 3 yrs)

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## A Message from Joan (Rotary Journey) Lovell



Club Director



Emily Doran  
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Natalie Hicks  
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Poston  
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## District Leaders

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DG-Elect

Suzanne Bragdon  
DG-Nominee

By Joan M. Lovell

August is Rotary's **Membership and New Club Development Month**. This is the month set aside for Club's across the globe to focus on growing membership by retention of our current members and seeking out new members who have a passion for what Rotary is all about: *People of action making a meaningful difference in our neighborhoods, communities and the world beyond.*

At this time, we are expanding our Membership Committee to develop strategies to make it easier to reach out to others to join us and to develop a Mentorship Program for all new members.

How can you become engaged in this effort? Great ways to introduce people to Rotary is by inviting them to a social event (come up with something fun to do virtually – YouTube has great ideas!), a meeting with a great speaker they may enjoy or work project (think fruit picking, food bank, others?)

Once prospective members come to a couple of meetings, someone from the Committee will contact them and the sponsor to see if they have any questions. After attending at least 3 meetings, the prospective member is asked to complete an application for Board approval. Once approved, there is a 10-day for period or timeframe for feedback from the general membership and to complete the candidate's orientation into Rotary and our Club.

Then the fun and fanfare – New members are inducted into the Club during a meeting, given the opportunity to introduce themselves and family members (if they are also able to attend) and assigned a mentor to assist them, along with their sponsor, to "learn the Rotary ropes" and get involved.

I encourage all of you to join me in our Rotary Journey and consider volunteering for and working with the newly engaged Membership Committee under the able leadership of **Membership Chair Jerry Wilkerson**. It's time to break records! Thank you all!



## Special Thanks to - Trail Blazers



PLEDGE: **Nathan Atherstone**

GUESTS:

**Cynthia Garcia** introduced **David Gassaway, Fairfield's Assistant City Manager**, who is a proposed member awaiting his Rotary Orientation.

On behalf of **Cathy Ritch** (who is hopefully not lost in the wilds of Montana), **Joan Lovell** Introduced our speaker, **Greg Folsom, Suisun City Manager** and **Lakhwhinder Deol, Suisun's Finance Director**.

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT: **Dave Dacus**, stepping in for Tara (who is hopefully is not "resting" in the tummy of a whale – whale watching can be dangerous!): *"Never give up. Never give in. Never become hostile... Hate is too terrible to bear."* John Lewis.

ROTARY MINUTE: **Joe Scholtes** reminded us that Rotary is dedicated to six areas of focus in support of its international service efforts - promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene, saving mothers and children, supporting education and growing local economies.

\*Note: A seventh area of focus, **supporting the environment**, was recently approved by the Rotary Trustees and will become official on July 1, 2021.

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Training Coordinator  
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Training Coordinator

## Announcements and Reminders

**Roger Loar**, who had a stroke this past Thursday, has been transferred to an acute rehab facility for physical and occupational therapy. Speech and cognition are intact; the area impacted is balance. The neurologist is very hopeful for a full recovery in the next month or so. Keep **Pam** and **Roger** in your thoughts.



**Kelly Rhoads-Poston** put out the call on behalf of **Kimber** for fruit pickers this past Saturday. The only requirement? Bring your big happy smiles – you're out of your "the house!" (**Kelly**: How many bright smiles made it out?!)

From our illustrious **Treasurer, Dave Dacus** – Invoices just went out for **Club Members' \$100 Semi-annual Dues**. "How to pay," you ask? Three options:

1. Mail check care of Fairfield-Suisun Rotary to our P.O. Box 477;
2. Call Dave with your credit card number, expiration date, security code and zip (if Dave doesn't pick-up, voice mail is secure); or
3. Text info. In #2 above to: 707-888-3494 (**Dave** promises it's his real number – not an off-shore account!)

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## Team News - New News



**ROUGHRIDERS**

It's official. Our Teams have transitioned from their (old) 2019-20 Super-Hero designators into their (new) 2020-21 Journey-esque designators. You know, run, amble, rush, hike, travel, er... Trail Blaze and Ride Rough.

Applause to our **Rough Riders**, led by the able horseman in the vein of Teddy Roosevelt, **Steve Lessler** and our **Trail Blazers**, led by our own follow-and-make-your-own-path, **Gerry Raycraft**!

As reported by **Rough Rider Lessler** and **Trail Blazer Raycraft**, both teams are exploring opportunities to work with the school district and Salvation Army as we transition (shortly) to the new school year, as well as assistance we may be able to provide to Fairfield Post-Acute Rehab.

**Rough Riders** are leading the way for coming up with a safe new model for moving forward with some type of Brew Bash on **September 26th**, and the **Trail Blazers** will be supporting the Contra Costa Solano Food Bank on **August 29th**.

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## Sergeant at Arms: Gold Medal Winner and Trail Blazer Gerry Raycraft

**Gerry** started off by taking a last shot at "recognizing" July Rotoversaries.

- **Jerry Wilkerson** was tagged with \$5 to mark his just-over nine years with the Club, and then quadrupled the amount to \$20 noting he's been a Rotarian since 1995, starting with the Vallejo Club.
- **Dave Dacus** was tagged for joining our Club on July 30, 2015, but was given a pass if he could name the other club member who was inducted at the same. He took the bet, and won! (Rick Dichoco.)
- **Dave** had to add, without paying any extra money (we add) – that he first joined the Walnut Creek Sunrise Club and has been a Rotarian for roughly 30 years, including serving as District Governor in 2011-12.



On to Happy Dollars:

- **Kelly Rhoads-Poston** gave \$20 to mark her son's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday (but really to mark that long, long, LONG labor that brought her baby into this world)
- **Steve Lessler** (who originally joined our Club in 1993, skipped a year, and came back in 1998) paid \$10 for sponsoring **Jerry Wilkerson** into our club.
- **Roger Loar** had a successful surgery for a large melanoma – all clear! \$100 donation.
- **Emily Doran** moved her mom to a new property, and all went well! \$20.

On to the Beatles (Gerry is loving this Sergeant business a bit too much, wouldn't you say??!) Pay \$2 when answer is right, \$3 if wrong.

- Name all members of the Beatles - first and last names. First names were right: Paul, John, George and Ringo, but last names not given: McCartney, Lennon, Harrison and Starr. (**Emily Doran, Kelly Rhoads-Poston, Jim Inks**) \$2.50 fine?!
- Which Beatle's first name is actually James? Ringo, wrong. Answer, Paul. (**Kendall, Tom Giugni, Doc McEvilly**) \$3.
- Where did they grow up: Liverpool (**Layna Kinsman, Chris Matthews**) – Right! \$2.
- Name of 1st album released in USA? "Meet the Beatles" (**Joan L. Roger Loar Dave Dacus**) Right! \$2.
- Name of the 1st drummer that preceded Ringo: Pete Best (**Nathaniel Atherstone, Talyon Sorter**) missed it. \$3.
- Who arranged the first auditions for the Beatles? Brian Epstein (**Dave Gassaway, Chuck Eason, Mike Fadden**) Right! \$2 (though not sure the answer was really ever given... more like "assumed?!")
- Which year did the Beatles officially disband? 1970 (**Bud Ross, Tom Myers, Cynthia Garcia**) \$3.
- What month & year did Beatles first appear on Ed Sullivan? February 1964. (**Ed Lydon, Jerry Wilkerson nailed it.**) \$2.
- Who is the oldest Beatle? Ringo Starr (**Joe Scholtes, Dale Eyeler** got it!) \$2.
- What was the Beatles first hit in the US: I Want to Hold Your Hand (**Nadine Pieroni, Matt Lucas**) A miss. \$3.
- What is Ringo Starr's real name? Richard Starkey (sorry **Dick Lubman**) \$3.

And how much, **Gerry**, are you donating for those **REAL Goal Medals**? And better yet, the story behind them!

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## Guest Speaker: Suisun City Manager Greg Folsom



### State of the City of Suisun City

Greg shared: "FY 2018-19 was a good year with a lot of projects accomplished. The General Fund budget includes Police, Fire, Administration, Parks, and Development Services. Revenue sources include taxes, fees, grants, state & federal funding.

Police comprise 66.5% of GF Revenue with wages 30% lower than other agencies (though we catch up somewhat when total compensation is considered.) Fire accounts for

28.3% of GF Revenue. We have transitioned into a Paid/Volunteer hybrid model that has resulted in adding 5 paid positions and a part-time inspector to the department over the past two years.

Our greatest challenge, long-term and through today, is an inadequate revenue stream. Measure S, which passed in 2016 and increased the City's sales tax rate by 1%, generates approximately \$2.2 million, but sunsets in 2026. Given a current operating deficit of roughly \$2.4 million (including Measure S monies), the Council has been



grappling with putting a new tax measure on the ballot to increase sales taxes by ¾ cent. With only three council members supporting the measure – Mayor Wilson, Mayor Pro-Tem Williams and Councilmember Adams – it failed (a 4/5ths vote is required to place a tax measure on the ballot.) Staff is now exploring alternatives from deep operating cuts and increasing various fees to new development (Suisun’s second hotel continues to move forward.) Disincorporation would be a worst-worst case scenario that wouldn’t occur for several years into the future."

Stay tuned.

## OUR Rough-Riding and Trail-Blazing Club Members

John Robert Anderson December 28th	Randeep Singh Arora April 8th	Nathaniel Atherstone March 16th	Murray T. Bass May 10th
Rene' Bojorquez May 18th	Suzanne Bragdon April 8th	Kevin Burke November 9th	Ralph Buss August 30th
Ben Crombie July 23rd	David L. Dacus September 12th	Tara J. Dacus December 16th	Roderick Dichoco January 3rd
Joseph Michael Dingman August 10th	Emily Doran May 19th	Charles David Eason July 17th	Dale Eyeler April 2nd
Michael G. Fadden September 5th	Kevin Flanagan May 13th	Cynthia K. Garcia September 21st	Joan Karen Gaut September 3rd
Thomas G Giugni September 14th	Tim Goree July 15th	Randy Hartt January 28th	Robert Henley June 20th
Joseph Hernandez September 24th	Natalie Hicks February 15th	M. Kendall Hillman November 28th	Betty L. Homer May 18th
Steven R. Hoover October 13th	Mark David Hostler June 4th	James D. Inks November 24th	Layna Kinsman June 16th
Steve Lessler January 23rd	Pamela Loar February 27th	Roger Loar April 10th	Joan M. Lovell November 20th
Richard G Lubman October 11th	Mathew R. Lucas February 18th	Edward Joseph Lydon January 27th	Chris Matthews November 9th
Brian C. McEvilly August 15th	Thomas L. Myers October 27th	Robert P. Ogan July 21st	Doriss Panduro March 6th
Nadine Pieroni January 15th	James Pierson April 30th	Zach Powell August 10th	Gerald Raycraft March 2nd
Kelly Rhoads-Poston October 31st	Cathy Ritch June 6th	Charvette Rojas March 8th	Juan Romagosa February 2nd
Cecil F. Ross June 14th	Ray Schoch December 18th	Joe Scholtes June 15th	Robert H. Sherman October 9th
Clarence H. Siemens May 14th	Chris Hoekstra Singer September 18th	Kimber Smith November 23rd	Talyon Sortor September 24th
Sam Tracas February 19th	Nicholas R Van Male May 21st	David L. Welch May 9th	Jerry Wilkerson October 4th
Charles B. Wood III January 20th	Barry R. Young April 4th	Gail Zick August 28th	