

AN INVITATION TO SUPPORT MENDOCINO ROTARY

Mendocino Rotary is a club of about 25 community leaders uniting for the common good. Our differing capabilities, experiences and personalities give us a unique perspective. Our shared passion for service enables us to accomplish the remarkable.

Recently we improved Rotary Park and used it to provide an evening of Christmas caroling, an Easter egg hunt and support for the Fourth of July celebrations. We carried out community services which included improving the historical archives of Ford House, removing trash from Highway 1, providing school supplies for disadvantaged children and winter clothing for homeless persons, and providing scholarships for outstanding students in our local high schools. We have helped rebuild a school destroyed in a cyclone and provided water supplies and environmental improvements in remote villages of Vanuatu and Fiji, both in the South Pacific. Our members donated funds to support Rotary International's campaign for the eradication of polio and we recently made a donation of \$2,500 to the Mendocino Coast Children's fund to help mitigate the impacts of the novel coronavirus. We are planning to continue funding various non-profit organizations fighting the virus in Mendocino.

We are pleased to announce that we are about to begin grading, development of pathways and installation of sponsor stones in Rotary Park. Our intent is to have the upgraded park in full operation as soon as possible after the restrictions placed on the use of the park during the novel coronavirus pandemic are lifted. We recently worked with Mendocino County to get the drains cleared around the Park and plan to put in a playground, garden, sidewalk and parking along Main Street. We have received a grant of \$50,000 from the Bishoff Fund administered by the Community Foundation of Mendocino, all of which will be used to improve Rotary Park.

Many of you have donated to Rotary in the past, and we now seek your support to raise funds for upcoming projects. If you would care to make a donation to the club, whether it is a minimal amount of \$50 or a larger donation of \$100-\$500 or more, please send a check to the Mendocino Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 1910, Mendocino, California. The Mendocino Rotary Foundation is a 501c3 tax exempt organization and its tax ID is 46-2212022.

We have cancelled the regular physical meetings of the club during the novel coronavirus outbreak. We are, however, holding meetings using electronic conferencing and continuing to operate in a normal manner in most other respects. If you would like to be a guest at one of our teleconferencing meetings please e-mail or call our meeting coordinator Jeffry Stubbs, jeffrystubbs@yahoo.com, or 707-937-6026. If you would like to join our club, please contact our Membership Chair, Sean Leland, at sean.leland.t2le@statefarm.com, or 707-962-2860.

We hope that you will decide to contribute to our club and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

John Porter, Paul Harris Fellow
Mendocino Rotary

