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## **MEarth & The Village Project – Grant Recipients**

*It is such a great day when we can celebrate the impact of our collective efforts. As Rotarians, our commitment to “Service Above Self” means investing in the well-being of our community, and today, we are proud to present two \$10,000 grants to remarkable Monterey County nonprofit organizations – **The Village Project and MEarth.***



**Stacie Andrews**  
Executive Director  
The Village Project

**The Village Project** has been a cornerstone of support for families and individuals in Seaside and beyond, providing culturally appropriate mental health services, education programs, and community resources. Their mission is to uplift underserved populations, particularly African American and minority communities, through counseling, mentorship, and youth development programs. This grant will help expand their outreach, ensuring that more individuals have access to the critical services they need to thrive.



**Carol Olson**  
Executive Director  
MEarth

**MEarth** is based in Carmel Valley, is an environmental education nonprofit that connects students and the community with nature, sustainability, and healthy living. At the heart of their work is the 10-acre Hilton Bialek Habitat, where hands-on programs teach young people about organic gardening, native plants, and environmental stewardship. MEarth inspires the next generation to care for the planet while fostering an understanding of the relationship between food, health, and sustainability. This grant will support their ongoing programs, ensuring that even more students can benefit from their transformative learning experiences.

Both of these organizations exemplify the values of service, education, and community empowerment—principles that align closely with our mission as Rotarians. By supporting them, we are not just funding projects; we are investing in the future of Monterey County.



# Pharoah's Folly

## Spring Celebration

Thursday, April 17, 2025 - 5:30 - 8:30 PM  
Monterey Marriott Ferrante's Room

We are delighted to invite you to join us for Pharaoh's Folly,  
The Rotary Club of Monterey's Spring Celebration!

Please contact Terry or Renata and be sure to let us know who you are bringing  
and your dinner preferences.

Choose dinner item - Steak/Fish/Veggie/Vegan

Enjoy an evening of music by the talented Mike Marotta and Dave Dally.  
Their performance promises to create a lively and enjoyable atmosphere  
for all attendees. Egyptian costumes are encouraged!!

- **Raffle:** Participate for a chance to win exciting prizes.
- **Live Auction:** Bid on exclusive items and experiences.

Please RSVP **Terry Ryan** (831) 970-7463 or **Renata Barnwell** (831) 887-8335.  
Don't miss out on this annual spring event. Enjoy great music and partake in fun  
activities. We look forward to seeing you there! Camel parking available upon request.

## Save The Date!



# Love Our Central Coast



## “Service Above Self” Sign Up and Serve

## Rotary Community Service

| Agency/Event   | Types of Projects  | Timing                              | Lead Club  |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United Way &amp; National Read Day</li> </ul> | Reading for one hour with elementary students at local schools   | Monday, March 3 – 9-10am (one hour) | Monterey Rotary Club/United Way<br>Shyam Kamath, Katie Castagna<br><a href="https://www.unitedwaymcca.org/read-across-america-volunteer-opportunity">https://www.unitedwaymcca.org/read-across-america-volunteer-opportunity</a> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gateway Center</li> </ul>                     | Painting, planter boxes, electrical work                         | April 26, 2025<br>9-1pm             | Passport Club, York Interact<br>Monterey Rotary  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perkin's Park Cleanup</li> </ul>              | Park cleanup<br>Up to 100 volunteers.<br>Gloves, tools           | April 2025 with youth<br>9-1pm      | Pacific Grove Rotary Club<br>Julie Olson   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rotary Track Meet, PG High School</li> </ul>  | Volunteer to help host high school track meet.<br>Various shifts | March 29, 9-2pm                     | Pacific Grove Rotary Club<br>Julie Olson   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Santa Fly In</li> </ul>                       | Toys for kids, parade – traffic control for event                | Sat Dec 13, 2025<br>10am-3pm        | Carmel Valley Club   |

## FEBRUARY – MARCH 2025

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|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Thursday – 02/27</b> | <b>Brad &amp; Rosemarie Barbeau</b> – Egypt: Tombs, Temples, & Tourist Traps              |
| <b>Thursday – 03/06</b> | <b>Kate Daniels</b> – A State Of The County Of Monterey, From Its Newest Supervisor       |
| <b>Tuesday – 03/11</b>  | <b>COG Meeting</b> – 5:30 PM – Hilton Garden Inn  |
| <b>Thursday – 03/13</b> | <b>Arthur Simons</b> – The History Of Recording Technology (Plus Phonograph Presentation) |
| <b>Thursday – 03/20</b> | COG Bios  |
| <b>Thursday – 03/27</b> | <b>TBD</b> – Save The Rain  |

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## February Membership Anniversaries



Bob Russell - February 14  
Keith Carter - February 16  
Molly Bozzo - February 17  
Greg Ogden - February 19  
Duncan McCarter - February 19

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|----------------|----------|----------|
| Dan O'Brien    | 02/21/95 | 35 Years |
| Dan Archer     | 02/20/97 | 28 Years |
| Ralph Keill    | 02/14/02 | 23 Years |
| Dan Albert Jr. | 02/21/02 | 23 Years |
| Dino Pick      | 02/20/14 | 11 Years |
| Kiran Kamath   | 02/07/19 | 6 Years  |
| Shyam Kamath   | 02/06/20 | 5 Years  |
| Matt Morgan    | 02/27/20 | 5 Years  |
| Eric Tarbox    | 02/09/23 | 2 Years  |
| Paul Wevant    | 02/16/23 | 2 Years  |