

# Rotary



## Club of Selma Volume 100, Issue 06

Monday, March 10, 2025



### Club Meeting

Selma  
Meets at Legends Tap House &  
Grill  
2910 Pea Soup Anderson  
Blvd  
Selma, CA 93662  
Time: Tuesday at 11:55 AM

### District Leaders

Michael J. Rabara  
District Governor  
Brinet Mullen Greenlee  
District Governor Elect  
Susan Winey  
District Governor  
Nominee & Chief of  
Staff  
Ana Carretero  
District Treasurer  
Douglas S. Brown  
District Grants &  
Stewardship Chair  
Deborah J. Volosin  
District Learning  
Facilitator

### Birthdays

Wayne Dixon  
March 17th

### Wedding Anniversaries

Charlotte L. Tucker  
March 13th

### Selma Rotary This Week

**The President's-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) concluded yesterday, preparing our President-Elects for their term next year. It is held in San Jose for our District. Called Far West PETS, there are 8 districts in attendance, mainly from California but also Nevada. In years prior, we also had Hawaii, but they moved to Southwest PETS a few years ago.**

Brunil Lopez and I attended this year. It is very "training intensive", beginning at noon on Friday and continuing practically non-stop until noon on Sunday. We'll share with you what Rotary has in mind for us down the road. The Sunday meetings involve our individual district meetings and going over what we have learned, and we are also paid a visit by our International Rotary President-Elect. Then we go to lunch where we get to hear our President-Elect's message about his plans for the upcoming year. Our International President for next year is Mário César Martins de Camargo, from Brazil.

### But for tomorrow's meeting....

**Tomorrow we will be welcoming our students of character from two elementary schools. For the program, we will have a club assembly to make a decision about Rotary Youth Exchange.**

The background to this is that there is a student from Selma High who desires to be an outbound student with Rotary Youth Exchange. Our desire is to help her achieve this, but there are some requirements we must agree on to sponsor her. To sponsor an outbound student, we must commit to hosting an inbound student. The district wants an answer from us by tomorrow because they will have to find another club sponsor if we decline. The basic requirements are as follows:

### YOUTH EXCHANGE VOLUNTEERS

???????OVERVIEW (being a volunteer requires attention to email and the use of websites.)

The whole YE program depends upon volunteers. The more volunteers in a club, the better the experience for the student.

Over the years, the program has become far more formalized due to the Department of State (DOS) regulations, all geared to protect the student. We, as a part of Rotary, as well as all other international exchange

programs for high school students, are governed by these regs, and compliance is closely monitored. The district officers are very knowledgeable and are always available for help.

There are three main types of volunteers and each requires training. They are the Club Youth Exchange Officer (YEO), Club Counselor, and Host Families.

1. Each requires you to be “vetted”, i.e., cleared and trusted to be with the exchange student. Everything is centered around the protection of the teenager in a foreign land.
2. Training is done mostly online with some hands-on training classes conducted by the District Youth Exchange committee or the club YEO. (or by zoom)
3. CBC – anyone over 18 who will have one-on-one contact with the exchange student must have a Criminal Background Check. This is easily accomplished online by a local Rotarian who coordinates with the Department of Justice. This does not trigger a credit check!
4. Personal References will be required for any volunteer or host family member over 18. They are very brief and are submitted by answering a brief questionnaire online.
5. Depending upon your role, you may be required to take other online training and tests.

The total time to meet all the requirements is a few hours.

### **YEO – Youth Exchange Officer**

The Club Youth Exchange Officer is the club’s representative for the District and is responsible for the club’s participation and compliance with the program.

1. Ensuring compliance with DOS and RI regulations and policies,
2. Helping to recruit, interview and train potential host families,
3. Assist host families and the counselor with the vetting process.
4. Coordinate any student travel with the District
5. Recruit and interview potential outbound students

### **Host Family**

Incredibly rewarding and lifelong friendships are formed when you become a host family.

Ideally, there will be 3 host families each hosting the student for 1/3 of the school year.

Basically, the host families provide room and board for the student and coordinate transportation to and from school. The kids will receive an allowance from the club to use as they desire, and host families can help with expenses as they see fit.

1. There are a few absolute don’ts for our exchange students - drugs, driving, drinking, dating (serious relationships) and disfigurements (piercings, tattoos). In general, you are to treat the exchange student as you would one of your own kids.
2. You will be provided with a helpful list of “first night questions” to help you and your student establish your ground rules and expectations and help the student ask what he or she needs to know from you.
3. The differences these kids encounter with their host families are all part of their experience.

### **Counselor**

Someone other than the host parents and club YEO that the student can turn to for help if there are any issues. The Counselor is the one constant for the student, regardless of the then-current host family. The Counselor is the first line of defense in detecting problems early and helping correct them before they become major.

1. The counselor should preferably be the same sex as the student in case there are any issues with actual or perceived sexual harassment.
2. Assist student with setting up an emergency fund at a local bank, along with checking account and ATM card. This is the account where we deposit our monthly stipend.
3. Help with school-related matters – class schedules, vaccine record, etc.
4. Submit an online monthly progress report by maintaining contact at least twice a month with the student and the host family.

## Clubs List

**Dinuba Sunrise** - Founded In 1922

**Hanford** - Founded In 1940

**Kingsburg** - Founded In 1968

**Parlier** - Founded In 2016

**Reedley** - Founded In 1959

**Sanger** - Founded In 1953

**Selma** - Founded In 1924

## Club Leaders



**Harold M. Phillips**  
iPast President  
President  
President-Elect



**Brunil Lopez**  
Public Image  
Chair  
Club Learning  
Facilitator  
President-Elect



**Larry A. Teixeira**  
Treasurer



**Ramza Coury-Hage**  
Membership  
Chair



**Richard S. Garabedian D.C.**  
Rotary  
Foundation Chair



**Michael Honn**  
Sergeant-at-Arms



**Charlotte L. Tucker**  
Service Projects  
Chair



**Malorie Rayne Gupta**  
Club Service  
Chair



**Servando Tovar**  
Community  
Service Chair



**Jennifer Staley Earle**  
Club Executive  
Secretary  
Secretary  
Youth Services  
Project Chair