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The Rotary Club of North Fresno is a volunteer organization whose members take action to create sustainable change in our community and around the world



Merry Christmas



Dec 20th Christmas Luncheon and Fellowship

By Bea Hensleit and Peter Fortuna

Don't forget on December 20th, 2018 North Fresno Rotary will be holding our Annual Christmas Luncheon and Fellowship. Friends and family are welcome to join North Fresno Rotarians in celebrating the Rotary and Holiday Spirit.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



Christmas 2015

New Shirts for North Fresno Rotarians

By Peter Fortuna



Hagop Bedoyan



Peter Fortuna



Susan Ryan

Janet Powell and Noelle Willbanks of Club Service helped get North Fresno Rotary members new polo shirts just in time for the Holiday Season! Rotarians can pick up their shirts at our weekly club meeting or by arrangement.

Extended New Shirt Order

By Janet Powell

North Fresno Rotarians can still place orders for our new club polos. For cost and additional information, contact Janet Powell via DacDB or at our next weekly meeting.

Don't miss your chance to refresh your Rotary clothing and gear!

Member Photos Needed

By Peter Fortuna

North Fresno Rotary has been given a Club Goal by Rotary International to have pictures of every club member and up-to-date information of each member posted in District DaCdb (District Database).

The following members need to have their photos added:

- Amir Dehlan
- James Flanagan
- Richard Powell

Read more about our [Club Goals](http://www.northfresnorotary.org/post/686) online at <http://www.northfresnorotary.org/post/686>

Laton Children's Christmas Party

By Richard Lord and Tim Hensleit



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<http://www.latonunified.org/3/home>

Over the next two weeks, we will be collecting unwrapped toys and monetary contributions to support the children's Christmas party in Laton. This marks the sixth year that North Fresno Rotarians have supported this project! Your monetary contributions enable us to purchase much appreciated sports equipment and gift card for food.

Laton is a small unincorporated farming community with less than 2,000 residents, located on the northern bank of the Kings River. While 23 miles south of Fresno it's a world away. It's rural, isolated and economically depressed. Residents are predominately Hispanic, poor, and young. The community lacks many of the normal conveniences we expect, including a gas station, ATM, restaurant or full service grocer. The Community Center that provided services to Laton's residents closed some years ago due to a loss of funding.





Merry Christmas

When it existed, the Laton Community Center provided an annual Christmas party for its children. When closed, no other organization remained to organize a party. Mickey Lord and her siblings, all of whom were raised within this community, were determined to rectify this loss. With help from extended family, members of the Avila family organized a community Christmas Party.

This year, the party is moving from the Methodist Church to the Laton Lions Hall, the social hub of the community. The party will begin when the Laton Volunteer Fire Dept. delivers Santa and Mrs. Claus to the anxious crowd, many of whom have patiently waited in line for hours. Well over 300 children, ranging from infant to young teens, will receive a gift. In addition, each of the approximately 120 families attending is provided a gift card (typically \$50) to assist with food for their Christmas celebration.

Parishioners at Fresno's St. Pauls' Catholic Newman Centers also generously support the Laton party through the donation of food gift cards through their annual Angel Tree. These are distributed to each family attending. In addition to Laton, Stone Soup and needy Catholic parishes in Fresno as well as others in impoverished communities similar to Laton benefit from Angel Tree donations. However, to ensure we have enough cards, we need to supplement.

Over the years, support from Rotary has helped make this party a success. As in the past, you are welcome to attend, experience and assist with this event. This year's party will be on Saturday, December 22 at the Laton Lion's Hall. Set up will begin at 8:00 am and, according to NORAD, Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 10:00 hours.

Please give what you can, and if you can, give more!

Tim Hensleit and Richard Lord
Community Service Directors



Sy Sizemore as Santa Claus



Report on the Salvation Army

By Tricia Holt



North Fresno Rotary Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Thanks to the more than 50 North Fresno Rotarians who once again volunteered to ring the bell for The Salvation Army at Fig Garden Village this year. The tradition began over thirty years ago when Roger Anderson and fellow Rotarians saw the need for volunteers and recruited fellow members to ring the bell. Roger and Pat Bradley rang for the first shift and were followed by our own "Santa" Sy Sizemore! The bells rang all week thanks to our most wonderful Rotary club and their spirit of building goodwill and better friendships.

The local Salvation Army corps sends their heartfelt thanks for our club's continued service to help those most in need!

Guatemala Project – International Avenue of Service

By Mo Osman and Peter Fortuna



Guatemala Project Members

[International Avenue of Service](#) Chair Mo Osman and Peter Scheer are happy to announce that the Guatemala Project of [North Fresno Rotary](#) and [Rotary4Guatemala on Facebook](#) have been awarded \$3,500. To help promote the Rotary International goal of promoting education, these funds have been earmarked for scholarships for the indigenous communities in San Agustin Lanquin.



EVENTS

Dec 20	Weekly Meeting	Club Service	No Meeting	District	Online	Weekly Program	Special	
Dec 27	No Meeting	Merry Christmas	Online Calendars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Fresno Rotary Calendar Facebook Calendar 					
Jan 03	Weekly Meeting	Valerie Pieroni						

