

Chris Williams." "One Team, One Dream. The District of Excellence." I want to do my part as the food service director to be the best district

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**Gregg Wangard, Director of Food Services
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Gregg Wangard is a master chef who is bringing his great culinary experience and enthusiasm to the Paso Robles School District (PRSD). Gregg looks too young to have over twenty years of experience, but he started his professional career cooking at the age of 15. As director of food services for the PRSD, Gregg oversees a variety of programs and activities including the Culinary Arts Academy. The Academy is a unique and multi-faceted facility that hosts both an instructional kitchen and a fully functional dining area. It is also a full production kitchen that produces and supplies sixteen other sites in the Paso Robles School District area. The facility also hosts the Academy Cafe that enables students to work and operate in an actual restaurant providing valuable experience to ease transition into actual employment in area restaurants.



Photos by Dale Gustin

Gregg grew up in a small town in Wisconsin and his fascination with cooking began by assisting his grandmother with holiday feast preparation. Since moving west, he has worked at many of the leading resorts including The American Club, Whistling Straights, Blackwolf Run, Cucina, Caneel Bay, Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel, Cliff's Resort, and Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort. Going to work for the PRSD was a significant shift that surprised many of his friends and colleagues, but Gregg wanted his children and other students to reap the benefits of the fantastic local food products grown locally in our area. He also wanted to be part of the "One Team-One Dream-District of Excellence" organization that Chris Williams initiated as superintendent.

The PRSD Food Services team now prepares about 2,000 meals a day. Gregg is working on a variety of upgrades including a new deli case with food items prepared by students for sale to the public. They are also installing a new Point of Sale (POS) system that will enable customers to pre-order student prepared meals that will feed a family of four for about \$25-30. The Academy uses the "learn by doing" teaching style that will prepare students for a dynamic career in the culinary field.

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THE FOUR WAY TEST: OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, AND DO

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all Concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOOD WILL and better Friendships?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all Concerned?**

In Memoriam

Our sincere condolences to Jennifer Sorenson and her family on the passing of her husband, Sam, on Nov 18. Jennifer would welcome close friends and those who knew Sam to attend his Celebration of Life at the Loading Chute in Creston on Sunday, Dec 4, from 12 to 4 PM.

News You Can Use

- **Last Call** - Wine Country Theatre will be presenting the last three performances of *Amadeus-Murder*, *Madness*, & *Mozart* on **Dec 2-3 (7:30 PM)** and **Dec 4 (2:00 PM)** at the Park Street Ballroom. Tickets are only \$25 (students \$15). This is another memorable production by Cynthia Anthony and her talented performers.
- **Rotary Christmas Party** - Please mark your calendar on **Dec 15** for a festive holiday celebration at the Paso Robles Golf Course. The no-host cocktail hour begins at 6 PM with dinner at 7 PM. There will be entertainment by PRSD Performing Arts and music by Route 66 featuring our own Scott Laycock. Members are asked to bring a \$15 "white elephant" for gift exchange at their table. Tickets are \$75 per person. *On-line reservations are required by Dec 10.* For more information, please contact Steve Gregory.
- **Boy Scouts** - The Major Member Dinner for the Boy Scouts of America Los Padres Council will be held on **Dec 7 at 6 PM** at the Cliffs Resort in Shell Beach. Tickets are \$150 pp. Please contact John Hamon at john@hamonohd.com if you are interested in attending
- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** - This fundraising activity is now underway daily at the Paso Robles Post Office. Thanks to all Rotary member who signed up. The volunteer list is full, but substitutes are also needed. Please contact Kathy Tucker for further information.

Finance & Investments Report



Chairman Randy Kohn reported that our fund balance as of Nov 17 is \$782K thanks in part to the \$66K contribution from the Winemakers' Cookoff proceeds. Thanks to the F&I Committee and all Rotary members for their efforts in building our fund. This has enabled the club to increase our annual scholarship program to \$50K benefiting local high school students.

Coming Programs

- Dec 1: Larry Allen, Air Pollution Control Officer, SLO County Air Pollution Control District
- Dec 8: Colonel Nicole Balliet, CA Army National Guard, Camp Roberts 75th Anniversary
- Dec 15: Rotary Christmas Party, Paso Robles Golf Course, 6 PM
Reminder -no lunch meeting on Dec 15.
- Dec 22: No Rotary meeting
- Dec 29: No Rotary meeting

Birthdays in the Next 30 Days

Abe Flory	Dec 9	Linda (Kevin) Will	Dec 29
Terry (Joe) Irick	Dec 13	Susan (Stephen) McAbee	Dec 30
Joyce Ganes	Dec 14	Gisela (Neil) Olsen	Dec 30
Tony Wallace	Dec 25	Jessica Fullerton	Dec 31
Eliana (Randy) Kohn	Dec 27		

Anniversaries This Week

No anniversaries this week

2016 Darwin Awards - For the Dumbest Among Us

Winner - German zookeeper Friedrich Riesfeldt fed his constipated elephant 22 doses of animal laxative and more than a bushel of berries, figs and prunes before the plugged-up pachyderm finally got relief. Investigators say ill-fated Friedrich was attempting to give the ailing elephant an olive oil enema when the relieved beast unloaded. The sheer force of the elephant's unexpected defecation knocked Mr Riesfeldt to the ground where he struck his head on a rock as the elephant continued to evacuate 200 pounds of dung on top of him. It seems to be just one of those freak accidents that proves... 'Sh__ happens'

Runner Up - Kerry Bingham had been drinking with friends when one of them said they knew a person who had bungee-jumped from a local bridge in the middle of traffic. The conversation grew excited and at least 10 men trooped along the walkway of the bridge at 4:30 AM. Upon arrival, they discovered that no one had brought a bungee rope. Bingham pointed out that a coil of lineman's cable lay nearby. They secured one end around Bingham's leg and then tied the other to the bridge. His fall lasted 40 feet before the cable tightened and tore his foot off at the ankle. He miraculously survived his fall into the icy water and was rescued by two nearby fishermen. Bingham's foot was never located.