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Wednesday, March 20th ASCCA Chapter 20 welcomes ...



Assemblymember Grayson was elected to serve in the California Assembly in November 2016 as the representative of the 14th Assembly District, which encompasses portions of Contra Costa and Solano Counties. He is the son of a Teamster father and his mother was a public transit worker. He is the first in his family to earn a college degree. In 2010, Grayson was elected to serve on the Concord City Council, serving on the Council until his election to the Assembly. He also served as Concord's Mayor from 2014 – 2015.

Tim Grayson has been a longtime advocate for affordable and local higher education, and has worked to set aside 150 acres for a future 4-year university in Contra Costa County. Grayson serves on the Assembly Banking and Finance Committee, the Assembly Business and Professions Committee, the Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee, the Committee on Rules, the Assembly Local Government Committee, and the Assembly Select Committee on STEM Education. Grayson chairs the Select Committee on Streamlining Services for Victims of Interpersonal Violence.

Tim Grayson continues to serve as the Concord Police Department's Critical Response Chaplain, a position he has held since 2007, providing emotional support and counseling to first responders, victims, and their families during and after critical crimes cases and events. Grayson also has maintained a license as a general building contractor since 1997.



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ASC-CA Chapter 20 MISSION STATEMENT

"To promote professionalism throughout our industry by upholding our state code of ethics and sharing our successes and failures with our members and future members". "To elevate and unite automotive professionals and give them a voice".

President's Message - March 2019

Hello Chapter Members.

This has been a cold winter for sure. I'm sure that battery sales are off the charts this month.

A bit of time ago I said that I was looking into App's for our shop use as far as customers' needs. My son, Sean, has been doing quite a lot of work in that field. He educated me a tiny bit. App's, when linked to a large group, work very well. Hence, our Association would be a prime example.

I asked him how this could work. He said that a lot of companies either offer discounts or other usable products to retain customers. I suggested, instead of discounting our goods and services, how about offering a longer warranty on premium parts? He said that was a good idea. I also mentioned offering Uber or Lyft service when a customer drops off their vehicle for work. I'm sure that everyone reading

this has some great ideas what your shops could offer without discounting your work.

I asked him about other forms of advertisement? He said that TV advertisements have lost a lot of ground with streaming and smart TV's quieting out the commercials. Websites are still effective but App's are leading the way. He said that one thing we have going for us is our cliental base. The App's will really help with retention of existing customers. They also work extremely well for referral (word of mouth) because it is so convenient when it is already in their phone. The existing customer just shares the App.

Your Board will be looking into this technology and how affordable it can be made state wide for all members interested. I will have more info very soon. Stay warm and see you all soon.

Steve E.

Chapter 20 welcomes new CAT - California Automotive Teachers - Member



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March update from Mary Kemnitz's Rotary Club

Clayton Worsdell and Valley Sunrise Rotary reported in their newsletter: "Our Team delivered eight cars to Chico on Thursday, February 21st. This now makes a total of 33 cars donated so far through the Cars4Paradise program. There were nine of us who went to Chico to deliver the eight cars. The driver for the return ride to Concord, Mario, generously volunteered to drive the 15 passenger van donated by Russ Anderson. A big thank you goes out to Mario. We saw snow on the mountain tops on the way up, and a pretty sunset on the way back.

Dave Kemnitz was blown away when Russ Anderson donated the use of a van to shuttle everyone back from Chico during the last auto donations. It was one of the used vehicles he had standing on his lot for sale and we all want to extend a big thank you to him.

1996 Honda Shadow Fundraiser - Don't forget the next Paradise fundraiser is scheduled for March 23 at the Mondavi Center in Davis, where the Honda Shadow is being auctioned off. It was donated by Cars4Paradise, tickets are \$20 each. See Dave Kemnitz.

Contact Mary and Dave at <u>D&H Enterprises</u> - www.dandhautorepair.com - 925-356-0683







https://www.clunkers4charity.org/

Few vehicle donation programs in the U.S. maintain our low overhead — that means more of your donation goes to organizations helping people in the local community and throughout the world. Cars2ndChance and Clunkers4Chari-

ty accept vehicles of ALL types, in ANY condition, RUNNING or NOT.

Many vehicle donation programs cannot make this AMAZING claim. We do not have costly administrative overhead and our organization is composed entirely of volunteers. This is consistent with the Rotary International motto — Service Above Self.



We want to thank you for giving us the opportunity to Donate our 2004 Buick Rendezvous.

...Dave made the process so easy, and very positive. ...We

just wanted to get the Tax Write off, but Dave made it clear to us that this was a GIFT to improve someone's life.

Julia and Joe Aguilar, 2013





NOTE Chapter 20 meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday

January 16, 2019 ... Round table discussion with Los Medanos College on their auto program and possible intern program. Also meet **Elie Massabki**!

March 20, 2019 ... Assemblyman Tim Grayson

on upcoming legislative issues (Legislative Day coming up April 23rd!)

April 17, 2019 ... High School Diagnostic Challenge

at Superior Auto Body

May 15, 2019 ... Joint Meeting with Chapter 16

at Orinda Motors, with **Maylan Newton** as guest moderator

June 19, 2019 ... Carolyn Coquillette

Connected Cars (to be confirmed)

July 17, 2019 ... Vendor Fair

(to be confirmed)

September 18, 2019 ... Jennifer Filzen

Rock Star Marketing

October 16, 2019 ... ESi Maylan Newton

on Influence - Positive and Negative

November 20, 2019 Joint Meeting with Auto Body and Tow Truck Industry

(to be confirmed)

All meetings subject to final confirmation by scheduled speakers and Board. If you need more information about ASCCA Chapter 20's meetings, please contact Steve Elstins, West Coast Muffler, 925-676-8376 OR Mary Kemnitz, D&H Enterprises, 925-356-0683

March 8th - International Women's Day

The entire month of March is recognized as **Women's History Month**; a time to celebrate the tremendous contributions that women have made throughout history. March 8 is International Women's Day when global celebration takes place. They both highlight women's' achievements in every part of our society and throughout the world. (Joan Donofrio, Valley Sunrise Rotary)

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International Women's Day 2019 campaign theme: #BalanceforBetter

The future is exciting. Let's build a gender-balanced world. Everyone has a part to play - all the time, everywhere. From grassroots activism to worldwide action, we are entering an exciting period of history where the world expects balance. We notice its absence and celebrate its presence. Balance drives a better working world. Let's all help create a #BalanceforBetter. https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Theme

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LOS MEDANOS COLLEGE

You are invited to join in!

~ Friday, the 17th of MAY at 6pm ~



Dave Kemnitz, D&H Enterprises, has volunteered to speak about his career in the automotive industry and **Maylan Newton** of ESi will speak about the opportunities to be found in the automotive industry.

Other Chapter members are welcome to speak or attend. Let Earl Ortiz and Mary Kemnitz know. Map and directions to follow.

Members who attended the January Chapter meeting will recall hearing from **Earl Ortiz**, Los Medanos College. Earl extended an invitation to speak to his students. The goal is to have shop involvement in internships. Hearing from ASCCA shops directly is powerful input for students.

The College's Advisory Board will also meet later in the year - representation from the industry also provides important input for the College. Earl Ortiz can be reached at 925-352-5011 or

eortiz@losmedanos.edu ~ https://www.losmedanos.edu/



Project Vpdate!

The build is going great. We obtained one volunteer, Bobby Sturgeon. Bobby is a great asset to our club. We are 30% done on the

engine rebuild. We no longer are in need of a crate motor. We are almost done with auto body preparation and ready for primer and paint. We still need some expertise help on front suspension assembly. The club obtained six new freshman in the last month. We have extended our shop time to two days Wednesday's from 230-700 pm and Thursdays 0330-700 pm. We have incorporated a study hall in the club program to assist students in homework, cyber high and college preparation.

We are in need of money for a TV so we can use it for displaying assembly manuals, YouTube videos on the process of repair. We also need money or donation for wheels and tires, wiring harness and upholstery for the interior. *Nick*







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Automotive Aftermarket Industry Legislative Day, April 23rd 2019









Please join the Chapter 20 contingent for an important day at the Capitol.

Your presence and contribution count! The Chapter will cover your train fare; breakfast and lunch are provided.

It's also a lot of fun!

Together we can make our Voices heard.

Give Steve, Mary or Rich a call to let them know you'll be part of the team, and register at the link below.

https://www.ascca.com/events/automotive-aftermarket-industry-legislative-fly

The Automotive Service Councils Educational Foundation Proudly Announces New Women in Automotive Scholarship Fund

SACRAMENTO - The Automotive Service Councils Educational Foundation (ASCEF) is proud to announce its new Women in Automotive Scholarship fund. This fund is created by the Automotive Service Councils of California (ASCCA) Women in Automotive Committee (WiAC).



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"Although women are almost half of the U.S. labor force, they represent only about onequarter of the automotive workforce," said committee member Wendy Lucko. "By creating this scholarship, we hope to unite, inspire, and mentor non-traditional employees to consider a career in the automotive industry."

Continue reading the press release

Apply for ASCEF Scholarships Today!

Applications are currently being accepted for the Automotive Service Councils Educational Foundation (ASCEF) 2019 scholarships! Each year, the ASCEF awards 18 scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$1,000. These scholarships provide assistance to current under-graduates who are in the automotive service field.



To be eligible for these scholarships, an applicant must be a:

- California high school senior who plans to enroll in post high school technical and academic training or
- California college under-graduate in the automotive service field.

Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2019.

To apply online visit https://www.automotivescholarships.com/scholarshiptype.cfm?type=39.

The ASCEF is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to supporting and advancing the entire automotive industry through technical education and training, scholarships, and other industry inspired programs.

To learn more about the ASCEF, visit www.asc-ef.org. See also P.7 for new Women in Automotive fund



How to Apply for Automotive Training Scholarships

January 22, 2019 - Thanks to Rocky Khamenian for sharing



If you or someone you know is interested in receiving a scholarship for industry training, the Automotive Aftermarket Scholarship Central, sponsored by the University of the Aftermarket Foundation, makes is easy to connect those interested with monies available. Automotive Aftermarket Scholarship Central features available scholarships for students training to become automotive, heavy duty or collision repair technicians, as well as studying business, engineering or other courses of study.

Hundreds of automotive scholarships are awarded each year. Each completed application will automatically be considered for every scholarship where the criteria is met. To apply, visit <u>automotivescholarships.com</u>.

Scholarships are available for students attending a 2-year or 4-year college or university, or an accredited post-secondary school for automotive, heavy duty or collision repair technicians. In 2018, 305 scholarships totaling \$405,000 were awarded with an expectation to award even more scholarships this year.

The scholarship application deadline is March 31. For more information, text your name and email address to 720-903-2206 for more information on how to apply.



https://www.tirereview.com/how-to-apply-for-automotive-training-scholarships/

http://www.uofafoundation.com/news.html

Also see P.7 for new ASCEF Women in Automotive scholarship fund





Random Thoughts

By Jerry Kubitsky

Thank you to ASCCA Chapter 24 Byways Newsletter February/March 2019 ~ http://ascca24.com/newsletters/



For many years now I have written the What Did I Miss column for the Chapter Newsletter. I've decided to try something different this year. I call it Random Thoughts and it's made up of ideas that I think can help our member-ship and their businesses.

My hope is that each month I can present some ideas that someone hasn't thought about and can take action on. Let me know what you think.

Random Thoughts:

- Taking your employees out to dinner. Every year I take my employees out for Christmas dinner. It's a way to show my appreciation for their hard work. However you don't have to wait till Christmas, do you?
- Create a memory for one employee or several of them. Pay for a special weekend. Send them with their special someone to one of the nice hotels on the Bay or to Catalina. Give them some spending money to have a good time. They will remember the special weekend forever.
- Or make a weekend get away part of a bonus every quarter. Set a goal for them to reach.
- What's the last impression your customer has of you and your service? Make it special. Give them some-thing other than the bill and a smile. Leave some movie tickets with a "thank you" card on the front seat or a flower. Be creative.
- How do you get ideas? By looking for them first. New ideas are all around you, but you have to train your mind to see them. Listen to Pod Cast like Remarkable Results or read Ratchet and Wrench or just go to the chapter meetings. New ideas are everywhere.
- How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. How do you get rid of junk in your shop. One small pile at a time. Have your team pick one area at a time and clean it up. Take photos.
- Are you a hero in your community. Are you part of a charity event. If so, contact Jerry Kubitsky at 619-463-9400. I have a new program with the Public Relations Committee and I'll help you get the word out.
- Legislation Day is Tuesday April 23, 2019. John Eppstein and I will be flying out Tues morning at 6:35 am and returning on a 3:55 flight back. You won't believe how great of a time you will have and how much of a difference you can make. For more information contact me, Jerry at 619-463-9400. There are several incentive programs for first time participants but you better hurry.
- Team Weekend: You have to go. Period. Bill Hass gave a great presentation on Leadership this last week and you get to see up close what gets accomplished by your State Board. I suggest you go up early Friday morning and take time to tour Sacramento. I love the Train Museum and Old Town but the Capitol is not that far away and is also a fun tour. Saturday night we al-ways have a great big dinner and enjoy just relaxing with each other. Take a break from work. Next Team Weekend is May 18-19 in Sacramento. Come join us.

Till next time. Sincerely, Jerry Kubitsky





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For more information, call Elie Massabki at 650-867-1072 and register for free to find temporary employees at:

www.MechanicsMarketplace.com

Hans' Training Resources

ESI – Maylan Newton - Service advisor and Owner management training 888-338-7296

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ATG – Automotive Training Group www.atgtraining.com – Advanced training various topics. 800-233-3182,

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Hello, all...

My name is Mitch Schneider and you may know me from my columns in *Ratchet+Wrench*, the automotive shop management series I wrote or the seminars and speaking engagements I've presented over the years. I am also an honorary lifetime member of Chapter 5.



What you may not know is that five years ago I was diagnosed with Primary Myelofibrosis, an extremely rare bone marrow cancer. With the exception of a stem cell/bone marrow transplant, the disease is chronic, untreatable and incurable.

The City of Hope has located a donor and we are tentatively scheduled to begin the transplant process on March 18. One of the few things we are certain of is that I will need a number of transfusions: both for whole blood and especially for platelets.

Donating whole blood and platelets is truly a gift of life. Not only for me, but for many of the other City of Hope transplant patients.

I recognize this is a big "ASK," but if it is something you might consider, I've included two (2) attachments for you. The first is the City of Hope's "*Before You Donate*" brochure, which explains who is *eligible* to donate, the list of medications and/or conditions that would prevent you from donating, how you make an appointment, the number to call and what to bring with you in the way of personal identification (valid driver's license, passport, etc.). *Please read it before you before you drive to the hospital!*

The second attachment is the City of Hope's donation schedule, with the days, times and the phone number to call: <u>626.218.7171</u>, for an appointment as well as the link for online scheduling (<u>DONOR</u> CENTER ONLINE SCHEDULE). (Calling is really the better option here!)

This is truly an instance where you or someone you know can really make a difference.

I hope you will find a way to share this as the transfusions are a critical part of the treatment and a successful transplant is my only hope of a cure.

Thank you and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call...

Mitch

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(See email of February 28, 2019)



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