



Rotary Club of West Calaveras

February 22, 2018



Human Trafficking

Our thanks to Nikki Stevens and Ann Walton for visiting the club to speak about human trafficking.

Trafficking, considered the modern day form of slavery, is widespread throughout the US. It is the second largest criminal industry in the world, and is the fastest growing. Victims are pressed into lives of abuse through rape, beatings, false offers of employment, and threats, psychological abuse, and debt-bondage.

Victims are young children, teenagers, men and women. Many teenagers are potential victims of trafficking through a variety of ways. First, the internet, which can be very dangerous because sexual traffickers often pretend to be a young person on the internet and strike up conversations. They may promise a modeling job, or invite the teen to a party, or encourage them to sneak out of the house for a meeting. Unfortunately, these teens are then held against their will and forced into prostitution.

Chance meetings of other teens in a mall or at a concert, are set up by traffickers using a teen or young adult. The unsuspecting teens are then invited to a party, where they are given a date rape drug, and soon find themselves held captive, and forced into prostitution.

There are two excellent books written by women who were victims of trafficking, great reading for all parents who want to be informed. The books are: "Walking Prey" by Holly Austin Smith, and "And Life Continues" by Wendy Barnes. Both of these women are now advocates against trafficking.



St Patrick's Dinner/Dance * Friday, March 16, 2018 * 5:30 - 9:30 pm
Valley Springs Veterans Hall

\$25.00 per person * Music by Steve Johnson & The Rusty Rockers
Tickets at Valley Springs News & Valley Springs Library
Or, Email westcalaverasrotary@gmail.com



"We ran your symptoms through the computer and it caused a virus that shut down the internet!"

Calendar

- 3/1/18 Peter Mauer
County Planning update
- 3/8/18 Gary Tofanelli
Supervisor update
- 3/15/18 Club Assembly
- 3/22/18 Joel Metzger
CCWD update
- 3/29/18 Dana Nichols
Print media

Thought For The Day

Success is not just what you accomplish in your life, it is about what you inspire others to do.

Rotary Club of West Calaveras now meeting Thursday morning at the 7:30am. At Perry Hall, United Methodist Church, 135 Laurel St, Valley Springs. *Guests are welcome.*