

Fundraising Breakout Session

Speaker Biographies



Rafael Alejandre

President, Dinuba Sunrise Rotary Club

Rafael Alejandre has worked in education for 15 years in the Dinuba Unified School District. Currently, he is in his fourth year as a school counselor and previously he was a history teacher for 11 years. He joined Rotary in 2019 in support of the club's mission to have an impact on the small town of Dinuba and the surrounding communities. Rafael's passion is helping with community projects, particularly for local youth, which brings him joy and a sense of accomplishment. He is particularly proud of his club's Rotary scholarship program and enjoys seeing the students grow up to accomplish great things. His club runs the Dinuba Balloon Drop, an innovative fundraiser that works with local youth groups to raise money for their projects.



Jose Faria

Dinuba Sunrise Rotary Club

Jose Faria is a seasoned Civil Engineer with a degree from California State University, class of 1982. With a robust career spanning over 35 years, he has contributed to both Mark Ysuzi and Associates Engineering firm and The Department of Water Resources. Since retiring in 2017, Mr. Faria has been an active member of the Dinuba Sunrise Rotary, serving as Club president from 2022-2023 and continuing as a Board member. His retirement is enriched by his passions for travel, viticulture, and winemaking on his ranch in Dinuba.



Rob Slawinski

Robert Slawinski Auctioneers
Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotary Club

Rob Slawinski has joyfully been a member of Rotary clubs over the past 22 years. Robert, his wife Theresa and their daughter Anna attend Rotary meetings together and the entire family is Paul Harris Fellows. A former California State Champion Auctioneer who has helped raised over \$60 million dollars for non-profits over the past 35 years, Rob has conducted real estate, personal property, auto, and benefit auctions from multimillion dollar sales to his local Church and Rotary Club auctions. Rob attended the worldwide College of Auctioneering at the age of 15 in 1985. He graduated from Santa Clara University. Rob has served on the California State Board of Auctioneers.