

Human Trafficking Breakout Session

Speaker Biographies



Annette Yee Steck

District Human Trafficking Prevention Liaison
Moderator

A member of the Carmel Valley Rotary Club, Annette Yee Steck was inspired to spend time to join the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery after learning about the issue at the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne. She has secured Rotary sponsorship of the Monterey County Human Trafficking Symposium on May 23, 2024 at Monterey Peninsula College. She is also working to create a human trafficking prevention event in the 2024/25 year that will involve hands-on Rotary club involvement. A community leader, Annette Yee Steck was elected to the Monterey County Board of Education in July 2022. Prior to that she served as a board member of the Carmel Unified School District, from 1993 through 2020. Professionally, Annette is a financial advisor who helps municipalities and public agencies issue financings for facilities and other purposes. She has a bachelor's degree in business economics and economics systems science from the University of California, Los Angeles.



Robert (Bob) Deering, Jr.

Rotary District 5180, District Governor, 2012-13

A member of the Rotary Club of East Sacramento, CA, Bob has served as District Treasurer, Assistant Governor, has been on the Group Study Exchange Committee, being their chairperson from 2007 through 2010. He has been awarded the Service Above Self Award from Rotary International and the Citation for Meritorious Service from The Rotary Foundation. With Past President Brian Gladden of the Rotary Club of Roseville, Bob spearheaded a Global Grant Project to bring education training to students in combating modern slavery/human trafficking in District 5180 along with an outreach campaign to make the general population of the Greater Sacramento area aware of this problem in their communities. This project raised close to \$400,000 with help from The Rotary Foundation through a Global Grant. Bob has spoken throughout the Western United

States on the subject of Human Trafficking and was chosen by Zones 26/27 to chair a Summit in October 2022 to Stop Modern Slavery attended by Rotarians from both Zones and around the United States. Through this work he has become active in the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS) and currently serves as its chairperson.