

Peace Prize Nominees (continued from page 6)

The Tara DeLira nomination

Tara DeLira, Program Coordinator of the Life Steps Foundation's Senior Homenaker Program, has been nominated for the eleventh annual Valley of the Flowers Peace Prize.

At work Ms. DeLira coordinates homemaking services to northern Santa Barbara County and San Luis Obispo. When another senior-serving agency closed its doors in Lompoc, Ms. DeLira and her agency stepped forward to fill the need: housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation, bathing and grooming among others.

Her agency's resources were already stretched, but she knows Lompoc. She lives here. She took on added responsibilities to serve her hometown.

Ms. DeLira was nominated from the community by Barry Marks. As he tells it „Funds became available for Lompoc to be added to Tara's program. She took it on as a Lompoc resident, even with her dance card already filled. She didn't have to.“ I have known Tara for over four years. She never says no; instead, always looks for a way to make challenges work.“

LSF Adult Services are available to seniors sixty and older who are ineligible for other in-home services. They can be reached at (805) 549-0150. If LSF staff cannot provide needed services, they will seek out an agency who can to ensure the client's opportunity to age safely in place. Services are provided free of charge.

Ms. DeLira is the seventh nominee for this year's Peace Prize. Previous nominees are the singing Simmons Sisters, Business Book Club, TaiChi teacher Yuka Freeman, teenage school board candidate Alexander Murkison, five leaders of the June Black Lives Matter march, and grassroots philanthropist Veronica Williams. The annual Peace Prize ceremony for 2020 will be held January 31, 2021. Nominations, with deadline December 1, go to (805) 733-3333 or mail to 1536 West Cherry in Lompoc.

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Other donations have benefited the Library Foundation, Museum Foundation, Lompoc Historic Society, Police Activities League, Mural Society, Crestview School, Lompoc Theatre Project. These are just a few projects the Rotary Club of Lompoc has taken on, donating over \$1,000,000 to worthy causes within our community and internationally generated from our annual Wine Tasting and Auction event.

Our club members are dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship. Becoming a Rotarian connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back. For more information about Lompoc Rotary Club visit Lompocrotary.com or email:

LompocRotary@gmail.com.

LOMPOC ROTARY DONATES TO THE GOOD SAMARITAN PROGRAM

The Lompoc Rotary donated \$600.00 on November 19, 2020 to the Good Samaritan Program to help out with the Turkey Drive held on 11/19/2020. Previously the Club had donated \$1,500 to Lompoc's local St Vincent De Paul to help with their free meals and \$1,000 to the Lompoc Food Pantry.

The Rotary Club of Lompoc was chartered on March 21, 1925. The club had since played an active role serving the community of Lompoc. Each year, the club helps finance a big community project. In recent years, these included renovation of the Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, Veterans Memorial Building, and Lompoc High School Huyck Stadium. They have also constructed a new BBQ pit at Beattie Park; bought a new town clock on South H Street; provided a new handicap accessible van, twice, for the Comprehensive Care Center.

They have contributed to the construction of the Lompoc Valley Medical Center new facility and the new River Bend Bike Park, dedicated in honor of Rotarian Al Walker.

