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NEWSLETTER
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THIS ISSUE

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**JOIN ALF SENIOR FELLOWS AND GUESTS
AS WE TASTE AMAZING WINE AND DELICIOUS FOOD
FROM FOUR UNIQUE REGIONS IN ITALY.**

Tour of Italy

AT THE HOME OF GREG & JESSICA COLEMAN IN RIPON

**APRIL
29**

5:30–9:30PM

Cost: \$125 per person

Attire: Cool weather, garden party attire,
heels not recommended

For individual reservations or donations, please scan the QR code.

For sponsorship opportunities, go to www.alfgreatvalley.org.

For questions or more information, call (209) 968-8787.

Please RSVP by April 17, 2023

*Can't attend? Please consider a donation to ALF.
Scan the QR code to donate.*

Click to go to Eventbrite page- <https://bit.ly/3k3cbz9>



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Tour of Italy

April 29, 2023

HOME OF GREG AND JESSICA COLEMAN IN RIPON

TITLE SPONSORS \$10,000

- Logo recognition in the event program
- Acknowledgment from the podium
- Event signage
- Logo listing on the ALF website
- (10) Event tickets with (2) VIP Parking passes
- (4) Social media mentions with logo

SILVER SPONSORS \$5,000

- Logo recognition in the event program
- Acknowledgment from the podium
- Event signage
- Logo listing on the ALF website
- (6) Event tickets with (2) VIP Parking passes
- Social media mention

BRONZE SPONSORS \$2,500

- Sponsor recognition in the event program
- Logo listing on the ALF website
- Acknowledgment from the podium
- Event signage
- (4) Event tickets

CONTRIBUTING SPONSORS \$1,000

- Sponsor recognition in the event program
- Logo listing on the ALF website
- (2) Event tickets

INDIVIDUAL GUESTS \$125/PER PERSON

To sponsor this event or purchase individual tickets, please scan the QR Code or visit our website at www.alfgreatvalley.org.

Guest names will be on the guest list as you enter - No actual tickets will be mailed or needed. If you have special needs for parking and/or entering the venue, please notify the ALF office in advance at alf@greatvalley.org or (209) 968-8787.





FUNDRAISER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of
volunteers to work the
Tour of Italy Fundraiser
on April 29th 5-10pm.

If you are available,
please email
alf@greatvalley.org





April 29

LoveModesto.com

An Event of Love Stanislaus County

Please join your ALF Great Valley Senior Fellows at **Love Modesto** on April 29th and support our Senior Fellow, Anita Hellam (class VI), **Habitat for Humanity project!**

Click here to sign up today-
Sign up soon, Habitat for Humanities fills up fast
<https://lovemodesto.com/Projects/View-Project?ID=100>



MARIAN MARTINO (CLASS I) & MICHAEL GAFFNEY (CLASS XI) WORKING HARD IN 2022



Save the Date!

CLASS 12 COMMENCEMENT & SPRING FLING

MAY 5, 2023
6PM - 8PM

Our Valley

*A celebration of the diversity and beauty our region has to offer
Hosted by Class 12 and Susan Dell'Osso*

SENIOR FELLOW ENGAGEMENT

COUNTY CONNECTION EVENT- APRIL 9



Thank you to Mike and Kathy Moridian for hosting our County Connection Event. We had a great check in, lots of laughs and enjoyed getting caught up!

Pictured- L-R Kathy Halsey (I), Lee Lor (IV), Charlie Nguyen (IX), Kirstie Boyett (XI), Christine Schweininger (IX), Kathy Moridian & Mike Moridian (V)



If you are available to host an event in your area, please reach out to kirstie@greatvalley.org

SENIOR FELLOW ENGAGEMENT

CLASS I SUPPORTS- STEVE AROUNSAK



Steve Arounsack (I) spoke at Modesto Rotary on February 28th about his career, his start as a refugee and why he chooses to support local youth as a professor at Stanislaus State. He served as the lead cultural advisor for the Oscar-nominated film *Raya and the Last Dragon*, Walt Disney Animation Studios' first feature film inspired by cultures of Southeast Asia.



Pictured L-R- Marian Martino Steve Arounsack,
Kathy Halsey & Debra Brady



CLASS 12 HIGHLIGHTS

What's is ALF doing for you?

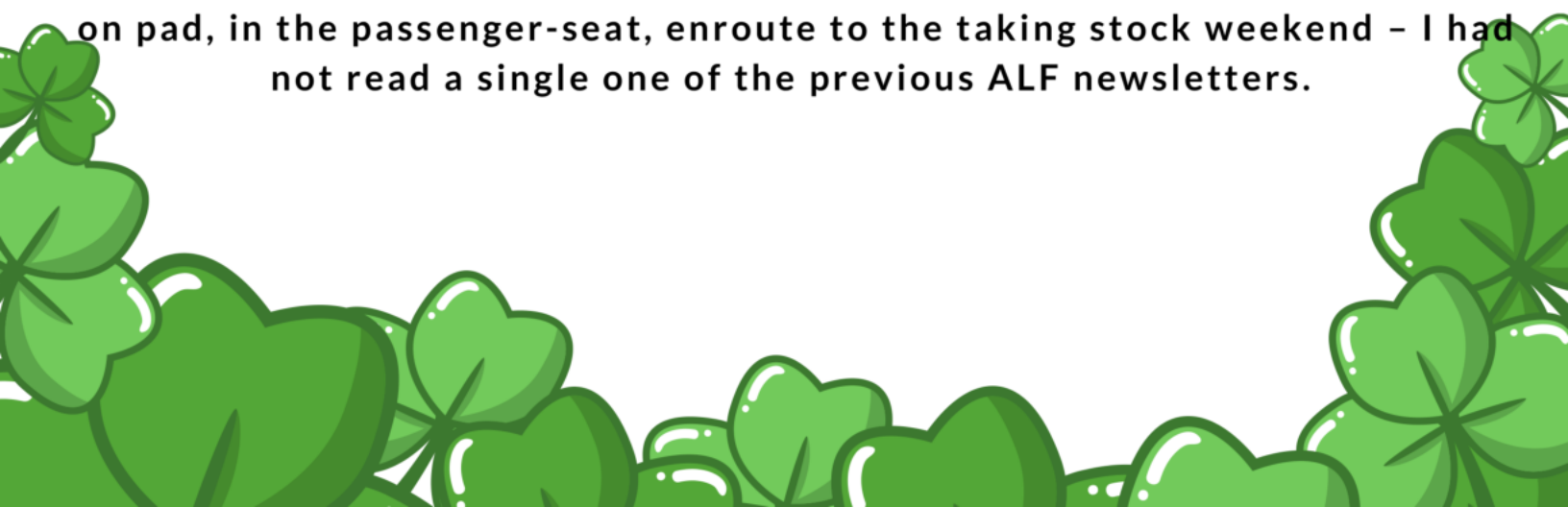
By Andrew Nosrati

Midway through our cohorts taking stock weekend, after another intensive day of personal introspection and group workshops, a handful of us gather late at night to engage in a light conversation; a light conversation, that quickly turns into a friendly debate. Questions like: “What were we supposed to get out of this experience?”, “what did we get out of this?”, and “what were the factors that contributed to it all?” are being wrestled with.

For myself, after our latest session, I've gained more clarity on who I am, what I am doing, and why I am here. More than this renewed, yet still abstract, sense of self and purpose, I walk away from this weekend with tangible, actionable items to carry with me into the world outside of this bubble – actions that enable me to break cycles that have held me back.

It's all played a part: the sometimes messy process of turning strangers into trusted peers; the concepts on leadership, systems and change; the candid discussion on the material, our selves, our deficiencies, our biases, how we show up, how we can be better. As we near the end of our year together, I can confidently say what it has all done for me. As I look to my peers, I can see the change its stirring within them.

I'll be honest. When I wrote the first draft of this article – scribbled in pen, on pad, in the passenger-seat, enroute to the taking stock weekend – I had not read a single one of the previous ALF newsletters.





What's is ALF doing for you? (cont'd)

Work, family, spam, noise, etc. provided me enough of an excuse to carry with me. However, as I write these words, I recognized that if I was the version of me that brings me my greatest peace, joy, and satisfaction, I'd have made an effort to read these articles; I'd have aligned my actions with my priorities and thoughtfully considered the words of my fellows. I'd have shown up for them and for myself to a higher degree than I'd done. (PS: after writing this article, I went back and read the previous articles.)

Late into the night, around the fireplace, we re-group; we reflect. Each person with their unique perspective on it all: the critic, the optimist, the curious. As late into the evening turns into early the next morning, as thinkers are prone to do we continue tossing and turning questions like: "Can this be done better?", "What are the essential elements of the experience?", "Why 'this'?", "Why not 'that'?" until there is nothing left to be said.

It's 12 am now, I turn to a large 25" x 30" sheet of paper to scribble my thoughts and and I feel a bit more myself. It's 12:30 and I'm opening up to a good friend about how deep seeded insecurities have impacted my development over the years. It's now 1 am and I'm headed to bed. While I may not be able to recite the ALF mission statement to you at this moment, I can, confidently state that these gatherings, these people, the framework and its/our imperfections have played a role in moving me through my journey towards a better version of myself, a more capable leader, and better able to serve our community.

Do you know what ALF is doing for you?



ALF Welcomes YOUR Leadership Story!

**Do you have a profound Fellows experience to share?
Has your ALF training changed how you lead? Have you
used your ALF training to better society or your
community? Please submit ideas to
alf@greatvalley.org.**



ALF NATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES RETREAT

The ALF National board held its annual jam-packed, two-day retreat in Portland in early November and came away with some big wins! The board adopted a bold, multifaceted strategic plan and all-new cornerstones that will take ALF into a new period of capacity building and growth for all current chapters—the first such endeavor in over a decade! Stay tuned for more updates from the National Board in the coming months.

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP FORUM CORNERSTONES



ALF IS COMMITTED TO:

Building a network of leaders dedicated to nurturing relationships across a diversity of backgrounds, beliefs and practices.

Designing spaces for leaders to engage in self-reflection and build trust across differences as a spark for personal growth and development.

Creating space for conversations that encourage leaders to eliminate absolute thinking and practice curiosity.

Highlighting how our global connectedness and influence can create possibilities for personal, organizational and community change.

Working together to co-create a just and equitable society through the exploration of historical inequities.

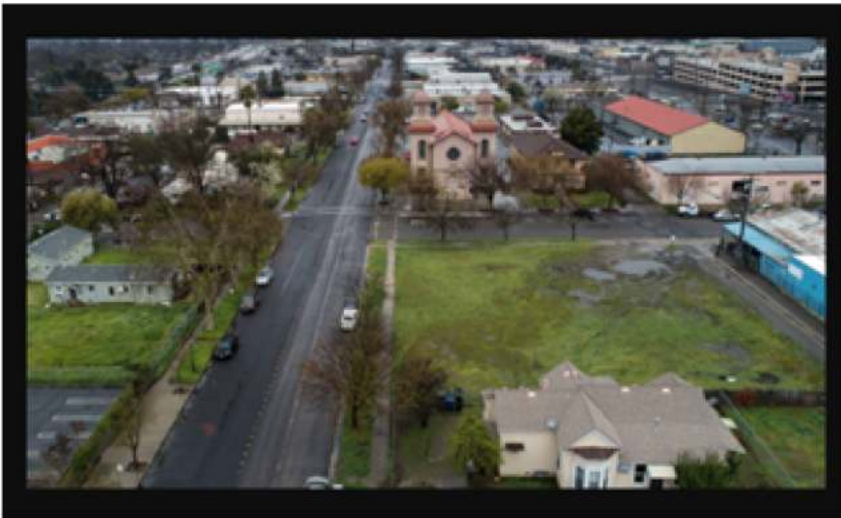
Inspiring leaders and their networks to be catalysts for creating a community in which all people have the ability to thrive.



HONORABLE MENTIONS

Carol Ornelas (Class IV) is leading the charge to hopefully bring six-story low income housing come to downtown Modesto.

<https://www.modbee.com/news/local/article272936265.html>



Proposed Location

Proposed Building



Rotary

DISTRICT 5220 | DISASTER RELIEF

VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT

Rotary District 5220 is assembling a team of volunteers in our network to work the beverage booths at Visit Stockton's "Stockton Flavor Festival" which will be held on Friday, May 19th Thru Sunday, May 21st. Checkout a video of last year's event here: <https://youtu.be/fiLHT7sUlus>

As a nonprofit our District 5220 Disaster Relief Corporation will be given a percentage of the proceeds that we as a Rotary district will use towards disaster relief funds around the world such as Ukraine efforts and locally supporting communities in need of help due to the wildfires and flooding. In order to make an impact we need as many District 5220 Rotarians and community volunteers to sign up and volunteer at the event.

Please follow the instructions below and on the following page on how to become a volunteer at this event and represent Rotary District 5220. If you have any questions, please contact Lorie Liddicoat 209.915.9913 or via email loriediazliddicoat@gmail.com—SUBJECT: Volunteer Flavor Fest

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE:

(See Directions on next page)



<https://visitstockton.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=70905>

ORGANIZATION: Rotary
GROUP PASSWORD: drinks

Rotary District 5220 will be working together at beverage booths.
We will not be pouring beverages, we will be taking tickets and opening canned beverages.