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Rotary Elects New President

Former parks supervisor to take over 2007-08

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Morgan Hill - You can talk to anyone from the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill about the impressive background of the club's new president Ken Hulick.

You just won't hear it from Hulick himself.

"It's really not about me," said Hulick. "It's about all of us working together to get a lot done."

The retired San Jose native started his term July 1 and looks forward to diversifying the club and keeping up with Morgan Hill's rapidly changing demographics.

"The biggest thing I want to accomplish is to increase diversity," said Hulick. "I want to create a strong recruiting effort to find people who would be good representatives of the people of Morgan Hill. The club used to be a bunch of old white guys, but that's changed. We are trying to find as many good Rotarians as we can."

Hulick has been a Rotarian since 1986, and part of the Morgan Hill's chapter for the last three years.

An enthusiast for parks, the 66-year-old worked for the National Park Service, a branch of the U.S. Department of the Interior for 35 years, overseeing parks in five different U.S. cities and in the country of Panama.

Even though he has been retired for 13 years, Hulick still volunteers his time at Henry Coe State Park and Yellowstone National Park and wrote a children's book in 1998.

He has served in Rotary Clubs from five different cities, including Hendersonville, N.C. and Panama City.

Lou Mirviss, the club's outgoing president, said the board's unanimous decision was a good one.

"I feel that he is going to be a wonderful president," Mirviss said. "He has leadership qualities and structure. I support him completely as a former president."

Hulick will have big shoes to fill.

During Mirviss' term, the club handed out 19 scholarships to students in the Morgan Hill Unified School District and donated hundreds of supplies to organizations all over the world and in the Morgan Hill community.

They recently donated an international clock to the Morgan Hill library.



Ken Hulick

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"We had an exceptional year," said Mirviss. "We made so many accomplishments. I just want to thank the board and past presidents for their support."

Though the club has a number of entities to donate its services to, Hulick considers its polio plus campaign to be one of his most passionate.

With a sister-in-law who has polio, Hulick feels strongly about making a push to eradicate polio.

"We envision a world without polio," said Hulick.

And he adopted a quote to give all of his members inspiration.

"Rotary Shares-a good investment of your time and resources."