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**Rotary Clubs of Santa Maria and Nipomo Announce
*Cancellation of the 2020 Parade of Lights***

Santa Maria – The Rotary Clubs of Santa Maria and Nipomo today announced that the Parade of Lights planned for Saturday December 5th, 2020, is officially being cancelled. “This year would have marked our 26th year of hosting the event,” noted event Co-Chair Mike Gibson, “and we are profoundly disappointed that we had to take this action in view of the Covid-19 Pandemic.” Rotarians in the four clubs hope to once again host the event next year on December 4th, 2021 after the Pandemic issues are resolved and people are able to gather once again. “What makes this so disappointing is that if there ever was a year the community needed this event to kick of the holiday season, 2020 was the year,” Gibson added. Members of the community can apply to be in the 2021 parade commencing in early October of 2021 through the parade’s web-site: www.smparadeoflights.org.

There are over 35,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide with a membership base of over \$1.2 million Rotarians in 200 countries. It is committed to service both locally and internationally and the Parade of Lights is one of many efforts it has in place to make the community and the world a better place to live. For more information on Rotary, contact Frank Ortiz, Past District Governor at (805) 451-7603.

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