



ROSE PARADE 2006



~from The Rotarian—Rotary's float in the 2006 Rose Parade survived the California rains over New Year's weekend to bring the "Magic of Caring" message to millions of television viewers around the world.

Since 1980, Rotary has entered a float in the famous Tournament of Roses parade as a way to raise awareness and promote the organization. Every year, the float is entirely funded by Rotarian donations and decorated by volunteers who are a part of the worldwide Rotary family, including Interactors, Rotaractors, and scholarship recipients.

"This year, we had 1,400 volunteers decorating the float in prearranged sessions," says Rotarian Jim Miceli, chair of the [Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee](#). He explained that the float's theme, the Magic of Caring, was designed to appeal to children and adults alike and spread awareness of Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio while matching the overall parade theme "It's Magical." Eight Interactors were also invited to be riders in the parade, representing the Rotary International districts of Southern California.

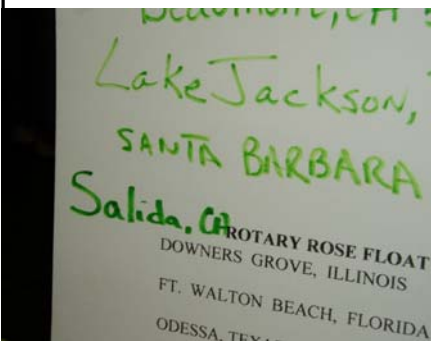
North Stockton Participates in Rose Parade



~from the North Stockton website—R.I.'s entry into the 2006 Tournament of Roses Parade, entitled "The Magic of Caring", celebrates the continued commitment to the global eradication of polio by Rotarians worldwide. What better way to acknowledge the immunization of children than with the scene depicted on our float? This year's parade theme is "It's Magical" and this will be Rotary's 26th consecutive year of participation in the annual Rose Parade in Pasadena, California.

Pictured at left: North Stockton President Chris Hunefeld and son Billy visiting the Pasadena Rotary Booth with "Jack", our tour guide and oldest member of the committee, having been there all 26 years, and Jim Miceli, chairman 2005-2006 Rotary Rose Float Committee. Other helpers were

Chris's cousin Cindy Salcido Hunefeld and the Interact Volunteers who spend days, 2 shifts a day putting this beautiful float together! See more at <http://www.northstocktonrotary.org>.



Dean Walker, an employee of Coit Services in Salida, took some photos of the float construction and left a memento of Salida!