



**Club and District Happenings**

**YOUNG AND NEEDY RECEIVE HELP IN MEXICO**



Vision clinic-- from left.. Oakdale Lion Dr. Tom Mihok, OD and Riverbank Rotarian Dr. Brian Elliott, OD.

~by John C. Brunk, Groveland Rotary- Twenty miles SW of Mexicali Mexico thirty-five US citizens worked for two days in April and accomplished the following at two elementary schools. At the Santa Lorena school a Dental Clinic headed up by Dr. Jose Bustos of Groveland and his staff worked with three dentists from Mexico in one room and a portable two chair RV like modern unit. The fully self contained unit was donated by the Local University and was instrumental in doing 86 exams, 8 extractions, 100 fluoride treatments, seven fillings and 4 cleanings. Two optometrists, one from the Riverbank Rotary Dr. Brian Elliott, and one from

the Oakdale Lions Dr. Tom Mihok performed 150 eye exams and fit 75 pair of glasses to young and old.

Ten Groveland Rotarians, Four Groveland Soroptimist, five other Riverbank Rotarians, a Rotarian from San Francisco and four other Oakdale Lions and some non-service club folks either helped at this school or went to the other school eight miles further south called Col. Palo Verde. This three-room school was completely re-wired. New light fixtures installed and painted inside and out. Three new 12000 BTU air conditioners were also installed. Spanish/English dictionaries were given to both schools. To top this event off, a refurbished 1995 Ford 350 Diesel powered ambulance was donated by the Groveland and Oakdale Sunrise Rotary clubs to The Mexicali General Hospital, along with medical equipment donated by the Oakdale Rotary/Keckler Medical Supply, the Oakdale Lions, and the Groveland branch of Helping hands. The entire 50 gal. of paint was donated. The total value which was calculated at actual retail for the paint, a/c units, dictionaries, and electrical components, one half the price of the dental and vision clinics and low book for the ambulance was a whopping \$50,800.00. All this work was done in two days. Our hermanos (brother club) Club Rotario Calafia De Mexicali stepped up and had everything ready for us. We must thank the Modesto Sunrise and The Escalon Rotary clubs for their donation of eyeglasses, and last but not least, the citizens of Groveland for their participation by giving your used glasses for this worthy cause.



Groveland, Riverbank, San Francisco and Calafia Rotary Clubs with donated ambulance.

**TEACHERS HONORED**

by Bob Stammerjohan – The Rotary Club of Turlock honored 20 teachers from public and private schools in Turlock, Denair and Hilmar at our meeting on May 16th. The educators were given due recognition including framed certificates of appreciation. This has been an annual event for our club for the past several years and well over 100 outstanding local teachers have been so honored.

