



FROM THE CLUBS

Operation Lost and Found

(News article) The Madera Sunrise and Chowchilla Rotary Clubs came together to make a donation to the Sheriff's Department program, Operation Lost and Found. The award of a District Simplified Grant increased their club funds by an additional \$1,000.

The two clubs presented the donation during the regular luncheon meeting of the Chowchilla Rotary Club. The event attracted two television stations, two local newspapers and a local Madera County news web service.

Operation Lost and Found was started by Sheriff John Anderson after a Coarsegold woman with Alzheimer's wandered off from her home and was later found dead after more than 400 volunteers searched for nearly six months to find her.

This program is designed to track persons who have Alzheimer's or are mentally challenged. Clients wear a personalized bracelet that emits a tracking signal 24-7. Should the client wander away, search and rescue teams use the Mobile Locator Tracking System to hone in on the bracelet.

The Sheriff's department reported that since Operation Lost and Found began, 20 families have signed on. Two people wandered off and were found within minutes of their disappearance.

"This program is not county funded", said Sheriff Anderson, "and relies on the donations from citizens and organizations like Rotary to keep it in operation. Every dollar donated to this lifesaving program is a dollar spent on Madera County citizens afflicted with Alzheimer's disease."



Grant coordinator PDG J. Gordon Kennedy, left, John Bliss, president of Madera Sunrise Rotary, center left, and Jerry Belton, president of Chowchilla Rotary, far right, present Sheriff John Anderson with a check in the amount of \$3500 for Operation Lost and Found

Gustine Gives Dictionaries



Third graders at Gustine Elementary School holding up their new dictionaries.

~by Alvin Amaral— With the help of a donation from a District Simplified Grant, Gustine Rotary gave out a total of 162 dictionaries at three school sites in Gustine—99 at Gustine Elementary, 46 at Romero Elementary School in Santa Nella, and 23 OLM School in Gustine.

Our club has decided that we will continue to do this project every year.



Club President Chris Kothenbeutel and Mrs Azevedo with her students and their dictionaries.