



### Club and District Happenings

#### President's Holiday Social

Photos by Jay Quick, from the Angels Camp club website



Angels Camp President Clayre Quick, AG Doug Scott and Arnold President-elect Mary Scott



Sonora Sunrise President Sally Dunn & AG Gregory Oliver



Sonora Rotary Club President Brad Woodington dedicates the historical plaque that was stolen more than 30 years ago.



Ceres President Liz Hozmers, AG Don Murphy, Dave Hozmers, and President Clayre Quick

#### Long-Gone Bridge Plaque Back

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**Sonora Rotary** members still wonder how a plaque commemorating a stop along the Mark Twain Bret Harte Trail in Tuolumne County ended up in the Sacramento suburb of Elk Grove. But the plaque, dedicated to mark the Gold Rush centennial more than a half century ago and stolen years later, is now back where it's supposed to be.

Sonora Rotary members yesterday rededicated the long-lost plaque. It's unlikely to be stolen again: The plaque is attached to an 8,000-pound rock embedded in the ground overlooking Don Pedro Reservoir at the Stent-Jacksonville Bridge on Jacksonville Road.

The plaque was originally part of a memorial monument in or near the town of Jacksonville, which was inundated by Don Pedro Reservoir in the early 1970s, said Tuolumne County Historian Carlo De Ferrari. The first memorial was erected in 1950 as part of Tuolumne County's centennial celebration.

Rotarian Del Hodges of Sonora said the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office called him about three years ago, saying they had the plaque at a substation in Elk Grove. Hodges is a member of Sonora Sunrise Rotary but he was going to Sacramento a few days later, so he agreed to pick up the plaque and deliver it to a member of Sonora Rotary. Hodges said a Sacramento sheriff's deputy told him someone in Elk Grove had called the sheriff's office after finding the plaque while cleaning a rental after the tenants had moved out of it. Sonora Rotary stored the plaque at Blue Mountain Minerals until recently, while members researched its history and went through the permit process to put up a new memorial.

#### Gustine Rotary

On December 8th Gustine Rotary kicks off their 63rd annual Basketball Tournament, which runs thru December 10th. This is the longest continuous Club project in the District and we congratulate the Club for their great community project.

**GOT PRESIDENT NOMINEE?** Club elections or confirmations of Presidents Elect and selection of Presidents Nominee should be completed by the end of this month. When the clubs elections are held, please advise DGE Bob Hobbs at [rbbhobbs@comcast.net](mailto:rbbhobbs@comcast.net) and DGN Dick Wyatt at [wyatt@psnw.com](mailto:w Wyatt@psnw.com).