



## Governor Dick's Drivel for July and August

Editor's note—title is Dick's, not mine!

**The past governors** have always told us that the best part of the job is making club visits and now we know why. As of August 3<sup>rd</sup> we have made fifteen visitations and each one was great. Every club is doing projects that make things better. Sometimes they are doing so much that they forget to tell us all they are working on. The Rotarians and spouses we've met are friendly and interesting. The hospitality the clubs have shown has been sensational.

**Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson** chose "Rotary Shares" as his theme for this year. Those two words encompass the whole ideal of Rotary service. Rotarians have so much to share and are willing to share it. Even though they are naturally busy people, they share their time. The enormous amount of resources they donate to local and international philanthropic works shows how willingly they share their treasure. And the long list of successfully accomplished projects is witness to the talent that they share. District 5220 Rotarians are truly into doing good and having fun.

**President Wilf** has also given Rotarians a list of four areas in which he would like to have Rotarians make a special effort to serve. These areas are *Literacy, Clean Water, Hunger and Family of Rotary*. It is my hope that every club will have a project in each of these areas. And it would be great if each club would have at least one program during the year that would highlight each area.

**Finding new members** for our clubs is an ongoing task and always will be. But this year we are also going to work harder to retain members. It is always sad to find we are losing almost as many members out the back door as we are gaining as new members at the front door. It is important that every club member is kept busy doing good. If a member isn't having fun, find out why and fix the problem.

It is a District goal this year to make the *District Website* the "go to" place where all the important information is shared. Check it out at [www.rotary5220.org](http://www.rotary5220.org). The District Directory is already posted on the website along with a calendar of upcoming club events and socials.

**When you see Sam Wheeler**, Sonora 49er, tell him that he and his committee "done good" with all their efforts for Short Term Youth Exchange. There is hope that next year we can become more active in Long Term Exchange. This expansion requires volunteers to be host families. If you and your family would be interested in hosting, contact Sam or Jane Winning whose contact information you can find in the Directory on the District Website.

Yours in Rotary Service, *Dick and Marty Wyatt*

*We'll Get the Job Done By Doing Good and Having Fun!*

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**CHECK OUT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AT [WWW.ROTARY5220.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARY5220.ORG)**





## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

**POLIO:** Joe Serra, PDG, Stockton, reports that good progress has been made this year to eradicate polio in India and Pakistan. The country with the biggest problem now is Nigeria but the task seems manageable even there. Dave Gallagher, PDG, Modesto Sunrise, is organizing a combination Rotary Knowledge Contest and Dinner to be held in January in Modesto as a fundraiser for Polio Plus Partners. It is also very possible that there will be an opportunity for Rotarians from District 5220 to help with a National Immunization Day, probably next winter or spring. And, Joe Serra has two great programs entitled "Update on Polio Eradication" and "The Crawlers of Malawi" that he wants to give at club meetings. Joe's at [jo-seph.serra@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jo-seph.serra@sbcglobal.net).

**AMBULANCE DONATION:** American Medical Response donated two ambulances for the community of Oradea, Romania. The Modesto Sunrise Rotary Club facilitated the donation and is making sure the ambulances are shipped promptly. John Anderson, Jim Niskanen, Mark Henry, Dave Gallagher and the whole club deserve applause for their efforts. It should be noted that the District Governor was allowed to sit briefly in one of the units but was not allowed to use the siren.



President Jim Niskanen with Dick and Marty.

**ROTAPLAST:** Jane Winning, District Rotaplast Chair, is working hard to arrange a medical aid trip to another country this year. Members of the team will provide surgery to repair cleft palates for people that would never be able to get the operation otherwise. For more information about this opportunity to serve, contact Jane at [jwinning@maderahospital.org](mailto:jwinning@maderahospital.org). Both medical and non-medical volunteers can participate.

**POLIO PLUS PARTNERS:** If you want to take part in a National Immunization Day and be on the front line in the fight against polio, Dave Gallagher is the man you want to contact at [dg2020@aol.com](mailto:dg2020@aol.com). There is a possibility of an NID in Benin about the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 2008.

**Wheelchair Project**—PDG Robert Bitter will lead another group to Honduras January 14-23 to deliver and distribute a whole container of wheelchairs from the Wheelchair Foundation. There are still some openings for interested parties to join the team on the trip. If you are interested, contact Bob at [rgbitter@earthlink.net](mailto:rgbitter@earthlink.net)

## HELP IS ON THE WAY—JANE WIEBE'S ONGOING MISSION TO BOSNIA



**An excerpt from the "blog" of Jane Wiebe, President of Madera Rotary and President of Help is on the Way**, an organization that provides help to the people of Bosnia:

"One old woman who cares for her 5 grandchildren took my hands in her face (she had just finished milking the cow.....refreshing!) and said "you are the richest woman in the world". I told her that I was not, taking this literally. She took my face with her hands and said, "No! You are not rich in money but you are rich in soul!" She told me that each summer when I come, that is (simply) enough. If I came and gave nothing and simply sat with them for a moment, that was enough. It was one of those moments in life that I experience here." Read more of Jane's blog about her mission trip to Bosnia. <http://www.helpisonway.com>



## PROJECTS IN MEXICALI—AN EXAMPLE OF TRUE PARTNERING



~by John Brunk, Groveland Rotary. Once again volunteers worked together to really make a difference in the lives of those in need in Mexico. This was accomplished by the combined efforts of doctors, Tom Mihok O.D., Ted Mihok D.P.M., Jose Bustos D.D.S., and Brian Elliott O.D., along with Dr. Nadia Rosales, MD of Mexicali, and a team of volunteers from Ameri-corps, **Groveland, Riverbank, San Francisco, and Twain Harte Rotary Clubs**, and the Alameda and Oakdale Lions Clubs, and

friends and families. The mission included the donation of an ambulance that was procured by the **Riverbank and Groveland Rotary Clubs** to the Baja Rescue Corporation. The ambulance was transported from Groveland to the border by Walt and Pam Reimers of Groveland. Another aspect of the mission included 624 optical, podiatry, gynecology, dental and general medical examinations and treatments. On April 13 and 14, 27 US citizens worked side by side with members of the **Calafia Rotary Club of Mexicali, BC, Mexico**, in this goodwill mission. Dental extractions and fillings were performed in a portable 3-chair, fully contained 30 foot van that was provided by the University of Baja California. Graduates of the dental school are required to do community work and were present to assist in the dental work. Jim Lima, a lens maker in Modesto, was present to assist both optometrists. Many of the glasses fitted came from **Rotary Interact clubs in district 5220**. Medical equipment donated by Keckler Medical/Jim Whitworth, an **Oakdale Rotarian** was donated to the Baja Rescue and the Mexicali General Hospital. Walkers, crutches, and porta-potties were donated by the Groveland Helping Hands. 22 cases of English/Spanish 5<sup>th</sup> grade books, donated by the **Merced Sunrise Rotary** and the Oakdale Lions, and paint and spackle from Valley Lumber found their way to the school. Dick and Doty Davis of Groveland donated 6 gross of school-inscribed pencils, sharpeners and inflatable globes to the school where the clinics took place.

While the exams were being performed at the Visita a Escuela Otilia U de Corta school, the interior of Hogar Emmanuel, a home for children whose parents are incarcerated, 8 miles southwest of Mexicali, was completely refurbished with paint, florescent lights, sheetrock, refrigerator, 3 washing machines and cabinetry for the boys' restrooms. 15 cases of food and one of the washers were donated by the Oakdale Lions Club. The total amount of the items donated and services was just over \$78 K, which does not include the value of the medical assistance given to the doctors nor the man hours donated to refurbish the interior of Hogar Emmanuel. It is gratifying to be involved in this type of an international service project. Plans are already underway for the project for next year. For information on how you can be involved in service to mankind call John Brunk, 209- 962-6276.



## CLUB HAPPENINGS

### PRESIDENT'S SOCIAL



**PARTY TIME:** ~by Dick Wyatt—It was so nice to see all the Club Presidents and District Cabinet Members who came to the President's Social. You made my day. And I want to publicly thank PDG Gary and Phyllis Giersch for hosting the event in their fantastic back yard. Both Madera Rotary clubs helped with this event and it wouldn't have happened without them.



**Arnold Rotary** 2006-07 President Mary Scott was given a welcome befitting her royal status at Forest Meadows Park June 27, 2007. The tribute quickly deteriorated into a recitation of the "peasants' grievances" once the "Queen" was seated on her "throne". The "peasants" began crying "off with her head" for spending their farthings on projects instead of beer, and so the Queen felt a certain gratitude for only being consigned to the stocks rather than going to the guillotine. She remained there while the peasants ate steak. Once the queen acquiesced to being overthrown, the peasants' good nature returned, and they presented her with tributes of flowers, gifts, and commemorative plaques. Then they let her eat cake, and they all lived happily ever after.



#### New Members:

- Turlock Sunrise** - Jeff Burrow—sponsored by Ken Strunk.
- Stockton Rotary** - Litta Wallach and Robert Paoletti.
- Atwater Rotary**- Barbara Seib - sponsored by Dorothy Bizzini and Mike Nelson sponsored by Roger Wood.
- Lodi Sunrise**- James R. Smith



The District thanks **David Johnston** of the Modesto Rotary Club and his business **Sign Designs of Modesto** for the donated repairs to the large Rotary Wheel. These repairs will insure District 5220 Rotary Wheel will be around for a few more years.

### FROM FRIDAY FACTS—WORTH REPEATING

**DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS** – A maximum of twenty District Simplified Grants will be awarded to clubs this year. The maximum for any grant is \$1,000. Check the District Website, [www.rotary5220.org](http://www.rotary5220.org) for details and apply now.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Susan Mendieta, District PR Guru, [susanids@aol.com](mailto:susanids@aol.com), needs contact information for the public relations person in each club. Please send the info to her as soon as possible. Send her details on all of your major events so that we can coordinate publicity efforts. She is also investigating the possibility of a Public Relations grant from RI.

**WATER PROJECT:** John Anderson, Modesto Sunrise, really wants to do a program at your club about the District-wide project to provide cisterns to gather water for Mayan families in northern Guatemala. Don't let him feel disappointed, he is at [john@jbandersonplanning.com](mailto:john@jbandersonplanning.com) waiting to be invited.

**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE:** This year our GSE Partner is District 9830, Tasmania, Australia. Team members will have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience life in another setting literally on the opposite side of the globe. The trip will be next Spring BUT NOW is the time to recruit a Team Leader and all the Team Members. Applications can be downloaded from the District or RI website. Applications must be submitted to a Rotary club so that the club can approve and sponsor the applicant. It is suggested that clubs set a deadline of August 15 for applications. For complete details about the Group Study Exchange program, contact Terri Amerio-Bell at [tabbell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tabbell@sbcglobal.net).



## CLUB HAPPENINGS

### Madera Sunrise Rotary-

On Wednesday evening June 28 Madera Sunrise Rotary held its annual "Demotion Night and Officer Installation" at the famous "Mule Town" (old frontier town) of Rotarian Steve King. During the ceremonies 15 new Paul Harris Fellows and three Multiple Paul Harris Fellow pins were awarded following a BBQ steak dinner. Newly installed President Lou Weibe vowed to match or beat this number for next year's ceremony. This may lead to quite a competition since Lou's wife and incoming President of that other Madera Rotary club says her club can do better than Madera Sunrise can. Stay tuned for the "fireworks"

**Madera Rotary-** Car racing was the theme of the Madera Rotary Kickout Party for 2006-07 President Pablo Aleman. Pablo's "pit crew" and "sponsors" gave him some serious pointers about "Leading the Way" during his year. Pablo's love for fast cars and recent crack up in his brand-spanking new Ferrari fueled a good roast. Pablo led Madera Rotarians to the Most Outstanding Large Club Award in District 5220.



**Turlock Rotary** President Tom Sperry is seen with his wife of 31 years, Debbi, to whom he awarded a Paul Harris Fellow. He and Debbi first met and dated when they were attending UOP. Also, our program today was put on by Lt. Fin Johnson of the Turlock Police Department who is a long time member. The program was about the police department's SWAT Team. Suddenly, without warning and with a stunning "stun grenade" the SWAT team burst into our meeting and within seconds had member Jeff Barton in custody. It was a highly impressive demonstration of their superb skills and was one of the most interesting and enjoyable programs we have had in years.



**Ceres Rotary Club** celebrated its 30 year anniversary on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the annual Kick Out Party held this year in the newly refurbished Rotary Grove in Smyrna Park. The club was chartered on June 22, 1977. The charter club is pictured here at a Charter Night Celebration. The charter president was Gus Pallios, who has retired from active membership but still attends many functions. Over the 30 years, Ceres Rotary has raised thousands of dollars to benefit the Ceres community and the world. The first service project during the 1977-1978 Rotary year was a \$1900 contribution to purchase a 'jaws of life' for the City of Ceres. Subsequent projects have included scholarships awarded each year to graduating seniors at Ceres High School, the implementation 20 years ago, and current refurbishment of Rotary Grove in Smyrna Park, a soccer field at River Bluff Park, contributions to Rotaplast, an organization providing cleft lip and palate repair in third world countries, wheelchair distributions in Guatemala, dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Ceres Elementary



Paul Caruso, pictured here with charter member Paul Larson, was Sergeant at Arms for the charter club. He continues his membership in Ceres Rotary and boasts a 100% attendance record.



At the Kick Out Party and Anniversary Celebration, President Scott Siegel was royally kicked out of office, and incoming President Liz Bunch was welcomed.



Schools and Shakelford Elementary, sponsorship of City parties, school field trips, sober grad nights, sports teams, ball fields, the Red Shield Center, YMCA camperships and many, many more. The current club is made up of 32 men and women who further the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self.



## HELP FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

### Information Resources for new Club Presidents and Secretaries—from Governor Dick

**Are you aware that Club and District Support (CDS) staff serve as your primary contact at Rotary?** Staff can answer any question about Rotary as well as provide advice on club elections, constitutional matters, club traditions and customs, club operations, and RI Board policy. Below are some critical web resources to assist in leading and supporting your club in the year ahead.

Discover the names and contact information for your CDS team members by using this web link:

<http://www.rotary.org/support/CDAreps/index.html>

A list of helpful resources for club presidents and secretaries is attached and on the web: [http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/club\\_pres\\_sec\\_resources.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/club_pres_sec_resources.pdf).

Make changes to your club's membership records, reference various Rotary Foundation reports, pay your club's dues, and report next year's club officers using Member Access. Full instructions and helpful suggestions are found: <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/faq.asp>

Find club publications, audiovisuals, software, forms and supplies: <http://shop.rotary.org/catalog/default.php?cPath=37>

Use the Club President's Checklist, a monthly calendar for both presidents and presidents-elect, with reminders of club and district functions, as well as RI and The Rotary Foundation deadlines: [http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/pres\\_checklist.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/pres_checklist.pdf)

The Club Leadership Plan is a strategic planning tool based on the best practices of actual Rotary clubs: <http://www.rotary.org/support/club/clubplan.html>

IRS information regarding US club's tax status and mandatory yearly reports is on the web – **with new IRS requirements for 2008**: [http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/info\\_paper\\_clubs\\_irs.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/info_paper_clubs_irs.pdf)

Rotary staff looks forward to working with you and supporting your club's service efforts. Be sure to contact your CDS representative whenever you need assistance.

## Presidential Membership Conference

Rotary International President (2007-08) **Wilf Wilkinson** invites clubs, districts, and Rotarians to a Presidential Membership Conference in San Jose on Friday, August 17 and Saturday, August 18, 2007.

Rotarians from California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Nevada and Idaho and beyond will attend this outstanding event.

Targeted to Rotary clubs, this conference will focus on the need for change and practical ways to increase new membership, retain existing members, and extend Rotary through new clubs.



Keynote speakers will include **RI President Wilf Wilkinson**, Past RIBI President John Hockin as well as many other outstanding speakers with experience in membership development. Speakers will include non-Rotarians exploring changing community demographics and volunteering trends. The conference will feature interactive roundtable discussion opportunities to exchange ideas and best practices.







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**DISTRICT CALENDAR**

<b>Aug 11</b>	<b>Modesto East Wine Soiree*</b>
<b>Aug 17-18</b>	<b>Presidential Membership Conference—San Jose Doubletree*</b>
<b>Aug 18</b>	<b>Angels-Murphys Shrimp Feed</b>
<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>Oakdale Sunrise Wave of Hope Golf Tournament*</b>
<b>Aug 23</b>	<b>District Interact Meeting*</b>
<b>Aug 24</b>	<b>Angels Camp Centennial Golf Scramble</b>
<b>Aug 25</b>	<b>Modesto Sunrise Lobster Dinner*</b> <b>RYLA Training Session</b>
<b>Sept 7-8</b>	<b>Oakhurst Sierra Sunrise Classic Car Show</b>
<b>Sept 8</b>	<b>Foundation/Membership Seminar</b>
<b>Sept 22</b>	<b>Groveland All-You-Can-Eat Shrimp Fest</b>
<b>Sept 29</b>	<b>Escalon Sunrise Oktoberfest</b>
<b>Nov 9</b>	<b>Foundation Dinner, SOS Club in Modesto</b>
<b>Nov 10</b>	<b>Stockton Rotary Casino Royale on the Delta</b>

Listings with \* have flyers on [www.rotary5220.org](http://www.rotary5220.org)