



**Governor Dick's Drivel for September and October** Editor's note—title is Dick's, not mine!

After visiting more than fifty clubs, Marty and I know what a great Rotary District this is. All of our clubs are sold on the idea of Service Above Self and each club is doing important projects that help people in their communities and around the world. The Groveland club provides split firewood for people that can't afford to buy it. Modesto East is working on a project to reduce crime in an entire neighborhood. North Stockton is pushing a pre-natal care program called "Go Before You Show". Clubs district wide are giving dictionaries to third graders. Lathrop Sunrise works with the local senior center. Stockton is going to provide some playground equipment for children at the Stockton Shelter for the Homeless. Escalon Sunrise is helping maintain the Haven of Peace shelter for women and children. Riverbank continues to make improvements at Jacob Myers Park. Merced is buying basketball uniforms for a school with lots of poor kids just so their teams can start the game on an equal footing. Have someone from Atwater tell you all the facets of their Bellevue Nursery project. Manteca is collecting cans of food for Thanksgiving. Everything in Twain Harte has a Rotary sticker on it so we know how busy they've been up there. The Arnold club is out rounding up buddies for a reading project at Hazel Fischer School. Newman along with some other community groups is working on a new scoreboard for Orestimba High School. Ripon is helping furnish a library for Park View School. Tracy Sunrise is providing clothes and toiletries for foster children. And the projects mentioned are just a few of hundreds that will be done this year.

International projects are a significant part of the good things this District does too. As the 3H project in Marcala, Honduras draws to an end, there is news that we will probably be involved in a huge multi-faceted project in Ethiopia doing things like preventing blindness and providing clean water. Everyone is welcome to attend the World Community Service Committee meeting each month and Dave Gallagher, [dq2020@aol.com](mailto:dq2020@aol.com), can give you the details.

We met some Rotoractors from UC Merced. It didn't take long to determine that this is a group with a lot of vitality and a heart for service. On a single Saturday, they had three projects lined up.

The Rainwater Cistern project in Guatemala could still use some financial support. If you want more information, contact John Anderson, Modesto Sunrise, at [john@jbandersonplanning.com](mailto:john@jbandersonplanning.com). If you want to contribute, send a check to Dave Mantooth, District Treasurer, P.O. Box 425, Escalon, CA 95320. The project will help 185 families that need clean water badly.

Don't neglect the Family of Rotary.

Yours in Rotary Service, *Dick and Marty Wyatt*

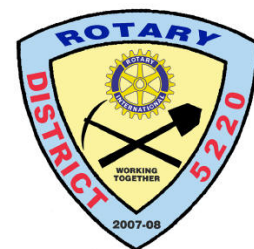
***We'll Get the Job Done By Doing Good and Having Fun!***

**Sept –Oct 2007**

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## DISTRICT AND CLUB HAPPENINGS



When the earthquake struck in Peru, the Rotary

Club of San Borja in Lima, Peru, contacted PDG Bob Bitter and asked for help to alleviate some immediate needs of victims. Bob put out the word and collected over \$3K from clubs, Rotarians and others. The aid was sent to Peru. The San Borja club sent a 26 page report complete with pictures telling what they accomplished in helping victims in Ica, Pisco and Chincha. Aid from our District to those that needed it was provided quickly because PDG Bob had

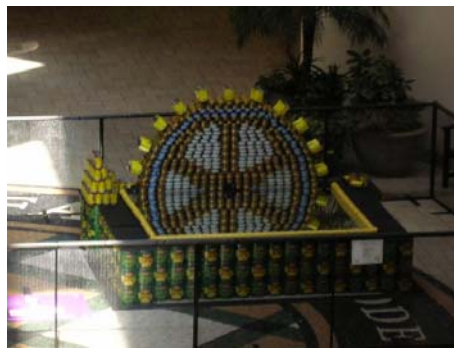


already established a good and trusting relationship with Rotarians in Peru. When you know what needs to be done and know who can do it, good things can happen in a hurry.



### GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

**TEAM LEADER:** Carol Kennedy, Madera, has been chosen as the leader for the Group Study Exchange team that will go to Tasmania next spring. The GSE Team will spend five weeks in this Australian state. The team members will be chosen on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The team will be composed of young professionals. They will learn from fellow professionals in Tasmania as well as experience the culture and beauty of that island state. The team members will serve as ambassadors from District 5220. Carol, a retired educator, also serves District 5220 as Literacy Chair. Alan Bailey, Modesto Sunrise, was chosen as alternate team leader.



**An Unusual Canned Foods Project**—Pictured are the finished “Canstruction Projects” from the **United Rotary Clubs of Modesto.** All canned goods

(1.67 tons) will be donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank. The Rotary wheel is actually 1/2 of a wheel, on a mirror. Rotarian Chris Helton spearheaded the project. Great Job!



**FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE:** Els Blom, [elsblom@earthlink.net](mailto:elsblom@earthlink.net), is working on a Friendship Exchange with The Netherlands. Let her know if this is something that interests you.

**WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE:** On the second Tuesday of each month at Perkos in Salida, the WCS committee has a meeting. Any club or anyone with an interest in doing international projects ought to come. You find out what others are doing. There are people there that can explain the mysteries of grant applications. You can get advice on how to make your project better. Dave Gallagher, [dq2020@aol.com](mailto:dq2020@aol.com), or Mel Hansen, [mhansen62@comcast.net](mailto:mhansen62@comcast.net), can give you more information.



## FROM THE CLUBS



**CERES ROTARY** celebrated the family of Rotary on August 17<sup>th</sup> with a visit to the Modesto Nuts game. The festivities included a BBQ for Rotarians, their family members and friends, followed by a night of great baseball. A special guest was Polly Kumph, a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Germany. (shown here with the "Nut"). Ceres Rotarian Jim Lawson's daughter Korin is just back from spending three weeks with Polly's family in Germany, and now the Lawsons are introducing Polly to fun in the Central Valley.



**TURLOCK ROTARY**—At left is a photo of Turlock Rotary Club's President Tom Sperry (left) presenting a check for \$2500 to Ed Felt, Deputy Superintendent of the Turlock Unified School District, to help fund the district's newly inaugurated anti-bullying program. Turlock is one of the first school district's the state to have developed such a comprehensive program, which includes the training of all students and staff, to eliminate all forms of bullying in its schools. The Rotary Club of Turlock has provided the funding to provide professional trainers as well as printed posters and brochures.



Merna Hertle accepting her Paul Harris Benefactor Award at Modesto Sunrise Rotary.

Elyn Taylor, Orestimba High School INTER-ACT senior received a t-shirt for giving blood on October 2nd. Awarding the t-shirt is Vickie La Torre - president of the Del Puerto Health Center Auxiliary who volunteers at blood drives on the Westside. Orestimba Interact has held blood drives for 4 years.



Shown left is the Romanian Orphans Choir from Caminul Felix in Romania. The choir visited District 5220 in September, visiting a number of clubs, schools, and homes. The choir is here earning money to support the homes where they live, group homes of 16-17 children and a set of house parents. District 5220 continues to support the project.

### WEBMASTER NEEDED

Our new webmaster has had to withdraw to attend to family matters. Can you help? This role is more about content than about technical ability. If you have managed a small website or produced a club bulletin then you could take this role. Contact DG Dick Wyatt or past webmaster Don Murphy at donaldmurphy@sbcglobal.net to express interest.



**Turlock**—A joint Golf Tournament was held at Diablo Grande Country Club in Patterson. It was the annual tournament held by the Turlock Sunrise Club and the Turlock Noon Club. In the photo is Turlock Sunrise president, Rowena Ballard, standing with club member Amy Wilson. An estimated \$20,000 profit was made and will be split between the two clubs.



## ZONE HAPPENINGS

### Presidential Membership Conference

Excerpts from an article by Brenda Cressey, DG 2001-02, District 5240



Rotary International President (2007-08) **Wilf Wilkinson** gives the “**Charge to Action**” at the Presidential Membership Conference held in San Jose on Friday, August 17 and Saturday, August 18, 2007 with over 615 Rotarians in attendance from California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii and Nevada. The conference was co-chaired by Past RI Director, Sam Greene, RC of Westlake Village and Past Regional RI Membership Coordinator, Brenda Cressey, RC of Paso Robles Sunrise, both from RI District 5240.

The speakers presented new and innovative approaches to membership including volunteering trends and demographics. Effective membership tools are now available on the RI Website. Clubs were challenged over and over to really think about what they are doing and how they might begin to change. In a speech entitled “Friendly Fire”, given by Past RI President Cliff Dochterman, in his usual humorous way, clubs were asked to think about why it is they are losing so many potentially great Rotarians each year. Membership loss each year continues at a rate of 12 to 15% or higher and if we can find ways to reduce that percentage we won’t have a membership problem and can then concentrate on serving others.

**From DG Dick Wyatt**—Those that attended RI President Wilf Wilkinson’s membership seminar in San Jose received a very insightful look at Rotary’s membership dilemma and good ideas as to how to confront it. We must pay attention to retaining members by providing meaningful ways to serve. Clubs that are attractive to new members are those that have (1) long range plans, (2) annual goals, (3) assemblies with dissemination of Rotary knowledge, (4) good internal communication and (5) continuity of leadership. One speaker suggested that if we want new members we should “Get our ASK in Gear”.



**SIGN UP NOW! HOTELS ARE GOING FAST!**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
LOS ANGELES JUNE 15-18, 2008  
REGISTER AT [http://www.rotary.org/events/  
conventions/2008/](http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2008/)**

**DON'T MISS THE DISTRICT 5220 CONFERENCE**

**APRIL 18-20, 2008**

**THE NUGGET, AT SPARKS, NV**

**WE'LL DO GOOD AND DEFINITELY HAVE FUN!!**



**DISTRICT HAPPENINGS**

**DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS:**

District Simplified Grants were awarded (in no particular order) to Gustine, North Stockton, Patterson, Sonora Sunrise, Groveland, Madera, Turlock, Lathrop, Madera Sunrise, Ceres, Stockton, Escalon Sunrise, Riverbank, Merced, Atwater, Manteca, Modesto East, Angels-Murphys, Salida, Arnold, Newman, Tracy Sunrise and Ripon. If your club isn't included with these twenty three clubs, consider applying for a grant next year. Details about the grants are posted on the District website.

**YOUTH EXCHANGE CHAPERONES:**

The Youth Exchange program is recruiting for a couple to go to Germany for three weeks next summer and act as chaperones for the short-term Youth Exchange. In addition, they will serve as contact persons in case any of our youth exchangers in other European countries have problems. While in Germany the couple will spend four days at Lake Constance. After returning the couple should also expect to spend four days in Yosemite with youth exchangers from Europe. If you want more information on this great opportunity, contact Sam Wheeler, [swheeler@samwheelercpa.com](mailto:swheeler@samwheelercpa.com).

**NEW MEMBERS**

Club	Member	Sponsor	Club	Member	Sponsor
Arnold Rotary	Patti Lingerfelt		Modesto Rotary	Kirk Visola	Kris Helton
	Sharon Tussy			Mary Wagner	Kenni Friedman
Atwater Rotary	Michaelangelo Bellusci	Roger Wood		Dana Ferriera	Kathy Halsey
	Will Hunter	Roger Wood	Riverbank	Jerri Fergel	Ruby Barnes
Escalon Sunrise	Doug Alcorn		Sonora Rotary	Jerold Day	
	Toni Canencia			Victoria Canon	
	Charlotte Chand		Stockton Rotary	Sandra Marcman	Michael Blower
	Debra Renfroe			Bill Gass	Ellie Conway
Madera Rotary	Chris DaSilva			Blain Bibb	Susan Drake
	Claire Wiebe	Tess Erdman		Ron Crump	Jim Dyke
Madera Sunrise Rotary	Kanwal Singh			Bill Burdick	John Reusche
	Kirsten Gross		Turlock Sunrise Rotary	Jim Chapman	
	Elizabeth Yost			Bill Burdick	John Reusche
Modesto Gateway	Darlene Abraham	Larry Bartlett			
	Kris Walley	Bill Walley			



## ROTARY FOUNDATION

### PolioPlus



### Rotary International

First published in the September 2007 Rotarian, this is an excerpt from an interview with Bob Scott, Chair of the International PolioPlus Committee and Chair of the Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees.

#### Is polio still a main priority for The Rotary Foundation?

When Trustee Chair Bhichai Rattakul announced his goals for this Rotary year, he stated that the number one would be communicating that polio eradication is realistic. Last year, Trustee Chair Luis Giay made polio the number-one emphasis. It should continue to be so, in my opinion, until eradication is certified.

#### What kinds of questions come to you from Rotarians in the field?

- - Rotarians ask me many times, when do you think we will finish? I have no idea. We will finish when that last virus is eradicated. We have not failed. We have cleared out 99 percent of the virus from the world. Three WHO regions have been certified polio-free, and type 2 poliovirus has not been detected anywhere in the world for about nine years. It is likely eradicated. That is a success in itself. It is not the final goal, but it is very close to it. I'm convinced we can reach that final goal. I mean, I've been at it long enough to be absolutely convinced that we can do this, given enough funding.

#### And that question about publicity?

- - My answer to the Rotarians who ask that question is when did you last write to your newspaper about polio and Rotary? That's the number-one thing all Rotarians can do: continually increase the advocacy in press, radio, television.

#### What's the power of PolioPlus Partners?

Yes, that's another positive thing Rotarians and districts can do. Let me explain. Money donated to the PolioPlus Fund is funneled through to WHO or UNICEF in grants authorized by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. Money given to PolioPlus Partners is used by Rotarians. It is money applied for by Rotarians in the four polio-endemic and highest-risk countries that are having National Immunization Days or Subnational Immunization Days. The moneys are used for social mobilization, for the very well-known National Immunization Day uniform with its Rotary colors, and other essentials, such as the whistles or hats or crayons they give the children, or the megaphones or bicycles or motorcycles. That money is Rotarians giving money directly to Rotarians.

**How you can help** - Rotary clubs, districts, and individual Rotarians can help reach Rotary's goal of a polio-free world by donating to PolioPlus Partners. Note: Joe Serra is the Polio Eradication Chair for District 5220 You can contact him at [joseph.serra@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joseph.serra@sbcglobal.net).

**AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS ON THE JOB:** Anne Klint arrived in Leipzig a week ago and found a furnished apartment within walking distance of school and shopping. She is becoming acclimated to a culture that does not allow shopping on Sunday. Anne spent a month in Frankfurt doing language study before going to Leipzig. As she settles in, she has found the people to be terribly helpful, kind and generous. The 34-year-old Klint, who was nominated for the scholarship by the **Tracy Rotary Club**, will study in the media art department at Leipzig's College of Graphic Arts.

"I'll be working mostly in digital photography and video installation areas, but I want to explore all the forms of art that are changing and evolving," she said.

**Natalie** has arrived in Leicester and is doing well even with the hectic pace and jet lag. Her Rotarian host met her at the airport and helped her move into student housing. She traveled with a Japanese scholar to Bournemouth for orientation. She stayed with Rotarians, ate traditional English food and saw the sights. She is attending classes now and is excited about it.



CLUB ATTENDANCE—August 2007

Club	Begin Year 7/1/07	Month		YTD Diff	YTD Diff	% Per Month	Club	Begin Year 7/1/07	Month		YTD Diff	YTD Diff	% Per Month
		Jul-07	Aug-07						Jul-07	Aug-07			
Angels Camp Cent.	19	18	18	0	-1	0.00%	Modesto North	37	37	41	4	4	75.00%
Angels-Murphys	41	41	41	0	0	77.84%	Modesto Sunrise	84	83	84	1	0	88.53%
Arnold	17	19	19	0	2	71.17%	Newman	18	18	18	0	0	62.00%
Atwater	32	35	37	2	5	65.54%	North Merced	33	34	33	-1	0	60.00%
Ceres	31	33	33	0	2	70.31%	North Stockton	87	86	85	-1	-2	55.08%
Chowchilla	30	31	31	0	1	61.94%	Oakdale	53	54	54	0	1	63.85%
Dos Palos	11	11	11	0	0	82.00%	Oakdale Sunrise	26	26	26	0	0	0.00%
Escalon Sunrise	14	16	18	2	4	83.89%	Oakhurst Sierra	50	50	50	0	0	57.60%
Galt	18	16	18	2	0	88.00%	Oakhurst Sierra Sun	33	34	34	0	1	57.58%
Galt Sunrise	14	14	14	0	0	0.00%	Patterson	45	50	50	0	5	50.80%
Groveland	31	32	31	-1	0	73.96%	Ripon	28	28	27	-1	-1	54.07%
Gustine	14	14	14	0	0	60.00%	Riverbank	25	26	27	1	2	74.99%
Lathrop Sunrise	18	18	18	0	0	83.33%	Salida	27	27	27	0	0	79.26%
Livingston	18	18	18	0	0	0.00%	Sonora	12	12	13	1	1	79.00%
Lodi	77	83	87	4	10	47.80%	Sonora 49er	43	44	43	-1	0	66.67%
Lodi Sunrise	22	22	23	1	1	72.18%	Sonora Sunrise	40	40	42	2	2	80.00%
Lodi Tokay	51	52	52	0	1	72.60%	Stockton	201	203	206	3	5	58.15%
Los Banos	31	32	33	1	2	57.41%	Stockton Delta	31	32	31	-1	0	55.00%
Madera	53	53	51	-2	-2	77.14%	Stockton East	35	36	36	0	1	88.89%
Madera Sunrise	49	48	48	0	-1	73.00%	Stockton Sunrise	37	37	37	0	0	0.00%
Manteca	52	55	54	-1	2	79.29%	Tracy	52	55	53	-2	1	0.00%
Manteca Morning	14	16	16	0	2	76.92%	Tracy Sunrise	38	43	42	-1	4	77.04%
Mariposa	62	63	61	-2	-1	75.41%	Turlock	123	123	125	2	2	55.67%
Merced	81	85	81	-4	0	53.01%	Turlock Sunrise	62	67	67	0	5	54.93%
Merced Sunrise	28	30	30	28	2	47.32%	Twain Harte	23	23	25	2	2	82.50%
Modesto	227	227	226	-1	-1	71.09%	West Calaveras	22	22	22	0	0	88.00%
Modesto East	24	24	24	0	0	63.54%	Yosemite	21	23	23	0	2	0.00%
Modesto Gateway	36	36	38	2	2	59.95%	<b>Total</b>	<b>2401</b>	<b>2455</b>	<b>2466</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>	

Attendance Reports are due to the District Attendance Secretary, Don Murphy by the 15th of each month. Submit your RI-CAS data to district monthly or enter your Attendance report on the district website.

\*\*\* Note: **Highlighted Clubs** indicate most recent reported numbers - no current report



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**DISTRICT CALENDAR**

<b>Oct 5</b>	<b>*Manteca Swinging for Scholarship Golf Tournament</b>
<b>Oct 6</b>	<b>*Oakdale Sunrise Lobster Dinner</b>
<b>Oct 6</b>	<b>*Yosemite Wine Tasting</b>
<b>Oct 13-14</b>	<b>Riverbank Wine &amp; Cheese Exposition</b>
<b>Oct 18</b>	<b>*Area 6 (United Rotary Clubs of Modesto) Luncheon</b>
<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>*Harvest Moon Festival—Rotary Club of Salida</b>
<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Governor’s Cabinet Meeting</b>
<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>*Sonora Sunrise Cajun Fest II</b>
<b>Oct 27</b>	<b>Madera Halloween Ball</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>
<b>Nov 20</b>	<b>Area 2 (Stockton) Thanksgiving Luncheon</b>
<b>Jan 12</b>	<b>Mid-Year Assembly &amp; Pre-Pets</b>

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