



**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!***

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