



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

SEEING THE WORLD - Going to another part of the World as part of a Rotary project is an experience all Rotarians should try to have. It is a chance to see how things really are. You will meet Rotarians, fellow business people and professionals, who can provide you with local insight. You will experience heartfelt hospitality. And, your humanitarian effort will make a real difference.

As a testimonial, let me tell you some of the things that happened to Marty and me when we went to Peru in November. We went as part of PDG Bob Bitter's group to help distribute 280 wheelchairs. We fitted and gave out wheel chairs in six locations. It warms the heart to see a husky active double amputee suddenly regain mobility. We remember the lively artistic woman who was confined to her home for five years and who cast and painted beautiful plaster of Paris dolls to keep her hands and brain busy because she was too poor to buy a wheelchair. The wheelchairs given to the handicapped children will change their lives forever. And the two washing machines we bought for the boy's home will be invaluable. Helping others has its rewards.

But there were some unexpected benefits too. The people there are into ceremonies so I had the opportunity to sit next to a Peruvian member of Congress for a couple of hours. She was energetic, idealistic and frustrated as she told me about how things work in her country. At another location we met a General in the Army. We discovered that impressions others have of the United States aren't completely in tune with ours when a man from eastern Peru told us that since we in the US had solved all our own economic and social problems we should concentrate on giving things to his country.

These trips can also force one out his comfort zone. After a few in our group came down with flu-like symptoms I started worrying about germs and virus. While we were giving wheelchairs in Cusco I suddenly found myself face to face with a five year old child. Because of her handicap, she suddenly started to do some serious drooling. I suddenly panicked thinking I was about to catch some sickness that would not be fun to have. The only way to avoid the problem would have been to move the child backward quickly and jump out of the way. This would have scared her and she would have started crying. In the end I did the right thing which was not to frighten the child.

Meeting Rotarians is a real treat. It is comforting to know that business is business no matter where you are. The couple in charge of hosting us is in the insurance business and after a few days we discovered that their day to day challenges are pretty much the same ones faced by insurance agents here.

And of course there are lots of sights to see. We went to Machu Picchu, crossed a 15,000 foot mountain pass in the Andes on a bus, ate in a really fancy seaside restaurant, watched hang gliders, visited the cathedral, saw archeological sites, bought souvenirs, and did more things than we can remember.

International projects are a significant part of the good things this District does. Many clubs are doing hands-on projects and would welcome help from other clubs. Remember that everyone is welcome to attend the World Community Service Committee meeting each month and Dave Gallagher, [dg2020@aol.com](mailto:dg2020@aol.com), can give you the details. (or-see page 2)

- **DON'T FORGET – The Rotary Challenge is January 26, 2008.**
    - **The District Conference is April 18, 19 and 20, 2008.**
  - **The Guatemala Rainwater Cistern is a happening project. For more information, contact**
    - **John Anderson, Modesto Sunrise, at [john@jbandersonplanning.com](mailto:john@jbandersonplanning.com).**
    - **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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**CHECK OUT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AT [WWW.ROTARY5220.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARY5220.ORG)**



## DISTRICT AND CLUB HAPPENINGS



### PIANIST WANTED:

A District 5220 pianist is needed to accompany the fun-filled melodrama at the District Conference Friday, April 18, 2008, at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks, NV. Sheet music and lots of gratitude will be provided. There will only be two rehearsals. The first will be at Escalon High School from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 29th. The second will be the morning of the performance in Sparks. Please contact Doug and Mary Scott at 209-728-8989 or [MaryQofS@comcast.net](mailto:MaryQofS@comcast.net).

**Turlock Sunrise Rotary**—Bill Weber and Kurt Groteguth handing out dictionaries to the 3rd graders at Gratton School.

### New Rotaract Club at U.C. Merced



On November 17th, the UC Merced Rotaract Club had their installation Ceremony and Banquet. PDG Bob Hobbs presided over the ceremony.

**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, [dg2020@aol.com](mailto:dg2020@aol.com), or Mel Hansen, [mhan-sen62@comcast.net](mailto:mhan-sen62@comcast.net), can give you more information.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

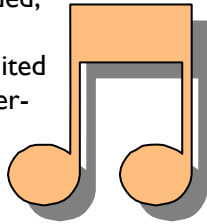
**APRIL 18, 19 & 20, 2008:** It is time to register for the District Conference in Sparks, Nevada. The easiest way The Nugget has great rooms and good food. The entertainment will be fun and the Rotary content will be enlightening! Come enjoy your fellow Rotarians and the great venue!  
If you have any questions, contact Liz Hosmer at [Liz@capitoldoor.com](mailto:Liz@capitoldoor.com).



**FROM THE CLUBS**

**PUT A SONG IN YOUR HEART AND ON YOUR LIPS:**

There is a move afoot to get a group of women together to sing some Barbershop Harmony. All parts are needed; lead, tenor, baritone and bass. Just think! Women united by harmony and Rotary! Interested? Email BJ Sibley at [paint247@mlode.com](mailto:paint247@mlode.com)



At right, Turlock Rotarian John Jauregui and Superintendent of Schools Bill Gibson with the members and advisors of the Pitman High School Interact Club who had just been awarded their charter from Rotary International at the December 4th meeting.



**New Interact and Rotaract Clubs** Tracy Sunrise sponsored the West High Interact club and a Community Rotaract Club comprised of students from different campuses.

**Turlock Rotary**—At right is a photo of Turlock Rotarian Bob Schmidt presenting a check for \$500 to Dave Williams, Senior Chaplain for the Turlock Police Department, to help support the police department's chaplaincy program. The police chaplains regularly provide support and assistance to both police officers and victims of crimes. They also assist the police department when they give notices of death to the next of kin.



**The Rotary Club of Salida** listened to a presentation by Reverend Dennis Whitman, executive director of Faith Home Teen Challenge Ranch. He explained how the concept of faith-based teaching helps people become: mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted physically well, and spiritually alive. Faith Home Teen Challenge Ranch treats young men over 18 with life-controlling problems, including drugs and gambling.

After the presentation, the club passed the hat and collected over \$700 from the 25 members present to help drill a new well on the property because the existing one is too high in nitrates.

President Paul Sanders presented a \$500 check from his church that was more than matched by the Salida club.



## INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS



*Bill Gates, cofounder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, gives a baby the oral polio vaccine at the Shadnagar community health clinic in Andhra Pradesh, India, in 2002.*

**POLIO ERADICATION**—Rotary International announced a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on November 26 that will inject a much needed \$200 million into the global effort to eradicate polio.

The Rotary Foundation received a \$100 million Gates Foundation challenge grant, which Rotary will raise funds to match, dollar for dollar, over three years.

Rotary will spend the initial \$100 million within one year in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and UNICEF.

"The extraordinary dedication of Rotary members has played a critical role in bringing polio to the brink of eradication," says Bill Gates, cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "Eradicating polio will be one of the most significant public health accomplishments in history, and we

are committed to helping reach that goal."

The polio eradication grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest grant received by Rotary in its 102-year history. Since 1985, Rotary has made polio eradication its top priority and has contributed \$633 million to the effort.

"Rotarians worldwide have worked very hard over the years to reach this point, and it is rewarding to see our approach validated in such a significant way by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation," says Dr. Robert Scott, chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees. "We hope that this shared commitment of Rotary and the Gates Foundation will challenge other donors, including foundations, governments, and nongovernmental organizations, to step up and make sure we have the resources needed to rid the world of polio once and for all."

**CLUB ELECTION TIME:** Election time for club president-nominees is NOW. The president for Rotary Year 2009-10 should be named before December 31. It is also important to notify both RI and District 5220 who will be club president and club secretary in 2008-09 so the information can be published in the Official Directory and access to records on the RI website is assured.

**MID-YEAR CONFERENCE CANCELLED:** The decision has been made to cancel the Mid-Year Conference that was set to take place on January 12, 2008. Please pass this information on to your club leaders and fellow Rotarians.

**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE:** Team members for the Group Study Exchange to Tasmania have been selected and Team Leader, Carol Kennedy, PE Madera, will begin their training soon. Those chosen are as follows:

- \* Jim Bacon, a Planner for the National Park Service, is sponsored by Yosemite
- \* Brian Ceraban, an Architect, is sponsored by Sonora Sunrise
- \* Sarah Crowe, a Hospitality Supervisor at the Ahwahnee, is sponsored by Mariposa
- \* Lisa Millegan, a Reporter for the Modesto Bee, is sponsored by Modesto Sunrise





**NEW MEMBERS**

New Member	Club	Sponsor	New Member	Club	Sponsor
Victoria Erickson	Angels Camp Centennial	Jay Quick	Ron Elliot	Merced	Janet Young
Bill Machado	Atwater	Roger Wood	Sam George	Merced	Cyril Lawrence
Bryan Ballenger	Atwater	Claudia Anderson	Dana Ferriera	Modesto	Kathy Halsey
Robert Stonelake	Ceres	Dave Hosmer	Kirk Visola	Modesto	Kris Helton
Robert Wallace	Ceres	Lonny Davis	Mary Wagner	Modesto	Kenni Friedman
Brigitte Coleman	Galt	Bob Ellner	Darlene Abraham	Modesto Gateway	Larry Bartlett
Karen Ellner	Galt	Bob Ellner	Kris Walley	Modesto Gateway	Bill Walley
Cary Keaton	Lathrop Sunrise		Chris Quintero	Newman	Tom Applegate
Mary Kennedy-Bracken	Lathrop Sunrise		Harry Felix	Newman	Kern Hunewill
Yvonne Quiring	Lathrop Sunrise		Lucie Lucas	Newman	Tom Applegate
Chris Monroe	Madera	Diana Barden	Patrick Leach	Newman	Kern Hunewill
Elizabeth Yost	Madera Sunrise		Rick Fauss	Newman	Tom Applegate
John Davies	Madera Sunrise	Bob Bitter	Jason Friedman	North Merced	
Kanwal Singh	Madera Sunrise		Evelyn Echevarria	Riverbank	
Kirsten Gross	Madera Sunrise		Jerri Fergel	Riverbank	Ruby Barnes
Peggy Gregory	Madera Sunrise	Mohammad Arain	Victoria Cannon	Sonora	
Shellee Andrews	Madera Sunrise	Kanwal Singh	Bill Burdick	Stockton	John Reusche
Dale Gelespe	Manteca Morning	Les Webb	James Ozsvath	Stockton	Gary Hansen
Al Handy	Mariposa		Maxine Pickford	Stockton	Susan Drake
Abe Izen (June 07)	Merced	Dr. Eric Conley	Jacqui James	Stockton Delta	
Bob Natcher	Merced	Clark Kellogg	Ken Fong	Stockton Delta	
Capt. Raymond Erickson-King	Merced	Larry Whitney/John Price	Don Richter	Stockton East	Chris Weed
Christopher Stellpflug	Merced	Cliff Lauritzen	Josh Graves	Stockton East	Jon Goudreau
Craig Chavez	Merced	John Price	Ben Goldberg	Tracy Sunrise	
Jason Isaacs	Merced	Frank Hubbell	Bill Weber	Turlock Sunrise	Rod Green
Mathew Lee	Merced	Jeff Lee	Ken Honsik	Turlock Sunrise	Rod Green



## ROTARY FOUNDATION

**ROTARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE:** Make reservations now to attend the Rotary Trivia Challenge the evening of January 26, 2008 at the SOS Club in Modesto. Reservations for your club can be made on the District website at [www.rotary5220.org](http://www.rotary5220.org). Register for the dinner and register your club's team for the competition at the same time. Let's all give our full support for this great event and make it a success in every way.

The very serious purpose of this fun event is to *Kick Polio Out of Africa* by providing funds for Polio Plus Partners to facilitate National Immunization Days that will help win the final battle against this awful disease. There is also a good possibility that Rotarians from our District may be able to participate in an NID this year. Although nothing is firmly set now, it might be possible to help in Niger in late February. Contact Dave Gallagher, [dg2020@aol.com](mailto:dg2020@aol.com) for information.

SOME SAMPLE ROTARY TRIVIA CHALLENGE QUESTIONS:

1. What is the most southerly Rotary club in Argentina and on what day does it meet?
2. In what year was the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International changed to allow women to be members?
3. We all know that the Rotary International Convention will be held in Los Angeles in 2008. But, can you name what world cities are tentatively set to host the RI Conventions in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014?
4. How often does the Council on Legislation of Rotary International meet? What do they do when they meet?
5. The Rotary Foundation uses interest for how many years from Annual Fund donations to cover administrative costs?
6. What are District Designated Funds?
7. How does a club apply for a Matching Grant?
8. About how many people belong to Interact?



Check the ABC's of Rotary, the Library Section of the District Website, The Rotarian magazine, and the Rotary website, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

**GREETINGS FROM MALAWI:** Joe Serra, PDG, writes from Africa that good progress is being made in the orthopedic care given by the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital. Joe has been there teaching orthopedic clinical officer students. He is helping to provide part of the 18 months of intensive training the students receive. After they are trained they are sent out to provide care in District hospitals throughout Malawi. Joe says it is really great to again be a part of this work.

**PERSEVERANCE WINS:** Mel Hansen reports that the 40-foot container of medical equipment and supplies is on its way to the Democratic Republic of Congo. The project is being spearheaded by the **North Stockton club**. This project has received generous financial support from many District clubs including Ceres, Escalon Sunrise, Madera Sunrise, Modesto, Modesto Sunrise, North Stockton, Oakhurst Sierra, Salida, Stockton, Stockton Sunrise, Turlock, Turlock Sunrise, Twain Harte, West Calaveras and Yosemite National Park. Several non Rotarians also made financial contributions. Rotarians from Atwater, Los Banos, Modesto, Sonora Sunrise and Stockton contributed valuable items for the container. Special thanks go to Mike and Suzi Keckler along with their staff for support, assistance and patience in making this international project a reality. The container is set to arrive in Africa the last week in December.



CLUB ATTENDANCE—October 2007

Club	Begin Year 7/1/07	Sep-07	Oct-07	Month Diff	YTD Diff	% Per Month	Club	Begin Year 7/1/07	Sep-07	Oct-07	Month Diff	YTD Diff	% Per Month
Angels Camp Cent.	19	19	19	0	0	72.63%	Modesto North	36	44	43	-1	7	76.00%
Angels-Murphys	41	41	41	0	0	63.51%	Modesto	84	87	86	-1	2	71.14%
Arnold	17	20	22	2	5	85.49%	Newman	18	17	19	2	1	54.00%
Atwater	32	39	37	-2	5	72.30%	North Merced	32	33	34	1	2	61.00%
Ceres	33	33	34	1	1	80.77%	North Stockton	88	86	86	0	-2	54.57%
Chowchilla	31	31	28	-3	-3	60.49%	Oakdale	53	53	53	0	0	70.98%
Dos Palos	11	12	11	-1	0	76.00%	Oakdale Sunrise	29	29	29	0	0	44.83%
Escalon Sunrise	14	18	19	1	5	86.77%	Oakhurst	51	50	49	-1	-2	50.62%
Galt	18	18	20	2	2	77.16%	Oakhurst	33	34	27	-7	-6	64.77%
Galt Sunrise	11	15	12	-3	1	0.00%	Patterson	40	55	48	-7	8	42.55%
Groveland	31	32	30	-2	-1	78.26%	Ripon	28	27	27	0	-1	55.55%
Gustine	14	14	14	0	0	64.29%	Riverbank	25	26	24	-2	-1	74.68%
Lathrop Sunrise	19	18	21	3	2	100.00	Salida	27	27	28	1	1	74.34%
Livingston	18	17	17	0	-1	0.00%	Sonora	12	14	13	-1	1	77.00%
Lodi	72	78	78	0	6	48.36%	Sonora 49er	43	44	44	0	1	74.39%
Lodi Sunrise	22	23	22	-1	0	0.00%	Sonora Sunrise	40	41	40	-1	0	78.00%
Lodi Tokay	51	50	49	-1	-2	73.47%	Stockton	201	208	210	2	9	57.17%
Los Banos	31	33	33	0	2	64.29%	Stockton Delta	31	32	34	2	3	53.00%
Madera	53	52	53	1	0	90.52%	Stockton East	35	36	36	0	1	89.82%
Madera Sunrise	49	50	51	1	2	75.00%	Stockton Sunrise	37	37	34	-3	-3	80.00%
Manteca	53	54	55	1	2	80.30%	Tracy	52	54	52	-2	0	0.00%
Manteca Morn-	16	16	16	0	0	76.67%	Tracy Sunrise	41	41	39	-2	-2	76.17%
Mariposa	62	61	62	1	0	71.37%	Turlock	123	124	125	1	2	59.94%
Merced	81	81	84	3	3	54.25%	Turlock Sunrise	62	67	68	1	6	58.92%
Merced Sunrise	28	28	27	-1	-1	61.73%	Twain Harte	23	26	25	-1	2	92.06%
Modesto	227	225	224	-1	-3	66.40%	West Calaveras	22	22	23	1	1	73.45%
Modesto East	24	24	24	0	0	60.42%	Yosemite	21	25	25	0	4	60.00%
Modesto Gateway	36	39	39	0	3	69.37%	<b>Total</b>	<b>2401</b>	<b>2480</b>	<b>2463</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>62</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 received



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# Merry Christmas!



## DISTRICT CALENDAR

**January 26, 2008 - Rotary Trivia Challenge and Italian dinner (\$50ea.). SOS club**

Most events this month are focused on individual clubs, family, and assisting those in need in our communities.

More events to come next time. Meanwhile, check the district calendar on [www.rotary5220.org](http://www.rotary5220.org).

To report a calendar event, email [webmaster@rotary5220.org](mailto:webmaster@rotary5220.org)