



Governor Dick's Drivel for March and April Editor's note—title is Dick's, not mine!

Have you ever noticed how Rotary binds people together in fun and true friendship? Proof of this was abundant at the 60th anniversary party that the Newman club had to celebrate their chartering. Mr. Newman, a charter member whose family gave the town its name, told us why the club was founded and how important for the community it was to start a first rate service club. A past president told how the club had faithfully supported Oristimba High School and its Interact club. Someone even told about a time some forty years or so ago when they tricked the District Governor into overindulging so they wouldn't have to admit to some club oversight. Then there was the time club members provided a wild dove dinner because it would have been too expensive to buy meat. Past presidents from as far away as Orange County added historical details. The stories went on and on for the enjoyment of all. But interlaced with all the funny stories were the stories of service provided for the community. It was delightful to be able to share the memories.

And have you ever noticed how captivated Rotarians are by watching pictures of an international service project. We watched it happen at a meeting of the Angels-Murphys club. After a great dinner where very good wine was served, President John Brophy began to tell us about the *Amigos de Guatemala Project*. He and his wife had been a part of a group making improvements to a school for very poor people high in the mountains of Guatemala. The pictures showed a beautiful place where people had limited future opportunities. A key part of helping the community is providing some very basic things for the school. School supplies were donated as part of the project. Adding more classroom space helped. John proudly showed pictures of the sidewalk up the hill to the school that he helped build. He even admitted, finally, that the men in the community took over the concrete finishing so the walk would be smooth but let the volunteers continue mixing and placing the concrete. As John started his program conversation stopped and the room became still. Attention focused on the presentation and everyone there understood why work like this is so important.

It is fascinating to watch Rotarians face up to responsibility. Our District sends its presidents-elect to a President-Elect Training Seminar. Rotary knows there are lots of things a club president needs to know in order to have a successful year. It also knows that Rotarians are busy people and three days is about as much as most incoming presidents can spare at any one time. The result is that PETS takes on some of the characteristics of a Marine boot-camp. Sessions start early in the morning and they end late in the evening. After the last session PE's are encouraged to fraternize, share ideas and make friendships. The leaders in training learn club management, how to insure good programs, all about the inner workings of the Rotary Foundation, how to build membership and a thousand other things. And all the while your PE's are inspired to plan for a great year, to imagine creative service projects, to spread the message of Rotary and to develop leaders within the club. And how do they react to this sort of treatment you might ask and the answer is they do very well. They are enthusiastic and they share ideas. Of course the leader of our contingent, District Governor Elect Janine McClanahan, was there marshalling her troops and conducting training sessions that pertained only to District 5220. What can be said in the final analysis is that we have an excellent bunch of presidents-elect led by a top-notch incoming District Governor. The District will truly be in good hands next year.

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**Yours in Rotary Service,
Dick and Marty Wyatt**

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



ROTARY FOUNDATION

GSE TEAMS

From a travel blog by Carol Kennedy—"I have been having an absolutely fabulous time!!! Everyone has been so nice and friendly and helpful. We will be doing our second presentation tonight and moving to new host families tomorrow. It's Monday morning here. Sue took me over to Bruny Island yesterday for a boat trip around the island. Gorgeous!! Seals, dolphins, birds local to the area, and amazing rock formations. We went close to a blow hole and I got COMPLETELY drenched. FUN! Last night we had a barbeque with the club. I'll be looking for expand-a-pants soon. I'm going into Hobart Town as they call it here to see some of the museum we didn't



The District 5220 GSE team—left to right—Lisa Millegan, Brian Ceraban, Leader Carol Kennedy, Jim Bacon, and Sarah Crowe.

have time to see the other day. Then Bernie will take me on a walking tour as he is a professional guide.

The team members are overwhelmed with the generosity of the people here and feeling really grateful for the opportunity. It's very gratifying. Jim Bacon is getting LOTS of teasing because that is a former politician's name. He is looking for a fake mustache to impersonate the other Jim Bacon at the conference. !



GSE Team leader Carol Kennedy feeding a 'roo in Tasmania

THE AUSSIE GSE TEAM—NOW VISITING DISTRICT 5220



D9830 California team - from left to right - Sarah Mansfield (Police officer), William Young (IT manager, K-12 education), Chris Westlake, Team Leader (Retail floor covering), DG Kevin Shadbolt, Jill Gates (Alternate Team Leader), Glen Roland (Engineering Production Manager), Michelle Castles (Employment and Training consultant.)



DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME:

District 5220 is planning for a big night at the ball park on June 7th. The Stockton Ports are traveling to Modesto to meet the Modesto Nuts. Tickets will be available for \$7.00 and proceeds will go to PolioPlus Partners. Registration material will soon be posted on the District website. For information contact Dave Mantooth, dmantooth@sjcoe.net.



PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT TO MEXICALI



58 Interact, Rotaract students, and Rotarians traveled to Mexicali to assemble three playgrounds at very poor schools. The group included Rotarians from Stockton, Stockton Delta, Escalon Sunrise, and Tracy Sunrise. Students were from Edison, Escalon, Stagg, Franklin, Lincoln, and West High schools and 4 Tracy Rotaract students. In addition to playgrounds, the group provided pallets of books, school supplies, stuffed animals, and sports equipment to the schools they visited. The group had two days of travel, two days to install the equipment and one day to enjoy the beach and shopping in San Felipe.

2008 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

APRIL 18, 19 & 20, 2008: Register for the District Conference in Sparks, Nevada. The easiest way is to go on line at www.rotary5220.org and register online. 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

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One Night Only!
FREE to Rotarians
The Water Project at Roe-Terry Flat
or She's Not My Cistern
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.... The Spoke
"It's worth the price of the trip!"
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Register today!
Written and directed by Mary Scott



CLUB, DISTRICT & INTERNATIONAL



ROTARY'S WIDE WORLD OF BOOKS

An LA2008 Convention Host Organization Commemorative Project Presented by
Los Angeles Times

Participate in Rotary's Wide World of Books and help a child learn to read! LA2008 will feature an international Book Drive where Rotarians from approximately 171 countries will create a worldwide service project by giving a gift of literacy to the children of the seven Southern California Rotary Districts! Everyone is asked to bring at least one book to add to the huge mountain of books.

NEW MEMBERS

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Gail Moore-Tillis	North Stockton	Judy Lovett
Lynn Toschi	Madera	Claudia Densmore
Bill Keyser	Madera	Jane Winning
Jim Pierce	Madera	Diana Barden
Michael Chimente	Angels Camp Cent.	Clayre Quick
Eddie Lira	North Stockton	Mel Hansen
Fred Roberts	North Stockton	Jim Ellis
Pam Beery	Mariposa	Vince Kehoe
Claudia Vincino	Modesto Sunrise	Mary Ann Sanders
Hart Semrau	Modesto Sunrise	Dr. Elizabeth Demichelis
Merle Jacobs	Modesto Sunrise	John Campbell
Stephen Benton	Modesto Sunrise	Transfer—North Stockton
Jeff Jensen	Modesto Sunrise	Reactivation
Ernie Roque	Los Banos	Mike Villalta
Mark Jones	Los Banos	Mike Villalta
Aaron Page	Los Banos	Colleen Menefee
Fred Roberts	North Stockton	
Eddie Lira	North Stockton	
Mark Wood	Lodi Sunrise	
Brian King	Madera Sunrise	Steve King
Eric Edmondson	North Merced	Chris Tomsford
Robert (Buck) Reed	Angels Camp Cent.	Jay Quick
Jose Diaz	Ceres	Lonny Davis
Walt Nicolau Jr.	Ceres	Paul Caruso

EYE CLINICS IN HONDURAS

David Gallagher and Nick Mascitelli, both Past District Governors from Modesto Sunrise Rotary traveled to Honduras in February. They held eye clinics in Santa Elena, a remote village on a mountain top overlooking the border of Honduras and El Salvador. This was the first time that eye clinics were held in their village, and most of the villagers had their first eye exam. It was a very rewarding experience to be able to give the gift of sight to over 220 patients. Their translator was Sahira Dubon, our Ambassadorial Scholar from Honduras who will be speaking at the 2008 District Conference.



Dr. David Gallagher examining a patient at one of the clinics held in Santa Elena, Honduras.



Nick Mascitelli (Dr. Nick) dispensing a pair of glasses at one of the eye clinics. He has the best job!



Dr. David Gallagher with an elderly couple in Santa Elena, Honduras who are enjoying their first pair of eyeglasses!



CLUB AND DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

MADERA ROTARY PARK ~by Diana Barden. The Madera Rotary Club used the occasion of Rotary's 103rd birthday in February to *Share Rotary* by dedicating the Rotary Park Sign to the City of Madera.

The dedication ceremony took place in Rotary Park and was attended by over 80 Rotarians, city officials and representatives, and members of the community. Club members hosted a Barbeque in the park pavilion following the ceremonies.



Muralist Heather Lewis of Madera created a collage of Rotarians at work. This beautiful piece of public art is located in Madera's Rotary Park and depicts the club's projects in the community and in the world..



Madera's Mayor Sally Bompressi presents a proclamation from the City of Madera to Madera Rotarians Carol Kennedy, President Jane Wiebe, and Diana Barden

The monument sign is placed on the river walk and can be seen from northbound Highway 99. The mosaic Rotary wheel was designed and created by club members and their families.

Funding for this phase of the project, which began in 2006, came from an "Operation Civic Pride" grant program offered by the city of Madera, a District Simplified Grant from Rotary District 5220, and from the donations of Madera Rotary and local businesses.

In January the City approved another Operation Civic Pride matching grant to put the Rotary mural on the side of the sign facing the park pavilion. The mural, painted by Madera artist Heather Lewis, is a collage of Madera Rotary's activities locally and around the world.

DISTRICT SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS

~by Bob McConnell - The winner of the District Rotary Final Speech contest held on Saturday, April 5th is

Halima Lucas of Stockton, sponsored by Stockton Sunrise Rotary. She is a Bear Creek High School Junior from Stockton. All twelve finalists spoke on this year's topic: **SERVING THROUGH CARING AND SHARING**. The first contest for these speakers was at the club level in the all of the clubs of the district in February. The winners then went on to area contests in March. The prize winners from the 12 areas spoke in the finals. Over 200 students participated and a total of \$21,000 was awarded. Halima will present her speech to the District Conference on April 19th, in Sparks Nevada. Second place winner was Tony Pierucci of Lodi. He is a senior at Tokay High School, and was sponsored by Lodi Tokay Rotary. Erica Voris, a Buhach Colony High School Senior who was sponsored by Atwater Rotary, took third place honors. The contest was sponsored by the Cal State Stanislaus Communications Studies Department, with Dr. Vickie Harvey as the official host. Five Communication Studies students were the judges. Congratulations to all!



(l-r) District Governor Dick Wyatt with first place winner Halima Lucas, second place Tony Pierucci and third place winner Erica Vorhis.



DISTRICT AND INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS

LETTER FROM A RYLA STUDENT

Ever wonder if RYLA is worth it? Following are excerpts from a letter from Jordan Lippincott, a RYLA student sponsored by Escalon Sunrise Rotary:

“Thank you very much for selecting me to attend RYLA 2008. This camp is so much more than I ever imagined and the skills that I learned at camp were extremely valuable. In granting me scholarship to RYLA you have not only benefited me by increasing my leadership skills, but you have also built upon my qualities of teamwork and brotherhood.” He went on to describe some of the workings of the camp and the speakers, all of which he found inspirational. He concluded with:

“This camp has helped shape me in so many ways and will continue to inspire me throughout the rest of my life as I continue to interact with the people who participated in the camp with me. I am very thankful for the chance to experience first-hand what RYLA truly is. Rotary is an amazing organization if it can achieve all these goals in four days and help so many young kids like become better humanitarians. Thank you again for the scholarship to the camp and the chance to participate in a life changing experience.”



CLINICS AND CONSTRUCTION-SILVER ANNIVERSARY

For the last 25 years, a group of service clubs and medical professionals has traveled to Mexicali and partnered with the Calafia Rotary Club of Mexicali, in humanitarian projects.



On March 28th, thirty seven volunteers joined their hosts to perform five medical clinics and to rebuild and refurbish the Progreso School, 15 miles southwest of Mexicali.

Dr. Tom Mihok, OD, Oakdale Lions, and his team of thirteen volunteers, examined 140 patients and dispensed 70 pairs of glasses at the eye clinic. Groveland’s Dr. Jose’ Bustos, assisted by university dental students, performed extractions, fillings, and application of 157 fluoride treatments in the mobile dental unit provided by the University. Dr. Ted Mihok, DPM, examined 80 patients and performed minor surgeries as needed in the foot clinic. The general medical examination clinic was staffed by Dr. Antonio Garcia, assisted by volunteers from the Calafia Rotarios. Dr. Nadia Rosales, MD, assisted by two medical volunteers from Alameda, performed female cancer screenings in a new mobile medical unit built by five Rotary clubs in the USA and the Calafia Rotary Club. The non-medical portion of this mission included demolition work, rebuilding and refurbishing of an elementary school by a team of eleven workers. A 20x20 storage building was built and the entire school was painted with 80 gallons of donated paint. Playground equipment was donated and installed at the Casa Hogar Emanuel Orphanage, and clothes and toys were given to the children there. 115 computers and equipment and 35 cases of Spanish/English books were donated to various schools. Medical equipment and supplies went to the local hospital, and ambulance equipment went to the San Felipe Red Cross and Baja Rescue.

Service clubs represented on this mission by volunteers and/or donations of money, goods and services, include Oakdale Lions, Alameda Breakfast Lions, Groveland Soroptimists, Groveland Kiwanis, and the Rotary Clubs of Groveland, Twain Harte, Oakdale Sunrise, Oakdale, Manteca, Riverbank, Calafia and the Calafia Interact Club. John Brunk, Groveland Rotary, coordinated the mission for his 25th year of international service. Many other individuals and businesses donated items and the monetary value of the goods and services provided to those in need south of the border totaled over \$100,000 US. But the smiles and expressions of gratitude by the recipients of the medical services and goods were invaluable.



CLUB ATTENDANCE—February 2008

Club	Begin Year 7/1/07	Jan-08	Feb-08	Month Diff	YTD Diff	% Per Month	Club	Begin Year 7/1/07	Jan-08	Feb-08	Month Diff	YTD Diff	% Per Month
Angels Camp Cent.	19	14	14	0	-5	93.10%	Modesto North	36	42	44	2	8	79.00%
Angels-Murphys	41	40	41	1	0	63.57%	Modesto Sunrise	84	87	89	2	5	80.98%
Arnold	17	22	22	0	5	68.64%	Newman	18	20	18	-2	0	67.00%
Atwater	32	38	37	-1	5	57.43%	North Merced	32	33	33	0	1	81.00%
Ceres	33	36	36	0	3	85.47%	North Stockton	88	85	85	0	-3	59.83%
Chowchilla	31	28	28	0	-3	54.47%	Oakdale	53	53	53	0	0	57.00%
Dos Palos	11	9	9	0	-2	0.00%	Oakdale Sunrise	29	29	29	0	0	55.17%
Escalon Sunrise	14	19	19	0	5	80.26%	Oakhurst Sierra	51	48	49	1	-2	46.43%
Galt	18	19	19	0	1	0.00%	Oakhurst Sierra Sun	33	27	27	0	-6	72.38%
Galt Sunrise	11	12	12	0	1	0.00%	Patterson	40	47	46	-1	6	48.36%
Groveland	31	30	30	0	-1	70.65%	Ripon	28	27	26	-1	-2	60.87%
Gustine	14	14	14	0	0	64.29%	Riverbank	25	26	24	-2	-1	67.51%
Lathrop Sunrise	19	21	21	0	2	69.05%	Salida	27	28	28	0	1	0.00%
Livingston	18	24	24	0	6	79.00%	Sonora	12	12	13	1	1	85.42%
Lodi	72	77	77	0	5	44.67%	Sonora 49er	43	43	40	-3	-3	64.64%
Lodi Sunrise	22	20	20	0	-2	0.00%	Sonora Sunrise	40	37	35	-2	-5	73.00%
Lodi Tokay	51	51	52	1	1	63.46%	Stockton	201	205	207	2	6	48.56%
Los Banos	31	34	34	0	3	57.21%	Stockton Delta	31	34	31	-3	0	49.42%
Madera	53	54	57	3	4	76.69%	Stockton East	35	36	34	-2	-1	86.29%
Madera Sunrise	49	54	54	0	5	62.00%	Stockton Sunrise	37	34	34	0	-3	0.00%
Manteca	53	51	51	0	-2	69.39%	Tracy	52	52	52	0	0	0.00%
Manteca Morning	16	15	16	1	0	81.46%	Tracy Sunrise	41	39	45	6	4	83.85%
Mariposa	62	63	60	-3	-2	80.66%	Turlock	123	123	123	0	0	0.00%
Merced	81	84	86	2	5	43.72%	Turlock Sunrise	62	68	70	2	8	58.36%
Merced Sunrise	28	25	24	-1	-4	45.40%	Twain Harte	23	26	26	0	3	92.31%
Modesto	227	233	231	-2	4	69.78%	West Calaveras	22	23	23	0	1	0.00%
Modesto East	24	28	28	0	4	0.00%	Yosemite	21	25	26	1	5	70.00%
Modesto Gateway	36	39	39	0	3	60.92%	Total	2401	2463	2465	2	64	

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



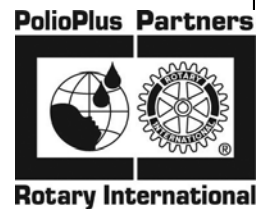
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The District 5220
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DISTRICT CALENDAR

APR 18-20	DISTRICT CONFERENCE—SPARKS, NV
MAY 10	DISTRICT ASSEMBLY
JUNE 6	SALIDA SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT*
JUNE 7	TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME—DISTRICT EVENT
JUNE 7	TRANSITIONAL GOVERNOR’S CABINET MEETING
JUNE 7	WEST CALAVERAS SAVOR THE FLAVOR WINE TASTING*
JUNE 14	CANYON CENTURY CLASSIC—MODESTO NORTH
JUNE 15-18	INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION—LA
JUNE 23	DISTRICT BUDGET AND FINANCE MEETING
JULY 26	DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S CABINET MEETING
AUG 23	MEMBERSHIP & FOUNDATION SEMINAR

To report a calendar event, email webmaster@rotary5220.org *flyer and more information on website

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