



CLUB AND DISTRICT HAPPENINGS



TURLOCK—The photo shows Turlock Rotarians Kirk Sperry (left) and Bob Harris wearing their World War II military uniforms at the meeting of the Rotary Club of Turlock on Veterans Day, November 11, 2008. It has been the tradition for many years that Turlock Rotarians who are veterans are encouraged to wear their old uniforms to the club meeting each year when they observe Veterans Day. Kirk Sperry, a retired pharmacist, served as an officer in the Navy and Bob Harris, a retired veterinarian, served on a bomber in the Army Air Corps over Germany.

MODESTO—Modesto Rotary Club recently awarded a longtime community leader their highest vocational service award. Odessa Johnson received the Distinguished Service Award on October 14, 2008.

Ms. Johnson joins other notable luminaries who have received this reward for excellence in their chosen vocation. Past recipients include: Peter Johansen, Patti Stone, Bette Belle Smith, Kelly B. Huston, Ray Simon and Jim Enochs.

Ms. Johnson was a passionate supporter and advocate in the local education community for over 45 years.



LODI SUNRISE ROTARIAN TRAINS WITH U.S. PARALYMPIC TEAM



For one week, Rodger Robinson - a Lodi Sunrise Rotarian - was given the chance to live the life of a world-class athlete. The Lodi wheelchair racer was invited to the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado to train with Olympic medalists and Olympic coaches.

Robinson was one of 30 people from around the country to be invited to the training, where the athletes rode at least 54 miles each day. Being located in the middle of the Rocky Mountains, the athletes even did a little hill riding. One trail was a 25-minute ride up and a three-minute free ride on the way

down. "We hit speeds of 50 miles an hour on the way down," Robinson said. "It was a real adrenaline rush. I love it — climbed it twice."

Rodger is now in training and hopes to qualify for the U.S. Paralympic team in 2012.

MADERA HAS 884 "DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS"

On October 30th Madera Rotary partnered with the Madera Health Department to provide a Drive Through Flu Clinic at the Madera Fairgrounds. "From a Rotary standpoint this was the best shooting we have had in the past few years," says chairman Glenn. "The logistics were better and the Rotary volunteers were an integral part of the clinic."

