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APRIL IS ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

The Rotarian and *Rotary World* Magazines provide a great opportunity to see and read about Rotary world wide. We see what is happening in Membership, Polio Plus, 3-H Programs, Rotaract, RYLA, and it gives new information that can be use to tell the Rotary Story. Use this month as an opportunity to get something into your local Newspapers about what Rotary is doing in your community. Lets **Sow the Seeds of Love** by getting a great article into the Newspaper about the

Polio Eradication Campaign. We need to reach out to the public, to the community and to potential members so that they understand the true spirit and meaning of Rotary. When people see the Rotary gearwheel emblem, they should instantly recognize it as a symbol of humanitarian service, international goodwill and hope.

Rotary is known as the peace makers of the world but some time we are not able to avoid conflict and so we need to be prepared to assist our neighbors and friends

when the conflicts are over. We should begin thinking about how we can help our Iraqi friends to rebuild their lives and their communities. We can use our Share Funds to help in some way to demonstrate that we want to lend a helping hand.

In Iraq, children suffer one of the worst mortality rates in the world. One third are malnourished, one quarter have no safe drinking water and one quarter of the children do not attend school. This is a great opportunity for us to **lend a helping hand** and at the same time **sow the seeds of love**.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Bizzini, DG



DOROTHY BIZZINI
District Governor
2002-2003



**Fulfilling our Promise:
Eradicate Polio
Rotary's \$80 million challenge
for 2002-03**

LIP SYNC CONTEST FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Mike Sturtevan of the Modesto Rotary Club founder of the Lip Sync for Central California stated this year was one of the toughest contests he has seen. Students from Central and their principal perform a 5 minute theatrical production before a packed audience of parents, friends and sponsoring schools. The winners of the contest win prize money for the school Scholarship Fund. "A lot of students go to school just to be on the lip sync team, just like people go to school to be on the football team" stated Mike.

Over 700 students from the

valley competed for over \$30,000. in Scholarship Money. There are 6

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regional contest and then the finals. This years finals were held in Modesto. This years winner was Central Catholic who took home \$5000.00. Gilroy was second and

Sanger High School was third. Winning principals decide which students will receive the scholarships.

Rotary advises them to give scholarships to students who would not otherwise go to college. About 80 % of the students go on to Junior College, using the money to pay for books and other necessities. "The idea is to get them to college where they find out they can succeed and then they can go on out on their own and succeed in life." Sturtevan said.

MADERA ROTARY INDUCTS 16 NEW MEMBERS TO DATE

Under the guidance of Membership Chairman, Gary Giersch, Madera Rotary kicked off a membership incentive program in July 2002 encouraging ALL Rotarians to invite a guest to a Madera Rotary Club Meeting.

A red dot is attached to the name badge of every member. The red dot is replaced with a blue one when a member brings a guest to a club meeting. The blue dot is covered with a green dot when a Rotarian sponsors a new member into the club.

This "Red Dot, Blue Dot, Green Dot" program has generated a great deal of enthusiasm and each meeting includes several invited guests. The idea increases Rotarian awareness to share Rotary with



Madera Rotary celebrates membership growth with an induction ceremony for their three newest members. Pictured here (left to right) are Jennifer Sommer, sponsored by Don Yeager; David Droker, sponsored by Kay Rhoads; and Mirso Golubic, sponsored by Jane Wiebe. Mirso has been an honorary member of the club for two years contributing greatly to international relief projects. He is now an Active member of the club

others. "Our goal is to see every member with at least a blue dot by the end of the Rotary year", says Club President Diana Barden.

To keep the focus on member-

ship fun and celebrate the efforts of sponsors, the "gals" have challenged the "guys" to see who brings in the most members in a six-month period. When the tally is taken, the winners are treated to lunch by the other team.

Good recruitment programs must be coupled with all the elements and creative ideas for retention, such as *Rotary Information, Indoctrination, Involvement, Interesting Programs, and Fellowship*, in order to sustain membership growth.

*SUBMITTED BY DIANA BARDEN,
March 23, 2003 (559-674-7138)*

DISTRICT SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS

Final speech contest was held on the campus of California State University, Stanislaus in Turlock on Saturday, March 22nd. Bob McConnell was the Speech Contest Chairman. The University co-sponsored the event, with Dr. Elsaree Murray of the Communications Faculty as host and chair of the judging. There were ten student speakers representing the 10 Areas in the District. Students participating were:

- Lauren Cook, a sophomore student at Yosemite High School sponsored by Oakhurst Sierra Sunrise Rotary Club
- Diana Dolph, a senior from Madera High School, sponsored by Madera Rotary Club
- Kiri Dyken, senior from Bret Harte High School -Angels Camp, sponsored by Arnold Rotary Club
- Marissa Holmer, a junior from Riverbank Rotary Club, sponsored by Riverbank Rotary Club
- Bailey McCann, a junior from



*Speech Contest Winners From left to right
Roya Soleimani, Kiri Dyken and Ryan Smith.*

- Jim Elliot Christian High School-Lodi, sponsored by Lodi Rotary Club
- Michelle Rindels, a sophomore from Sierra High School sponsored by Manteca Noon Rotary Club
- Rachel Seele, a freshman from Beyer High School-Modesto, sponsored by Modesto North Rotary Club
- Ryan Smith, a junior from Golden Valley High School-Merced, sponsored by Merced

Noon Rotary Club

- Roya Soleimani, a senior from Lincoln High School-Stockton, sponsored by North Stockton Rotary Club and Samantha Wormstall, a freshman from Los Banos High School, sponsored by Los Banos Rotary Club.

The winners of the contest were: First Place: Roya Soleimani, Lincoln High School. Second Place: Kiri Dyken, Bret Harte High School-Angels Camp and Third Place was Ryan Smith, Golden Valley High School.

The contest theme this year was "Sow the Seeds of Love," All of the speakers gave interesting talks on the idea that if there is to be change in their communities, their nation, and the world, they will have to be the ones to sow the seeds of change.

This years winner will speak at the District Conference on April 5th at Tenaya Lodge. The winner will receive a check for \$1000.00. Each area winner had received a check for \$250.00.

DISTRICT NEWS AND UPDATES

FOUNDATION REPORT

District Rotary Foundation Chairman, Jim Anthony, has submitted the following report: Top Clubs ranked by Annual Giving Per Capita are:

- Salida with \$153.33
- Atwater with \$146.33
- Lathrop Sunrise with \$145.00.

Top Clubs Ranked by Total Annual Giving are:

- Lodi with \$6,965.00
- Merced with \$ 6,290.00
- Stockton with \$5,306.00.

INTERACT CLUB FOR CERES

The Interact Club of Ceres was recently chartered with 15 Members. Their President is Randy Green, V.P. Mike Sandberg, Sect. Garret Hall, Treas. Tom Degenstein. Directors are Robin Morse and Richard Michelson. Their Advisor is Bret Durossette. Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Ceres for being their Sponsor.

WORLD COMM. SERVICE

Mel Hansen reports that the WCS committee has set Sat. May 10 as the date for the work party to

inventory Mike Keckler's warehouse. Mike is over run with medical supplies and equipment and he needs our help. Hospitals are calling for supplies but he doesn't have time to inventory and to respond to their needs. Help is needed from Rotarians as well as Interactors. There will be no meeting for April since it is so close to the District Conference. Put the date on your calendar: Mike Keckler Day, May 10th in Oakdale.



AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR REPORT TO DISTRICT

Colin Holmes, the District 5220 Ambassadorial Scholar, is a student at the University of Pune in Pune, India. Colin has submitted the following report: on his year.

My original plan had been to take mostly Health Science courses as well as several language and culture courses but my studies were delayed due to the Indo-Pak tensions that flared up and so The Rotary Foundation, respecting the State Departments' advice, asked me to delay my studies. So, I began my academic year after the first semester and I have been forced to modify my studies. This has actually worked out very well because it has allowed me a chance to explore so many different facets of the Indian culture, in addition to learning about pediatric and geriatric nutrition in the Health Sciences Department."

He flew to northern India and attended Hindi courses for five weeks. He has given many presentations to Rotary Clubs and has met with the District Governor Subhash Saraf and many district officers. He has participated in Holi, the Festival of Colors, in India. This consist of a half day of rubbing colored powder and colored water all over each other.

I want to quote a passage from Colins letter. "Half way through Holi, I passed through the front lobby and stopped to see Pres. Bush on the T.V.. Diplomacy has failed, Saddam has not disarmed, the people of Iraq must be liberated, Saddam and his sons must leave to avert war. Here I am , bright colors all over my face and torso, in a cheerful mood with only Holi on my mind. The atmosphere of the room was sober. Several of my Muslim student friends sat and watched quietly. The Iraqi students were nowhere to be seen. The only one

who would have been out there with us celebrating Holi was Almed, from Bagdad. His family live there. Well that ruined the day for us all."

"In January courses began in a disorderly fashion. Students were still coming back from vacations so the courses were postponed. I enrolled in 5 courses or papers as they are called. I am taking Sociology: agrarian societies, structure and change. Mostly land reforms and peasant movements in India. Contemporary issues in Indian society.

The second is Contemporary



Issues in Indian Society. Great class with only two students. We study all about the caste system, politics, class relations, policies of the British and more. The third is Development Anthropology. We examine the idea of Development as a means of modernization. Colonies are gone, but colonial relationship still exist because of economic debt, technological dependence on the Developed world and exploitation by Multinational companies.

The fourth is Women's Studies Division of Sociology. Gender, Development and Globalization. The fifth is Pediatric and Geriatric Nutrition. An interesting course, lots of practical info on nutritional needs of

the pregnant, of the young and old.

The Vice Chancellor of our school has a vision of a campus with wireless networking-where students can take their laptops anywhere on the 44 acre campus and log on to the internet at high speeds. Believe it or not he is making it happen. Yet we still don't have mosquito nets or constant water or power. We don't have enough water filters or refrigerators in the kitchens. We have broken furniture and many structural problems with the hostel.

There are only 20 students out of 96 students who have computers and I don't think there are any laptops.

I did go to the Rotary Conference and I gave a brief introduction to over 1000 Rotarians and guest. I visited the houses of two Rotarians families-excellent hospitality. I have had a stomach illness which lasted for three days but I have become immune to their stomach virus. I have a cat that spends his days in my closet so I spend a lot of time washing cat hair from my clothes. I am keeping the mosquitoes to a minimum with my electric tennis racquet-type mosquito killer. And the cockroaches rarely enter my room.

Overall, life is good. Time is flying, India surprises me every day. And I miss and love you all. If you feel so inclined, be politically active. If you don't, others will continue to take your democracy away from you. The system fails when you believe you have no voice. Regardless of what you believe, don't let this happen.

My thoughts are with each and everyone of you..

Colin Holmes

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A GSE TEAM MEMBER

The Manteca Morning Rotary Club was the first club in the district to welcome the New Zealand G.S.E. Team members to an American Rotary Club meeting. It was lively and lots of fun. Then PDG Van and ADG Carolyn Sweet gathered the team and headed to the Westside Community. The team visited the Dos Palos Police Department, where the members had their first glimpse of a police officer carrying a real gun. (In New Zealand Policemen do not carry guns.) Their next stop was the Dos Palos Newspaper office followed by a visit to the Coop Cotton Gin, the most state of the art gin in the world. Then it was to the Methodist Church to see some beautiful stain glass windows and onto Bika Studio for a view of artist Steinhour's private paintings. By this time it was noon and time for lunch.

Area 5 had arranged a joint meeting with Dos Palos, Los Banos, Gustine, Newman and Patterson at Espana



New Zealand GSE team members with Newman, Los Banos and Dos Palos Presidents

Restaurant. It was New Zealand's second presentation for the day. It was a fun meeting with great food, games and music. We learned a lot about New Zealand but we also learned that they love to have fun and before the luncheon was over we were playing games and dancing. Banners were exchanged and gifts presented. Painter Steinhour presented a painting of the Central Valley Colors to Team Leader John Prendergust.

Then it was off for the afternoon vocational service tours to Ingomar Tomato Packing Company for a glimpse of an agriculture product that is grown in the Los Banos area. The next stop was the Stanislaus Energy Plant in Crowslanding and then back to Manteca for a good cold beer at Manteca Micro Brewery. In less than 12 hours, they had covered over 200 miles, seen 8 business, made two presentations and seen over 100 Rotarians.

Not bad for their first day. What a fun group.

Get Your
ASK!!!
In Gear!
Recruit One New Member A Month!

**ATTEND THE DISTRICT
ASSEMBLY - DETAILS
AND REGISTRATION
FORM IN THIS ISSUE**

DISTRICT 5220 P.E.F.C. UPDATE

Past RI Vice President Lou Piconi (the North American PEFC Chair) has provided us with a report of District 5220's PEFC to date. District 5220 is ahead of the rest of the districts and zones but we still have work to do. Everyone is to be congratulated on the great job they are doing. Let's "Fulfill our Promise" and complete our goal.

District #	Members	# of Clubs	# of Clubs Pledged	% Pledged	Goal	Amount Pledged	\$/Member
5220	2,611	55	47	85.45%	\$595,433	\$574,133	\$219.89

Attention

**Presidents, President Elects, Secretaries, Treasurers,
Community Service, Vocational Service, Club Service,
International Service, Youth Service, Membership Chair,
Foundation Chair, New Members**

All Club Directors and Officers

A request from District Governor-Elect Nick Mascitelli

Meet us at the FAIR — We will have display booths and handouts for many of our District and Rotary International projects. Make your plans now and register your club for the

District Leadership Assembly

Saturday May 17th

San Joaquin County Office of Education

A registration form is enclosed in this issue of the Rotary Times. This event is a **MUST** to get your year started off the right way. This is your training session to collect all the information you will need. This is the **ONLY** training of its type during this Rotary year. There will be a special session for each of you, not to mention Polio, GSE, World Community Projects, Student Exchange-Centennial Projects, Camp Royal, Speech Contest and many, many more to choose from.

Meet **John Blount**, one of the most sought after speakers in Rotary. John has practiced general and restorative dentistry for 26 years. He is past President of the Sebastopol Rotary Club, and was District Governor in 1990-1991 - the youngest in his District's history. This year he is serving as coordinator for Membership Development for Zone 23. John has also been a key player in Far West P.E.T.S training and this year served as Chair.



John was one of 36 Rotary Leaders from around the world selected to train over 500 incoming District Governors. John has had many assignments on the International level including serving on the committee to Elect Rotary International's President for 2003-2004.

"It's All About Leadership" . . . That's what John believes so don't miss John and don't miss the opportunity to better lead your team this coming year.

Rotary District 5220 Leadership Assembly Registration

Saturday, May 17th, 2003
San Joaquin County Office of Education
Arch Airport Road Exit
2707 Transworld Drive
Stockton, CA 95206

Registration Time 7:00 A.M. To 8:15 A.M.

Please Return Registration and Fee by Saturday May 3rd

Club Name: _____

Club Contact: _____ Email/Phone _____

Attendees: (Please Print)

Presenter: _____

Club President: _____

Incoming President: _____

Incoming Secretary: _____

incoming Treasurer: _____

Club Service: _____

Vocational Service: _____

Community Service: _____

International Service: _____

Youth Service: _____

Membership Chair: _____

Rotary Foundation Chair: _____

Other Chairman -- (New Members etc.)

Total Registered _____ at \$30.00 = \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: District 5220

Mail Checks & Registration Forms To:

Registration Chairman:

Ellen Hancock

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DISTRICT ATTENDS MEXICALI CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Governor of Mexicali invited the members of the Stockton Rotary Club and the District Governor to be a part of their Centennial Celebration as a thank you for the years that Rotary has installed playground equipment in their community. The Rotarians were taken to a concert where we heard a wonderful entertainer, El Buki and Marco Antonio Solis. The next day we were taken to the Central Plaza for the formal presentation by Mayor Jaime Diaz Ochoa and Governor of Baja, Eugenio Elorduy. After the Central Plaza event we were taken to the downtown Industrial Center where we took part in the dedication of the Town Clock which plays, Mexicali Rose after it chimes twelve noon.

Our next stop was to a lovely Chinese Restaurant for lunch, where Governor Dorothy Bizzini did a formal Induction Ceremony for a new member for the Mexicali Centennial Rotary Club. Gabriel Guajardo is in Industrial



The Stockton Rotary Group at the Mexicali Playground

Metals with his family, attends the local College working for a master degree in Business, Imports and Exports. He was very excited about joining Rotary and already realizes the importance of giving back to his community. He looks forward to working with Rotary and the Interact Clubs when they return in April for the installation of play ground equipment into the local schools.

This trip offered Stockton the opportunity to visit several schools and to select the site for their next project. Over 50 members from Edison High, Stagg, Escalon, Bear Creek, Lincoln, West Hill and Los Banos will be on the Easter trip.

Stockton Rotarians attending the Mexicali Centennial were: Dudley and Susan Drake, John Green, Ken Misiles, Pete Wolfe, Don Barry plus Gov. Dorothy and Bill Bizzini.

Susan Drake did an outstanding job organizing the trip and providing the leadership to get us all home safely.

NEW VILLAGE CORPS FOR MADERA

The RI Board has adopted the following purpose for the Village Corps: *"To improve community living and enhance the enjoyment of life by encouraging community members to contribute to these goals by acting in the spirit of service to their community and their fellow human beings."*

The goals are:

- To encourage individuals to take responsibility for the improvement of their community.
- To recognize the dignity and value of all useful occupations.
- To mobilize self-help activities and work to improve the quality of life.
- To encourage the development of human potential to it's fullest, within context of the local culture and community.

The membership of Heartland Opportunity center, as well as all Village Corps member consist of ten or more members with good character and leadership potential. Men or women are both welcome,



who are residing, employed, or studying in or near the Village.

The Corps is sponsored and counseled by the Rotary Club of Madera and is established following the endorsement of the Governor upon certification of RI.

We are proud to have the second Village Corps organization in District 5220 and it was a great honor to be part of their Chartering along with Madera Rotary Club their sponsor.

FEBRUARY 2003 DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE REPORT

Club	Begin Year 7/1/02	Rotary Quest Goal 6/30/03	Jan-03	Feb-03	Diff	% Per Month	Club	Begin Year 7/1/02	Rotary Quest Goal 6/30/03	Jan-03	Feb-03	Diff	% Per Month
Angels Murphy's	43	48	50	50	0	87.46%	Modesto Gateway	44	49	47	46	-1	63.00%
Arnold	20	25	19	19	0	71.88%	Modesto North	31	36	35	36	1	80.00%
Atwater	32	37	30	32	2	68.00%	Modesto Sunrise	100	105	95	97	2	91.50%
Ceres	26	31	29	32	3	85.15%	Newman	25	30	26	26	0	77.00%
Chowchilla	42	47	43	43	0	76.70%	Oak. Sierra Sunrise	42	47	44	45	1	67.00%
Dos Palos	15	20	17	17	0	80.00%	Oakdale	51	56	45	45	0	74.00%
Escalon Sunrise	22	27	20	20	0	67.00%	Oakhurst Sierra	54	59	51	51	0	61.91%
Galt	31	36	28	28	0	91.11%	Patterson	34	39	39	38	-1	63.00%
Galt Sunrise	19	24	20	19	-1	73.80%	Ripon	19	24	20	21	1	76.00%
Groveland	22	27	22	21	-1	81.96%	Riverbank	21	26	18	20	2	84.00%
Gustine	18	23	16	17	1	74.00%	Salida	33	38	35	34	-1	79.15%
Lathrop Sunrise	22	27	22	22	0	88.00%	Sonora	16	21	16	16	0	67.00%
Livingston	34	39	34	34	0	67.00%	Sonora 49er	25	30	29	31	2	72.00%
Lodi	106	111	105	105	0	76.30%	Sonora Sunrise	41	46	46	48	2	85.00%
Lodi Sunrise	29	34	20	20	0	76.00%	Stockton	232	237	230	228	-2	80.80%
Lodi Tokay	60	65	59	59	0	77.00%	Stockton Delta	35	40	33	33	0	54.00%
Los Banos	37	42	38	38	0	68.00%	Stockton East	39	44	41	42	1	87.00%
Madera	53	58	63	63	0	68.00%	Stockton North	102	107	99	99	0	77.00%
Madera Sunrise	54	59	47	47	0	88.00%	Stockton Seaport	24	29	23	23	0	71.70%
Manteca	44	49	47	47	0	77.00%	Stockton Sunrise	37	42	37	38	1	74.00%
Manteca Morning	24	29	20	19	-1	83.00%	Tracy	69	74	65	63	-2	81.00%
Mariposa	43	48	46	47	1	79.00%	Tracy Sunrise	65	70	56	54	-2	78.06%
Merced	75	80	73	73	0	80.00%	Turlock	113	118	108	107	-1	68.45%
Merced North	46	51	46	45	-1	76.50%	Turlock Sunrise	59	64	57	57	0	64.73%
Merced Sunrise	22	27	23	24	1	73.00%	Twain Harte	31	36	33	34	1	81.95%
Modesto	259	264	270	272	2	71.88%	West Calaveras	21	26	15	17	2	88.00%
Modesto East	30	35	29	29	0	87.00%	Yosemite	14	19	16	16	0	48.00%
	1228	1363	1236	1242	6		Total	2605	2875	2595	2607	12	

Attendance Reports are due to the District Attendance Secretary, Larry Whitney by the 6th of each month.

*** Note: **Highlighted(or Circled)Clubs** indicate last months numbers - no current report received