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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and now it is time to complete our goals for this Rotary year. I want to compliment you all for the wonderful Christmas Service Projects which were held in all the Clubs. You have such big hearts and I enjoyed reading about your acts of kindness in your bulletins. I wish I could share them all in the Rotary Times but space is limited and so I have selected a few.

Our mid year Assembly will be held on Jan. 18th at Merced Community College. Refreshments to begin at 7:30 and we will kick off the program promptly at 8:30. We will have training for the Presidents and the President Elects and programs on International Service, Community Service, Centennial Projects, Membership, Grants, Short Term and Long Term Exchanges, Youth and Camp Royal. Highlights of the Brisbane Conference and the Pre Registration for District Conference. Our Key-note Speaker, Michael Prichard will liven

up the group with his powerful message and his humor. You will leave with a warm feeling in your heart and a smile on your face. Please bring your new members. It will be a wonderful introduction to Rotary at its best.

I want to share a few words from our Rotary International President Bhichai, "No project is too small or insignificant to make a difference. When we use our hands to ladle soup into a bowl, our eyes to read a book to a child, our arms to comfort someone who is sick, it is then and only then that we understand the true meaning of Rotary. If we work from the heart, everything else falls into place. When we reach across borders and oceans to collaborate on service projects, we turn strangers into friends." As we begin to plan our activities for the next six months, plan one that will allow us to roll up our sleeves and work from our heart.

Dorothy Bizzini, DG



DOROTHY BIZZINI
District Governor
2002-2003

Club Mate has New Version

President Roger Thomas announced that a new version of Clubmate will be out in January. Version 6.0 is the first upgrade since it was released in February 2000. The new features you can find posted on our website:

http://clubmate.com/rotary/club/product_info.htm

The release date is January 8th if all as planned.



DISTRICT 5220 AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS FOR 2003

Tracey Brooke Auerbach, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Riverbank, is a student at Stanford University majoring in International Relations with a minor in Spanish Literature. She has experienced studying abroad in Santiago, Chile while at Stanford. She had the opportunity to travel throughout much of Latin America. (Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Peru and all throughout Chile) Tracey said, "The more I saw, the more I realized how much there is to see out there and the more I realized how much I enjoyed traveling. I now have friends in another hemisphere and fell in love with a culture, which helped me narrow my academic focus within the rather broad major of International Relations."

Tracey will study at the Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona Spain. Her proposed field of study will be in international relations and political science. She states, "While my future plans are, by no means, written in ink, the ambassadorial scholarship would give me a really nice opportunity to broaden my education before focusing on law school and a practical profession." Tracey is the daughter of Dianne Auerbach of Modesto.

Alicia Talena Clendenin, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Merced, is a student at Sonoma State University majoring in Accounting and Business. She would like to receive her Graduate Degree in International Business and that was why she selected the University of Sydney in Australia. She says, "Sydney is one of two universities in Australia that has the designation of being involved with the Association of Pacific Rim Universities. I have been told that the future of business will be centered around much of the Asian culture. By studying near this area, surrounded by many students from Asia, I can further prepare for the large impact this culture will have on the future of business."

The University of Sydney School of Business supports the objectives of Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship programs. The objectives of the school include changing perceptions of what is possible and to bring a critical perspective to business practices. Alicia is the daughter of Tom and Gail Clendenin of Merced.

Each of the Scholars will receive \$25,000.00 to further their studies for their Master Degrees.

CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

Atwater Rotary Club Christmas Party

Good Food, Fun, and Fellowship was the theme of the evening. Members gather at the Main Street Cafe for a lovely dinner and then off to the Theater for the first nights opening of the, "Gift of the Magi." Although the Rotarians enjoyed a great night out they also added a gift from the heart to the evening by providing Toys for Children which were delivered to the Atwater Police Department for the Toys for Children Program.



2002 Trees for Charity—Sowed the Seeds of Love.

Everyone's hard work came together to make the 2002 Trees of Charity a huge success. Jack Duren, Chairmen was very pleased when Ross Thornton, MC announced the trees had brought in over \$20,655.00. The Interact Tree brought more than \$2500.00 The cooking committee headed by Jim and Janet Powell prepared the meal. Christmas music was provided by Milt Kato set the mood for the evenings event. The waiters in tuxedos, members of the two Madera Rotary Club, did an outstanding job keeping the glasses full and the guests happy.

West Calaveras Rotary donates to Women's Crisis Center

West Calaveras held its first Golf Marathon in October at the La Contenta Golf Course and one of the first beneficiaries of the fundraising event was the Calaveras Women's Crisis Center. Director Kelli Coane received a \$500.00 check from President Al Howison. Other recipients are local community activities such as the High School and the Polio Eradication Project.

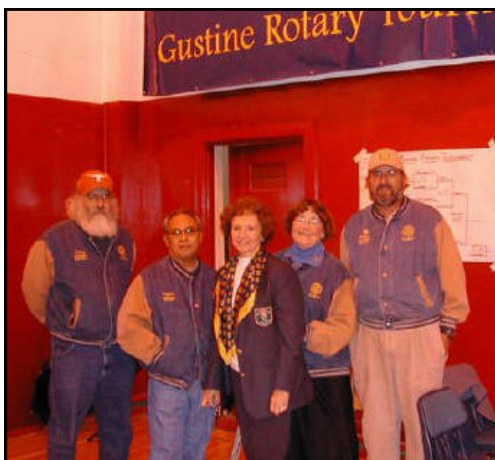
CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

Modesto Rotary Club sponsors new Interact Club

The newest Interact in the District is at Valley Business High School in Modesto. The Club has 37 new members and has as it's first President Ailicia Zapion. They signed the organization plan on September 24, 2002 and have become official.

Rotary Sponsored Basketball Tournament

Gustine's 60th Annual Rotary Basketball Tournament was held Saturday night sponsored by Gustine Rotary Club. It is the oldest running basketball tournament in the State of California. Winners of the Tournament were Patterson High School first place and Livingston High School took the consolation prize. Assisting with ticket taking were: Velma Stephens, Alvin Amaral, President, Larry Mendonca and Ceferino Jarnero.



Merced Rotary presents Five Paul Harris Awards at Christmas Luncheon

President Ron Emmerson had a full house as Rotarians and spouses arrived for the 2002 Christmas Luncheon. Members of the two local High Schools provided Christmas Music to make the event most memorable. A dinner fit for a King and Queen was served by the Branding Iron. It was the perfect setting to recognize 5 new Paul Harris Fellows: Sybil Green, Steven Colovich, Stacy Tedro, Scott Smith and Gwinn Marshall. Receiving Multiple Paul Harris Pins were: Larry Whitney and Roy Colovich. District Gov. Bizzini gave an update on the Rotary Foundation and the uses of the Paul Harris donations. Al Spriggs announced the Ambassadorial Scholarship winner Alicia Clendenan.

Stockton Luncheon Big Success

Stockton's annual city-wide Thanksgiving luncheon was a big success as 275 Rotarians filled the First Baptist Church Gymnasium. It was the time of the year

when one wanted to make new friends, enjoy a good meal and have some fun. Keynote Speaker Charles Laine, past president of Springfield and Brentwood Rotary Clubs and Past District Governor, a popular humorist and motivational speaker for various Rotary Institutes and President Elects Training Seminars, provided words of wisdom as well as humor to the days event. It was a great meal and everyone left with a smile on their face and a warm feeling in their heart.

Fun and Fellowship for Modesto North

Modesto North Rotary celebrated Fun, Friendship and Fellowship at the home of Russ and Judy Jensen. Members contributed to a generous pile of toys which were given to the less fortunate. George Betker enjoyed the festivities more than most because it was his birthday and the evening was one he will remember. It was also a congratulatory party for Hostess Judy, who will be Club President for 2004-2005.

Christmas Breakfast and Shopping Spree for Needy Children

By Bill Lina

Each year the Stockton East Rotary Club takes needy children identified by the Stockton Police Department to Lyon's Restaurant on Pacific Avenue for breakfast. Lyons donates the breakfast. Collins Wight, plays Santa and visits with the Children. Each child is given \$100.00 and they are taken to Sears to shop. Sears also provides discounts and provides additional gifts for the shoppers. The shoppers buy clothes for themselves and other family members. Stockton East Rotarians collect toys for the children and after the shopping spree they are given the toys. "This is a very rewarding project and also provides an opportunity to partner with other businesses in the local area," states Chairman Rick Fooy.



MEMBERSHIP FUN

Jake Oosterman, 2001-2002 Membership Chairman, announces his official information: The #1 Club in district large club for membership growth was Turlock Noon Club. The #1 Club in district for small club was Groveland Who will it be this year?

Chuck Kreitz, 2002-2003 Membership Chairman's Report shows the following statistics for

this Year: Sonora has 3 new members for Club group #1. For Club Group 2 it is Patterson with 7 new members. For Club Group #3 it is Madera with 8 new members. For Club Group #4 its Modesto Rotary with 8 new members.

COME ON TEAM.....WHO WILL BE THE TOP CLUB THIS YEAR?



ROTARY SERVICE AT ITS BEST

by Bill Lina

Stockton East Rotary Club partners with American Cancer

Society to provide Christmas joy to families with at least one terminally ill member. The Rotarians are given a list of names of family



members to purchase gifts for. The families may have as many as 10 members.

The Club is divided into four groups. The first group purchase the items. The second group wraps the items. The third groups goes shopping for groceries and the fourth group delivers the food and gift. Rotarians are given the sizes of the family members and will proceed to purchase clothes. Once all the items are purchased, then the next groups begins the wrapping, while the third group is shopping for food and staples. The

most rewarding job of all is delivering the items.

There were 6 bicycles, which brought great excitement to the children. The bicycles had been reconditioned by Rotary a member. "If it hadn't been for Rotary, these children would not have received any gifts this year," said one mom. The Chairman was Craig Veteran and Jon Goudreau was in charge of the Shopping Spree. It is an all day affair but so rewarding.

Fulfilling our Promise: Eradicate Polio

PolioPlus



Rotary's \$80 million
challenge
for 2002-03

CENTENNIAL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED

Ceres Rotary Club has officially identified the new Hatch Road Regional Park as its official Rotary Centennial Project. The club has pledged \$20,000. for the project and the Rotary emblem will be displayed at the soccer field.

Merced Sunrise adopted the Reyes Elementary School Playground Project to provide for handicapped and preschool students a safe and secure playground as the clubs project to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Rotary.



NOVEMBER 2002 DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP & ATTENDANCE REPORT

Club	Begin Year 7/1/02	Rotary Quest Goal 6/30/03	Oct-02	Nov-02	Net YTD	% Per Month	Club	Begin Year 7/1/02	Rotary Quest Goal 6/30/03	Oct-02	Nov-02	Net YTD	% Per Month
Angels Murphy's	43	48	49	48	5	83.25%	Modesto Gateway	44	49	46	47	3	72.12%
Arnold	20	25	20	20	0	73.60%	Modesto North	31	36	34	34	3	88.64%
Atwater	32	37	33	33	1	64.60%	Modesto Sunrise	100	105	97	97	-3	91.30%
Ceres	26	31	27	27	1	85.19%	Newman	25	30	25	25	0	88.00%
Chowchilla	42	47	38	38	-4	88.10%	Oak. Sierra Sunrise	42	47	47	48	6	76.00%
Dos Palos	15	20	17	17	2	78.00%	Oakdale	51	56	50	45	-6	85.00%
Escalon Sunrise	22	27	22	21	-1	73.02%	Oakhurst Sierra	54	59	53	53	-1	55.47%
Galt	31	36	29	29	-2	95.00%	Patterson	34	39	40	40	6	56.00%
Galt Sunrise	19	24	18	18	-1	65.28%	Ripon	19	24	20	20	1	75.00%
Groveland	22	27	23	23	1	90.46%	Riverbank	21	26	19	19	-2	78.00%
Gustine	18	23	16	16	-2	65.00%	Salida	33	38	33	34	1	72.20%
Lathrop Sunrise	22	27	22	22	0	86.40%	Sonora	16	21	17	17	1	70.00%
Livingston	34	39	35	35	1	63.00%	Sonora 49er	25	30	28	29	4	72.00%
Lodi	106	111	105	105	-1	76.30%	Sonora Sunrise	41	46	44	44	3	89.00%
Lodi Sunrise	29	34	23	23	-6	67.00%	Stockton	232	237	235	235	3	83.69%
Lodi Tokay	60	65	62	60	0	79.00%	Stockton Delta	35	40	31	31	-4	57.00%
Los Banos	37	42	37	37	0	56.00%	Stockton East	39	44	42	40	1	83.00%
Madera	53	58	60	66	13	70.00%	Stockton North	102	107	100	101	-1	71.20%
Madera Sunrise	54	59	54	54	0	77.00%	Stockton Seaport	24	29	23	23	-1	58.70%
Manteca	44	49	47	47	3	77.00%	Stockton Sunrise	37	42	38	38	1	68.00%
Manteca Morning	24	29	23	23	-1	67.00%	Tracy	69	74	62	62	-7	74.00%
Mariposa	43	48	47	47	4	72.00%	Tracy Sunrise	65	70	57	57	-8	72.76%
Merced	75	80	76	76	1	74.67%	Turlock	113	118	106	107	-6	70.62%
Merced North	46	51	46	47	1	57.45%	Turlock Sunrise	59	64	57	57	-2	55.80%
Merced Sunrise	22	27	23	23	1	66.00%	Twain Harte	31	36	32	32	1	77.10%
Modesto	259	264	264	266	7	77.22%	West Calaveras	21	26	20	20	-1	72.00%
Modesto East	30	35	29	30	0	74.00%	Yosemite	14	19	15	15	1	69.00%
	1228	1363	1245	1251	23		Total	2605	2875	2616	2621	16	

Attendance Reports are due to the District Attendance Secretary, Larry Whitney by the 6th of each month. Fax: 209/383-0432, Phone: 209/383-5056, e-mail: llwhitney7@aol.com

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

**Attend the Mid-Year Assembly, January 18 at
Merced Community College - 8:30 AM**

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January is “Rotary Awareness Month”

DISTRICT DATES & DEADLINES

- 1 RI and District Semi-Annual Reports and Dues are due.
Clubs owing financial obligations to RI since July 1, 2002 have service suspended.
Applications for Grants must be submitted to District Int'l Service Chairman.
Names and Addresses of Presidents and Secretaries for 2003-2004 must be submitted to R.I., District Governor, and DGE.
Pro-rated Dues for new members (Oct-Dec) are due.
- 3 R.I. President Dinner
- 7 World Community Service Committee Meeting, Barnwood, Ripon 7:00
- 10 Deadline: submit Resolutions to the DG proposing changes to the District Policies
- 18 Mid Year Assembly-Merced Community College 8:30 A.M.
Angels-Murphys Rotary Crab Feed at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds.
- 23 Project Fair, Belize
- 26-2/3 International Assembly-Anaheim
- 27 Budget and Finance Meeting-Latif's-Turlock-6:00 PM
- 28 Camp Royal Oversight Committee-Latif's -Turlock-6:00 PM
- 31 Club submit nominations to District Voc. Chairman for Disting. Service Awards
- 31-2/3 Camp Royal Girls Camp—Ecco Camp

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