

NICK'S NOTES

A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR NICK MASCITELLI

World Understanding Month

Living in a world where mankind has developed so many improvements to enhance people's lives, it is a sad note that conflict appears eternal. Our abilities have been more successful perhaps in developing the tools of war than in developing the tools to limit or prevent war. It is therefore fitting that we reserve February as World Understanding month.

Rotary has a long history of supporting programs and organizations that promote peace worldwide. On our anniversary of the founding of Rotary, February 23, we celebrate World Understanding and Peace Day. In the Fourth Object of Rotary, we see the commitment to "the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service."

We developed and support the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Our second class of scholars encompassing 2003-2005 is engaged in graduate studies. These Rotary World Peace Scholars, the brightest and the best of their generation, are developing skills, with our support, that we hope will benefit all mankind in the years to come.

Our participation with the United Nations since its founding has helped establish our consultative status as a non-governmental organization (NGO). We are able to cross borders, and to facilitate humanitarian works.

And yet, it is not enough.

Our collective commitment as an organiza-

tion is not always reflected in our individual commitments. Who can help feeling the sting, when terrorists, whose entire values system is so fundamentally unlike our own, challenge our American nation? We struggle to balance our nationality with our internationality. We have friends throughout the world, but are confronted by the fact that all of their neighbors are not also our friends.



Nick Mascitelli,
District Governor
 2003-2004

While it can be frustrating, we know that wringing our hands will not improve our lot. Peace may not occur on a worldwide basis in our times. Our understanding that it can eventually occur at all will have to suffice, as we continue to dedicate our efforts, talents, and resources toward its long-term achievement.

We will continue to challenge ourselves to be lead-

ers in Rotary with our humanitarian efforts. Programs of clubs in our district already reach to every continent bringing relief, social improvement and goodwill in their wake. It won't be enough for us to throw money at problems. We'll succeed where others fail because we'll throw manpower, and commitment along with financial resources. We'll use influence to lower barriers. We'll arrange for conflicts to be put on hold while children are immunized. We'll bring water to deserts. We'll repair cleft palates and bent limbs. We'll send "Seeds of Hope". As we do all this and more, we'll remain sensitive to the customs of those lands, and hope that our work will be appreciated, and in time, emulated.

Nick Mascitelli
 District Governor

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YAP Dinner Raises \$3,750 For Polio Vaccine

by Bob McConnell—In Newman, thanks to excellent ticket sales by middle school students and Orestimba High School Interact Club members, the January 28th YAP spaghetti take-out dinner made \$3,750. The YAP (Youth Against Polio) dinner was a project of the Rotary Club Of Newman in cooperation with these local schools.

To help eliminate polio worldwide, the Newman club has pledged to raise \$20,000 in a three-year period (2002-2005). The YAP dinner and the KAP (Kids Against Polio) dinner of October 2002 raised a total of \$6,760 toward that goal. The cost of the meal was underwritten so every dollar from every ticket went to buy polio vaccine. The students sold tickets and worked on take-out day by assembling the dinners. It was a drive-by take-out with students meeting the cars in the parking lot with dinners ready to go. Over 700 dinners were sold.

With these school groups assisting us, we are well on our way to completing our 520,000 pledge by June of 2005 stated Club Polio Eradication Campaign chair, Carol Stephens.

Madera Noon Honored



President Velvet Rhodes (left) accepts the Outstanding Community Award from Gloria O'diah, Community Programs Manager for the City of Madera

by Leon Emo, a columnist for the Madera Tribune and an employee of the Madera Parks and Community Services Department:

The Madera Rotary Club was recently honored by the California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) for their efforts in the community. The award ceremony took place at the Society's Annual Awards and Installation Banquet held at the LaRyan Event Center in Fresno, California.

The Madera Noon Rotary was presented with the Outstanding Community Service Award for the club's many hours of volunteer work in building a sidewalk in the community's Rotary Park. The sidewalk connects the handicap parking area with playgrounds and picnic pavilions located in the park.

The project was completed during the term of Past President Diana Barden. Accepting the prestigious award at the banquet was current Madera Rotary President Velvet Rhoads and President Elect Glenn Chu. The Madera Rotary Club continues to be a vital asset to the community of Madera. The work of their members remains a source of pride and accomplishment to the benefit of the citizens of the area.

Interact District Conference: **April 30-May 2, 2004**

FROM THE INTERACTER

Location: Redwood Glen - south of Half Moon Bay in the mountains near the coast.

One of the things to be done at the conference will be putting Project Hope boxes together.

- Lincoln Interact (Stockton) - Interacter Evan Cowell has collected over 600 pairs of eyeglasses to contribute to District 5220 eye clinics.
- Davis Interactors will be helping their sponsoring Rotary – Modesto Sunrise, with their annual fundraiser, Bacchus & Brew on February 21st.
- District project - The kids need someone to set-up and serve them lunch while they are refurbishing playground equipment! Sign up for just one meal. It takes from about 11:30 - 1:10 pm. You can be paired with someone or do it solo. Call Sheri Michaels at 559-674-0542.
- **A Yard Sale is in the works for March, so if you have donations – contact Brian Bizzini at letter@abspresort.com or [\(209\) 545-6090](tel:(209)545-6090)**

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2004 GSE TEAM—BRAZIL



The 2004 Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a unique vocational and cultural opportunity for young professionals to study Brazil's institutions and ways of life, learn how their professions are practiced in Brazil, and exchange ideas. This year's team is made up of five extraordinary young people:

L-R Kent Van Wagtendonk, Rona Daneilo, John Crane (team leader) , District Governor Nick Mascitelli , Clare Sandy, Chuck Carter.

Kent van Wagtendonk grew up in Yosemite National Park and graduated with a degree in geography from the University of California, Berkeley. Upon completion of his master's degree at the University Of Edinburgh, Scotland in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) he was employed in Colorado and the state of Washington and returned to Yosemite National Park in 2000. He helps provide visitor access to the environment while protecting that natural landscape. The 31-year old GIS specialist in the Division of Resources Management has

been helping managers keep this balance in check. In his spare time, Kent loves hiking, skiing, swimming, rock-climbing, and general nature watching. He is also a big sports fan and enjoys world traveling. **Sponsored by Angels-Murphy Rotary.**

Rona Daneilo is originally from Tehran, Iran, 30-year-old Rona moved to the Central Valley 27 years ago. In 1996, she received a Masters Degree in Organizational Development Psychology while living in San Francisco. In 2002, she began work for El Gallo Winery as a training coordinator. In her spare time, Rona enjoys working on her new home and garden. She also enjoys reading, shoe shopping, dancing, exploring new things and places, and most of all hanging out with friends and family. **Sponsored by Modesto Rotary.**

Clare Sandy grew up in Vermont, and graduated from Brown University with a degree in comparative literature and French. 28-year-old Clare was a Peace Corps Volunteer for two years in Madagascar where she worked with the staff of a nature reserve and women's cooperative. She moved west to pursue a career in archaeology, and is currently an archaeologist at Yosemite National Park in California. Her work entails identifying and documenting prehistoric and historic artifacts and sites in the park, as well as data management. Among other things, Clare is interested in writing, linguistics, social and environmental issues, and enjoys outdoor adventures, big cities, the arts, and traveling. **Sponsored by Oakhurst Sierra Sunrise Rotary**

Chuck Carter is 30 years old and was born in Yosemite National Park. His parents own a small general grocery store in the tiny town of El Portal, just outside the park. His lifelong proximity to wildlife eventually led him to the University of California at Santa Barbara where he pursued degrees in Zoology and Environmental Studies. After completion of his degrees, he returned to El Portal and began working as a park ranger in Yosemite National Park. Since that time, Chuck has worked in a variety of capacities, ranging from campgrounds, to ecological restoration, to wildlife management and research. He is currently employed in the Emergency Communications Center for the park, where he is responsible for dispatching resources to medical and other emergency situations. While not at work, he is still likely to be found swimming in the river or climbing a tree. Chuck's main hobbies are snow skiing in winter, and fly-fishing in all other times of the year. **Sponsored by Yosemite Rotary.**

John Crane, Team Leader: Raised in Santa Paula, a small town in Southern California, 41-year-old John had his first involvement with Rotary while still in High School as an honorary member of the Santa Paula Rotary Club. His education includes a year as an exchange student to Quito Ecuador, and a Bachelor's of Arts in English from the University of the Pacific in Stockton California. John has worked in the Software Development industry for eighteen years as a Systems Engineer and Program Manager for projects that have varied from computer games to high performance internet servers. He is currently working on internet applications for wireless devices. John is an active member of the Oakhurst Sierra Rotary Club. Involved as a volunteer and fund raiser for Rotaplast, he has assisted on missions to Ecuador and Venezuela as a translator. John has lived in Oakhurst for 14 years with his wife Sonia Villas Boas-Crane. She is equally active in community service, selected as Oakhurst's Honorary Mayor for 2003-2004. Born in São Paulo Brazil, Sonia is proud of her Brazilian heritage, and is the great-niece of the Villas Boas brothers who were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1973 recognizing their work as advocates for indigenous peoples of Brazil. **Sponsored by Oakhurst Sierra Rotary.**

MEET YOUR ASSISTANT DISTRICT GOVERNORS!



Dave Olsen, ADG Area 8

Born in 1941 in Deadwood, South Dakota, Dave Olsen began a journey that would lead him through Minnesota, Iowa, California, Louisiana, and finally back to Merced. Dave graduated with a BA degree in chemistry from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where he was lured by a \$75 scholarship. The University of South Dakota granted him a Masters degree in Natural Science in 1967, and, in 1969, the Olsens and everything they owned were on the road to California and a job teaching Chemistry at Merced College, where he taught for 34 years until retirement in 2003. Before coming to Merced, Dave taught in South Dakota and Iowa. He is married, since 1963, to Muriel and they have two children, Chad and Merritt. A member of Merced Sunrise Rotary, he is on his sixth term with the Merced High School District Board of Trustees. This and involvement in the Challenger Learning Center and Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church fill many of his retirement days. Always active in athletics, Dave is also a runner who has documented at least 22,000 miles run so far.

Jake Oosterman, ADG Area 7

Jake Oosterman was asked to join the Riverbank Rotary Club in 1993 with a classification in dairy farming. Owner-operator of the Wooden Shoe Dairy in Oakdale, Jake is actively involved in many community, trade, and church organizations. He has served on the Board of Directors for Bethany Home in Ripon and for the Oakdale Community Christian Reformed Church. Jake is a member of the National Farmers Organization, Western United Dairyman, California Farm Bureau Federation, and the Holland Benevolent Society. He served many years as a youth counselor for the Calvinist Cadet Federation.

In District 5220, Jake has served as area membership chairman, district membership chairman and currently serves as the Assistant District Governor for area 7 under Governor Nick Mascitelli. In his club, he has served as club president in 1999-2000, and on the Board of Directors as International Service Chairman.



In addition to continued participation in Rotary's Polio Plus program, Jake was also instrumental in gaining club support for the Rotoplast International project. He has participated in several Rotary community projects and is permanently on the club's membership committee.

A native of the Netherlands, Jake Oosterman's family immigrated to California in 1955. After graduating from Ripon Christian High School, Jake attended Modesto Junior College, Dort College in Iowa, and Cal-Poly University in San Luis Obispo. Jake served in the California National Guard and was honorably discharged with the rank of Specialist 5th class. Jake and his wife, Ada, were married in 1978 in Ontario, Canada and have four sons and two daughters. In his spare time, Jake enjoys deep-sea fishing, bowling, travel, reading, and collecting caps.

AREA	Assistant District Governor
1	Ed Stewart—Galt
2	Jim Dyke—Stockton
3	Jim Childers—Sonora Sunrise
4	Harold K. Reich—Tracy Sunrise
5	Susan Mattos—Newman
6	Jerry Lovelady—Modesto Sunrise
7	Jake Oosterman—Riverbank
8	David Olsen—Merced Sunrise
9	Susie Stonum—Mariposa
10	Phil Benner—Madera Sunrise

Merced Native Earns Rotary Honor

by Alicia Clendenin, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar—Alicia Clendenin has been selected as a 2003-2004 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. Alicia is sponsored by Rotary District #5220 and the Merced Rotary Club. Her sponsoring Rotarian is Mr. Al Spriggs, of Merced. She will be hosted by District #9570 and Ms. Dawn Flay, in Rockhampton, Australia.

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship Program is the largest privately funded scholarship program in the world. As a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Alicia's primary duty is to promote world understanding, peace and goodwill through academic study in a foreign country.

While she is in Australia, Alicia will be speaking to Rotarians and other audiences about her family, childhood in Merced and about life in the United States. In addition, upon her return, she plans to speak about her many adventures "Down Under." Alicia, a recent graduate of Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, will be traveling to Australia in February to study for a Graduate Diploma in Marketing Management at Central Queensland University in Rockhampton. The degree is similar to one year's worth of a master's degree. Already holding a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting, the degree and foreign experience will help Alicia to be more marketable in the competitive business world. She chose Central Queensland University for its small size and commitment to putting students first.

The small, agricultural town of Rockhampton (population 60,000) is located about one hour by jet north of Brisbane. It is known as the "Beef Capital of Australia." The town also boasts many tourist attractions including Mt. Etna National Park, Capricorn Caverns and the Botanic Gardens and Zoo.

Alicia has developed a website to promote Rotary and encourage people to remain in contact with her while she studies and travels abroad. The address is: http://www.geocities.com/alicia_clendenin@sbcglobal.net.



Al Spriggs and Alicia Clendenin



Presenting the first of four Centennial Projects in the greater Stockton area are (L-R) Stockton Delta President Ken Davis, District Governor Nick Mascitelli, Stockton Women's Center Director, Joelle Gomez, Area 2 ADG Jim Dyke, Stockton Seaport President-Elect Lois Lang, Stockton president Bill Brown, and North Stockton President Dan Schroeder. The project was fencing for Safe Harbor House.

Project HOPE

District 5220 Interactors will be completing a minimum of 150 shoeboxes filled with school supplies for the children of Agape Orphanage in Kenya.

There is a friendly competition going on between clubs to see who finishes the most boxes. Final count will be taken at District Conference 2004.

Supplies needed: Empty shoeboxes

Paper (lined & unlined)

Pencils, Crayons, Scissors

Pens - Red/Blue/Red

Markers, Glue Sticks

Flash Cards (Addition & multiplication)

Pencil Sharpeners, Paper Clips

Construction Paper

Calculator, Ruler, Protractor

Erasers, Stapler & staples

If you can help provide supplies contact your local Interact club or: John Bliss

SRBLISSFUL@AOL.COM



February-March District 5220 Club Events Calendar

For more information, see <http://www.rotary5220.org>

Feb 14	Gustine "Bangers & Brew"
Feb 14	Modesto East—Black & White Gala—Del Rio Country Club
Feb 14	Sonora Sunrise Evening with Andrew Lloyd Weber
Feb 14	Oakdale Sunrise Sock Hop & Burger Bash
Feb 21	Modesto Sunrise Bacchus & Brew
Feb 21	Patterson Crab Feed
Feb 21	North Merced Crab Feed- Merced County Fairgrounds
Feb 21	Galt Sunrise Monte Carlo Night
Feb 28	Ceres Crab Feed
Feb 28	Tracy Sunrise Shrimp Feed
Mar 6	Turlock Sunrise Crab Fest
March 20	Merced Sunrise Shrimp Feed
March 26	Los Banos Crab Feed
March 27	Oakdale "Testicle Festival"

To have your event published here, email donnamurphy@sbcglobal.net

		DISTRICT 5220 CLUB WEBSITES	
Angels-Murphys	http://www.a-mrotary.org	Modesto North	http://www.modestonorthrotary.org
Arnold	http://www.arnoldrotary.org	Modesto Sunrise	http://www.modestosunriserotary.org
Lodi Sunrise	http://www.lodisunriserotary.org	North Stockton	http://www.northstocktonrotary.com
Madera	http://www.maderarotary.org	Oakhurst Sierra	http://www.oakhurstrotary.com
Madera Sunrise	http://www.maderasunriserotary.org	Salida	http://www.salidarotary.org
Mariposa	http://mariposa.yosemite.net/rotary	Stockton	http://www.stocktonrotary.org
Merced Sunrise	Http://www.mercedsunriserotary.com	Stockton Sunrise	http://www.stocktonsunrise.org
Modesto	http://www.modestorotary.org	Turlock	http://www.turlock.org
Modesto East	http://www.modestoeastrotary.org	West Calaveras	http://www.westcalaverasrotary.org
Modesto Gateway	http://www.gatewayrotary.freesevers.com		

Does your club have a website that isn't listed? Let me know—editor



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DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP

Club	Begin Year 7/1/03	Nov-03	Dec-03	Diff	% Per Month	Club	Begin Year 7/1/03	Nov-03	Dec-03	Diff	% Per Month
Angels Murphy's	47	46	45	-1	79.84%	Modesto Gateway	43	42	42	0	67.00%
Arnold	17	19	19	0	73.00%	Modesto North	36	38	38	0	
Atwater	33	30	30	0	66.00%	Modesto Sunrise	102	100	101	1	89.00%
Ceres	30	32	32	0	79.17%	Newman	22	20	20	0	75.00%
Chowchilla	44	42	42	0	65.90%	Oakdale	43	46	46	0	70.00%
Dos Palos	16	16	15	-1	72.00%	Oakdale Sunrise	25	27	27	0	69.00%
Escalon Sunrise	21	21	21	0	79.00%	Oak. Sierra Sunrise	50	40	45	5	66.70%
Galt	27	25	25	0	87.50%	Oakhurst Sierra	46	52	54	2	70.30%
Galt Sunrise	12	17	17	0	57.00%	Patterson	40	39	35	-4	67.00%
Groveland	27	30	37	7	85.00%	Ripon	23	22	22	0	
Gustine	17	18	17	-1	63.00%	Riverbank	20	20	17	-3	86.00%
Lathrop Sunrise	20	19	19	0	79.00%	Salida	28	33	35	2	78.10%
Livingston	32	30	30	0	91.00%	Sonora	16	16	16	0	61.00%
Lodi	106	104	104	0	70.20%	Sonora 49er	30	32	33	1	72.00%
Lodi Sunrise	21	23	24	1	61.00%	Sonora Sunrise	46	50	50	0	83.00%
Lodi Tokay	59	58	58	0	80.00%	Stockton	221	216	211	-5	76.73%
Los Banos	38	39	40	1	61.00%	Stockton Delta	33	30	30	0	
Madera	57	54	54	0	68.00%	Stockton East	41	42	40	-2	84.00%
Madera Sunrise	48	50	48	-2	60.00%	Stockton North	103	99	99	0	74.00%
Manteca	49	51	51	0		Stockton Seaport	23	23	23	0	
Manteca Morning	20	20	20	0	86.00%	Stockton Sunrise	35	35	35	0	77.00%
Mariposa	51	50	51	1	77.00%	Tracy	66	61	63	2	65.00%
Merced	72	71	71	0	78.75%	Tracy Sunrise	48	47	47	0	79.80%
Merced North	43	40	40	0	83.33%	Turlock	107	110	113	3	60.21%
Merced Sunrise	24	24	24	0	67.00%	Turlock Sunrise	54	54	52	-2	55.39%
Modesto	270	250	250	0	69.90%	Twain Harte	32	30	30	0	90.00%
Modesto East	29	28	28	0	89.00%	West Calaveras	17	16	16	0	81.00%
	1230	1207	1212	5		Yosemite	20	19	19	0	39.00%
						Total	2600	2566	2571	5	

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

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Just Ask



Rotary District 5220

This is a monthly column for you to use to “Just Ask” for help with your club projects. We all want money, but this is just for “people or things” to add to your existing projects. E-mail your ads to donnamurphy@sbcglobal.net

WANTED—USED HEARING AIDS. The Rotary Club of Salida is joining two Rotary Clubs in New Jersey in a Rotary Foundation project they started to provide hearing aids to disadvantaged children in Tucuman Sur, Argentina. Hearing aids of any age, size, or condition are welcome.

The Interactors are looking for rides to Madera every Saturday & Sunday in February. Please help the Interactors make their goals for the Mexico trip. Please contact **Pam Moreno** or **Kelly McNulty** if you can help our Interactors. Additionally Interactors are looking for food, water and other supplies to take on the Mexico trip to feed the entire troops.

ALWAYS NEEDED—USED PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

**Do you send email to other Rotarians?
Check the official email guidelines
on the district web www.rotary5220.org**

DISTRICT FUTURE PLANNING DATES

**February 13-16
Camp ROYAL**

**April 16-18, 2004
John Asguaga's Nugget, Reno, NV
DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

**May 15, 2004
Leadership Assembly
(location TBA)**

**May 23-26, 2004,
Osaka, Japan
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**