

The Ramblings

The Official Bulletin of Modesto North Rotary

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Service Above Self

Club President: Don Petersen

Upcoming Monday Meetings

- January 30 Regular Meeting- 6:15pm Appetez Program: Stuart Long with the Red Cross
- February 6 **SERVING DINNER AT THE HOMELESS SHELTER**—Meet at 5:30 pm at the La Loma Grace Brethren Church at 1315 La Loma (corner of La Loma and Miller)
- February 13 Regular Meeting—6:15pm Appetez
- February 20 DARK

Upcoming Rotary Events

- Apr 28-30, 2006 District Conference at Tenaya Lodge in Yosemite
- May 21 District Assembly in Stockton
- June 11-14, 2006 International Convention in Denmark & Sweden

Meeting in Review

January 23, 2006

Louis Levin of the STAR Committee- our Rotary education committee- gave a nice presentation on Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation. Although technical difficulties prevented Louis from showing a video, we all listened and learned more about Rotary.

One thing discussed by Louis was the Four-Way Test. The Four-Way Test is four short questions, just 24 words that encourage creative, effective solutions in problem solving situations. Herbert J. Taylor is the author of the four-way test. He found that using The Four-Way Test creates an atmosphere and attitude in which people can better relate and share ideas. The Four-Way Test has been translated into more than 100 languages.

Four-Way Test Project Idea- A Rotary club in Florida has developed a Read-Along coloring book and Sing-Along cassette that puts the principles of the Four Way Test into stories...

complete with sound effects and character voices. The long range

goal of the project is to get the coloring book and cassette into the hands of every second grader across the country as an annual Rotary Club Project. In addition to teaching the important messages of the Four Way Test, the coloring book and cassette are a useful tool for promoting literacy. Children learn to read as they follow along with the stories!



The Four-Way Test

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

New Officers and Directors

The votes have been tabulated and the results are in- the new Officers and Board Members for the July 1, 2006—June 30, 2007 Rotary year are:

Officers

President- Bob Gotelli
 Pres.-Elect- Rick DeLeon
 Secretary- Randy Siefkin
 Treasurer- Lynette Miller
 Past President- Don Petersen

Board Members

2005-2007 Term

Gary Akard
 Katrina Petrosovitch
 Bill Compton
 Louis Levin

2006-2008 Term

Sue Itsara
 Pam Stephens
 Jim Ridenour
 Gary Kirkpatrick

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

HOMELESS SHELTER SERVICE

On February 6, 2006—Monday night—our club will be preparing and serving dinner for the homeless shelter. We will meet at 5:30 pm at La Loma Grace Brethren Church (Jim R.'s church) located at the corner of La Loma and Miller to do the prep. work.

We will be preparing soup and ham and turkey sandwiches. Steve Madison and Jim Ridenour will pick all the food up and meet us at the church at 5:30 pm. Tony Varni will be providing all of the drinks.

We would also like to supply each person at the mission with a personal hygiene kit. We will need 100 kits. The kits will include travel size items of products. Dr. John Sulak has donated 100 tooth brushes and tooth pastes for the kits. Dr. Sue Itsara has purchased and donated 100 soap bars.

Other Possible items

Shampoo
Deodorant
Combs
Socks
(like white tube socks for men- the shelter made a special request for these items)
Tissues
Band-aids
Washcloths
Laundry Soap

If we have more than 100 of any one item, we will give extras to the mission.

Please bring these items to our next meeting. On February 6, some members will be making sandwiches and some will be putting together the hygiene kits! This is a great service to our community and those less fortunate than ourselves. Members will not be having dinner... basically- we are donating our dinner to homeless shelter. *Service above self.*

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE NEWS

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Katrina Petrosovitch, our international service committee chairperson, is working on a youth exchange program with England and France. If you know of students who would like to participate or have an interest in working on this program, please contact Katrina.



**President Don
says:
"Wear Your
Rotary Pin
Today!"**

MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

VIRGINIA CORRIDOR PROJECT WORK TEAMS

The Junction Rodents-Team 4, led by Doug Ridenour, has a big lead in the Virginia Corridor work contest. Teams 1 and 3 are battling for second place while Team 2—the Mighty Women and Two Dudes- are in last place. Question of the week- Who will suffer more- The Mighty women and Two Dudes who are likely to be singing Muskrat Love at a meeting OR the rest of the club that will have to listen to it???



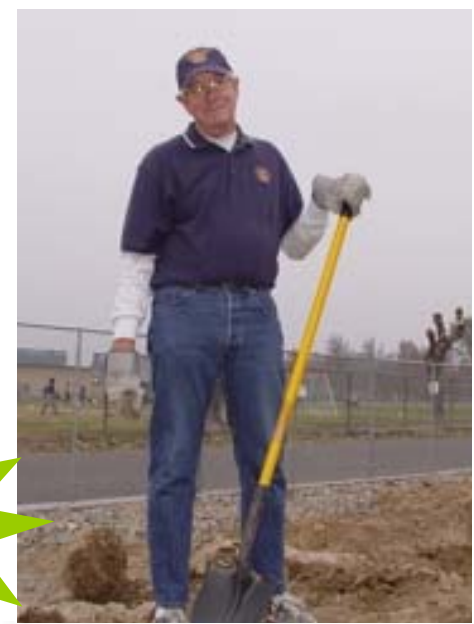
This Saturday is another wonderful opportunity to log work hours. Bring your friends, your neighbors, your spouses, your dogs (they are only worth 1/4 point)

Team 1
 Sue Itsara
 Al Girolami
 Tri Pham
 Rick DeLeon
 Louis Levin
 Bob Olson
 Andrea Olson
 Lynette Miller

Team 2
 Francine DiCiano
 Judy Jensen
 Pam Harmon
 Terry Campbell
 Pam Stephens
 Marie Silveira
 Bob Gotelli
 Pete Kordiak
 Gloria Mraz

Team 4
 Doug Ridenour
 George Betker
 Tony Varni
 Jim Ridenour
 Steve Madison
 John Whiteside
 Randy Siefkin
 Gene Wilkins
 Fred Sandow

Team 3
 Gary Akard
 Don Petersen
 Tim Salter
 Katrina Petrosovitch
 Gary Kirkpatrick
 Bill Compton
 Jack Holt
 Todd Venturini



CLUB NEWS

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our membership campaign kicked off on Monday Night. We have four teams competing for the title of New Member Guru. This year we have new rules and new ways for teams to earn points. The objective of our membership drive is to find new members who are interested in having fun while we are serving our community and our world. Our current active roster is 35 and we would like to have 40 - 45 members. The top two teams that score the most points and all new members will be hosted at our annual BBQ in June. The two teams with the least points will host the event.

POINT SYSTEM: We will track points at every Monday meeting.

1. New member inducted - **1 point**
2. Following new members induction, **1 point** for every Modesto North meeting or event attended by the new member up to April 30, 2006. This is an incentive for team members to stay in touch with the new member and encourage him or her to attend the meetings.
3. New member fills a vacant classification - **2 points ***
4. New member fills a bonus classification - **3 points ****
5. New member sponsors another new member - **3 points**
6. First team to provide site for BBQ - **5 points** (site must be approved by Membership Chairman)

* Vacant classifications - ask Chairman for list.

** Bonus classifications listed below: Earn extra points by bringing a new member in that fills one of these classifications:

Printing Services	Graphic Designs	Mental Health Therapist
Restaurant Owner/Catering Services	Florist	Polygraph Services
Bicycle Retailing/Sporting Goods	Advertising/P.R. Services	Computer Services
Photography Services	Clergy/Religion	

MEMBERSHIP TEAMS

Membership Team 1

Captain- Randy Siefkin
 Tim Salter
 Sue Itsara
 Rick DeLeon
 Lynette Miller
 Louis Levin
 Tony Varni
 Fred Sandow

Membership Team 2

Captain- Al Girolami
 Jack Holt
 Judy Jensen
 John Whiteside
 Jim Ridenour
 Francine DiCiano
 Gary Kirkpatrick
 Terry Campbell

Membership Team 3

Captain- George Betker
 Bill Compton
 Tri Pham
 Katrina Petrosovitch
 Pam Harmon
 Todd Venturini
 Pam Stephens
 Don Petersen

Membership Team 4

Captain- Doug Ridenour
 Steve Madison
 Marie Silveira
 Gene Wilkins
 Gary Akard
 Gloria Mraz
 Pete Kordiak
 Bob Olson

NEW MEMBER NOTICES

- ◆ Potential new member Jim Christofferson has submitted his application for membership. Jim is a VP/District Manager for US Bank. His sponsor is Randy. If you have any questions, please contact President Don. (Once approved and inducted- that will be at least one point for Team 1).
- ◆ Karl Jeppson has been approved for membership. His sponsor is Gary K. Karl is a past member who took some time off away from the club, but has decided to rejoin! Welcome back! (Once inducted- that will be at least one point for Team 2!)

CANYON CLASSIC UPDATE

Mark you calendar- June 10, 2006. Our planning and preparation has started for the Canyon Classic Century. We have filled most committee heads, but still need a few good volunteers.

1. **Goody bags.** Someone is needed to get goody bags (plastic bags like you get at the dentist) and get donations to go into the bags. Items like chapstick, new power bars, bike ride travel information, and other business freebies are always appreciated by riders. Louis has already collected some items.
2. **After the ride Meal-** Daryl Harmon has been volunteered by his lovely wife- and club member- Pam to bring his traveling BBQ and cook the end of the ride meal. Daryl is even bringing his son and son in law to help out. Now that is what the family of Rotary is all about. Thank you for volunteering!
3. **Drinks/ice-** George Betker has volunteered to work with Tony (who will be out of town) get the drinks and ice to Patterson, organized and ready to be picked up by the rest stop people. He will need some volunteers to assist on the morning of the ride.
4. **Sponsors-** Someone is needed to pound the pavement and make some contact with local businesses. We are in search of businesses that would be willing to sponsor our ride (\$100— \$500— \$1,000 or any amount is appreciated). We can give them advertising at the ride in exchange for their contribution. Maybe health clubs or sports shops might be interested.



We can do it— yes we can!! Let's make some money for all of our wonderful programs.

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

Day	Time	Club	Location
Monday	12:15 PM	Modesto Gateway	Early Dawn on Kansas, Modesto
Monday	6:15 PM	Modesto North	Appetiz @ Roseburg Square, Modesto
Tuesday	12:15 PM	Modesto Downtown	Double Tree on 9 th , Modesto
Tuesday	12:15 PM	Turlock	Turf Club @ Fairgrounds, Turlock
Wednesday	7:00 AM	Turlock Sunrise	Latif's on Golden State, Turlock
Wednesday	12:15 PM	Modesto East	Hazel's, Modesto
Wednesday	12:15 PM	Oakdale	Oakdale Golf & Country Club, Oakdale
Thursday	7:00 AM	Modesto Sunrise	S.O.S. Club, Modesto
Thursday	7:15 AM	Riverbank	Del Rio Rest. On 2 nd , Riverbank
Friday	6:45 AM	Salida	Salida Firehouse, Salida
Friday	7:00 AM	Oakdale Sunrise	Oakdale Golf & Country Club