



The Ramblings

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Service Above Self

Club President: Don Petersen

Upcoming Monday Meetings

- 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
- February 27 Regular Meeting—6:15pm Appetez

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 30, 2006

Stuart Long with the Red Cross was our program. He talked about volunteer opportunities with the Red Cross and disaster preparedness. Renee and Jim Ridenour received their Paul Harris Fellows. Good job!

HOMELESS SHELTER SERVICE

Next Monday night- February 6, 2006—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—1315 La Loma, Modesto—to do the prep. work.

We will be preparing soup and ham and turkey sandwiches and putting together hygiene kits. **We still need the following items for the hygiene kits: 60 pairs of men's white tube socks, 40 small/travel size bottles of shampoo, 100 combs, and lots of small deodorants. Please bring these items with you on February 6th**

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

2006-2008 Term

- Sue Itsara
- Pam Stephens
- Jim Ridenour
- Gary Kirkpatrick

COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

VIRGINIA CORRIDOR PROJECT WORK TEAMS

The Junction Rodents-Team 4, led by Doug Ridenour, continue to be in first place- - having logged the most hours. Teams 1 and 3 are battling for second place while Team 2—the Mighty Women and Two Dudes- are in last place. This Saturday is another wonderful opportunity to log work hours.

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.

CANYON CLASSIC UPDATE

Mark your 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. **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.



MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

Day	Time	Club	Location
Monday	12:15 PM	Modesto Gateway	Early Dawn on Kansas, Modesto
Monday	6:15 PM	Modesto North	Appetex @ 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

HUMOR!!

My name is Bob,

Let me relate how I handled a situation with my wife, Dianna. When I took "early retirement" last year, it became necessary for Dianna to get a full-time job, both for extra income and for the health benefits that we needed. Shortly after she started working I noticed she was beginning to show her age. I usually get home from the Golf Course about the same time she gets home from work. Although she knows how hungry I am, she almost always says she has to rest for half an hour or so before she starts dinner.

I don't yell at her; Instead, I tell her to take her time and just wake me when she gets dinner on the table. I generally have lunch in the Men's Grill at the club so eating out is not reasonable. I'm ready for some home cooked grub when I hit that door.

She used to do the dishes as soon as we finished eating. But now, it's not unusual for them to sit on the table for several hours after dinner. I do what I can by diplomatically reminding her several times each evening that they won't clean themselves. I know she appreciates this, as it does seem to motivate her to get them done before she goes to bed. I really think my experience as a teacher helps a lot. I consider telling people what they ought to do to be one of my strong points.

Now that she has gotten older, she does seem to get tired so much more quickly. Our washer and dryer are in the basement. Sometimes she says she just can't make another trip down those steps. I don't make a big issue of this; as she finishes up the laundry the next evening, I'm willing to overlook it. Not only that, but unless I need something ironed to wear to the Monday lodge meeting, or to Wednesday's or Saturday's poker club, or to Tuesday's or Thursday's bowling, or something like that, I will tell her to wait until the next evening to do the ironing. This gives her a little more time to do some of those odds and ends like shampooing the dog, vacuuming or dusting.

Also, if I had a really good day on the course and it was wet and muddy, my clubs are a mess, so I let her clean them, you know.....get the grit off the grips and a little light Brillo on the club faces at a casual pace. My golf bag is heavy so I lift it out of the trunk for her. Women are delicate, have weak wrists and can't lift heavy stuff as good as men. But I did tell her I don't like to be wakened during my after golf nap, so rather than bother me, she can put them back in the trunk when she's finished.

Another symptom of aging is complaining, I think. For example, she will say that it is difficult for her to find time to pay the monthly bills during her lunch hour. But boys, we take 'em for better or worse, so I just smile and offer encouragement. I tell her to stretch it out over two or even three days. That way she won't have to rush so much. I also remind her that missing lunch completely now and then wouldn't hurt her any (if you know what I mean). I like to think tact is one of my strong points.

When doing simple jobs, she seems to think she needs more rest periods. She had to take a break when she was only half finished mowing the yard. I try not to make a scene. I'm a fair man. I tell her to fix herself a nice, big, cold glass of freshly squeezed lemonade and just sit for a while. And, as long as she is making one for her self, she may as well make one for me too, then take her break by my hammock. That way she can talk with me until I fall asleep.

I know that I probably look like a saint in the way I support Dianna. I'm not saying that showing this much consideration is easy. Many men will find it difficult. Some will find it impossible! Nobody knows better than I do, how frustrating women get as they get older. However, guys, even if you just use a little more tact and less criticism of your aging wife because of this article, I will consider that writing it was well worthwhile. After all, we are put on this earth to help each other.

Signed, Bob

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bob died suddenly Thursday. He was found with a Calloway extra long 50 inch Big Bertha Driver II rammed up his posterior, with only 2 inches of grip showing. His wife Dianna was arrested, but the Grand Jury accepted her defense that he accidentally sat on it and she was released on Friday.

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?



**President Don says:
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Today!"**