



The Ramblings

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Service Above Self

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Upcoming Monday Meetings

- January 16 DARK- Martin Luther King Holiday
- January 23 Regular Meeting- 6:15pm Appetez Rotary Education Night
- 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 Program- STAR COMMITTEE - Rotary Education Night- Louis Levin will talk about Rotary Opportunities
- 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 9, 2006

President Don gave everyone a heartfelt welcome back after the new year. Ron Landes was our speaker. He spoke on vision and goal setting- - what a great topic as 2006 begins!

We had a number of visitors in attendance. Past member- Carl Jeppson was present with Gary Kirkpatrick. He is interested in returning to active Rotary participation. Also in attendance was Jim Christofferson who has submitted his application for membership.

HOMELESS SHELTER SERVICE

On February 6, 2006—Monday night—our club will be preparing and serving dinner at 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. The church has agreed to allow us to use their facilities. We will be preparing soup and ham and turkey sandwiches. Soup will be heated and

put into Styrofoam cups with lids to be transported to the shelter. Sandwiches will be made and put into lunch bags with chips, fruit, a cookie and whatever else we think to include. There are no cooking facilities or tables at the homeless shelter. Thus we have to supply something that is easy to eat with no clean up. Steve Madison and Jim Ridenour are the force behind this great project and they will pick all the supplies and food up and meet at the church at 5:30 pm. Much thanks to Steve and Jim. We will be serving 100 people (that means we have to make 100 sandwiches!) Tony Varni will be providing all of the drinks. *(all at once now... "thank you Tony!")*

We would also like to supply each person at the mission a personal hygiene kit. This kit will include travel size items of products. **We are requesting that everyone bring some travel size hygiene products such as shampoo, combs, deodorant, etc.** 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. Service above self.

Virginia Corridor Project Work Teams

Team 4, led by the infamous Doug Ridenour- has taken a big lead in the Virginia Corridor work contest. Serving breakfast evidentially brought the workers out in force. Our club has always been driven by food and drink!! Teams 1 and 3 are battling for second place while Team 2—the Mighty

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

Women and Two Dudes- are in last place. They were heard to humming the tune to Muskrat Love at our Monday meeting. Maybe that song isn't so bad after all

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

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

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)

LEGAL NOTICES

- ◆ Potential new member Jim Christofferson has submitted his application for membership. Jim is a VP/ District Manager for US Bank. He lives with his wife, Stacy, in Oakdale (oh no-not another Oakdalian...) He enjoys snowmobiling, BBQing, and computers. If you have any questions, please contact President Don.
- ◆ Tim Salter is currently being investigated for winning the pin drawing too many times in one year. He has won 3 times- - - something seems very suspicious!



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

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

CANYON CLASSIC UPDATE

The Canyon Classic is coming up fast... the date is June 10th so please mark your calendar. We have added a new route to the bike ride—it is a route up to Lick Observatory. Hopefully it will draw some more riders. We are in need to some sub-committee chairs:

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- In the past we have always enjoyed Doug Ridenour, Jim Ridenour, and Steve Madison's fine cuisine! Unfortunately this year they will all be at a Ridenour wedding.

So- we need someone to volunteer to cook tri-tip, prepare salad, make bread etc. Do you or your spouse have a traveling BBQ? Do you enjoy cooking? If so- please volunteer to head this area of the ride. We are about to find out just how much work Doug, Jim, Steve and their spouses donate to our club by always taking on this task!

3. Drinks/ice- Tony Varni is always so generous with our club. Every year he brings the drinks and often helps with the ice for the ride. He puts the drinks and ice in stacks so the rest stop people can pick up their pile. Well- unfortunately Tony (and Al) will be at a wedding the day of the ride. We need someone to get together with Tony to arrange to bring and organize the drinks.

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.

Gary Akard has agreed to work on the internet- getting our club website and ride information onto bike ride calendars. Dr. Sue has agreed to head up the registration area. Pam S. and Francine have taken on the job of rest stop food! And Louis and Bob G. are overseeing everything!

There are many more volunteer opportunities to come!

Lets get out and advertise this event. If we can bring in 500 riders at \$40 each— that is \$20,000 gross. If we keep are expenses at about \$3,500 or even better—get sponsors to cover the expenses— we can make some good money off this event.

