

The Ramblings

The Official Bulletin of Modesto North Rotary

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Week of Monday July 10, 2006

Service Above Self

Club President: Bob Gotelli

Upcoming Monday Meetings

- July 17 Meeting- Appetez- 6:15 p.m.
Program- Brandon Price
Beyer Band Director
- July 24 Meeting- Appetez-6:15 p.m.
DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT-
Robert Hobbs
- July 31 Meeting- Appetez-6:15 p.m.
Program- Mike Botto, Oakdale
Fire Marshall on Katrina Relief
- Aug 7 Meeting- Appetez-6:15 p.m.
Program- Katherine Scholten on
the Golden Age Games (the 2
athletes we sponsored will be
present)
- Aug 14 Meeting- Appetez-6:15 p.m.
Program- Betty Belle Smith &
Jane Johnston on the Education
Foundation of Stanislaus County
- Aug 21 Meeting- Appetez-6:15 p.m.
Program- tba
- Aug 28 NEW MEMBER BBQ- more info.
to follow

Upcoming Rotary Events

- Sept 6 Board Mtg. 5:30pm at President
Bob's Office
- Nov. 6 Football Night
- Nov. 18 Foundation Dinner
- May 4-6, 2007 District Conference at
Harrah's in Lake Tahoe

Meeting in Review

July 10, 2006

President Bob ran a great first meeting!! Bob Keckler was the program. He gave a wonderful presentation on a district project to cure Trachoma, an eye disease, in Ethiopia.

Congratulations to Adam Christianson on becoming a member of Rotary!! Welcome to our club.

President Bob--- where has our club's bell and gavel gone????

WHO IS PRESIDENT BOB????

He is a fisherman, he is an insurance man, he is a golfer, a husband, father and grandfather.... Who really is President Bob???

President Bob and his wife, Dee, have four children, Lisa, Rob, Tana and Jennifer. They also have 5 grandchildren ranging in age from 3 to 21. (Bob—do you really have a 21 year old grandchild??? WOW you look great for being .. Well... somewhere close to 100) President Bob's career in Insurance started in 1963 as a Life agent for New York Life. He then moved over to the claims field and spent 18 years in claims, with the last 14 years with Freese& Gianelli Claims here in Modesto. In 1981 Bob moved to sales side of Insurance and just started his 25th year as a Broker/ Agent selling all lines of insurance, and has spent the last 11 years with Winton-Ireland, Strom and Green, the

oldest and Largest agency in the Stanislaus area.

President Bob's hobbies have included hunting, fishing and golf. A lot of President Bob's spare time in the past 25+ years has been working with youth sports programs and he is most proud of his service in the area of Youth Soccer. President Bob continues to this day to referee both Youth and High School Soccer. Bob will be taking a rest from these activities as he dedicates his time in 2006/2007 to Rotary.

It is going to be a great Rotary year with President Bob!!

CLUB AND DISTRICT NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ CENTENNIAL PROJECT CALL TO DUTY.



ATTENTION ALL ROTARIANS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FOES....

Don your cap and grab your water bottle and head out to the Virginia Corridor as this Saturday and every Saturday for the next month will be a work day! This week Rotarians will be clearing and preparing for planting. Rototilers, wheel barrows, and both spade and flat long handled shovels are necessary. The ground will be broken up with a bobcat but all the planting areas need additives worked into the soil. Please come and help!!



- ♦ GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE. Our 2007 Group Study Exchange (GSE) is a unique vocational and cultural opportunity for young professionals to study Japan's institutions and ways of life, learn how their professions are practiced in Japan, and exchange ideas. All team member applicants must be sponsored by a Rotary club in our district. The trip dates are 3/17/07 - 4/14/07 and member applications and brochures can be downloaded of the district website. Submit the completed, club endorsed team member application no later than 7/31/06 to TERRI AMERIO-BELL.

All interested applicants must first have their candidacy endorsed by a Rotary club in District 5220, the district where the applicant works or lives. From there, endorsed applications are sent on for consideration at the district level. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE ENDORSED BY A CLUB IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED AND ARE NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT A CLUB ENDORSEMENT.**

TEAM MEMBER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Be between the ages of 25-40;
2. Be employed full-time in a recognized profession for at least 2 years;
3. Not be a Rotarian, honorary Rotarian, or employee of Rotary or the lineal descendant or spouse of a lineal descendant, a Rotarian, an honorary Rotarian, or an employee of Rotary;
4. Not be the spouse of another team member;
5. Not be an ex-Rotarian or the lineal descendant or spouse of a lineal descendant of an ex-Rotarian or ex-Rotary employee who resigned less than 36 months before the time of application.
6. Must work or live in the Rotary District 5220.

Ideal team members will be between the ages of 25 and 40; employed full-time in a recognized profession; and be a citizen of the country in which they reside. Ideal team members should be in good health; neat in appearance and able to express themselves clearly and logically; of a sound, general educational background; interested in and clearly enthusiastic about their chosen vocation and in possession of outstanding vocational skills; open-minded, tolerant, and flexible; proficient in the major language of the partner district; and comfortable working as part of a team with a schedule that is physically and emotionally demanding.

**IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN THE GSE PROGRAM---
CONTACT KATRINA ASAP!!!!**

Rotary International President
William Boyd

District 5220 Governor
Bob Hobbs

Modesto North Rotary

Officers

President: Bob Gotelli
 President Elect: Rick DeLeon
 Secretary: Randy Siefkin
 Treasurer: Lynette Miller
 Past President: Don Petersen

Board of Directors

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| <u>2005-2007 Term</u> | <u>2006-2008 Term</u> |
| Gary Akard | Sue Itsara |
| Katrina Petrosovitch | Pam Stephens |
| Bill Compton | Jim Ridenour |
| _____ | Gary Kirkpatrick |

Committee Chairs

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ABOUT OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

On Monday, July 24th, our new District Governor, Robert Hobbs will be visiting our club. He is a charter member of Merced Sunrise Rotary Club that began in May 1985. He served as President of his club in 1999-2000 and Assistant District Governor 2001-2002. Bob was the District Chairperson of Long Term Youth Exchange and Chairperson of District 5220 Membership and Retention 2003-2004. Bob is a recipient of the District Governor Distinguished Service Award and the Silent Rotarian Award.



Bob was in education for forty years and retired from Merced College where he served as guidance counselor and football coach. He received both his Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Fresno State University. He is President of the Merced County Probation Department Youth Accountability Board and has served in many volunteer positions since his retirement.

Bob's wife, Betsy, is a native New Yorker, but has lived in Merced, California for 27 years. She received her B.S. degree in Psychology from Colorado State University and her Masters Degree in Counseling from Chapman University. She is currently a counselor and instructor for Merced College.

As Club President, Bob traveled to Russia to charter a new club in Korsakov, Sakhalin Island, Russia in 2000. Bob and his wife, Betsy, hosted Bogdana, an exchange student from Korsakov for the school year of 2001-2002. The highlight of the 2004 year was the summer trip that Bob and Betsy made to visit Bogdana and her family in Sakhalin. It was a memorable experience for all of them.

 **The Four-Way Test**

Of the things we think, say or do:
 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 MEMBER BBQ
AUGUST 28, 2006 AT 6:00 PM
 AT THE HOME OF GEORGE AND CHRIS BETKER
 2306 JACKIE COURT, OAKDALE

In all contests thee are winners and there are losers..... well—the new member contest is over and the winners are teams 1, 2, and 3.  Team 4 - -well Team 4 had no points. 

Membership Team 1

Captain- Randy Siefkin
 Tim Salter
 Sue Itsara
 Rick DeLeon
 Lynette Miller
 Louis Levin
 Fred Sandow
 Jim Christofferson
 Rose Hwang

WINNER

Membership Team 2

Captain- Al Girolami
 Jack Holt
 Judy Jensen
 John Whiteside
 Jim Ridenour
 Francine DiCiano
 Gary Kirkpatrick
 Karl Jepson
 Wayne Sousa

WINNER

Membership Team 3

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

WINNER

Membership Team 4

Captain- Doug Ridenour
 Marie Silveira
 Gene Wilkins
 Gary Akard
 Gloria Mraz
 Bob Olson

THE COOK TEAM



This contest brought in some great new members- Rose, Jim C., Karl and Wayne. Since the contest ended- Adam has joined the club. WOW five new members in a 6 month period.....this may be a record!!!!

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Club</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| Monday | 12:15 PM | Modesto Gateway | Appetiz@ Roseburg Square, 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 | Riverbank Fire Hall on Topeka |
| Friday | 6:45 AM | Salida | Salida Firehouse, Salida |
| Friday | 7:00 AM | Oakdale Sunrise | Oakdale Golf & Country Club |