

The Ramblings

The Official Bulletin of Modesto North Rotary

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Week of July 3, 2005

Service Above Self

Club President: Don Petersen

Upcoming Meetings

- July 11 Don's First Meeting
- July 18 Program- Mike Garrasi from the Modesto Nuts
- July 25 Program- Tim Salter: Mission to Africa

Upcoming Events

- July 15 Kick-Out Party
- August 11 Carl Wilhelm Stenhammar, RI President, Luncheon
- Oct. 17 District Governor's visit
- Nov. 4 Foundation Dinner

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Coming home from the Centennial Rotary International Convention, I was most struck by the positive interaction between so many people of different cultures and the pure mass of goodwill felt by each and every person at the convention. We didn't meet a single stranger while in the City of Chicago. The experience has had a profound impact on both Joani and me.

Before attending the Convention, I had no idea how important the role Rotary has played in the important work of the world since its

inception in 1905. I don't mind showing my ignorance to the fact that I had no idea that Rotary was so instrumental in the formation of the United Nations, or that it has been involved in mediating disputes between countries that have actually prevented wars.

I came away feeling that Rotary, is definitely a force for good at home and in the world and I am not only proud to be a Rotarian, but have vowed to make Rotary a very important part of my life, both in terms of financial support for local projects, and also for its' international programs.

I know that you are all very busy people, who still find the time to care about your community and your world. I hope to do my best to serve you as President of Modesto North Rotary during the coming year. I hope to help each of you find a program or a committee that keeps you truly engaged and excited about the opportunities for service of which we are all a part.

My special thanks to President Judy for showing me how to be unflappable in the face of uncertainty and to never lose my sense of humor. Thank you President Judy for all that you have done to serve our Club. I hope to measure up to the high marks that you leave behind.

I look forward to working with each of you as we work toward the original mission of Rotary which was "To harness the power of friendship to do the work of the world."



JUNE 27, 2005 MEETING NEWS

Wine was consumed, new member **PAM STEPHENS** was inducted into membership and the ROTARY BRAIN DRAIN QUIZ competition was fierce. It was John Whiteside- the judge vs. Doug Ridenour- the police sergeant. It was a close contest, with John taking the win by one question.

Louis and Fred discussed the Centennial Project. They encouraged us to take to the streets to sell naming rights to benches, light posts and other Virginia Corridor items. We must get the community and general public excited about the Virginia Corridor! Talk to your friends and neighbors about supporting the project. Louis and Fred also announced that soon- possibly by the end of July or early to mid August— volunteers will be needed to assist in "hands on" work on the Virginia Corridor. More information on this opportunity will be announced soon!

Terry Campbell has returned from her trip to Latvia. While in Latvia she attended Katrina Sokolovia's wedding. Terry said it was a great experience and she and Katrina will prepare a presentation for the club to enjoy. Terry returned with a bottle of Black Balsam. She assured all of us that the alcohol would cure all ailments known to man while keeping a silly smile on the consumers face. The bottle was auctioned off and sold to Ralph Tavares for \$80. Rumor has it that Terry is now off on a Hawaiian vacation. Aloha Terry!

RAMBLINGS' EDITOR RETIRES

Tony Varni, editor and freelance writer for the Ramblings, officially retired on July 1, 2005. For 3 years, Tony has brought news from the Rotary world and beyond to Modesto North Rotarians around the central valley. Drawing on his desire to serve Rotarians, he has delivered timely information, thoughtful analysis, and commentary in the Ramblings. Under Tony's control and direction, the Ramblings has become one of Rotary's finest news sources!

Modesto North Rotary extends a deeply-felt thank you to Tony for his years of service. We wish him well as he embarks on a new phase of his Rotary life. I am sure President Don will have a new mission for Tony!

RI PRESIDENT COMING TO MODESTO

There will be an Intercity luncheon at the Modesto Centre Plaza on August 11th for rotarians and their spouses with:

RI President 2005-06 Carl Stenhammar

The cost is \$25 per person. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our next couple of club meeting.

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?

Rotary International President
Carl Wilhelm Stenhammar

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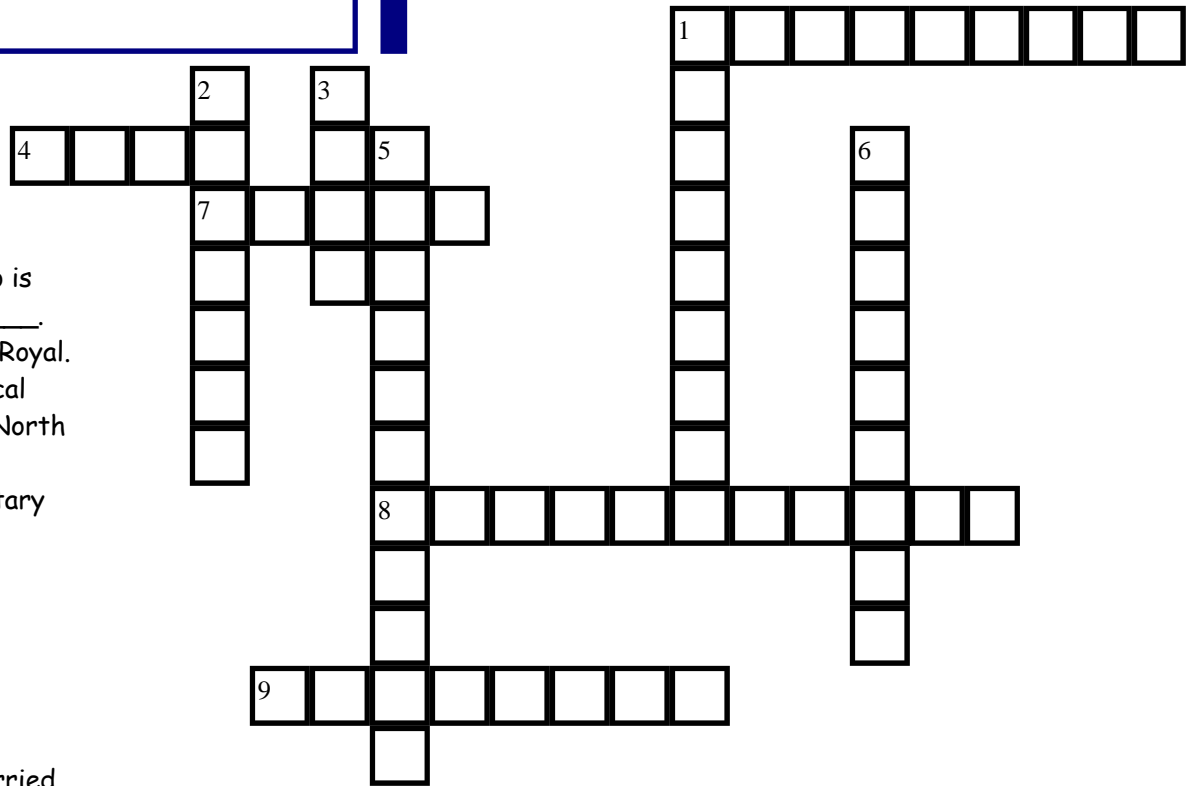
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WE HAVE A NEW DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The new District Governor for District 5220 is Mark Oliver. DG Mark joined Manteca Rotary 30 years ago. He was club president in 1978-79. DG Mark is an Insurance Broker in the Oliver/Simas Insurance Service independent insurance agents. His theme for this Rotary year is "Rotary Pride." You can read more about our new District Governor on the district website at <http://www.rotary5220.org/Admin/governor.htm>. DG Mark will be visiting our club on October 17th.



ACROSS

- 1 2005-2006 RI motto is service _____.
- 4 We still call it Camp Royal.
- 7 The number of medical doctors in Modesto North Rotary
- 8 DG Mark Oliver's Rotary motto.
- 9 New member Pam Stephens' sponsor.

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- 1 They are related.
- 2 She recently got married.
- 3 His wife is Marcie.
- 5 Our favorite Aussie.
- 6 A Rotary area of service.