



The Ramblings

The Official Bulletin of Modesto North Rotary

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Service Above Self

Club President: Don Petersen

Upcoming Monday Meetings

- November 21 Regular Meeting- 6:15pm Appetez Program- Al Girolami Rotary Education- **ALL MEMBERS MUST ATTEND**
- November 28 Regular Meeting- 6:15pm Appetez Program- Phyllis Nusz-GSE Team Chairman
- December 5 Regular Meeting- 6:15pm Appetez Program- Colleen Garcia, CEO of the Children's Crisis Center
- December 12 Regular Meeting- 6:15pm Appetez Program- Lloyd De Bock speaking about Camp Royal
- December 19 **HOLIDAY PARTY**
- December 26 DARK
- January 2 DARK
- January 9 Regular Meeting- 6:15pm Appetez Program- Motivational speaker Ron Landes
- 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

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

November 14, 2005

President Don was back at the helm today. Board member Katrina gave a Doug Ridenour 10 Rotary Bucks to be used towards recognitions because she saw him twice outside of a Rotary event with his pin on. It pays to wear your pin. Congratulations to everyone as we had 100% of our members were wearing pins at our meeting! Our speaker was Dave Bowman from the Salvation Army. He talked about the homeless shelter and other salvation army projects. He gave a big thanks to Steve Madison who is a big supporter of the homeless shelter and the salvation army's other projects and Jim Ridenour for the City of Modesto's support of the homeless shelter. Great program!



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

Question of the Week

Does anyone have the video on the history of our club that was made by Tim Salter a number of years ago? If you have a copy, please contact George Betker ASAP.

Virginia Corridor Project Work Teams

Our club has been divided into teams to work on the Virginia Corridor Project. Work days are every Saturday from 7:30 - 8:00 am until about 10:00 am. The teams will track how many hours each member works on the project. Teams can get extra hours by bringing friends and family with them to work. The teams are as follows:

<u>Team 1</u>	<u>Team 2</u>	<u>Team 3</u>	<u>Team 4</u>
Sue Itsara	Judy Jensen	Gary Akard	George Betker
Al Girolami	Pam Harmon	Bill Compton	Tony Varni
Tri Pham	Terry Campbell	Jack Holt	Doug Ridenour
Rick DeLeon	Francine DiCiano	Todd Venturini	Jim Ridenour
Louis Levin	Pam Stephens	Gary Kirkpatrick	Steve Madison
Bob Olson	Marie Silveira	Don Petersen	John Whiteside
Andrea Olson	Bob Gotelli	Tim Salter	Randy Siefkin
Lynette	Pete Kordiak	Katrina	Gene Wilkins

As incentive to work work work, the team that comes in last place will have to sing *Muskrat Love* by Captain & Tennille to the club. The team that is second to last will have to sing *Bad Bad LeRoy Brown* by Jim Croce and the team in 2nd Place will have to sing *Money for Nothing* by Dire Straits. Then all three losing team serenade the winning team with the Carly Simon hit *Your so Vain*.

4-Way Test

The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways...

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

If anyone wants to start practicing *Muskrat Love*—here are the words:

Muskrat Love

Muskrat, muskrat candlelight
doin' the town and doin' it right
in the evenin', it's pretty pleasin'

Muskrat Susie, Muskrat Sam
Do the jitterbug
Out in muskrat land
And they shimmy
Sam is so skinny



And they whirl
and they twirl
and they tango
Singin' and
jingin' a jango

Floatin' like the heavens above
It looks like muskrat love

Nibblin' on bacon, chewin' on cheese
Sam says to Susie
"Honey, would you please be my
missus?"
Susie says yes with her kisses

And now he's ticklin' her fancy
Rubbin' her toes
muzzle to muzzle now
anything goes
as they wriggle
Sue starts to giggle
And they whirl and they twirl and
they tango
Singin' and jingin' a jango
Floatin' like the heavens above
It looks like muskrat love

(in the song the musical sounds
are like squeaks)

ROTARY EDUCATION CORNER

IDEAS!!!!

A great Rotary project does not have to be unique idea. Other Rotary clubs around the world have put in to place effective and worthwhile projects/programs/fundraisers that have not been implemented in our area. Here are a few for examples.

Community Service Project 4-Way Test Cassette and Coloring Book

In 1992 the Rotary Club of Millen, Georgia, produced its innovative "4-Way Test Coloring Book." Rotarians have introduced it to grade schools nationwide in an effort to pass on their values to young people. In 1995, a Florida club took the educational tool a step further by putting it to music. The coloring book, created by Millen Rotarians in conjunction with Georgia state educators, uses colorful illustrations and interesting characters to teach children the values of fairness, honesty, kindness, and responsibility. The book presents four scenarios in which a child is confronted with an ethical or moral dilemma -- each corresponding to a component of Rotary's 4-Way Test. Accompanying test asks the reader what he or she would do in a similar situation and poses questions for group discussion. The Rotary Club of Pensacola North was one of the many clubs committed to distributing the book. But the members thought it would make even more of an impact if it came with an audiotape. The tape dramatizes the situations in the book with upbeat music and memorable dialogue.

The coloring books and tape are for sale to Rotary clubs to use in their communities.

Fundraising Project- York Maine Rotary Club

As many as 60 ways to decorate a Christmas tree will be on display this year at the second annual Festival of Trees in York during the holidays, ushering in the Christmas season along with the annual Festival of Lights. The Rotary Club offers refreshments, musical entertainment and a visit from Santa Claus. The club invites businesses to buy a tree (\$100) or a wreath (\$25) and decorate it representing their business. All the trees and wreaths on display are be decorated by area organizations, groups and businesses which are encouraged to create imaginative decorations that reflect their individual character. One York dentist is expected to trim his tree with toothbrushes, dental floss and other items related to his profession. Restaurants may use food items; a bakery is using assorted cookies and dessert items as its primary decorating theme.

Once the display is done, people purchase the trees to take home. The Rotary Club furnishes all trees and stands, and delivers electricity for lights. The public is invited to donate \$5 per person, or \$15 per family, for admission; however, it is not required.

Community Service Project- Rotary Club of Needham, MA Battery Brigade

This is a follow-up program to the Smoke Detector Program where Rotarians will replace the batteries in the smoke detectors at the homes of the elderly and handicapped.

IDEAS!!!!

Community Service Project Escondido Rotary Project- Safety Town

Safety Town will be a complete miniature city on approximately 3 acres, with teaching venues for:

- ◆ Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety -- Streets, signals, crosswalks, signs, railroad crossing
- ◆ Drowning Prevention - Pool and life-saving equipment
- ◆ Stranger Danger
- ◆ At Home - Fire and Earthquake Safety
- ◆ Outdoor Safety - Playing Safely and Animal Safety
- ◆ Calling 911 for Help - Using closed circuit pay phone

The existing safety programs of Escondido Police and Fire Departments will use Safety Town as its headquarters. Additional safety curricula are also being provided by the Escondido Union Elementary School District, the Humane Society, the American Red Cross, and by Children's Hospital of San Diego. New programs will also be created to take full advantage of the unique advantages of this new child-scaled physical environment provided by Safety Town. Safety programs will be provided in every crucial area. It is anticipated that during its first full year of operation that Safety Town will provide safety education lessons to thousands of school children from all over San Diego County.



CLUB NEWS

- ◆ Our Holiday party is scheduled for December 19th at the home of Russ and Judy Jensen located at 313 Hartley Drive, Modesto. Food, wine and other beverages will be served. It will be a great time to socialize with other club members and their spouses/significant others. There will not be a program presentation.
- ◆ **MONDAY NIGHT- NOVEMBER 21st** will be our first club program presented by the elite STAR committee. The STAR committee, headed by Al Girolami, is our club's educational gurus. STARs stands for Specialized Training for Action in Rotary. The Rotary Club of El Paso Texas developed the STAR Program in 1976. It has proven to be a very effective tool for creating a better informed membership and preparing members for club leadership positions. This Monday- November 21st, our meeting will be led by Past President George Betker. He will be educating/ entertaining us on the history of Rotary International and Modesto North Rotary. All members should be in attendance at this meeting.
- ◆ Bob Gotelli is looking for assistance with programs starting in January as he will be gearing up for his run as president. If you are willing to help out, please contact Bob.

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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
Friday	12:15 PM	Ceres	Jenny's on Herndon, Ceres