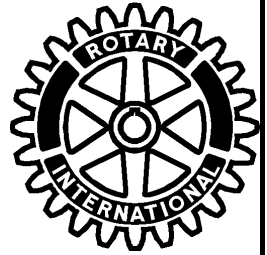


RAMBLINGS



"THE MOST WELL-ADJUSTED CLUB IN THE DISTRICT"

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February is World Understanding Month

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This month, we commemorate a very special anniversary — the birth of Rotary on 23 February 1905, known as World Understanding and Peace Day. During Rotary's 96 years of existence, we have accomplished milestones in service that even founder Paul Harris could not have envisioned during his lifetime. We have provided educational opportunities for thousands of international scholars, provided health care to tens of thousands of needy people, and made possible the immunization of millions of children against the crippling disease of polio. In less than the span of a century, we have forged a powerful force for peace, built on the foundation of service.

This month, I encourage you to *Create Awareness and Take Action* through the programs of Rotary to bring peace to the world. It may sound like a monumental task, but it is achievable in small steps. By taking these small steps, you will continue a noble journey that began with one man — Paul Harris — nearly a century ago.

Frank J. Devlyn

Collated Humor? From Siefkin

When Ray Lewis was left off the Wheaties box and out of the Disney World commercial, Ravens coach Brian Billick grumbled that he couldn't believe what "corporate America puts on TV." Mike Abel of Walnut Creek agrees: "Someone out there is still paying to air Dodger games."



Fox's Jim Rome on why Disney people didn't ask Lewis where he was going after the Super Bowl: "Based on what he did after last year's game, they didn't want to know."

From Dan LeBatard of the Miami Herald: "The Wheaties ad people apparently believe Lewis to be a cereal killer."

"Each player on the Ravens will earn \$52,000," says NBC's Conan O'Brien, "or as they call it, 'bail.'" Jay Leno said that on the Monday.

TIGER'S WOUND: J. P. Mongo of Napa still thinks there's something suspicious about Tiger Woods' knee injury at Pebble Beach: "The key question is: Is Tonya Harding dating a PGA player?"



NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE

We are Dark Monday Feb. 19th for President's Day.

We are Dark Monday Feb. 26th to allow us to attend the Noon Area Meeting Tuesday Feb. 27th at the Double Tree Hotel.

See Details on Page 4.

WELCOME TO THE CLUB NEW MEMBER ROLLAND ENZ

Classification: Commercial Insurance

FEBRUARY SPECIAL DATES

Joined Rotary:

Marshall Berg 2/95
Louis Levin 2/90

Anniversaries:

George and Chris Betker
2/8/64

Lee and Pauline Willems
2/16/80

Upcoming Events

Monday February 19
Saturday February 24
Tuesday February 27
Monday March 5
Monday March 12
Monday March 19
Monday March 26

DARK - Presidents' Day
MARDI GRAS! for the Parent Resource Center at Sky Trek
Meet at Noon at the Double Tree Hotel with all other area clubs
Club Assembly and Bike Ride Meeting
John Katz - The Modesto A's
Rich Estrada - The Modesto Bee on Agriculture
Allen Short - MID



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Modesto North Rotary Board of Directors met on Tuesday February 13th at St. Stan's Brew Pub. A lot got done. All members are encouraged to attend sometime to see what is happening in the club. The following lists some of the evenings topics.

- REMINDER: Meeting on Tuesday Feb 27th at Noon at the Double Tree. RAMBLINGS editor acknowledged misprinting the Noon meeting date in a previous edition. The correct date is the 27th.
- Dues will increase \$5.00 beginning July 1, 2001. The total dues amount for one year will be \$130.00 starting then. There has not been an increase in recent memory. This one is needed.
- President is pleading for the loan of a 7—passenger vehicle he will drive with the Beyer Interact members to Mexico for the Playground Building Project. Please contact Bill if you can help out.
- Camp Royal is coming up. We need a volunteer to just approach Beyer Counselors to arrange a list of interested students to be interviewed for the opportunity to attend. Interviews will take place later, then two males and two females will be chosen to attend the event. See President Bill if you can help with this small task.
- Scholarships are approaching. Interviewing applicants will take place in a couple of months. We need interested members to conduct the interviews. See President Bill if you are interested. You are promised to come away very impressed.
- Any Members who are interested in attending the Annual District Conference March 30 - April 1 at the Tenaya Lodge, in Fishcamp, CA. on the way to beautiful Yosemite, see President Bill for details. This year's event is touted as the "High Country Hoe Down" with a Western theme.
- Just a few open classifications in our club: PILOT, PLUMBER, PRINCIPLE, RETAIL, WRITER, CHILDCARE, CLERGY, COMPUTER, ELECTRICIAN, FARMER, LANDSCAPER, MUSICAL, NURSERY
- We will donate \$100 to help fund the El Salvador earthquake relief effort. The money from our club will buy 5 buckets, each containing beans, rice, corn flour, cooking oil, blankets, diapers, toilet tissue and bandages for a family of four that will last 4 or 5 days. District Governor Gordon Kennedy had the following to say about the effort: "February is World Understanding Month, and what better way to observe it than to show our compassion to those peoples of El Salvador and India that have so tragically experienced the recent earthquakes. While in San Salvador I met with Vicente Pascual, District Governor of the Santa Tecla area and pledged \$ 5,000 from our District Designated Fund through our Foundation giving to help with the relief. This is truly the spirit of World Understanding and Service Above Self. Awareness has been Created and YOU have Taken Action".



MORE “DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT ROTARY”?

16 More Questions

1. What was the fundraising goal originally set by the PolioPlus Campaign, and how much was actually pledged and announced at the 1988 RI Convention?
2. How many countries currently report cases of polio?
3. What is the target date for the global eradication of polio?
4. When is the next meeting of the RI Council on Legislation, and how often does that body meet?
5. True or false: Attendance at the 2001 RI Convention in San Antonio, Texas, USA, will count as club attendance.
6. Where will the 2002 RI Convention take place?
7. The first contribution to The Rotary Foundation of RI, then called "The Rotary Endowment Fund," was made in 1918 by the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Mo., USA. What was the amount of that contribution? (Round it off if you like.)
8. As of 30 June 2000 (the end of the most recent fiscal year), what were total contributions to the Foundation?
9. What is the Permanent Fund?
10. What is the Avoidable Blindness Initiative?
11. What are the Four Avenues of Service?
12. What's the name of the annual publication that lists the names, chief officers and meeting times and places of the world's Rotary clubs?
13. Choose one: What is Interact? What is Rotaract? What is RYLA?
14. Answer three: When is Literacy Month? New Generations Month? Vocational Service Month? Rotary Foundation Month? Rotary Awareness Month? Magazine Month?
15. The 4-Way Test began in 1932 as a simple ethical yardstick. Who devised the test? (Extra credit if you can recite it.)
16. Are individual Rotarians members of Rotary International?

16 More Answers

1. U.S. \$120 million was the original goal, but at the 1988 RI Convention in Philadelphia a grand total of \$219,350,449 in contributions and pledges was announced with great fanfare. With subsequent contributions and interest earned, Rotarians have raised more than \$400 million for PolioPlus. By 2005, Rotary's financial contributions will amount to \$500 million.
2. Since Rotary launched its PolioPlus Program in 1985, the number of annual cases has been reduced by 95 percent. In 1985, 125 countries were polio-endemic. At the beginning of the year 2000, there were only 30 endemic countries, and it is expected that the number will have dropped to 20 by the start of 2001.
3. The target date set by the World Health Organization for final certification — no reported cases of polio for three years — is 2005, Rotary's 100th anniversary.
4. The next Council on Legislation will meet in April of this year in Chicago. The Council, Rotary's legislative body, meets every three years.
5. True. Attendance may be credited. So you don't have to worry about missing your club meeting if you're in San Antonio for the Rotary "fiesta" from 24-27 June.
6. Barcelona, Spain (23-26 June).
7. The grand sum of — ta da! — \$26.50. (It was worth much more then than now — but not that much more.) This was the surplus from the 1918 RI Convention in Kansas City, Mo., USA. Outgoing RI President Arch C. Klumph first suggested the creation of a Rotary "endowment fund," forerunner of the Foundation, at the 1917 RI Convention in Atlanta.
8. At the end of the 1999-2000 Rotary year, total contributions to the Foundation reached U.S. \$1.168 billion.
9. The Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation is an endowment fund from which only the earnings are spent in support of Foundation programs. Its objective is to provide a supplement to annual Foundation support, thereby providing a minimum level of program activity and facilitating new or expanded programs in the future. At the end of the 1999-2000 fiscal year, the fund totaled \$119.9 million, counting both gifts and expectancies. During the past five years, the net assets of the Permanent Fund have increased 161 percent.
10. Avoidable blindness is one of President Devlyn's main emphases for 2000-01. He has appealed to districts worldwide to allocate their unused 2000-2001 SHARE funds (Humanitarian Category) to the Avoidable Blindness Grants Pool, which will provide the Foundation's match for club and district Matching Grants projects that help fight avoidable blindness. For more information on the Avoidable Blindness Initiative, see this month's The Rotary Foundation column on page 56.
11. Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service.
12. The Official Directory.
13. Interact refers to Rotary club-sponsored clubs for young people dedicated to service and international understanding. Membership is open to students at the secondary school (ages 14-18) level. Rotaract refers to Rotary club-sponsored clubs for young adults (ages 18-30) for the purpose of developing leaders and service-minded citizens. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a program for young people, intended to develop qualities of leadership, good citizenship and personal development. RYLA programs may be conducted at the club or district level, and most often occur in either a seminar or leadership camp format.
14. July is Literacy Month. September is New Generations Month. October is Vocational Service Month. November is Rotary Foundation Month. January is Rotary Awareness Month. April is Magazine Month.
15. Herbert J. Taylor of Chicago, who served as RI president for 1954-55, created the test for employees of his company. Here are the words: The 4-Way Test 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?
16. No. Rotarians are members of their Rotary club. Only Rotary clubs are members of Rotary International.

MARDI GRAS

Save the Date! Saturday February 24th, at Sky Trek the PARENT RESOURCE CENTER will be hosting Mardi Gras. \$35.00 per person. Cajun Buffet by Paul Tremayne, Tresetti's World Café. Music by The Blues Box. "Hurricanes" featured at the bar. Beads and Masks Provided.

Invitations will be available at next meeting. Should be a great time with proceeds benefiting the organization that is most dear to the hearts of Modesto North Rotarians.

FEBRUARY 27 NOON MEETING

We will be meeting with the other area clubs on Tuesday at Noon, Feb. 27th at the Double Tree Hotel. President Bill is aware that some members cannot make it to Noon meetings, though all are encouraged to try. REGRETS ONLY...

WE NEED A COUNT. IF YOU CANNOT MAKE IT YOU MUST CALL PRESIDENT BILL (524-6452) BY TUESDAY FEB 20TH.

There will be no meeting at Appetez on Monday the 26th. Let's have a great showing at the Tuesday Lunch Meeting.

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Meetings of Area Rotary Clubs

Mon. noon Modesto Gateway
Doubletree, Downtown Modesto

Tues noon Modesto
Doubletree, Downtown Modesto

Tues noon Turlock
Turf Club, Fairgrounds, Turlock

Wed. 7:00 a.m. Turlock Sunrise
Latif's Restaurant, Golden State, Turlock

Wed. noon Modesto East
Hazel's, 12th St, Modesto

Wed. noon Oakdale
Oakdale C.C., N. Stearns Rd, Oakdale

Thurs. 7:00 a.m. Modesto Sunrise
Andiamo's, N. McHenry Blvd, Modesto

Thurs. noon Riverbank
Del Rio Restaurant, Atchison & Santa Fe

Fri. 6:45 a.m. Salida
The Fire Station on Broadway in Salida

Fri. 12:15 Ceres
Jenny's, Herndon Ave and Hatch, Ceres

Modesto North Rotary Club

Monday Evenings 6:15 PM

Meeting Location: Appetez

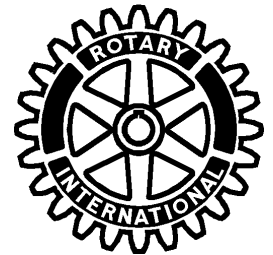
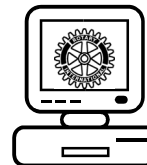
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