

**Rotary at a glance:**

**Rotarians: 1,176,169**  
**Clubs: 29,968**  
**Districts: 530**  
**Countries: 163**  
**Rotaractors: 159,114**  
**Clubs: 6,918**  
**Countries: 147**  
**Interactors: 170,800;**  
**Clubs: 7,426**  
**Countries: 106**  
**Rotary Community Corps: 3,809**  
**Countries: 58.**

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of Rotary International is:

- To support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary;
- To globally promote the concept of service as a worthy endeavor;
- To strengthen and expand Rotary to communities around the world; and
- To foster unity among member clubs of the association.

**Collated Humor?  
From Siefkin**

Laura Bush moved the First Lady's office back to the East Wing of the White House. According to Argus Hamilton, it's a statement that she has no desire to meddle in domestic or foreign policy. She's so much like her husband.

Yogi Berra was once told by New York Mayor John Lindsay that he looked cool in his new summer suit. "Thanks," Berra replied, "you don't look so hot yourself."

Richard Nixon returned to his cabin at Camp David and announced, "I scored 126!" Henry Kissinger, in a flattering voice, said, "Your golf is improving, Mr. President." "I was bowling," Nixon snapped.

When the late Victor Mature applied for membership in the exclusive Los Angeles Country Club, he was rejected on the grounds that they didn't accept actors. "I'm no actor," Mature is supposed to have protested, "and I've got 64 pictures to prove it."

**A, B, ...**

Last week we heard about the A's. This week we hear from the B (BEE). Rich Estrada will be present discussing Agriculture in our region.

**THE SHADOW WILL KNOW**

Be prepared to sign up for our clubs Job Shadowing program. President Elect, Elect Gene Wilkens has the plan to allow club members to provide insight and inspiration about their careers to eager students. More information about participation in this worthy endeavor will be forthcoming.

**MARCH SPECIAL DATES**

**Joined Rotary:**  
 Doug Ridenour 3/95  
 Tony Varni 3/91  
**Birthdays:**  
 Don Mikkelson 3/2  
 Doug Ridenour 3/11  
 Bill Compton 3/14  
 Marshall Berg 3/21  
 Lee Willems 3/27



**Upcoming Events**

Monday March 19	Meeting at Appetez - Rich Estrada, Modesto Bee on Agriculture
Monday March 26	Meeting at Appetez - Allen Short - MID
Monday April 2	Meeting at Appetez - Greg Richie, Sleep Disorderrrr...ZZZ ...ZZZ
Monday April 9	Meeting at Appetez - Dave Dolonar, County Wellness & Safety Fair
Monday April 16	Meeting at Appetez - Russian Students and MUNFW
Monday April 23	Meeting at Appetez - Club Assembly and Bike Ride Meeting
Monday April 30	Meeting at Appetez - Interact and New Member Talks

# George's Corner

Contributed by George Betker

## ATTENDANCE

THE MEMBERS LISTED BELOW MISSED THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS. YOU CAN MAKE UP A MISSED MEETING TWO WEEKS BEFORE AND TWO WEEKS AFTER THE MISSED DATE AT ANY CLUB IN THE WORLD. IF YOU MADE UP PLEASE ADVISE GEORGE B. ASAP.

NAME	2/12	2/27	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26
MARSHALL BERG				X		
BOB BLAEUER	X	X	X	X		
WRAY LADINE				X		
TOM MUNOZ				X		
TRI PHAM			X	X		
NOEL PRICE				X		
TIM SALTER	X	X	A			
TODD VENTURINI			X	X		
LORRAINE VAN VALKENBERG	X	X	X	X		

IF WE MISSED YOU AT OUR LAST MEETING, PLEASE MAKE UP OR IT COULD COST YOU UP TO:  
 1ST MISSED MEETING \$15.00  
 2ND MISSED MEETING \$20.00  
 3RD MISSED MEETING \$25.00

### CANYON CLASSIC CENTURY

#### BIKE RIDE

JUNE 2, 2001

WE NEED A SIGN MAKER FOR THE SPONSOR SIGNS AT THE BIKE RIDE. ANY VOLUNTEERS?

MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO IS COMING FORWARD TO BE SPONSORS BUT WE ALSO NEED OUTSIDE COMPANIES. WE HAVE 6 PAID RIDERS TO DATE

**BRING A FRIEND TO ROTARY  
 CREATE AWARENESS  
 TAKE ACTION!**

### PLEASE HELP!

President Bill is still looking for a volunteer to take up the SMALL task of contacting Beyer High to arrange for students to apply for Camp Royal. See President Bill if you can manage this minor request.

## This Week In History

### Associated Press

**1794** -- Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

**1923** -- President Warren G. Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax report.

**1939** -- The republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation.

**1964** -- A jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy.

**1967** -- The body of President John F. Kennedy was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery.

**1991** -- Speakers at a Los Angeles Police Commission hearing demanded the ouster of Chief Daryl F. Gates in the wake of the videotaped police beating of motorist Rodney King.

**1996** -- During a visit to Israel, President Bill Clinton pledged \$100 million to the fight against terrorism.

### From David Letterman



#### Top Ten Things We Learned from the Clinton Years

10. That Hee-Haw crap's funny on TV but not in the White House
9. A White House internship provides hands-on experience
8. It's a good idea to replace the Oval Office carpets every once in a while
7. You can jog every day and still be a chunky tub
6. You can have sex without having sex, as long as while you're having sex you don't actually have sex
5. As long as the economy is good, Americans believe anything you tell them
4. Considering his taste in ladies, it's a good bet Bubba's been drunk since '92
3. Hillary looks really hot in those pantsuits
2. You can be Vice President in the most prosperous time in America, run against a dumb guy, get more votes and still lose
1. It's bent

## AVENUES OF SERVICE

For seventy years (since 1927), The program of Rotary has been carried out on four Avenues of Service originally called channels. These avenues — club service, vocational service, community service and international service — closely mirror the four parts of the Object of Rotary:

**Club Service** includes the scope of activities that Rotarians undertake in support of their club, such as serving on committees, proposing individuals for membership, and meeting attendance requirements.

**Vocational Service** focuses on the opportunity that Rotarians have to represent their professions as well as their efforts to promote vocational awareness and high ethical standards in business. For decades, Rotarians have been applying the "4-Way Test" to their business and personal relationships and in recent years, a "Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions" has given expression to their concern for ethical standards in the workplace. From offering career guidance in high schools, to seeking ways to improve conditions in the workplace, Rotarians and their clubs engage in many different kinds of vocational service.

**Community Service** includes the scope of activities which Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. Many official Rotary programs are intended to meet community needs, whether it be to promote literacy, help the elderly or disabled, combat urban violence or provide opportunities for local youth.

**International Service** describes the activities which Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace. The spread of Rotary clubs across the globe allows for the concerted Rotary support of humanitarian efforts worldwide.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE



The 2001 District Conference will be held at the Tenaya Lodge in beautiful Yosemite. The event includes a Golf Tournament, Barbeque, Breakout Sessions, and a farewell "Black Tie Overall Ball". The Keynote speaker will be former P.O.W. Dave Carey. Entertainment and dancing will also be provided.

## St. Patrick's Day?

**Saint Patrick was not actually Irish.** Historical sources report that he was born around 373 A.D. in either Scotland (near the town of Dumbarton) or in Roman Britain (the Romans left Britain in 410 A.D.). His real name is believed to be Maewyn Succat (he took on Patrick, or Patricus, after he became a priest). He was kidnapped at the age of 16 by pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland (I am not making this up). During his 6-year captivity (he worked as a shepherd), he began to have religious visions, and found strength in his faith. He finally escaped (after voices in one of his visions told him where he could find a getaway ship) and went to France, where he became a priest (and later a bishop).

**When** he was about 60 years old, St. Patrick traveled to Ireland to spread the Christian word. It's said that Patrick had an unusually winning personality, and that helped him win converts. He used the shamrock, which resembles a three-leafed clover, as a metaphor to explain the concept of the Trinity (father, son, holy spirit).



**Legend has it** that Saint Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland -- that they all went into the sea and drowned. Poor snakes. I don't know why he would want to do this, except that the snake was a revered pagan symbol, and perhaps this was a figurative tale alluding to the fact that he drove paganism out of Ireland.

**MODESTO NORTH ROTARY RAMBLINGS**

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Meetings of Area Rotary Clubs

**Mon. noon Modesto Gateway**  
Doubletree, Downtown Modesto

**Tues noon Modesto**  
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**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

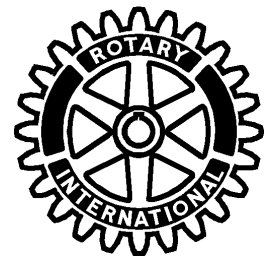
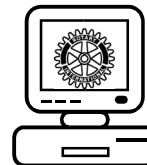
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