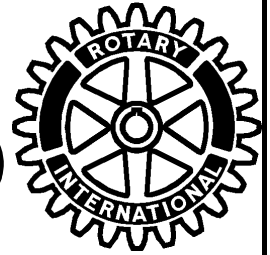


RAMBLINGS



"THE MOST WELL-ADJUSTED CLUB IN THE DISTRICT"

April 5, 2001

April is International Service Month

Issue 68

Only recently have Rotarians started to realize the critical importance of public relations in conveying the Rotary story. In the past, Rotarians were often hesitant to be recognized for their volunteer work. Today, we realize the many benefits of publicizing this great organization, so that the public learns more about our humanitarian efforts around the world.

Promoting Rotary serves three important objectives: it gains support for Rotary club projects; it attracts prospective members; and it inspires Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike to achieve higher levels of service. We need to be proactive in promoting Rotary and its mission. In 1905, founder Paul Harris shared his vision of Rotary with three men. Today, thanks to advanced communication technologies, we can share his vision with millions around the globe. We need to reach out to the public, to the community and to potential members so that they understand the true spirit and meaning of Rotary.

Together, let's *Create Awareness and Take Action* to publicize this great humanitarian organization. When people see the Rotary gear wheel emblem, they should instantly recognize it as a symbol of humanitarian service, international goodwill — and hope.

Frank Devlyn, RI President, 2000-01

EDITOR ERRORED

There is not a Board Meeting this Tuesday night as Ramblings erroneously reported last issue. The meeting was quickly held after the club meeting Monday night .



The change was made because to allow Presi-

dent Bill to travel to Mexico along with Past-President George Betker, along with a bunch of enthusiastic Interact youth. Can't think of a better way to kick off this month, which is International Service Month. The trip South is sure to do a lot of good, and create a lot of awareness because those traveling have chosen to take action.

SPONSERS ARE NEEDED

All club members are reminded to make an effort to attain sponsors for the Canyon Classic Bike Ride. Entry forms are beginning to roll in for what should be the most successful Canyon Classic in its History. Please do your part to help raise money for the causes our club supports.



THE ROTARIAN CHANGED

If the April issue of *The Rotarian* looks a bit different to you, you are right. It has been redesigned.

The Rotarian offers a contemporary, stylized look that is more compelling to readers, advertisers and prospective Rotarians. The editors have also updated the editorial content, introduced two new columns and will offer more symposiums and profiles of successful Rotarians and club projects.

First published in January 1911 as *The National Rotarian*, *The Rotarian* has a long tradition of editorial excellence. Seventeen Nobel Prize laureates, 19 Pulitzer Prize winners, and many world statesmen including Winston Churchill and Mahatma Gandhi have contributed to its pages.

While the magazine's look may have changed, its mission remains the same: to bring news of official RI policies; messages from the RI president; highlights of RI Board and Rotary Foundation Trustee decisions; information of club projects around the world and stories about The Rotary Foundation.

Check it out!

APRIL SPECIAL DATES

Joined Rotary:

George Betker 4/76
Noel Price 4/81

Birthdays:

Tony Varni 4/2
Gary Kirkpatrick 4/6
Randy Siefkin 4/25



Upcoming Events

Monday April 9
Monday April 16
Monday April 23
Monday April 30

Meeting at Appetez - Dave Dolonar, County Wellness & Safety Fair
Meeting at Appetez - Russian Students and MUNFW
Meeting at Appetez - Club Assembly and Bike Ride Meeting
Meeting at Appetez - Interact and New Member Talks

George's Corner

Contributed by George Betker

Proof That Idiots Roam The Earth

1. WILL THE REAL DUMMY PLEASE STAND UP?

AT&T FIRED President John Walter after nine months, saying he lacked intellectual leadership." He received a \$26 million severance package. Perhaps it's not Walter who's lacking intelligence.

2. WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS:

Police in Oakland, California spent two hours attempting to subdue a gunman who had barricaded himself inside his home. After firing ten tear gas canisters, officers discovered that the man was standing beside them in the police line, shouting "Please come out and give yourself up."

3. WHAT WAS PLAN B???

An Illinois man, pretending to have a gun, kidnapped a motorist and forced him to drive to two different automated teller machines, wherein the kidnapper proceeded to withdraw money from his own bank accounts.

4. THE GETAWAY!

A man walked into a Topeka, Kansas Kwik Stop, and asked for all the money in the cash drawer. Apparently, the take was too small, so he tied up the store clerk and worked the counter himself for three hours until police showed up and grabbed him.

5. DID I SAY THAT???

Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words, "Give me all your money or I'll shoot," the man shouted, "That's not what I said!"

6. ARE WE COMMUNICATING??

A man spoke frantically into the phone, "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No!", the man shouted, "This is her husband!".

7. NOT THE SHARPEST TOOL IN THE SHED!!

In Modesto, California, Steven Richard King was arrested for trying to hold up a Bank of America branch without a weapon. King used a thumb and a finger to simulate a gun, but unfortunately, he failed to keep his hand in his pocket. (hellllloooooo!)

8. THE GRAND FINALE

Last summer, down on Lake Isabella, located in the high desert, an hour east of Bakersfield, California, some folks, new to boating, were having a problem. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get their brand new 22 ft. Bayliner to perform. It wouldn't get on a plane at all, and it was very sluggish in almost every maneuver, no matter how much power was applied.

After about an hour of trying to make it go, they putted to a nearby marine, thinking someone there could tell them what was wrong. A thorough topside check revealed everything in perfect working condition. The engine ran fine, the outdrive went up and down, the prop was the correct size and pitch. So, one of the marina guys jumped in the water to check underneath. He came up choking on water, he was laughing so hard. NOW REMEMBER THIS IS TRUE....Under the boat, still strapped securely in place, was the trailer!

This week in:

1818 — Congress decided the flag of the United States would consist of 13 red and white stripes and 20 stars, with a new star to be added for every new state of the Union.

1841 — **President William Henry Harrison** succumbed to pneumonia one month after his inaugural, becoming the first U.S. chief executive to die in office.

1850 — The city of Los Angeles was incorporated.

1887 — **Susanna Medora Salter** became the first woman elected mayor of an American community — Aragonia, Kan.

1902 — British financier **Cecil Rhodes** left \$10 million in his will to provide scholarships for Americans at Oxford University.

1945 — During World War II, U.S. forces liberated the Nazi death camp Ohrdruf in Germany.

1949 — Twelve nations, including the United States, signed the North Atlantic Treaty.

1968 — Civil rights leader **Martin Luther King Jr.**, 39, was shot to death in Memphis.

1975 — More than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crashed shortly after take-off from Saigon.

1981 — **Henry Cisneros** became the first Mexican-American elected mayor of a major U.S. city — San Antonio, Texas.

1983 — The space shuttle *Challenger* roared into orbit on its maiden voyage.

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Meetings of Area Rotary Clubs

Mon. noon Modesto Gateway
Early Dawn, Kansas Ave. 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
Alderete'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

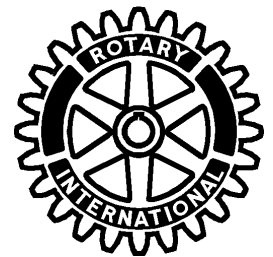
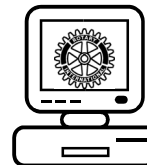
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