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## Apologies

We apologize for the lateness of this newsletter, which was written by **Jim Thompson** and caused the editor's computer to crash upon transmission.

## Sacramento County Budget Insolvable Mess



Fourth District Supervisor **Roger Niello**, from the Downtown Club, classification "Auto Dealer--Honest," explained how the county was dealing with a projected \$30 million budget shortfall that had ballooned to \$70 million. He was introduced by **Tom Knox**.

According to Niello, the Sacramento County budget is "a hell of a problem. We have no idea how to solve it." This year the state has cut \$77 million in programmatic costs, and additional cuts are expected to slash another \$22-\$30 million. Some of this trickles down to the counties, so the state politicians don't have to take the heat for the cuts.

Most of the County's budget is fixed and non-discretionary, Niello said. About 80 percent of the money the County receives is a "pass through for mandatory social

services programs (i.e., welfare) that cannot be cut. The County has about \$400 million in local revenue, but \$300 million is dedicated to matching-fund mandated programs, so if the County cuts its participation, it loses the matching funds, and ends up even farther in the red ink. This leaves Sacramento County with only a measly \$100 million in discretionary income. To balance its budget, the supervisors had to slash spending on discretionary items. In cutting programs, the board's first priority was to protect essential services in public safety, including law enforcement and fire protection. Its second priority was to fill in gaps left in the "safety net" of social programs on which it is forced to spend 80 percent of its budget. Niello said that he was outvoted on this issue.

Third, the Board attempted to protect the quality of essential municipal services like



**Aug. 8 — Next Meeting**

**Speaker: Congressman Doug Ose**

**Aug 5 — Board Meeting**

**Aug 16 — Beer Judging**

**Sept. 20 — 19<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**California Brewfest**



**1. Is it the Truth?**



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**GLAD HANDERS**

G=Pam Lapinsky  
T=Judy Daniels  
M=Candy Dahl

garbage collection and libraries and the like. Fourth, the Board tried to preserve general government functions. Any money left over was used to fund what is left of prevention programs.

To illustrate how this all works, Supervisor Niello produced a bag of coins, then took them away as he ticked off what they were used for. By the time he got to priority number 3, Mr. Niello was pretty much out of coins. So, apparently, is Sacramento County.

Not surprisingly, according to Niello, personnel costs account for the largest portion of the County's discretionary budget, and there have been significant increases this year in fringe benefits including health care, retirement benefits, and worker's compensation coverage. Niello explained that the county does not make anything or sell anything, so, unlike a car dealership, it doesn't have any inventory costs, and most everything it spends is on personnel.

**President Drew** had some highly flattering comments about our speaker, who is on the Port Commission, and happens to be Drew's boss. Currying favor, The Prez said, "I have a great deal of respect for him." In response to a question from **Bud Ackerman**, Supervisor Niello announced that he is interested in running for the Assembly.

**Carl and Earl Attend Portland Brewers' Festival**



**Carl Naake** and **Earl Dempsey**, co-chairs of this year's Brewfest, reported that they attended the Portland Brewers' Festival. They got to ride on an airplane. They got to drink a lot of beers. They had a good time. They brought **President Drew** a really cool T-Shirt with a Duck on it. They got to sit at the head table. They reported that Portland Brewers' Festival makes a lot of money, which figures, according to **Jim Woodside**, primarily because Portland is a lot closer to the University of Oregon campus than Sacramento is. In other Brewfest News, **Paul Adams** reported on the promotion package being put together by "the Zone." The club is seeking Pod Sponsors. The Rhythm Vandels will play for us. **Jack Kasper** has probably already sold about 1,568 tickets, as usual. **John Oglesby** bought 10, but not from Kasper (or from me, because I inadvertently overcharged him last year).

**Opening Ceremonies**

The August 1st meeting started off with a rousing rendition of "Yankee Doodle

2. Is it fair to all concerned?



**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL MISSION**

To support its member clubs in fulfilling the Objectives of Rotary by:

- Fostering unity among member clubs;
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world;
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and
- Providing a system of international administration.

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- 1<sup>st</sup>. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- 3<sup>rd</sup>. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life.
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Dandy" ably led by **Guy Heilman**. **Bill Dunk** provided a thought for the day, and included a " thanks for the memories" tribute to the late **Bob Hope**.

**NEWZ Threatened with Litigation**

**Carol Van Bruggen** demanded a retraction from *Drewz Newz*, which erroneously published her name beneath a picture of **Monica Liewenski** and The Prez. Editor **Randy Bechtel** skipped the meeting to avoid having to face Carol. Barrister **Tom Knox** was going to represent Carol, but he got confused and started explaining Freedom of the Press and the Newz' right to print all the newz that's fit to print and a lot of it that ain't. Anyway, we're sorry Carol.

**Dirty Dozen Crashes Meeting**

The infamous "Dirty Dozen" of former 20/30 fame attended the meeting en mass, all seven of them. They wanted to see how their old buddy, Prez Drew was doin'. Hullen went home with the raffle of \$56. For those of you who don't know the story, the Dirty Dozen was recruited by Lee Marvin, a fire-eating major, from various military prisons and dropped behind Nazi lines, where they took over a castle and almost single-handedly won World War II. Drew was glad to see them and explained to this reporter that 20/30 was "sort of like a fraternity for guys under 40." Junior League? Egad!



*Above are members of the infamous "Dirty Dozen": back row Buzz Wiesenfeld (wannabe Dirty Dozen member), Drew Houghton (DD#6), and George Hullin (DD#4); front row: Jack London (DD#5), Aubrey Hubbert (DD#3), Butch Corum (DD#8), Bruce Risley (DD#1), Dave Zancanaro (DD#2), Fred Harter (DD#9). Absent from the picture but present was Kevin O'Connor (DD#12). Absent and not pictured: Ray Webber (DD#7), John Drury (DD#10), Bruce Levering (DD#11).*

**Food Rated Delicious**

Our culinary critic reports that the eggs were bouncy, the syrup warm and sticky, the sausage greasy, the oatmeal a touch on the bland side, and the coffee black, bitter and indescribable. "My coffee tastes just like it came from Starbuck's," chirped **Carol Van Bruggen**, with her hand wrapped around a tall, plastic-lidded, paper cup with brown writing on it. "It don't taste too good, but at least it don't make you sick," said a Rotarian, speaking on condition of anonymity. What about the fruit? The **NEWZ** invites your comments on all matters culinary and tasteful. Bon appetite!

**3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**



**Dist5180 MAKE-Ups**  
(See [www.Rotary5180.org](http://www.Rotary5180.org))

**MONDAY**

**11:30 - South Sacramento**  
Casa De Los Ninos Rest

**Noon - Oroville**  
Depot Restaurant

**Noon - Citrus Heights**  
CH Comm Center

**Noon - Foothill Highlands**  
Lionsgate Hotel-McClelland Park

**Noon - Walnut Grove**  
Wimpy's Restaurant

**6:45 pm - Fair Oaks**  
F.O. Comm. Clubhouse

**TUESDAY**

**7:00am - Mather/Perkins**  
La Bou Bakery & Café

**7:00am - Oroville-Sunrise**  
Depot Restaurant

**7:00am - Sacto Breakfast**  
Carrow's 2800 J St.

**7:00am - Sutter Buttes**  
Bonanza Conv Center

**Noon - Arden Arcade**  
Chateau Restaurant

**Noon - Rancho Cordova**  
Elks Lodge

**Noon - Roseville**  
Sierra View CC

**6:30 pm - Carmichael**  
Café Capri Restaurant

**WEDNESDAY**

**7:15 am - Natomas**  
McDonald's

**7:15 am - Laguna/EGrove**  
Valley Hi Country Club

**7:15 am - El Dorado Hills**  
EDH CommSvc Pavillion

**Noon - Rocklin / Loomis**  
Sunset Whitney CC

**Noon - East Sacramento**  
Del Paso Country Club

**Noon - Elk Grove**  
Vince's Restaurant

**Noon - North Sacramento**  
Double Tree Hotel

**5:30 pm - Midtown Sacto**  
Harlow's Restaurant

**THURSDAY**

**7:00am - Roseville Sunrise**  
Carrow's Restaurant

**12:15 pm - Sacramento**  
Call Peggy 443-1433

**7:00 pm - Folsom**  
Lew Howard Park

**FRIDAY**

**7:00am - Orangevale**  
La Placita Restaurant

**12:15 pm - Granite Bay**  
Piatti's

**12:15 pm - West Sacto**  
Club Pheasant

**Softball Team Loses  
to Downtown.**



**Bud Phillips** admitted we lost, but would not tell us what the score was. **Scott Lipper**, who played shortstop for the Downtown Club, was fined \$20 for hitting a home run against us.



**Kerry Gordon** rang the bell for \$100 in honor of his son Scott, who plays golf at U.C. Davis. Kerry assumed an office with the NCGA, and threw out the first pitch at a recent River Cats Game.

**Deepindertrett Kaur Wins  
Rotary Scholarship**

**Deepindertrett "Preet" Kaur**, a June graduate of Encina High School received a scholarship of \$2000 from our club to attend California State University, Sacramento, where she intends to study biological science, as a premedical course. She is one of our club's success stories, according to **Buzz Wiesenfeld**, who introduced her. Dipindi is a charming and poised young lady, an excellent scholar,

and is well deserving of the club's assistance. Way to go, Preet!

**Judge Abbott to Crack  
Whip for New Members**

**Dave Abbott** announced that the entire club will be organized into teams to entice new members into joining our club this year in a massive new year-long membership drive. There will be prizes of some kind. We will hear a lot more about this in the future from Hizzonor.

**Next Meeting**

Same time next week. Same Place. Same food.

Innovator Next Week: **John Koogle**

Greeters: **Pam Lapinski** and **Judee Daniels**

Money Changer: **Candy Dahl**

Tickets: **Scott Daulton**

**Rick Bixler** will tell us where he has been for a term.

**4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**