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*Guest speaker Kristen Taylor O'Calahan, pictured with President Drew seated to her left, seemed spooked during her presentation on Special Olympics. The cause apparently was the Goofy doll staring at her from the podium.*

## Special Olympics' Kristen O'Calahan Clears Hurdles

After a nervous start, speaker **Kristen Taylor O'Calahan** provided PWR an enlightening overview of Special Olympics, an organization now 35 years old and active in 140 countries. Introduced by **Bud Ackerman**, Kristin said Special Olympics stages sports competitions throughout the year for more than a million mentally challenged athletes ages eight and older. More than 14,000 of the athletes live in Northern California, 2,000 of whom reside in Greater Sacramento.

Participation in events is free to

athletes of Special Olympics, which receives its funding from private donations and spends approximately \$350 per athlete. Athletes between the ages of 25 and 35 account for the largest segment of participants, although athletes are matched according to their levels of mental acuity -- not ages -- in competitions.

While Special Olympics encourages the competitive spirit, volunteers congratulate all participants for their efforts with hugs after each competition. Kristin noted that 46 athletes from Greater Sacramento participated in the last worldwide competition, held in Dublin Ireland.

Following her presentation, Kristin declined **President Drew's** offer to be



**Oct. 3 — Next Meeting**  
Speaker Col. Jim Crump, Tuskegee Airman  
**Oct. 2 — Causeway Classic Luncheon at Convention Center**  
Contact Sacramento Rotary Club  
**Oct. 10 Meeting**  
Speaker Jim Harrington,  
District 5180 Governor  
**Oct. 17 — PWR Night at the Trotters**



1. Is it the Truth?



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a “hugger” for Special Olympics and an invitation to see his slides of Australia, including never-before-seen shots of Sydney bordellos.



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*Russ Hibbard, football coach and athletics director at Encina High School, receives a check for \$2,000 from President Drew to help purchase new football uniforms. Money for the donation came from proceeds of PWR's Fireworks Booth and the club's Benevolent Gift Fund. After the presentation, Bill Fobes challenged PWR members to donate more to the cause, raising another \$5,000 on the spot.*

## Woollgar Inducted

PWR now has the capability of baking its books worldwide with the induction of **Mark Woollgar**, international accountant. Mark, whose last name rhymes with “vulgar,” (a point made by **President Drew** with flash cards), is a native of South Africa who married an English wife before being imported

to the U.S.A. by Siemens Corp. He has resided in Sacramento for two years and now works as a private consultant. Mark's bio notes that he was once an accomplished competitive swimmer, a claim that spurred **President Drew** to say: “You don't look like an athlete.” Unable to respond during his induction, Mark told *Drewz Newz* he would gladly compete with The Prez anywhere, any time, and before any judges -- male or female – in any event that requires the wearing of a Speedo.

## New Members Don't Need No Stinkin' Badges

The ceremony to award new members their permanent badges was, like most awards ceremonies, all about fashion, this one focused on the bowtie of master-of-ceremonies **Dave Abbott** in his bid to revive the haberdashery of the late **Bud Collier**. And to tell the truth, the ceremony offered little more than Dave's bowtie for spectators. Five of the awardees were absent, one of whom had already quit the club. Of the two present, one was **Randy Bechtel**, editor and reporter of *Drewz Newz*, who delayed the proceedings by remaining in his seat oblivious as usual to everything around him. He



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- 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.
- 4<sup>th</sup>. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

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was later hugged by **Kristen Taylor O'Calahan**.

**NEWZ in Brief**

**Jeff Simcoe** asked PWR members to submit suggestions for charities worthy of donations from the club's Benevolent Giving Fund.

**Carl Naake**, Brewfest co-chair, reported gross profits for the Ninth Annual Brewfest approximated \$30,000. Carl thanked the members who helped clean up afterward. The successful event went without mishap except for the minor incident of five fat chicks bitch-slapping **Earl Dempsey** in the fountain.

**Dan Hall**, whose will call procedures for the Brewfest have become a cult favorite, resisted calls for an encore recital saying it was time for him to move on to other roles.

**Paul Snyder**, co-chair with **Bob Porter** of the Fun Committee, said sign-ups will be taken at the next meeting to attend "A Night at the Trotters" at Cal Expo on Oct. 17. Featuring a buffet dinner, the event welcomes members' spouses, significant others, dates, one-night stands and even **President Drew's**

newest squeeze, the Goofy Doll that appears on the podium of all our photographs.

**A Word From Your President:**

My fellow Rotarians:

It is late Friday evening as I write this note to all of you. Today's meeting is now many hours old and as I reflect on the events of our meeting, I continue to be humbled and proud of the outpouring of the generosity and compassion that comes from our club. Your spontaneous gesture of support in raising an additional \$5,000 for the Encina High School sports program was truly above and beyond the call of duty and the highlight of my term to date.

To stand at the podium and witness a sea of arms shoot into the air in response to Bill Fobes' challenge will not be forgotten by me. I only wish Coach Hibbard had been there to witness it first hand himself.

I have contacted Myrtle Berry, Principal of Encina, and have asked her to ask Coach to return on October 10<sup>th</sup> to receive our second check. The Coach does not know

**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

Town & Country Village

**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 CommSvcPavillion

**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**

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**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

why he is returning, so let's keep it our little secret until then, and I hope all of you can be in attendance in two weeks for that presentation. After learning of Coach Hibbard's own generosity and dedication to his students, I believe he and we are all "on the same page" when it comes to being dedicated to helping the youth of our community gain a better sense of self esteem, pride and teamwork.

Thanks to all of you who participated today...and a special thanks to Bill Fobes for standing up and making the challenge.

*Drew Houghton*

### Next Meeting

Speaker: **Col. Jim Crump, Tuskegee Airman**

Invoker: **Lorili Ostman**

Greeters: **Scott Graham**

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4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?