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History Is No Divine Right To Profit

Speaker **Stan Van Vleck** said the biggest enemy farmers face is government. True though this may be, it is not a conclusion that jumped out listening to Stan describe the financial plight of his family's century-old ranch near Rancho Murietta. From a farming perspective, the Van Vlecks' greater enemies seem to be the lack of an estate plan which, with the death of Stan's father, resulted in the IRS demanding 50 percent of the sprawling ranch's value, and lack of an agribusiness model to compete with the likes of Harris Ranch. In fact, Stan said his family's claim to being farmers has been tenuous since the 1950s, when most the ranch's operations were switched from farming to recreation and training facilities.

In the pursuit of those businesses, the government definitely has become Stan's enemy, and specifically Sacramento County, which is asking Stan to pay \$30,000 each for use permits to cover everything from the ranch's helicopter training site to its lake for bass fishing. Adding insult to injury has been the county's purchase at twice market value of nearby acreage to create a park. Why, asked Stan, should the county use taxpayer money to buy land and hire employees to compete with the Van Vleck Ranch, whose profits and employees pay county taxes? Good question that no one could answer. One thing is certain: Stan is

paying a pretty price to sing: "From the Halls of Montezuma/ to the shores of Tripoli/ the land's called the Van Vleck Ranch/ and it all belongs to me."



*Winners of the PWR Halloween costume contest pose with winner wannabes. Third prize went to **Gary Pevey** (the orange Arnold Schwarzenegger), who was awarded a Port of Sacramento cap; second prize to **Dan Haverty** (Smokey the Bear) who was awarded a Port of Sacramento calculator; and first prize to **Amo Romero** (hospital patient with an exposed butt) who was awarded a Port of Sacramento calculator and T-shirt. Not pictured was fourth place winner **Gary Disher** who came as himself and received a coupon good at the Denny's nearest to the Port of Sacramento.*



Nov. 7 Meeting
Club Assembly
Seating Assigned According To
New Membership Drive Team
Nov. 15 — District 5180
Foundation Dinner
Nov. 20 — Festa de Vina Meeting
Dec. 20 — Holiday Cocktail
Party at Bob Porter's House



1. Is it the Truth?



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News Meeting
Speaker: Club Assembly
Invoker: Bruce Levering
Greeters: Randy Bechtel and
Lou Fifer
Money Changer: Rich Fathy
Tickets: Jim Fletter

Haverty Inducted

Sponsor **Doug Weill**, never one to see the forest for the trees, claimed there is no straighter arrow than **Dan Haverty** as Dan stood next to him dressed as Smokey the Bear. Fortunately for Dan it was Halloween, the only day of the year that his wardrobe escapes criticism.

A 20-year veteran of fire service with degrees from Sac State and USC, Dan is currently the fire service representative of the National Guard to the state's Homeland Security Program. He has been married for 30 years and has three children.

Andriesse Ponders Who Should Go Down Under



Roger Andriesse, who will lead the District 5180's team for Rotary's Group Study Exchange to Australia in February and March, sat at the head table with **Alesia Rogers**, one of 19 candidates for a team that will consist of four members and two alternates. Alesia, an employee of the Department of Water Resources, seemed an able young woman who also registers high on the **President Drew** babe meter. Roger said he was very torn over whom to select after communing with all the

candidates recently at Lake Tahoe (a tale of woe not heard since **Earl Dempsey** lamented having to leave his wife to attend the Portland Brewfest). We can only advise Roger to put his faith in the Almighty, whose guidance will probably lead him to select five Alesias and, as last alternate, a token male named Skippy. Post script: After the return of our team from Australia, Australia will be sending a team of its own for which volunteers are needed to provide room and board. Contact Roger to volunteer.

Newz In Brief

- **Sande Monagan** was awarded her first Paul Harris fellowship.
- **Carl Naake** presented Boy Scout Andy Viasie with a check for \$200 for Troop 136, which assisted with the Brewfest.
- **Jeff Owensby** rang the bell for \$100 to commemorate his vacation in Kauai, where he stayed at the bungalow once occupied by **President Drew**. Jeff graciously shared his accommodations with a family of homeless squatters consisting of a single mother and four children whose only possessions were Port of Sacramento calculators.
- Invocator **Bruce Levering** prayed for Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Kings.



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.

The Objectives of Rotary

1st. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

2nd. 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.

3rd. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life.

4th. 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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Call (916) 456-1500 to make an appointment and be sure to credit PWR Acct #6656.

Designated Seating At Nov. 7 Meeting

The Nov. 7 meeting will be a club assembly where members will be asked to sit with their designated teams for new member generation. Teams appear below:

1. **BUD ACKERMAN**

- Charlene Drabant
- Ron Neal
- Tom Safford
- Gino Corti
- Mike Meighan
- Amo Romero
- Bob Willett, Sr.
- Rob Angell

2. **GARY PEVEY**

- Jennifer Becker
- Pam Lapinski
- John Davis
- Ray Benetti
- Bill McIntyre
- Ed Goldkuhl
- Steve Weiss

3. **DOUG YOAKAM**

- Tom Harvey
- Tim Armstrong
- Cathy Copeland
- John Corcoran
- Chris Taylor
- Robert Halleck
- Rollie Peterson

4. **MIKE CENDRO**

- Ed Harrington
- Don Rasberry
- Randy Bechtel
- Paul Richardson
- Kirk Smith
- Ken Poelman
- Larry Challis

5. **DOUG WEILL**

- Todd Murray
- Russ Fuji
- Rich Fathy
- Earl Dempsey
- Gary Disher
- John Bell
- Mike Bookout

6. **LOU FIFER**

- Larry Suddjian
- Jim Hare
- Dick Oliver
- Claudette Ostrander
- Carl Stein
- Roger Andriess
- Dennis Wessler
- Lewis Knight

7. **KEITH TRONSON**

- Jack Kasper
- Ed Straine
- Dave Thimgen
- Jim Thompson
- Glenys Zimrick
- Jim Fletler
- Darryl Vasko

8. **ROGER GASKIN**

- Gary Woods
- Roger Bennett
- Rick Bixler
- Tom Christensen
- Jim Coulter
- Dave Garese
- Paul Smith

9. **ROB SOWELL**

- Dick Prater
- Paul Adams
- Buzz Wiesenfeld
- Re-Bob Willett
- Jamie Williams
- Bill George
- Paul Snyder

10. **BOB SIEGLITZ**

- Bob Porter
- Bill Dunk
- Gardner DeBack
- Del Countess
- Dave Sarten
- Marty Haley
- Geoff Simcoe

11. **CARY OKUMURA**

- Ken Morris
- Don Jamison
- Richard Cross
- Peter Madsen
- Carl Knopke
- Guy Heilman

12. **CHRIS LITTLE**

- Carol Van Bruggen
- Don Levin
- Gary Hardesty
- Bob Berger
- Al Howenstein

13. **BETH LEONARD**

- Dick Goodell
- John Caselli
- Don Delach
- Maria O'Neil
- Jeff Owensby
- Rob Kitz
- Carl Naake

14. **JOHN KOOGLE**

- Bill Fobes
- Sande Monagan
- Bud Phillips
- Jerry Reguera
- Anne Sanger
- Brian Kraft
- Dave Mrizek

3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?



Dist5180 MAKE-Ups
(See 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 & Caf 

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

Caf  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

15. **TOM KNOX**

Randy Kilgore
Rich Graber
Roger Gilleland
Judee Daniels
Robert Ellis
John Lindow

16. **WALTER HELM**

Scott Daulton
Monte Watson
Bob Tilly
Dean Wilkie
Jim Woodside
Viggo Mathiesen
Bill Robinson

17. **GARY GUENTHER**

Sandy Thompson
Tim Maliepaard
Kerry Gordon
Dave Christenson
Paul Cunha
Mark Woollgar
Dave Randolph

18. **KIRK GIBERSON**

Tom Slagle
Candy Dahl
Stacy Schuman
Richard Price
Daniel Hall
Scott Graham
Jim Peck

Next Meeting

Jeff Owensby will be our invocator.

Rob Kitz and **Rollie Peterson** will be our greeters.

Randy Kilgore will be on money.

Brian Kraft will be on tickets.

Guy Heilman will lead us in a patriotic song.

4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?