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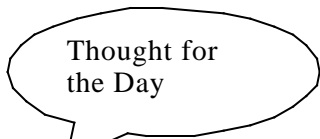
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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting/18<sup>th</sup> Term

“Hello, my name is **Sandy Thompson** and I am still your President! Our double duty **Guy Heilman** led us in Our Pledge of Allegiance and helped us all “**Jingle Bells**” (President Sandy noted that **Claudette** was particularly enthusiastic during this rendition to the point of “jingling her bell earrings!” (Editor’s note: “**Stainless Steel Sandy**” has lost the screws from her right wrist and is sporting a regular cast).



**PE Drew Houghton** shared...

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year olds:

### What does LOVE mean?

The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined:

**Chrissy—age 6**

“Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs”

**Billy—age 4**

“When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth.”

**Karl—age 5**

“Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.”

**Mary Ann—age 4**

“Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone outside all day.”

**Karen—age 7**

“When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.”

**Mark—age 6**

“Love is when mommy sees daddy on the

toilet and she doesn't think it's gross.”

**Lauren—age 4**

“Know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.”

**Chris—age 8**

“Love is when mommy sees daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.”

**Noelle—age 7**

“Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday.”

**Jessica—age 8**

“You really shouldn't say ‘I love you’ unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.”

**Nikki—age 6**

“If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.”

**Bobby—age 5**

“Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents...and LISTEN.”



Dec. 27

Happy Holidays-**NO Meeting**

Jan. 03

Happy 2003-**NO Meeting**

Jan. 10

Jeff Float-1984 Olympic Swim Champion

“The Olympic Experience”

**Remember Breakfast Costs \$1 more now**

Jan. 17

Club Assembly-No Guest Speaker

Jan. 24

Ted Robinson- U.S. Navy, Retired  
“PT Boats/JFK/The History Channel”

Jan. 31

Chaplain Mindi Russell  
Sacramento Law Enforcement Chaplaincy



1. Is it the Truth?

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## INVOCA-T'TOUERS

12-27 No MEETING  
01-10 Tim Maliepaard  
01-17 Mike Meighan  
01-24 Ron Neal  
01-31 ADG Larry Suddjian

## GLAD HANDERS

12-27  
NO MEETING  
01-10  
Gary Pevey  
Bud Phillips  
Jeff Owensby  
01-17  
Gary Pevey  
Bob Porer  
Bud Phillips  
01-24  
Dick Prater  
Dave Randolph  
Bob Porter  
01-31  
Dick Prater  
Jerry Reguera  
Dave Randolph

## AGING PWRs

01-02 Bill George  
01-03 William McIntyre  
01-06 Gary Woods  
01-09 Doug Yoakam  
01-10 Bud Ackerman  
01-11 Lou Fifer  
01-14 William Dunk  
01-15 Jim Peck  
01-16 Geoff Simcoe  
01-17 Mike Cendro  
01-19 Al Howenstein  
01-20 Dick Goodell  
01-22 John Koogle  
01-23 Don Delach

Headtablers today were **William McIntyre**, **Carol Van Bruggen** and **Gary Wendell** of Christmas Promise.

Special Guests introduced by **Madam President** included **Leslie Jeske**, Catering Manager for our weekly B'Fests; **Laura Bersinger**, PWR Ambassadorial Scholar; **Joyce Jong**, another of our Ambassadorial Scholars, and **Tevye Ditter**, and yes indeed, **ELVIS** was "in the building". (See below).

**President Sandy** shared that Leslie and the hotel were providing today's breakfast at no charge to our club—THANK YOU, LESLIE!

While we were a bit sparse on visiting Rotarians and visiting guests...a warm PWR welcome was extended to each.

— **Carol VanBruggen** sang

## **"Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire"**

and then what to our wondering eyes and ears should appear?...no not Santa, but the voice of Elvis!... A we were entreated to enjoy **"A Blue, Blue Christmas ..."** sung wonderfully by **Carol's** talented friend, **Tev.** \_

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Holiday Ringers Still Needed

**Walter Helm** announced a few slots still open to help today with The Salvation Army. **Bellringing starts at 10 a.m. today** at the Arden Fair Macy's (we've been assigned two doors).

The **Holiday Food Give-Away** (off Richards Blvd. on 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue) on **Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** is fairly well staffed, but if we could have a few more people to help in staging the food at 5:45 a.m. tomorrow—it would be **WONDERFUL!** Note that those in need line up as early as 4 a.m. to receive the food give away that starts at 7 a.m.. See **Walter after the meeting.**

**Make A Difference—Get a Make-up...  
BUT ONLY IF YOU PUT IT ON  
THE SIGN-IN SHEETS!!**

## **BE THE DIFFERENCE !!**

**Buzz** rose to underscore the urgent need for HOST mentors. Excerpts from yesterday's news follow:

*"Under the federal "No Child Left Behind Act" Will Rogers Middle School, Jonas Salk Alternative Middle School and Encina High School were required to revise their curricula to bolster students' scores on standardized tests. At Jonas Salk in the Arden area, middle school students' scores on the California Standards Test were among the district's worst. This is the second year the school failed to meet the target growth in student performance set by the State Department of Education.*

*Encina High School in Arden Area has suffered two years of setbacks in meeting its target growth. While both Jonas Salk and Encina showed overall gains in their Academic Performance Index scores—which rate individual school performance and are used to dole out rewards and sanctions—their scores remain among the lowest in the state."*

**The need is urgent—100 more tutors are needed at Jonas Salk on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.**

**Buzz underscored the urgency of the situation and acknowledged the Gift of your Time as PRICELESS!!**

**You can make the PRICELESS difference in a student's academic and life path success!!!!!!!** (Editor's note: I can't possibly use the # of exclamation points) **Please call Billie Snow at 488-4275**

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**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**

- 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.

**DONATE Your BLOOD**  
 Call (916) 456-1500 to make an appointment and be sure to credit PWR Acct #6656.

## Presidential Thanks

**President Sandy** acknowledged and thanked the numerous PWR's who helped with the Encina High Freshmen Feast this past Monday, with special kudos to **Charlene Drabant** for her outstanding directing of these special event.

Additionally **Madam President** expressed her appreciation for all those contributing to the success of this week's special mentor event at Encina High.



The Board of Trustees has set a 3-year goal to reach \$250K. The present balance is \$68K and climbing. Your PWR Foundation Board of Trustees:  
 Jack Kasper, Chair  
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 Carol Van Bruggen,  
 Investment Advisor  
 The PWR Foundation presented a check of \$5,000 to **PWR CLUB**.

An increase of \$1.00 for the cost of PWR breakfasts will take effect January '03

### NEW MEMBER WELCOMED

**Larry Suddjian** and **Tim Maliepaard** introduced our newest member for 2002:  
**Classification: Architect-Residential**

## David Thimgan

Born and raised in Eastern Nebraska, he immigrated to California in 1960. Happily married to Melanie (a former Rotarian), David has one daughter, three sons, and five grandsons. He graduated from University of Nebraska School of Architecture and is a licensed architect in 13 states. He has been in Rotary for 26 years in Virginia, Alabama, and Santa Clara, California (2 clubs). He is Past President of Santa Clara West. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and his wife, daughter and 3 sons are Paul Harris Fellows. David relocated to the Sacramento area in 2000. Receiving the official PWR white box and his PWR pin—we're very pleased you've joined us, David!

## PWR's "12 Days of Christmas"

Sharing a historical perspective on the upcoming musical rendition to be undertaken, **Bill McIntyre** informed us that from 1550-1830 Roman Catholics were forbidden to practice their religion in public and that the lyrics from this traditional Christmas song are actually taken from a secret catechism that could be shared publicly...did you know the "Partridge in a Pear Tree" referred to Jesus and the "Ten Lords a-Leaping" meant the Ten Commandments? Well, this is where serious meaning ended and somewhat unsure of revising this club tradition... **Bill gave us a sample "10 layers looting"...** called our attention to the number in the middle of our tables...noting there were only 11 tables he indicated we'd cut the verses short, however...that would never do and the head table was solicited into song as the 12<sup>th</sup> Day lyricists. So for what its worth...and please realize being there didn't really make it sound any better than it appears in print:

*"On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me...  
 1 Accountant shredding  
 2 Lawyers looting  
 (Indeed they did steal Bill's example!)"*

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

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**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**  
Sacramento Capital Club  
**7:00am - Sutter Buttes**  
Bonanza Conv Center  
**Noon - Arden Arcade**  
Jose's (old Palomino Rm)  
**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**  
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

*3 Ambassadorial scholars*  
*"The 4 way test"*

*5 Weeks at Maui*

*6 packs a-drinking*

*7 Sandy's slippin'*

*8 Viagra samples working*

*(Guess what Eli Lilly rep sat at this table?)*

*9 Drew's a-bowling*

*10 Winos wine-ing*

*11 49er's losing*

*12 tables singing...*

*And a partridge in a pear tree!"*

**Carol Van Bruggen** introduced our Guest (but no stranger to our club) Speaker, **Gary Wendell** of Christmas Promise. "Christmas Promise is a non-profit organizations staffed by volunteers. Since 1981, this project, with support of the businesses and private citizens of the Sacramento area, has brought joy to thousand of our neddier neighbors. We serve referrals from local and service agencies."

Christmas of 2001 saw Christmas Promise fulfill the wishes of 1,479 children. We learned that \$.97 of every \$1.00 donated goes directly to the kids. There is no paid staff. Last year they gave away approx. 15,000 presents including 750 sweat suits, 900 coats, and 520 sleeping bags (not for camping but to function as a bed. Numerous pairs of shoes are also among the gifts. A wonderful arrangement has been made by a local shoe chain that enables the shoes to be exchanged if they don't fit, and what the children don't know is that if they pick out a pair of shoes more expensive than the ones they were given, the shoe store generously provides them the shoes at no extra charge to Christmas Promise or the child...an further extension of the philanthropic spirit in our community. 85-90% of all the gifts are distributed on Christmas Eve with the remainder in early January. Volunteer "Santas" with two other volunteer helpers. Only Santa enters the household and he can only answer two questions...**Who are you?---I'm Santa Claus. Where are you from?—The North Pole**

No other responses are necessary. While it is illegal for the program to ask for referrals

from the schools (privacy issues), Children Protective Services and other social service agencies will make referrals. Christmas Promise makes every attempt not to repeat Santa visits from year to year. The children and their families do not know that Santa is coming. "But the young children believe that the volunteers really are Santa Claus, and the parents, often through tears of joy and disbelief, know that someone out there cares. Gary tugged our heartstrings in sharing his stories from visiting Santa...but the letters asking for firewood to keep warm or the letters asking for Santa to "get rid of the cockroaches" were particularly poignant. Many PWR's have been "Santa" and **Rich Faber** shared that for his two sons, now grown, it is their family tradition to serve in this way.

**Carol** and **Tev** sang a lovely duet while the \$ were tallied. **President Sandy** requested the wonderful catering staff that assists so graciously each Friday morning to step forward for a round of applause and our appreciation. A holiday envelope was presented to **Juanita, Doug, Tony and Corey**.

**Gino's** raffle was donated to Christmas Promise. Announcing that \$9,500 had been raised today with \$4,000 of that going to **Christmas Promise**, **President Sandy** shared she couldn't believe that her term was had over and with tears in her voice **Madam President** expressed her gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for all the fun she's been having as our President and for the wonderful club and individual assistance and support she experienced this year. Wishing us Joyous Holidays blessed with Family, Health and Safety, **President Thompson** adjourned his 23<sup>rd</sup> **PWR** meeting.

**PEACE & JOY—**

**SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!**

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