



# The Sign of The Times

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## Point West Rotary Election Held Without Incident

SACRAMENTO, CA – The 22nd meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> term in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the Rotary Club of Point West – Sacramento was gavelled to order by President **Mark Copeland** at precisely 7:19 A.M.

**Ken Poelman** was called upon to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Maestro **Guy Heilman** lead a solid version of America given the challenging acoustics of the “big room”.

**Dave Garese** was slated to give the Thought for the Day” but was nowhere to be found so **Bruce “The Reverend” Levering** stepped up to the podium for the Thought for the Day and provided a very nice impromptu invocation

Following the introduction of guests President **Mark** introduced those seated at the Head Table. Seated on President **Mark’s** right were **Thom Mischley** and **Rick Bixler** and on **Mark’s** left were speaker **Melissa Skorka** and **Don Jamison**. And as always President **Mark** introduced himself and thanked everyone for being “Great People Doing Extraordinary Things” and stating Rotary International’s 2004-05 theme – Celebrate Rotary.

Among the honored guests discovered via table introductions included District Governor **Steve Lemmon**, **Bill McIntyre’s** lovely wife **Betty McIntyre** and the youngest PWI Rotarian, **Jennifer Curtsinger’s** new baby boy. Joining President **Mark** at the head table were **Todd Christiansen**, the irrepressible **Rick Bixler**, guest speaker **Melinda Skorka** and introducer, classy preowned auto magnate **Don Jamison**. President **Mark**, introduced himself and recited, for the two of you who smoked too much grass in the 70s, the PWR theme of “Great People Doing Extraordinary Things” and the RI theme of “Celebrate Rotary”.

### Upcoming Greeters, Tickets & Cashiers

**Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** Rick Singer – Speaker  
John Bell – Greeter  
Kevin Valine – Greeter  
Gary Woods – Tickets  
Ray Benetti – Cashier  
Rev. Lewis Knight – Invocator

**Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>** Gary Wendell/Christmas Promise  
Jamie Williams – Greeter  
Karl Forste – Greeter  
Don Delach – Tickets  
Ed Goldkuhl – Cashier  
Ed Goldkuhl – Invocator

**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** **NO MEETING**  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>** **NO MEETING**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

**Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>** **SPECIAL MEETING**  
**RI President Glenn Estess**  
**at the Hyatt!!!**

**Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>** Heifer Int’l. Foundation – Speaker  
Ed Goldkuhl – Greeter  
Karl Forste – Greeter  
Jamie Williams – Tickets  
Don Delach – Cashier

**Foundation Month:** **Larry Suddjian** urged the PWR members to get your RI Foundation checks in as only 45 of 153 members have contributed in connection with the annual RI drive---the *Sign of the Times* is considering publishing the names of all members and putting contributing members in supportive bold print. Consider giving a contribution so that your name does not appear to be faded in the *Times* –Ahhhh, the power of an abusive press!

**Centennial Project:** **Gary Hardesty** announced that we are in the home stretch of completing the Centennial Construction Pro-



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## Board of Directors Meetings

Held at 7:00am on the first Tuesday of each month at Wickland Oil Co. 3610 American River Dr., 140 Sacramento, CA 95864



## 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.

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ject. The project will be dedicated on January 3. The christening of what will now become the "world famous" Encina snack shack (including a service window I presume) may be witnessed by none other than **Glenn Estess**, the RI President. Thanks to Bob Willett, Jr. who was the original source of the Snack Shack idea.

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## Membership "Comings" & "Goings"

*In the "Comings" category are the following individuals who were presented at the November board meeting for consideration as prospective new members. Please make them welcome.*

### Greg Garcia

Business: Foster Appraisal  
Classification: Real Estate Appraisals  
Sponsor: Bud Ackerman & Sandy Thompson

### Ron Little

Business: Little & Associates  
Classification: Real Estate Appraisals  
Sponsor: Todd Murray & Scott Daulton

### Dave Black

Business: Black and Company  
Classification: Accounting – Forensic  
Sponsor: Carl Naake & Gary Pevey

Please remember that membership is the lifeblood of any organization. Share the Rotary experience. If you know of anyone interested in Rotary or someone who would benefit from the Objectives of membership in Rotary **please** contact **Dave Abbott** (874-8690) or **Gary Woods** (567-2625) or visit the PWR website for more information on requirements for membership as well as requirements for sponsoring a prospective member.

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**Anniversary Party:** Todd Murray, Esq., after tossing aside a comment from Ford representative **Bob Porter**, reminded everyone

that the PWI 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary shindig will be a black-tie-preferred event at Del Paso Country Club. If you want a tux at a discount from the Tuxedo Den for the affair, call **Bud Phillips**. If interested in helping out with the event, give **Todd** or **Bob Porter** a call.

**Birthday Wishes:** President **Mark** rounded up a round of Happy Birthday for the PWI members born in November and December and those forgotten in October (e.g. **Drewbie**—well at least he was told that he was merely forgotten).

**Encina Business Academy-Tour of Business:** **Kirk Smith**, co chair of the Encina Tour of Business announced the completion of the first Tour of Business day and expressed great appreciation to **La Salle Thompson, Peter Madsen, Rich Fathy, Gardiner deBack and Dan Haverty** for letting the Encina High school students tour their businesses and offices. **Kirk** also provided a sincere thanks to all of the PWR members who helped out with the transportation of the students during the day of the tour.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing:** **Head Elf Scott Graham** is heading up the annual PWI Salvation Army bell ringing on **Friday, December 17** at Cal Expo Gate 12 from 9-11 a.m. **Scott** will have a sign up sheet at the meeting this week. Step up and show some true PWI holiday spirit!

**Festi Di Vino:** Fireman **Dan Haverty** announced that there is only 169 days until the 2005 Festi Di Vino. Buy your tickets now before they are all gone!! **Dan** promises to make no further announcements if the event is sold out by this Friday. If you are interested in helping with the event, planning meetings will be held on Mondays at lunch time—contact **Dan** for information.



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## 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

Mills Station Community Hall

7:00am – Oroville-Sunrise

Depot Restaurant

7:00am – Sacto Breakfast

Ganul's J Street Cafe

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

Uptown Café

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

**RI Presidential Visit:** President **Mark** indicates that there are still tickets available for the January 3<sup>rd</sup> dinner with visiting RI President **Glenn Estess**. The dinner will be at the Hyatt and will be \$45—sign up with PWR COO **George Daniels**.

**Science Club Strikes Again:** In his relentless pursuit to make America the world education leader or at least to try making the PWI members actually think, **Bob “Mr. Wizard” Tilly** springs a pop science word quiz on the membership.

**Leonel “Leo” Figueroa—New Member Read-In:** Judge **Dave Abbott** read in new member **Leo Figueroa**, who has previously participated in rotary in Mexico for 17 years. Sponsors **Dave Garese** and **Dave Sarten** introduced themselves to **Leo**. **Leo**, of course, needs no introduction as the membership is well aware of **Leo** and his wife **Cristina** as they have been attending our meetings for several months and recently brought sustenance (i.e. food) in support of the Snack Shack work force. **Leo** was excited to join our club and indicated PWR should have as its official theme: “Rotary with an attitude!” Welcome to the club **Leo!**

**Oliver Returns for Hot Chile Trip:** **Dick Oliver** stepped up to provide a meandering account of travels through the valleys and mountains of Chile, appearing to meet a Rotarian from Central and South America at every rest stop. **Dick** unsuccessfully tried to parlay the chance encounters into make up credit. However, he did bring President **Mark** a cheap hat and some Pisco.

**Dave Sarten buys new Digs:** **Dave Sarten** rang the bell in celebration of his new digs, but intelligently did not tell any of the PWI members where it was located out of fear that some PWI might try to visit him.

**Haverty celebrates New Family Member:** Honorary Italian **Dan Haverty**, who will take the lead in the club’s annual Bacchus festival in the Spring, rang the bell in honor of the marriage of one of his children.

**Guest Speaker: Dandy Don Jamison** introduced guest speaker, 9/11 eyewitness **Melinda Skorka**, who presented a compelling coordinated narrative/picture show of her experience in lower Manhattan on 9/11. **Melinda**, a Rotary scholar and instructor at Sacramento State provided a sobering reminder of the event and an uplifting description of how it had a positive proactive impact on her life. **Melinda** plans on joining the Peace Corps.

**Future Board Members:** As his last official act as immediate Past President (Ye-hah!!!!!--sorry **Drew**), **Mr. Houghton**, ordinary citizen, announces that **Gary Hardesty**, **Earl Dempsey**, **Lou Fifer** and **Al Howenstein** were elected as new board members and **Doug Weill** beat out **Other** by one vote to become the upcoming President elect (By the way---where was **Doug??**).

## ROTARY on KVIE

**KVIE** will air the documentary “*The Last Child: The Global Race to End Polio*” during December. This is a great chance to learn more about the amazing work done by Rotarians all over the world for the benefit of all people to end this devastating childhood disease. Learn how PWR members’ contributions have been applied through the Polio Eradication Campaign.

Program will air:

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00PM

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00PM

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00PM

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00PM