



# The Sign of The Times

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## Copeland's Inaugural Meeting Hailed As A Smashing Success

Sacramento, CA, July 2, 2004 – A new era began for the members of the Rotary Club of Point West at precisely 7:15 a.m. PST. New Club President **Mark Copeland** started off the meeting with a nod to his predecessor **Drew Houghton** by playing some of that annoying music which led off each of Drew's "Rock 'n Roll" Rotary meetings. The nod came to a crashing end as President Mark smashed the music player with a sledgehammer, much to the amazement and wild cheering of the assembly.

With that bold and decisive move Mark Copeland began his term as the 20<sup>th</sup> president of the Rotary Club of Point West – Sacramento (a.k.a. "Point West Rotary" or "PWR").

In keeping with all Rotary Clubs in the United States, the members pledged allegiance to the flag led by **Dave Mrizek** and sang a rousing rendition of *America* orchestrated by maestro **Guy Heilman**.

Next up, PWR members were "blessed" be the presence of the "Reverend" **Bruce Levering**. Following a brief yet serious invocation the "Reverend" lightened the mood with his pat-

## Upcoming Greeters, Tickets & Cashiers

**July 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Tom Slagle – Greeter  
Sue Redding – Greeter  
Tom Stafford – Tickets  
Kirk Smith – Cashier  
Bud Ackerman - Invocator

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Paul Snyder – Greeter  
Sue Redding – Greeter  
Carl Stein – Tickets  
Dave Mrizek – Cashier  
Paul Adams – Invocator

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Dave Mrizek – Greeter  
Paul Snyder – Tickets  
Carl Stein – Cashier  
Ray Benetti – Invocator

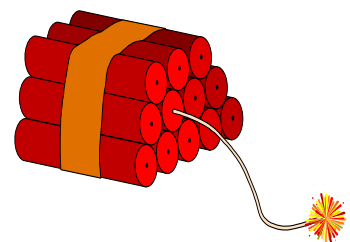
**July 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Carl Stein – Greeter  
Dave Mrizek – Tickets  
Paul Snyder – Cashier

ented polemical poetics. (*Success* on page 2)

## The BIG BANG Theory by Cary Okumura

Point West Rotarians were responsible for an explosive Independence Day celebration around the Sacramento region. Thanks to everyone who helped out with this year's Fireworks Booth the kids in Sacramento had a blast this past Sunday night.

The fireworks booth is an important fundraising vehicle for our Club. Thanks again to all who were able to lend a hand!



**July 13 – 7:00a.m. – Board Meeting**

**Wickland Oil Co. Offices**  
**3610 American River Dr., Suite 140**





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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.

## DONATE Your BLOOD

Call (916) 456-1500 to make an appointment and please ask them to credit our Point West Rotary Account #6556

## Membership Column

*The following individuals were presented at the June board meeting for consideration as prospective new members.*

### Jeff Rosa, D.D.S.

Business – Martyn F. Rosa, D.D.S., Inc.  
Classification – Dentistry  
Sponsor – Bob Tilly & Bruce Levering

### Tamara Turco

Business – Turco Designs  
Classification - Interior Designs  
Sponsors – Bob Tilly & Bruce Levering

Help 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.

## SUCCESS – (continued from page 1)

Second in line of the day's Past President Parade was **Dave "Hizzonor" Abbott**. In recognition of Independence Day Judge Dave gave a special reading of Patrick Henry's stirring speech to the Second Virginia Convention in Richmond, VA on March 23, 1775 in which he uttered the now famous phrase, "give me liberty or give me death." Through the ages the eloquence and passion of Mr. Henry's words still stir the hearts and minds of patriotic Americans and lovers of freedom everywhere.

President Mark then went about the room asking for introductions of guests, of whom there were many. Among those in attendance were District 5180 Director **Steve Lemmon** and current

Arden-Arcade Rotary President **Howard Stagg**.

Mark took the opportunity to recognize his boss **Rick Wiedner** and several fellow co-workers for their support while he negotiates the challenges of his presidency during the coming year.

Before the introductions were complete President Mark received "bellingers" from **Dan Kohl**, Past President of the Rotary Club of Sacramento and **Del Countess** who was celebrating the final payment on his daughter's UCLA tuition.

Finally, President Mark acknowledged those seated at the Head Table – **Charlene Drabant** (PWR Rotarian of the Year), President Elect **John Koogle**, and Past Presidents **Drew Houghton** and **Sandra Thompson**. Again, the parade of past presidents continues...

Upon introducing himself as "your President for the Centennial Term", President Mark shared his "theme" for the term. After great deliberation and discussion among the lawyers in the club Mark declared his theme as "Great People Doing Extraordinary Things". Mark's original choice of theme was "Just Do It" but when the lawyers got involved it was deemed a non-started and a committee of these lawyers decided GPDET was the way to go. By contrast Rotary International's theme this year is "Celebrate Rotary." President Mark went further explaining the club's goals for the next year and introducing some of the club's new of-



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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  
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

ficers (please see the left column on page one of the newsletter for a complete listing of the cast of characters.) Very ambitious bunch of lads and lasses though fortunately the number one goal is "Have Fun!" Something we can all certainly wrap our brains around.

And speaking of wrapping brains...next up was past president **Todd Murray** who presented a clever yet thoughtful proclamation, or "**Presidential Citation**" to immediate past prez **Drew Houghton**. Very nicely done and (if we are to believe the hype) this is to be a regular occurrence by **Todd Murray** and **Tom Knox**. Pity the poor recipients of this award!

A bit of sad news slipped into an otherwise joyous occasion as **Charlene Drabant** reported that PWR Charter Member **Gino Corti's** wife **Angie** passed away. Charlene and **Dick Prater** visited with Gino and reported that he is doing well but asked that we keep Angie and Gino in your thoughts and prayers. Charlene indicated that per Angie's wishes there will be no service.

Coach **Monte Watson** reported that the PWR softball team played its best defense of the season in holding the East Sac Rotary team to just 5 runs. Unfortunately, for PWR's sluggers the East Sac Rotary team had an even better defensive game and held PWR to only 4 runs. But not to worry, the post game pizza and beer were both winners!

Past president **Tom Slagle** amused us with a brief post demotion party announcement about "Drew's Last Ryde".

Seems a good time was had by all, though Drew's memories appear fuzzy and there are apparently pay-per-view photos on the internet that illustrate how much fun he had dancing to the J-Rollerz.

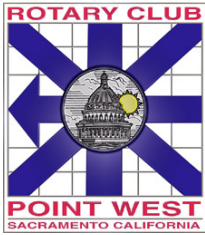
Rounding out President Mark's first meeting was a slide show presentation which could have been called "**Travels with Mark and Kathy**." While not exactly, Arthur Frommer or Rick Steves, Mark did have a few pointers for those wishing to travel to Japan. Mark, Kathy and several other Point West Rotarians who made the trek to Osaka, Japan for the International Rotary Convention reportedly had quite an interesting time.

Also, in this slide show was evidence of the wackiness that occurred at Drew's Demotion Party. Tom Slagle is providing the photos along with the negatives for a very modest price to anyone who wishes to purchase them.

President Mark made two more quick announcements – "Rotary Day" at the Rivercats will be on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Call Mark if interested in attending. This is a District 5180 event and all proceeds will benefit Polio Plus. Second, the Sacramento Rotary Club will host "The Road to Athens" luncheon next Thursday at the Convention Center. Call 443-1433 for tickets.

**Russ Fujii** won the raffle and went home with \$67 in his pocket.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19.



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