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Koogle Reigns for a Day

SACRAMENTO, CA, His honor-in-waiting, future President **John Koogle**, stepped out of the on deck circle and into the batters box, commencing the festivities of the lucky thirteenth meeting of the 20th term of the Rotary Club of Point West; right on time (somewhat of a shock to the membership's nervous system). **Roger Gilliland** led the pledge. **Guy Heilman** took the membership through the paces of God Bless America (this reporter was standing next to **Guy** and actually heard him carry a tune as he belted out the lyrics). While the gathered mass waited in vain for a punch line, invocator **Gardiner de Back** quoted an old Indian prayer about the white man having too much power, not enough peace of mind and destined to die an untimely death. With that cheery note, the meeting proceeded.

Those nonmembers in attendance included the ever popular **George Gomes** and **Billie Snow** of Hosts Program fame (X-President Drew, worried that *Sign of*

Upcoming Greeters, Tickets & Cashiers

- Oct. 1st** Club Assembly – No Speaker
Tom Christensen – Greeter
Erv McMullen – Greeter
Russ Fujii – Tickets
Roger Andriessie – Cashier
"Reverend" Bruce Levering - Invocator
- Oct. 8th** Dist. Gov. Steve Lemmon – Speaker
Tim Armstrong – Greeter
Jane Gallagher – Greeter
Sandy Thompson – Tickets
James Woodside - Cashier
Gary Disher – Invocator
- Oct. 15th** Joe Genshlea – Speaker
James Woodside – Greeter
Jane Gallagher – Greeter
Tim Armstrong – Tickets
Sandy Thompson – Cashier
"Rotarian of the Year" Charlene Drabant - Invocator
- Oct. 22nd** Francie Dillon - Speaker
Sandy Thompson Greeter
Jane Gallagher Greeter
Jim Woodside Tickets
Tim Armstrong Cashier
Bill Dunk - Invocator

CONGRATULATIONS!



Brewfest a HUGE Success!

Thanks for helping!

10th Annual California Brewers Festival

the Times reporters recently do not seem to be getting the story straight informs this publication that it is technically the "Hosts Program" and not the Host Program—this is evidence of the keen intellectual edge that a Chico State education will get you). **Billie** may soon become a member of PWR. Future Prez **John** introduces the head table consisting of **Scott Daulton** and **John Caselli** (no explanation as to why they are guarding John's flank). Although there is no one on **John's** left, he indicates that guest speaker **Steve Nilan** should be sitting there, along with in-



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Board of Directors Meetings

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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

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.

DONATE Your BLOOD

Call (916) 456-1500 to make an appointment and please ask them to credit our Point West Rotary Account #6656.

producer **Lou "the vampire" Fifer.**

John, not yet having a theme, proceeds with all due haste in an attempt to set the record for the shortest rotary meeting in PWR history.

Membership Column

The following individual was presented at the September board meeting for consideration as a prospective new member.

Eric Manning

Business: Tri Counties Bank

Classification: Banking – Commercial

Sponsor: Mike Cendro & Sandy Thompson

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brewfest: **Earl Dempsey** thanks the Brewfest subchairs and the membership for its outstanding support in pulling off an extremely successful Brewfest! Kudos to **Earl** and **Bud Ackerman**.

Upcoming Cocktail Party: **Bud Phillips** urges the membership to highlight Saturday October 23 on their calendars for an upcoming PWR cocktail party—sign ups have commenced. Do not miss the social event of October.

Centennial Project: **Gary Hardesty** reminds the club about the upcoming PWR Centennial Project. Ball player/architect extraordinaire **Rich Graber** has the blueprints done and the project will soon proceed.

Host Program: Hosts Program co-chair **Walter Helm** announces additional tutors are needed for the program. Remember, as they used to say in the old 20-30 club days, a person never stands so tall as when she or he bends to give a child a hand (or at least it went something like that.) Contact **Nancy Ferguson** or **Walter** for information. **THE STUDENTS NEED YOU!!**

Ambassadorial Scholar Program: XXX-President **Drew**, on a Dan Rather head hunting crusade, points out that the granting of \$2,500 ambassadorial scholar program scholarship announced in the *Sign of the Times* last week, was actually a \$25,000 scholarship for the student who will travel to Peru for studies. **Drewbie** also urges this reporter to report that the \$25,000 (put up by Rotary International) is a return that we get from our donations to the Paul Harris Sustaining Fund each year. In the past 10 years, PWR has received much more from Rotary International than we have given in Paul Harris funds. According to **Drewbie** "It's a great investment in the people from our community".

Foundation Dinner: Past PWR President **Larry Suddjian** announces the upcoming Foundation Dinner on November 6. The dinner is free (we think) for club members and \$37 for signifi-



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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

cant others. Stayed tuned for more information.

Important 2004-2005 Dates. Future President **John** announces that if you want a summary of all the important dates in President **Mark's** (who??) term (e.g. his demotion party) to see **John**.

Nonmember Combs Bears and Bestows Gifts: Returning from a search for his family roots, guest **George Combs** gives Pres-in-waiting **John** unlicensed/unlabeled Portuguese wine (is there any other kind??) and a wine bag to squirt it out of. **John** wonders if he has to give the gifts to President **Mark**, who is evidently on a yacht in the Delta,---the membership responds with a resounding NO!

Fireworks Fundraiser Presentation: **Cary Okumura** announces that the club, if he can find the check, is presenting the Encina Sports program with a \$2,000 check as a result of the Fireworks fundraiser---well, errr.....---the check is in the mail--really. Encina AD **Russ Hubbard** gratefully accepts the PWR IOU and seeks continuing support for the Encina sports programs. Good job **Cary**!

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

PWR fellowship begins at 7:00a.m. with the meeting beginning promptly at 7:15.

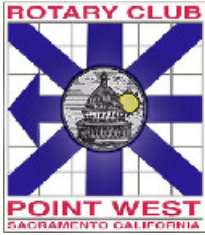
Sue Redding Fined. Stand-in-President **John** fines **Sue Redding** for failing to wear a pin in a photo taken in connection with a Business Journal story. **Sue** indicates that the picture was

taken before she was a PWR member---**John** indicates that he and President **Mark** are tired of hearing such lame excuses and fines her anyway.

Everlasting Love: Bob Willett Jr. announces that fellow member, and father, **Bob Willett** and **Bob Jr.'s** mother, **Helen**, are celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Guest Speaker: While guest speaker **Steve Nilan** waits for **Doug Weill** to get his power point presentation to the starting line, the membership is informed of a number of fascinating facts: (1) **Jennifer Curtsinger's** forthcoming baby is estimated to now be a whooping 6 lbs 11 ounces, with weeks of additional growth yet to come---ouch!; (2) **Karl Forste** has just returned from a trip to the exotic Far East; and (3) commodore **Paul Cunha** actually does own a boat. There is a sudden interest in what the leave of absence policy will be during **John's** term next year and even some mumbling about whether **Mark** is going to be back next week.

Steve Nilan, a 25-year friend and co-worker of **Lou Fifer**, provides (1) a French lesson (entrepreneur being derived from the French work "entreprendre", meaning one who assumes the risk (sort of like a PWR member coming to a PWR meeting)) and (2) an entertaining talk on the need for more venture capital in the Sacramento marketplace and the current state of the venture capital scene in Sacto. **Steve** notes that Silicon Valley talent is coming to Sacramento and that we are slowly getting



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on the entrepreneurship map. Meeting adjourned (French for ajourner—roughly translated into done for the day).

Karl Forste walked off with the \$50 raffle and the meeting adjourned.

DISTRICT 5180 NEWS

The Doubletree Hotel will be the site for the Rotary District Foundation Dinner on November 6th. Don't miss this one! Please contact **Dave Sarten** or **Larry Suddjian** for more information.

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT - The Rotary International President's Dinner will be held on Monday, January 3, 2005. District 5180 will host RI President **Glenn Estess** at the Hyatt Hotel in Sacramento. This unique event will be an "official" meeting for PWR as the previous Friday is dark in observance of the New Year's holiday. More details to come soon.

CELEBRATE ROTARY!!!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Rotary Club of Point West – Sacramento will celebrate its 20th Anniversary at the Del Paso Country Club on Saturday, January 29, 2005. Anyone interested in helping plan this event please contact **Todd Murray** or **Bob Porter**.