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Point West Rotary Meets Under the Big Top

SACRAMENTO, CA, President **Mark Copeland** opened the 16th meeting of the 20th term of the Rotary Club of Point West – Sacramento pool side in the cool, plastic pavilion promptly at 7:15 a.m.

Tom Safford was able to remember the Pledge of Allegiance. **Guy Heilman** reverted to the old standby of *America* and was rewarded with a fairly decent sounding performance by the membership.

Charlene Drabant, after being showered with shouts of “we love you” from the audience, evidently concluded that if she was going to talk about politics, she needed to talk as long as a politician. **Charlene** regaled the membership with a tale of the politician who was offered a choice between heaven and hell and was given a day to sample each locale to make up his mind. On visitation day, hell looked sweet, with green golf courses and plenty to eat; while option B, heaven, did not look very appealing. After choosing hell, the politician was surprised to find a significantly different environment of poverty and menial labor. When the deceased politician asked the residents of hell what happened to the good life and goodies on display when he was checking hell out, the residents of hell (mostly made up of other dead politicians and past PWR members) proclaimed that on visitation day they were seeking the deceased politician’s vote; but that after hell won out over heaven in the election, the Hellions could revert to their normal lifestyle.

President then **Mark** introduced those individuals gracing the head table, being the likes of **Jim Hare** and **Dan Haverty** (no explanation of the reason for permitting them to sit so close to President **Mark** that they could touch his robes). Literary genius and newsletter magnate **Chris Little** was there to introduce former

Upcoming Greeters, Tickets & Cashiers

Oct. 22nd Francie Dillon - Speaker
Sandy Thompson – Greeter
Jane Gallagher – Greeter
Jim Woodside – Tickets
Tim Armstrong – Cashier
TBD – Invocator

Oct. 29th Dan Walters – Speaker
John Bell – Greeter
LaSalle Thompson – Greeter
Bruce Levering – Tickets
Carol Van Bruggen - Cashier
Robert Ellis – Invocator

Nov. 5th Bruno Cohen – Speaker
LaSalle Thompson – Greeter
Carol Van Bruggen – Greeter
John Bell – Tickets
Bruce Levering – Cashier
Rich Fathy – Invocator

mayoral candidate and active native son **Joe Genshlea**, the guest speaker. President **Mark**, with help from his agenda prompter, remembered to introduce himself and to reiterate the PWR theme of “Great People Doing Extraordinary Things” and the RI theme of “Celebrate Rotary”.

Brewfest: Brewman Bud Ackerman elected to keep the membership in suspense as to whether this year’s Brewfest was profitable, in addition to being a great party, by indicating that receivables were still being collected. Please turn any ticket money you have to **Kirk Smith** so Bud and Earl can close the books on this great event.

Centennial Project: Gary Hardesty announced that demolition work in connection with the Centennial Project Snack Shack commences this Saturday, October 23. Bring your hard hats and support to Encina High at 8 a.m. this Saturday (far too early in the morning according to X-President **Drew Houghton**). Insurance man **Kevin Valine**



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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

- 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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indicated that volunteers, who might include those members who are hammer-and-nail challenged, were needed to bring carbs for the working men and women. If the demolition goes quickly, **Gary Hardesty** excitedly announced there was even a possibility some concrete might be poured on the 23rd, seeking to whip up help and excitement among the general membership. **Tom Knox** wanted to know who the litigation subchair was on the project—sounds like a volunteer.

Membership Column

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

Jerry Avila

Classification: Banking – Commercial
Sponsor: **John Lindow & Paul Adams**

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.

Hosts Program: **Walter Helms** still seeking more tutors for the Jonas Salk Hosts Program, introduced Jonas Salk principal **Jodi Graf** and Hosts program director **Sherri Inegana** (seeking to fill the big shoes of retired program director **Billie Snow**). **Jodi** graciously thanked PWR for its long term support and encouraged the membership to drive by and admire the school's lighted sign erected with PWR assistance. **Sherri**, also thanked the club, noting that 47 volunteers are helping with the pro-

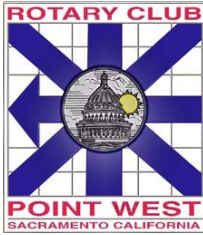
gram. However, **Sherri** indicated that the program could really use another 53 volunteers to maximize its potential—please consider participating in this very worthwhile club effort! The contribution of your time involves *only 1 hour per week, and possibly as little as one hour every two weeks*. Contact **Nancy Ferguson** or **Walter Helm** for information.

Upcoming Cocktail Party: The cocktail party is coming up this weekend on Saturday October 23. Festivities start at the home of member **Richard Price**. 80+ are participating in the social event of the fall. Call **Bud Phillips** for details.

Foundation Dinner: Attend the upcoming Foundation Dinner on November 6. The dinner is free for club members and \$37 for significant others. Call **Larry Suddjain** or **Dave Sarten** for more information.

Benevolent Giving: **Judee Daniels**, who is heading the PWR benevolent giving effort, urged members to step forward and to inform the club about worthwhile charities aiding children in the region. **Judee** noted that the experience and knowledge of the members who are involved with charities is the best source determining worthwhile beneficiaries of the club's fund raising efforts.

Encina Mentoring: **Kirk Smith** announced meetings are commencing for the Encina mentoring program. Efforts at Encina High include the Business Academy, which enables the high school students to learn about different professions and businesses. On a related note, a Tour of Businesses is planned—if you or one of your customers or clients would be a good prospect for the tour, please give **Buzz Wiesenfeld** or **Kirk**



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Dist5180 MAKE-Ups
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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

Smith a call. More help in the Encina mentoring efforts is always appreciated.

Holiday Blood Appeal: Although blood czar **Lou Fifer** was M.I.A. from the meeting, **Lou** will be seeking blood donations by the members for the upcoming holiday season.

October: President **Mark** called for happy birthday wishes for all of the witches and warlocks who were “born” during the month of October. Retired President **Drew**, who lost in his bid to be added to Mount Rushmore, sought recognition as an October baby even though he was not among the named honorees. The club responded with a somewhat disjointed rendition of happy birthday.

Koogle's Wife Survives 40 years: President-in-waiting **John Koogle** rang the bell in celebration of his wife putting up with him for 40 years (as opposed to our future burden of having to put up with him for only 1 year.) The membership gave a rousing hand of sympathy and support for **Suzann Koogle**.

XXX Past President Drew Promotes Deficit Spending: X– President **Drew**, disappointed that he is no longer in the PWR limelight, alerts President **Mark** to his recent mention in the *Sacramento Bee* regarding the Sacramento Fire Department's move to balance the right side of its balance sheet (CPA humor), and to act in a more American manner, by adding 70 million dollars in debt to pay for Fire Department pension benefits. X Prez **Drew**, evidently returning from a debt borrowing trip to New York City, brought back fond memories of Jack Nicholson and a New York Fire Department hat (photo for **Drew** and hat for Pres. **Mark**).

Slagle Sale Celebrated: **Tom Slagle** celebrated a recent Richards Boulevard sale with a \$100 donation.

Signature Park: Guest speaker **Joe Genshlea**, attorney and community activist, gave an interesting talk on the efforts of a group of Sacramento movers and shakers to turn everything north of Richards Boulevard into a Sacramento signature park along the south bank of the American River. The proposed “Gold Rush Park” would rival such famous parks as Golden Gate Park, Central Park in New York and **Drew** and **Mark's** favorite, Bidwell Park in Chico. A worthwhile community-altering effort—only 500+ million dollars needed to get it started. Good luck to **Joe** and his committee!

Bob Porter snagged the \$56 PWR raffle. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 with “Photoman” **Amadeo Romero** herding the PWR cats into a club photo opportunity to demonstrate that the members can still kneel (or at least the Catholic members) and otherwise balance themselves on chairs—no easy task for this group.

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PWR Anniversary Committee Meeting Weds., Oct. 20th

PWR will celebrate its 20th Anniversary at the Del Paso Country Club on Saturday, January 29, 2005. There is a meeting at 6PM on Oct. 20 at the Sac Brewing Co. in Town & Country Village for anyone interested in helping. Or call **Todd Murray** or **Bob Porter** to get involved.

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.



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PWR Fellowship begins at 7:00a.m. with the meeting beginning promptly (sort of) at 7:15a.m.

Centennial Project Timeline

Below are the dates for the project at Encina High School. If you can help on any or all of the dates please contact Gary Hardesty.

Oct. 23/24 – Roof Demolition & pour concrete pad for the storage shed

Oct. 30/31 – Concrete demolition, walls and sidewalks, start building shed

Nov. 6/7 – Install roof rafters, build new snack bar wall, install exterior siding

Nov. 13/14 – Rough electrical, replace door and framing, install roofing

Nov. 20/21 – Paint exterior, install serving window, sheetrock & taping

Dec. 4/5 – Paint interior, install cabinets, finish electrical

Dec. 11/12 – Install equipment, finish work!