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Point West Rotary On Track in Week 17

SACRAMENTO, CA – El Presidente **Mark Copeland** launched the 17th meeting of the 20th term of the Rotary Club of Point West – Sacramento in his usual upbeat manner while at the same time putting down a one-man revolt by late arriving **Ed Harrington** with a \$20 fine for being tardy and disrespectful.

Real estate investor **Dick Prater** led in the recitation of the national pledge of allegiance. In a tightly coordinated and synchronized manner not often witnessed at PWR affairs, invocator **Dick Goodell** spoke out of order by providing the thought of the day after the pledge, which thought was derived from prolific immigrant songwriter Irving Berlin (whose hits included Easter Parade and White Christmas), author of *God Bless America*, which the membership then provided a live version of under the direction of Irving’s torch bearing, **Guy Heilman**.

Table introductions included the husband of **Glenys Zimrick**, **Jim Kaye** and District Governor-elect **Dave Harris**, of Orangevale and, according to master table introducer **Larry Suddjian**, **Dave’s nice** wife **Barbara**.

President **Mark** introduced **John Bell** and **Ray Benetti** (who according to **Mark** were sitting on “my” left—where I could not locate them) sitting at the head table. **Mark** then proceeded to enlighten the somewhat ignorant press corps that it is **John Koogle**, the President elect, who determines who will have the privilege of sitting close to chief of the club and that such individuals are being honored for some reason or are merely members picked at random by **John**-- (it appeared that **John Bell** and **Ray Benetti** fell into the “random” classification.) President **Mark** also introduced retired attorney **Jim Woodside** (a graduate of the prestigious Boalt law school at UC Berkeley) and entertainer,

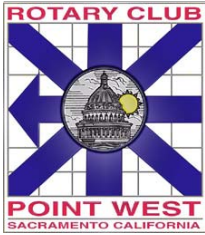
Upcoming Greeters, Tickets & Cashiers

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| Oct. 29th | Dan Walters – Speaker
John Corcoran– 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 Corcoran – Tickets
Bruce Levering – Cashier
Rich Fathy – Invocator |
| Nov. 12th | n - Speaker
Bruce Levering – Greeter
LaSalle Thompson – Greeter
Carol Van Bruggen –Tickets
John Corcoran – Cashier
-Invocator |

with a capital E, **Francie Dillon**. President **Mark**, introduced himself and recited the PWR theme of “Great People Building Extraordinary Snack Shacks” and the RI theme of “Celebrate Rotary”.

Sunshine Committee: Sunshine dispenser **Charlene Drabant** informed the club that a new ray of sunshine is now gracing the globe with the birth of **Jennifer Curt-singer’s** newest little Rotarian **William John** (who along with mom should be fined for not being named after President **Mark**.)

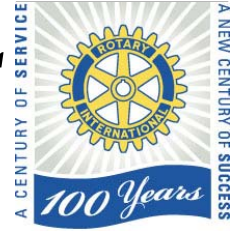
Centennial Project: **Gary Hardesty** announced the commencement of work on the renovation of the Encina Snack Shack. **Ken Poelman** showed up with his Bobcat on Saturday and got the construction project off and running. Work continues this Saturday, October 30. Calling all of Amish descent--**Kevin Valine** needs volunteers who can bring food to the men and women who are raising the snack shack.



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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.

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

Hosts Program: Nancy Ferguson announced that additional tutors are still needed for the Jonas Salk Hosts Program. There are scheduled monthly meetings for the program. Contact Nancy Ferguson or Walter Helm for information.

Encina Business Academy: Kirk Smith and Buzz Wiesenfeld were MIA and Dick Oliver was a bit shy to make an announcement about the Encina Business Academy planned "Tour of Businesses." President Mark stepped up to announce that businesses are still need for the tour. If you or one of your customers or clients can participate in the tour, please give Buzz Wiesenfeld, Kirk Smith or Dick Oliver a jingle.

Cocktail Party: The cocktail party was a smashing success this last weekend. All who braved the whether to find Richard Price's house in the thickets north of the American River were treated to great drinks and hors d'oeuvres (appetizers for the culinary-challenged) in the setting of Richard's beautiful home, which could easily be the subject of a Sunset magazine layout. This reporter had the good luck to go with restaurant captain Don Jamison and his lovely wife Steffany to one of their favorite restaurants, Lemon Grass. X-President Drew, also dining on Lemon Grass fare, managed to behave himself while still having a good time with his date Francie Dillon, who entertained the PWR membership, and especially Drew, on Friday. Drew has to relay on PWR to find him suitable dinner companions (i.e. someone who can sing Itsy Bitsy Spider, Drewbie's favorite tune, over and over). Thank you to Richard Price and Bud Phillips for a great evening!

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.

Foundation Dinner: Larry Suddjain reminded everyone, especially new members, about the "nice" upcoming Foundation Dinner on November 6 at the Double Tree. The dinner is free for club members and \$37 for significant others. Raffle prizes are needed!! Call Larry Suddjain or Dave Sarten for more information and to let them know if you have any raffle prizes that you can donate to the cause of the Foundation.

Benevolent Giving: Judée Daniels, heading the PWR benevolent giving effort, thanked the PWR members for stepping forward with information about worthwhile charities aiding children in the region. Please keep those suggestions coming. Judée sought permission from head honcho Mark to have hubbie George add the form application for funds to our web site—Mark in his characteristic George W. authoritative style proclaimed "Request granted". What a decisive leader!! Judée also auctioned off forgetful



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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

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

member **Nancy Ferguson's** leather coat for \$5.

Club Leadership: Speaking of decisive leaders, former President and itsy bitsy spider fan **Drew Houghton** draws himself up to his full height in the audience to encourage candidates to step forward to seek the honor of leading the PWR members on its board of directors and through the chairs.

RI Presidential Visit: Put January 3rd on your calendar for 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**.

Vocational Infocommercials: Financial planner, **Carol Van Bruggen** who, unlike **Dick Oliver**, is not known for her shyness, donated \$100 to the PWR Foundation for her 5 vocational minutes in the sun. **Carol** informed the membership about her very worthwhile new venture, an on line data base of entertainers who can be tapped for nonprofit fund raising events. The web site has been expanded to include information about facilities and film crews. Great job **Carol!** The Newsletter editors are thinking about starting a “vocational sentence” column in the newsletter—if you donate \$1 per word to the PWR Foundation, we will publish up to one sentence about anything new and printable involving your vocation/business.

Presidential Citation: President **Mark** honors former President **Larry Suddjian** with a “nice” Centennial Pin (which according to **Judge Dave** are still not available at Walmart and remain a hot e-bay item) for personally paying for the PWR website the last 2 years. A big thank you is owed to **Larry**, a man of simple words but with a big, supportive PWR heart.

Two by 2: **Brewpub** patron and private-of-

arms **Rob Angell** and world traveler **Glenys Zimrick** enlighten the audience about their fellow PWR members in yet another interesting two by two presentation.

Rob started off with a “This is your life” introduction of **Glenys**. After noting that he and **Glenys** have nothing in common (**Glenys** is interesting), **Rob** enlightens the membership about **Glenys**, a woman who flies without a license and who hails from New Zealand. After living in kiwi land during her youth, **Glenys** worked her way around the world, including a residential stint in a Scottish castle, ultimately meeting her first husband on a cot next to her in a youth hostel. **Glenys** attended the infamous **Chico State University**, obtaining a degree in accounting in order to tone down her very interesting personality. She started her own accounting firm before joining forces with **GOD** (Gordon, Odom & Davis—now a Moss Adams office), a firm in which PWR member **Kerry Gordon** resides as a partner (I had to mention **Kerry** as he sponsored me into the club). **Jim**, her husband-pilot, flies them to Sunriver on a regular basis. **Glenys**, besides being an avid traveler, kicks it up a notch by also being a gourmet cook-BAM!! **Glenys**, is also doing some work providing insurance advise (e.g. to maximize life insurance benefits, “die before the policy runs out”).

Glenys then turned the tables on **Rob**. **Rob** was born near Berkeley and educated by the rioting street people near UC Berkeley—which explains a lot. **Rob** attended the University of Arizona (the second best party school in the country next to Chico State). **Rob** has been married to his wife **Cindy** for 27 years and has a son **Jarred** who is 13. **Rob** has had many businesses, including providing modular housing for naked felons and a plastic model car business. **Rob** is currently



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

an office supply distributor and is always in need of new business. **Rob** has a home in Tahoe, enjoys a variety of sports and visiting Hawaii (smart man) and is a former Active 20-30 Club member. After informing us of all of the good things about **Rob, Glenys** then proceeded to tell us that in effect **Rob's** name indicates that he is one of the fallen angels.

Guest Singer: Jim Woodside introduced guest speaker, the effervescent and multi-talented **Francie Dillon**. **Francie**, a song writer, story teller and all around charming entertainer grew up with Dorothy in Kansas and followed the rainbow to San Francisco State. **Francie** is a single mother, has produced an album of children's songs and may soon be on TV. She currently performs for children who are suffering through long-term hospital stays in Sacramento and in the Bay Area on behalf of the Starlight Starbright Foundation. **Francie**, who appears to be a wonderful and caring person, did show some lack of judgment by accepting X President **Drew's** offer to escort her to the PWR Cocktail party—see above for details.

Bob Porter snagged the \$52 PWR raffle FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN A ROW!!!! According to my statistics book, there is about a 1 in 5,000 chance of that happening on a random basis. I feel a Rafflegate investigation coming on!

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Centennial Project... Get Involved!!!

This is a great "hands-on" event that requires a lot of members to be successful. Volunteers are needed to make this a success. As this PWR's Centennial Project everyone is encouraged to participate in this fun and rewarding event.

Below are the dates for the project at Encina High School. Please contact **Gary Hardesty** to let him know which days you can help!

Also, watch this column next week for the unedited excerpts from **Gary's** diary of the job obtained by our crack team of inside informants.

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!