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Point West Rotary Pre-Election Forum SACRAMENTO, CA – **Mark Copeland** gaveled the 18th meeting of the 20th term of the Rotary Club of Point West – Sacramento to order at 7:17a.m.

New member **Tamara Turco** led the Pledge and Maestro **Guy Heilman** led the members in his usual upbeat manner. Club members responded in a tonally challenged version of *America* (but we'll just blame it on the "big room" acoustics).

Robert Ellis then ascended the podium and gave a well-delivered thought for the day. President **Mark** then made his way around the room requesting and receiving table introductions.

President **Mark** introduced the head table. **Rich Price** and **Bud Phillips** were seated on **Mark's** right in recognition for their outstanding efforts with the "PWR Cocktail Party" which began at the Price's home. To **Mark's** left was speaker **Dan Walters** and **Rich Fathy** who would introduce **Dan** later. Lastly President **Mark**, introduced himself and recited the PWR theme of "Great People Building Extraordinary Halloween Projects" and the Rotary International theme of "Celebrate Rotary" along with a brief plug for "Vocational Service Month".

Centennial Project: **Gary Hardesty** provided a detailed description of the tremendous work that was done on Day 1 of the Encina Snack Shack Extravaganza. **Ken Poelman** showed up with his Bobcat on Saturday and got the construction project off and running. Work will continue most Saturday's until the completion date of December 12. Please see the column at the end of the newsletter for further details on the project.

Cocktail Party: **Bud Phillips** thanked everyone who came to the cocktail party and in particular

Upcoming Greeters, Tickets & Cashiers

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

Nov. 12th Walt Siefert – Speaker
Bruce Levering – Greeter
LaSalle Thompson – Greeter
Carol Van Bruggen – Tickets
John Corcoran – Cashier
Lou Fifer – Invocator

Nov. 19th Jody Horner – Speaker
Ray Benetti – Greeter
Kevin Valine – Greeter
John Bell – Tickets
Gary Woods - Cashier
Russ Fuji – Invocator

to Rich Price and his wife for opening their home as well as the various dinner captains for choosing their restaurants. By all accounts the party was a great success.

Foundation Dinner: Pres. **Mark** reminded everyone about the upcoming Foundation Dinner on November 6 at the Double Tree. The dinner is free for club members and \$37.50 for significant others. There are 8 seats still available for PWR members and guests. Call **Larry Suddjian** 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.

Elections: Wanna be on John Koogles' Board of Directors? Please contact **John Koogle**, **IPP Drew Houghton**, or Prez. **Mark** if you are interested in running for the Board.

RI Presidential Visit: Put January 3rd on your calendar for dinner with visiting Rotary International President **Glenn Estess**.



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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.

The dinner will be at the Hyatt and will be \$45—sign up with PWR COO **George Daniels**. [This meeting will be on a Monday and will be considered a regular meeting for PWR as the preceding two Friday's are "dark" due to Christmas and New Year's holidays.](#)

Hosts Program: 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. This is a terrific opportunity to make an impact a young person's life.

Encina Business Academy: **Kirk Smith** provided a plug for the "Tours of Business" program at the Encina Business Academy. It is yet another great opportunity to connect with young people and present them with real world experiences. Please give **Buzz Wiesenfeld**, **Kirk Smith** or **Dick Oliver** a call if you want to participate in the tour.

CAMPAIGN 2004: In a well timed public service announcement Mediator extraordinaire **Buzz Wiesenfeld** went to the microphone to encourage all those living in the San Juan Unified School District boundaries to vote. Citing the potential for turnover on the Board of Trustees **Buzz** encouraged voters to choose wisely because the new Board could potentially have a negative impact on institutions the club has long supported. Specifically, these potential changes could dramatically impact (read "close") the two schools PWR has spent tremendous energy and money supporting for many years. So, get out and VOTE!

Rotary Make Ups: Club Secretary, **Candy Dahl** once again attempted to clarify and educate the club members regarding "make-up

meetings". Saying, "GET IT RIGHT! Only a meeting attended within two weeks of the missed PWR meeting counts as a makeup." But, if you still aren't sure if you are making up correctly you can start by attending PWR meetings more regularly or call **Candy** to see how much it will cost to get your attendance right.

Membership Column

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.

BREWFEST: **Earl Dempsey** presented a \$1,000 check to representatives of Encina High's Junior Class President and her faculty advisor for the Junior Class's help in cleaning up the Brewfest! Their post event hard work was a tremendous help to **Bud**, **Earl** and the entire Brewfest Committee.

CLANG, CLANG, CLANG: The bell tolled three times during the 18th meeting putting President **Mark** well ahead of budget for the term. First up was President Elect **John Koogle** who rang the bell in honor of his newest grandson William John Curtsinger. Congratulations to PE **John** and of course to his daughter and fellow PWR member **Jennifer Curtsinger** the proud mother of baby Willy.

Next up to the clapper was **Bob Porter**. **Bob's** son won a trip to Las Vegas repre-



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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

senting Raleys & Bel Air supermarkets in the California Grocer's Association's "Bag Off" Contest. Seems **Bob's** bag boy son was the top bagger in the Sacramento area. While his son was toiling with the eternal question: paper or plastic? **Bob** was gathering up some goodies for President **Mark**. Judging by the quality of **Bob's** "gifts" **Bob** probably should have left the shopping to his wife or son.

Last up to "The Bell" was **Chris Taylor** who recently toured China with the Sacramento Kings (**Completely FREE!!!**). In addition to tremendous memories of traveling in the Maloof entourage **Chris** brought back some super NBA paraphernalia (all made in China of course) to the delight of President **Mark**. Congratulations to **Chris** on his newest passport stamp.

Guest Speaker: Rich Fathy introduced speaker **Dan Walters** the political compass of California politics. **Dan's** return engagement to PWR coincided nicely with the upcoming election. **Dan** treated the assembled to a terrific pre-election primer and overview on the current state of politics in the Golden State including topics ranging from the "Dominator" Gov. Schwarzenegger to the big bucks being spent on ballot initiatives to the fact that California. Interesting and timely material.

Banker and hobbled skier **Gardiner deBack** grabbed the raffle moolah thus ending **Bob Porter's** short lived run of raffle winnings at two weeks and avoiding a prolonged "Raffle-gate" investigation of Past Prez. Porter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30!

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CENTENNIAL PROJECT Get Involved...Celebrate Rotary!

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 remaining 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.

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!