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Point West Rotary Post-Election Celebration

SACRAMENTO, CA – President **Mark Copeland** commenced the 19th meeting of the 20th term of the Rotary Club of Point West - Sacramento in his late, but cheery, manner.

Senior PWR member and outstanding Foundation supporter **Jack Kasper** led the pledge. With gusto **Guy Heilman**, led a nice version of Irving Berlin's *God Bless America*. **Rich Fathy** recited a short poem by Jan Kenyon reminding us that there are not an unlimited number of days to enjoy life, so enjoy while you can!

Table introductions included **Bob Porter's** better half, **Jill Porter**. The head table was adorned with the likes of **Gary Hardesty** and **Roger Gilleland**, who are doing a fantastic job on the Centennial Project snack shack, guest speaker **Bruno Cohen** and introducer, **John Caselli**, who believes in the old motto that "it never hurts to kiss up to the boss." President **Mark**, introduced himself and recited the new PWR theme borrowed from **Gary Hardesty** of "Great People Kicking Great Projects in the Ass" and the RI theme of "Celebrate Rotary".

Centennial Project: **Gary Hardesty** noted that there are only two to three weeks left of work to be done on the Centennial Construction Project. Gary stated the club was "kicking the project in the ass". Besides being of great benefit to Encina High, the project has also enabled the club members to witness the rare treat of **Tom Slagle** swinging a hammer. **Doug Weill** chimed in with the five bests reasons to help out with the final Centennial Project efforts: Reason #5--seeing attorneys doing something productive; Reason # 4--seeing **Ken Morris** and **Rob Sowell** in glow in the dark garments; Reason # 3--getting to give the women PWR members a hard time for not showing up at the construction site to lend a hand; Reason #2--great free food and Reason

Upcoming Greeters, Tickets & Cashiers

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
John Lindow – Invocator

Nov. 26th **THANKSGIVING**
NO MEETING

#1—being an eye witness to the implementation of the PWR's theme. Help out in the final push to completion!

Foundation Month: November is Rotary Foundation Month. That annual time when the members are asked to step forward and support the international foundation. **Larry Suddjian** and **Dave Sarten**, co-chairs of the RI Foundation efforts reminded the club members that monies contributed to the international foundation are seen in the form of matching grants, scholarships and group study exchange teams in Sacramento area, all of which PWR has participated in. **Bob** and **Jill Porter** were honored as **Jill** became a Paul Harris fellow along with **Dave Sarten**—PWR solutes their support. The Foundation honorees also included additional contributors **Jack Kasper** and **Gary Gunther**. PWR has contributed over \$250,000 to the international foundation since inception of the club. Step up, continue the tradition and make a contribution this month—**Rotary needs you!**



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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.

DONATE Your BLOOD

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

Membership "Comings" & "Goings"

In the "Comings" category are the following individuals who were presented at the November board meeting for consideration as a prospective new members. Please make them welcome.

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Business: Farmers Insurance
Classification: Ins. Marketing & Service
Sponsors: Dave Garese & Gerry Reguera

Greg Garcia

Business: Foster Appraisal
Classification: Real Estate Appraisals
Sponsor: Bud Ackerman & Sandy Thompson

Ron Little

Business: Little & Associates
Classification: Real Estate Appraisals
Sponsor: Todd Murray & Scott Daulton

In the "Goings" category are the following individuals who have requested and been granted a leave of absence or tendered their resignation this term. We wish each of these Point Wester's all the best and hope they will return to the PWR fold when or as soon as possible.

Leaves of Absence

Jennifer Curtsinger
Mike Meighan
Ron Neal
Claudette Ostrander

Resignation

Michael Bookout
Richard Cross
John Davis
Richard Gallagher
Bill George
Kirk Giberson

Sande Monagan
Tracy Owensby
Rick Robinson
Anne Sanger
Paul Smith

Please remember that membership is the lifeblood of any organization. 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.

Upcoming Elections: Past President **Drew "who" Houghton** announced that PWR Board of Director elections are coming up. Eight candidates are sought to fill four board seats. John Kerry has thrown his hat in the ring. The election is coming up on December 4. If interested in running, contact **Drewbie**.

RI Presidential Visit: President **Mark** asks for a show of hands on who plans on attending the January 3rd 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**.

Encina Business Academy-Tour of Business: **Dick Oliver** announced that there has been a good response from the membership regarding the Encina Business Academy planned "Tour of Businesses." The tour will happen in two phases, one on November 30 and the other phase next February. Additional volunteers are still needed. If you or one of your customers or clients can



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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

participate in the tour, please give **Buzz Wiesenfeld, Kirk Smith or Dick Oliver** a call. Kudos to **La Salle Thompson, Bob Porter, Paul Cunha, Kathy Copeland, Dave Sarten, Jim Hare, Peter Madsen, Daryl Vasko, Roger Gilleland, Betty Little, Rich Fathy, Dave Abbott, Nancy Ferguson, Sandy Thompson, Gardiner deBack, Rich Graber, Ray Benetti, John Caselli, Gary Hardesty and Dan Haverty** for stepping up and helping out.

Make-up Reminder: The ever popular **Candy Dahl** (aka the “Queen of Attendance”), received a warm and loving PWR reception of moans and sneers while reminding everyone that 60% attendance is a must and that make-ups can occur up to two weeks before and two weeks after a regularly scheduled meeting. Call **Candy or George Daniels** with any questions.

Encina Super Stars Program: **Cary Okumura** announced that PWR will make four \$100 awards for the Encina Super Star Program.

Welcome Jerry Avila!: Judge **Dave Abbott** read in new member **Jerry Avila**, who has previously participated in rotary and is a Paul Harris fellow. Sponsors **John Lindow and Paul Adams**, apparently caught off guard provided sketchy details of **Jerry's** background. **Jerry** is with Premier Bank. Welcome to the great, albeit sometimes disorganized, PWR club!!

Wilke Tours the Roman Empire: **Dean Wilke**, whose daughter had the good sense to study in Rome, returned unscathed from the Roman Coliseum bringing President **Mark** gifts from the toe to the crotch of Italy, including a lemon-type 95% proof liquor, a map of Rome, empty wine bottles from Tuscany and a glass thing-a-magiger from one of this reporter's favorite stops in Italy, the

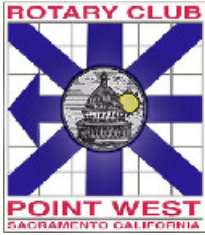
world famous glass blowing island of Murano, which is near Venice and where the art of glass blowing has existed for over hundreds of years. **Dean** also contributed \$100 to the PWR Foundation.

Small Pin Fine: President **Mark** fined **Roger Gilleland** \$20 for not wearing a more visible Rotary pin in a recent spread of Inside East Sacramento. **Roger** protested the fine claiming that he was wearing a pin even if it was not visible and that size does not matter.

Guest Speaker: **John Caselli** introduced the guest speaker and his boss, **Bruno Cohen**, the general manager of Channel 31. **Bruno** gave an entertaining talk entitled “Perspectives of a Newcomer.” Among his observations was that Sacramento was an open and friendly city, with an inexplicable slum in the middle stretch of the K Street Mall, a homeless problem along side our wonderful bike trail, the need for a much better transportation system, more public companies headquartered here and that we would be idiots to lose the Kings- the only thing other than the state capital that people in the country associate with Sacramento.

Bob Berger took home the raffle moolah.

The next meeting of the Point West Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees is at 7 am on Thursday 11/18 at the Sacramento Bee, 21st Q St. Anyone interested in attending please call **Bob Berger** at 321-1835 to be put on the attendee list. (Counts as attendance!)



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REMINDER

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