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Point West Rotary Post-Election Celebration

SACRAMENTO, CA – The 20th meeting of the 20th term in the 20th year of the Rotary Club of Point West – Sacramento was kicked off late, but enthusiastically, by ~~King~~ President **Mark Copeland I.** President **Mark**, seen still shaking hands at 7:15 a. m., has not yet been informed that he cannot run for reelection.

Judee Daniels, last seen swinging a paint brush at the Centennial Snack Shack last Saturday morning and the member in charge of benevolent giving, led The Pledge. The irrepressible **Guy Heilman**, enticed the PWR membership into providing a stirring version of *America*.

Invocator **Lou Fifer**, rejecting possible straight forward salutes to the founding fathers and/or veterans, proceeded to recite a didley by Lewis Carroll (the pen name for Charles Lutwidge Dodgson) about a he/she. Somewhere therein was imbedded a thought for the day...we think! **Lou**, a board candidate, has either been riding his bike too close behind cars that have failed their smog checks or based on his recently acquired status as a politician believes he must now polish up on being incomprehensible. Apparently **Lou** figured that if Arnold the Gubinator can speak broken English and be loved he will give it a try as well.

Table introductions included recognition of our long-term visiting Rotarians from down South, **Leo** and **Cristina**. **Don Levin** ably demonstrated how not to introduce a visiting Rotarian. Seated at the head table were **Tim Armstrong** and **Doug Weill** (who the members must now begin treating with respect and this publication may now start freely defaming as a public figure (see below), master mystery invocator **Lou Fifer** and guest speaker **Walt Siefert**, who never met a bike lane or trail that he did not like. President **Mark**, introduced himself and recited the new PWR theme of “Great People

Upcoming Greeters, Tickets & Cashiers

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

Nov. 26th **NO MEETING**
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

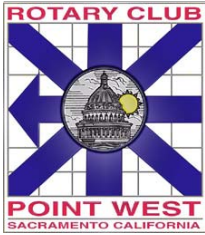
Dec. 3rd Melinda Skorka – Speaker
Gary Woods – Greeter
Kevin Valine – Greeter
Ray Benetti – Tickets
John Bell – Cashier
Dave Garese – Invocator

Dec. 10th Rick Singer – Speaker
John Bell – Greeter
Kevin Valine – Greeter
Gary Woods – Tickets
Ray Benetti – Cashier
Roger Gaskin – Invocator

Doing Extraordinary Things” and the RI theme of “Celebrate Rotary”.

Centennial Project: **Gary Hardesty** commended the club members who have helped out the Centennial Construction Project. On a down note, **Gary** has been served with a lawsuit by **Jeff Owensby** – resulting from **Jeff’s** development of blisters (something lawyers are not accustomed to). **Jeff** filed the lawsuit because he believes he has become permanently disabled by the blisters – **Jeff** not yet having experienced the phenomenon of blisters healing.

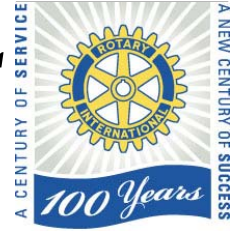
There are only one or two more weeks left to complete the project. So if you want the chance to help out with the project, your opportunities are shrinking! After being harassed for not supporting the Centennial project, the women of PWR (aka the backbone of PWR) have started to show in mass. **Judee Daniels, Sue Redding, Candy Dahl,**



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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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Beth Leonard, Charlene Drabant (winner of the Amish award) and **Pam Lapinski** (recuperating from kicking up her heels at the Best of Sacramento party last Thursday night) were all observed lending a hand last Saturday morning. **Sandee Thompson, Charlene Drabant,** and **Beth Leonard** along with food provider **Christina Figuero** pitched in two Saturdays ago.

Also helping out last Saturday were the likes of male members President **Mark**, President-elect **John Koogle, Ken Morris, Don Jamison, Carl Naake, Gary Hardesty, Don Levin, Roger Gilleland** and a few other males that we apologize for not noting here. President **Mark** was particularly hard at work eating **Charlene Drabant's** ample feast of Shack Carbs.

This reporter spent about 5 minutes trying to figure out where the snacks will be sold as the snack shack currently has no windows! **Gary Hardesty** informed the *Sign of the Times* that **Jeff Owensby** forced PWR to board up the window as it could be used to receive and deliver hot or sticky snacks – a source of potential legal liability – ask McDonalds! Help out in the final push to completion and to see if the **Doug Weill's** legal appeal will enable the snack shack to sprout a service window. **Kevin Valine** also noted that the members should be sure to grab some caffeine at the Starbucks in the Howe about Arden shopping center and to thank them for their contribution of free coffee to the project efforts.

Foundation Month: Foundation co-chairs **Larry Suddjian** and **Dave Sarten** honored **Jim Woodside** with his Paul Harris + 1 pin (meaning that he has contributed \$2,000 to the RI Foundation) and Paul Harris +2 pin (i.e. he has contributed \$3,000 to the RI Foundation) to **Ed Harrington**, last seen golfing at Half Moon Bay. President elect-to be elected **Doug**

Weill fired up a power point demonstration of what the RI Foundation dollars accomplish. Step up and make a contribution to the RI Foundation this month—Rotary needs you! The Club also needs you to pay up if you attended the RI Foundation dinner and did not pay your \$37.50 for a spouse or significant other – President **Mark** and **Gary Disher** are looking for your “contribution”.

Membership “Comings” & “Goings”

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

Leo Figuero
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

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.



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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

Upcoming Elections: Immediate Past President **Drew Houghton**, recuperating from a strenuous Veterans Day holiday, announced the PWR slate of Director candidates: **Jennifer Curtsinger, Gary Hardesty, Al Howenstein, Dan Hall, Earl Dempsey, Bob Willett, Jr., Mike Cendro and Lou Fifer**. Congratulations to those members who agreed to run after President **Drew** threatened to expose part of their past lives. President **Drewbie** then regaled the membership with the biographical saga of the proposed next President-elect, being none other than cerebral Democrat (the club is reaching out) **Doug Weill**.

Doug graduated as valedictorian of his class at Woodrow Wilson High School, home of the fighting Bruins and had the good sense to quit the practice of law before his mind rotted. **Doug** will, if elected, admirably fill the shoes of those great leaders like the apostles **Drew, Mark and John** who have preceded or will precede him. No shouts of “vote for other” were heard from the membership! The elections will be held on Friday December 3. If you need an absentee or provisional ballot, which must be returned to **Drew** by the morning of December 3, call **Drew** (but not on a government employee holiday.)

RI Presidential Visit: President **Mark** reminded everyone of the upcoming January 3rd dinner with visiting Rotary International President **Glenn Estess**. The dinner will be at the Hyatt and will be \$45—sign up with PWR COO **George Daniels**—only 50 seats are reserved so get yours soon.

Encina Business Academy-Tour of Business: **Dick Oliver** announced 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 cus-

tomers or clients can participate in the tour, please give **Kirk Smith** a call as **Dick Oliver** is headed overseas (fine to follow). Drivers are needed on November 30 for the tour—please call **Kirk** if you can help out.

Anniversary Party: **Todd Murray, Esq.**, reminded everyone to keep January 29 free on your calendar as PWR will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the club, and of the Kings being in Sacramento. The event will be a black tie affair at the Del Paso country club. Estimated cost will be \$150 per couple. Tux discounts are available if interested. If interested in helping out with the planning, give counselor **Todd** a call.

Attendance Probation: Due to popular demand **Candy “Attendance Queen” Dahl** was stifled from giving a warning regarding attendance violations until next week – to the cheers and applause of the membership.

Brewfest Autopsy: **Bud Ackerman** reminded the membership to show up for the Rotary Brewfest post mortem on Monday – which by the time you will be reading this will have occurred already – so never mind.

Mexico Survived By Hurrriican Armstrong and Vice Versa: **Tim Armstrong** returned from a trip to Mexico without creating an international incident. He brought a necklace, some hot pepper sauce, tequila (no worm) and a cigar to El Presidente **Mark** along with a check for the RI Foundation, allegedly qualifying him for a second Paul Harris fellow.

Guest Speaker: The lucid **Lou Fifer** introduced guest speaker and fellow biker **Walt Siefert**, President of the Sacramento Area Bike Association (aka the Big Wheel). **Walt** provided a slide show on how to discourage bicycle commuting. **Walt** encouraged the membership to support the very



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

worthwhile efforts to link our far flung metro area with safe and convenient bike lanes and paths.

Paul Snyder won the raffle and started his day \$49 richer.

Meetings this week...

BENEVOLENT GIVING COMMITTEE

The BGC meets this Wednesday, November 17th at 7:15a.m. at 2035 Hurley Way, Suite 270. All are welcome and remember this counts as attendance!

POINT WEST ROTARY FOUNDATION

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. (This also counts as attendance!)