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The Copeland Train Continues to Run "On Time"

SACRAMENTO, CA, July 23, 2004 – New PWR Prez **Mark Copeland**, still in his honeymoon period, began the fourth meeting of the 20th term of the Rotary Club of Point West—Sacramento on time. **Bud Phillips** starts the pledge and song-meister **Guy Heilman** leads the gathering through a decent rendition of *God Bless America*.

To the shock and awe of PWR club members, **Ray Benetti** offered up a somewhat serious invocation (something about being appreciative of fellowship) until he asked the almighty to help the PWR softball team. With that the assembly was reassured that **Ray** had not found religion--our team's W-L record cannot be high on any god's to do list, but it does not hurt to ask!

After the introduction of a limited number of guests, President **Mark** introduced those sitting at the head table – new member **Mike Stephen**, photo-man **Amadeo Romero** (Mr. President: why were these guys gracing the

Upcoming Greeters, Tickets & Cashiers

July 30th	Carl Stein – Greeter Dave Mrizek – Tickets Paul Snyder – Cashier Pamela Lapinski – Invocator
Aug. 6th	Don Levin – Greeter Richard Gallagher– Greeter David Thimgan – Tickets Bob Tilly – Cashier Rick Bixler – Invocator
Aug. 13th	Bob Tilly – Greeter Richard Gallagher– Greeter Don Levin – Tickets David Thimgan – Cashier Michael Bookout – Invocator
Aug. 20th	David Thimgan – Greeter Richard Gallagher– Greeter Bob Tilly – Tickets Don Levin – Cashier

head table other than the fact that Amadeo has a great mustache?), blood leader **Lou Fifer** and guest speaker **Jennifer Finton** with the American Lung Association and, of course, President **Mark**. His highness reproclaimed PWR's Centennial term theme of "great people doing extraordinary things" and the Rotary International theme of "celebrate rotary".

Softball Team Report: **Dave Mrizek** announced that defeat was snatched from the jaws of victory when an umpire, anxious to get home for a cold Bud, called a clearly safe **Gary Guenther** out at home to deny PWR a stirring last inning come from behind victory. Tenth inning pizza and beer were again the favorite part of the softball outing for the players and their numerous fans. X-President **Dave Abbott** rose from the audience to chastise President **Mark** for not participating/attending the PWR softball games, spouting a long list of past presidents who support and have supported the (See **TRAIN** continued on page two)

Brewfest Kick Off – July 30th



Next Brewfest Committee Meeting

Monday, August 2nd – 5:30p.m.

Wickland Oil Co. Offices
3610 American River Dr., Suite 140

10th Annual California Brewers Festival
Saturday, Sept. 18th in Old Sacramento



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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.

Membership Column

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

Betty Williams

Business: Weintraub, Genshlea, Chediak & Sproul

Classification: Attorney -Tax/Estate

Sponsor: Chris Little & Tom Knox

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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softball teams during and after their incumbencies. President **Mark** conceded he has been very busy. Editors note—**Mark**, don't let those judges bully you!).

The Beer is Chillin'—Brewfest Announcement:

September 18 is the date—put it on your calendar! The Brewfest will be held in old Sacramento in the shade of the freeway, from noon to 7pm and will feature two bands, numerous food booths and of course lots of great beer. Ticket price is the same as last year. **Jane Gallagher** notes the need for additional sponsors—have your company step up and participate! The Brewfest will be kicked off at next week's meeting and at a beer tasting. Help is needed in getting out the Animal House crowd-- anyone with contacts at Sac State and/or UC Davis give co-chairs **Earl Dempsey** and **Bud Ackerman** a call. This

reporter missed the prior year story about **Tim Armstrong** and the fountain.

Science Club: Bob "Mr. Wizard" **Tilly** announced 70 members are participating in the Science Club challenge. Deadline for solutions is 7:15 a.m. Friday, July 30. Prizes will be awarded for the brightest and the best (PWR members?). **Bob** added a plug for Jeopardy, his favorite non-PBS show.

Fireside Chat Results: Pres. President **Mark** reported on the results of the fireside chats which indicated that fellowship, fun, activities and speakers are big among the members. However, it was noted that the membership feels disconnected from the board (sounds like the California legislature) -- President **Mark** has responded swiftly with Presidential proclamation that some board meetings will be held in the evening this term to encourage member attendance. Some members also want the club to pursue a new international project-- which President **Mark** indicated is in the works—is this guy responsive to his constituents or what?!

District Survey - President **Mark** requested that PWR members respond to the District survey sent out to members—if you need a survey form, contact the Prez.

South Seas Excursions: John Di Giusto (Hawaii) and **Ed Harrington** (Tahiti and Bora Bora) showered President **Mark** with goodies from extended vacations to topical climates and bestowed cash contributions on PWR and International Foundations. This reporter expressed guilt for receiving kudos for this publication while sunning himself in Hawaii, when **Chris Little** did all of the work to get this newsletter off to a roaring (See **TRAIN** – continued on page three)

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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

(**TRAIN** – continued from page two) start. **John**, risking girlie-man status, shaved off his mustache after it had adorned his face for 25 years and **Ed** picked up the facial hair baton by growing a goatee on vacation--**Ed** stated that it tickles his wife (the members wonder how often it tickles her). The President threw kudos in **Ed's** direction for his installation transportation assistance, awarding **Ed** the coveted flashing "Centennial Pin" that **Mark** acquired in Osaka, Japan. It looked stunning on Ed!

Cruising Down Memory Lane without a Rotary Pin: Club member **John Caselli** was fined for not wearing his Rotary pin in a KVIE interview for a series on trips Sacramento families used to take to surrounding destinations. **John**, whose family traveled to Santa Cruz when he was a kid, explained, that his pin was on his coat jacket that he had taken off during the interview. The Prez, noting this mediating factor and the fact that **John** wears his rotary pin daily, reduced the normal fine from \$100 to \$5, among grumblings that **Mark** has gone soft on crime.

2 by 2 Interview: Members **Bill Dunk** and **Nancy Ferguson** took the podium to summarize the results of their interview exchange. **Nancy** reported that **Bill**, raised in Sacramento, spent two tours of duty in the Navy and believes in long term relationships having been married for 42 years and having spent 45 years with Northwestern Mutual accumulating thousands of victims (uh, clients). **Bill** has three children, that are the pride of his life (and with whom he spent many little league, swim team and scout outings), and four grandchildren. **Bill** loves to garden and travel and prays for world peace.

Insurance guru **Bill Dunk** reported that new member **Nancy Ferguson** was born in Min-

nesota, spent some of her youth in South America and at the age of 5, located to the Bay Area. She attended Southern Oregon College in the beautiful Ashland/Medford Oregon area where she majored in English. **Nancy** also acquired a psychology degree and applied such education in working as a psychologist for 15 years—just what this club desperately needs! **Nancy** works on business development for Sutter Hospitals, although **Bill** was a little sketchy on exactly what she does. **Nancy** has three children who are leading exciting lives as a sky marshal, a budding designer and a student studying French and photography in Paris.

CAUTION—Badge Ahead: President **Mark**, eager to implement his political agenda in his first 100 days following the laissez faire administration of **Drewbie**, informed his minions we need to help the membership get to know us by wearing our badges. If you don't have a badge, use a name tag. Every badge-less body is subject to fine.

Setting us up for an ADA claim: President **Mark** provided a warning to the PWR members that if **Mark** appears to be ignoring you in a conversation, you may be saying something worthless or he may just be having trouble hearing you. Our leader claimed, similar to members **Dave Christensen**, **Chris Taylor**, **Jim Peck**, **Dick Goodell** and **Jim Hare**, that each is hard of hearing as a result of taking too many shots at mallards over the years. Tip: if you had actually hit some birds, you would not have taken so many shots! Further tip: to avoid **Mark** seeking legal accommodation, shout in his left ear when carrying on a conversation with him.

Guest Speaker: Lifesaver (he is sweet) **Lou Fifer** introduced **Jennifer Finton** as the

