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## Copeland - Carpe Diem

SACRAMENTO, CA, August 6, 2004 – His Royal Highness **Mark Copeland** commenced the sixth meeting of the 20<sup>th</sup> term of the Rotary Club of Point West—Sacramento precisely at 7:15.20 a.m. Primo bean counter and Brewfest CPA, **Tom Mischley** led the pledge.

Song leader **Guy Heilman**, motivated the gathering into redeeming itself from its horrible performance of the prior week by belting out a very respectable rendition of *America*, even stimulating some stirrings of patriotism.

Defrocked priest **Rick Bixler** restored PWR invocation tradition (following the prior week’s pearls of **Pam Lapinski**), by offering up a Brewfest version of the Lord’s Prayer, which was followed by a clap of thunder and a flicker of lighting in the early morning Sacramento sky.

The intelligent and handsome President **Mark** proceeded with head table introductions starting on his left for a change introducing **Richard Fathy, Esq.** and guest speaker **Amy Lawrence**, followed by a welcome to those

## Upcoming Greeters, Tickets & Cashiers

**Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>** U.S. Rep. Doug Ose – Speaker  
Bob Tilly – Greeter  
Richard Gallagher– Greeter  
Don Levin – Tickets  
David Thimgan – Cashier

**Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>** Keith Slotter/FBI – Speaker  
David Thimgan – Greeter  
Richard Gallagher – Greeter  
Bob Tilly – Tickets  
Don Levin – Cashier

**Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>** William Slaton/SMUD– Speaker  
Bill McIntyre – Greeter  
Nancy Ferguson – Greeter  
Chris Taylor – Tickets  
James Thompson – Cashier

right, being Sacramento Bee bean counter **Robert Berger** and birthday boy **Martin Haley**, who is happy just to still have his teeth. Dynamic and witty President **Mark** announced PWR’s centennial term theme of “great people doing extraordinary things” and the somewhat boring Rotary International theme of “celebrate rotary” (cue the balloons and confetti—hopefully better than at the Democratic convention).

**Softball Team Report:** After reading a letter from Peja stating that he would love to be traded to the PWR ??? (please e-mail your suggestion for the “official” name of the PWR softball team to editor Chris Little or John Di Giusto and win a prize), Co-captain **Monte Watson**, excited the club members by regaling them with the report of a stunning come back win. After starting from a huge five run hole, PWR’s boys of summer charged back for a heart pounding 11-5 victory over the overmatched East Sacramento Rotary Club. Beer head **Earl Dempsey** shined again using his lightning speed (must be all of those hops that he is drinking). Also nominated for game

**Sell Your Tickets!!!**



## Next Brewfest Committee Meeting

**Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> – 5:30p.m.**

Wickland Oil Offices  
3610 American River Dr., Ste.140

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual California Brewers Festival**  
**Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup>. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

3<sup>rd</sup>. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life.

4<sup>th</sup>. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

MVP's were **Russ Fujii**, Judge **Dave Abbott**, Festa/Vino man **Tim Maliepaard** and co-captain **Rich Graber**. **Monte** announced that the PWR Swans (?) can make it into the Rotary League playoffs by winning 7 of their last three games. Seriously, playoffs start next week at the Mather Field fields—go and support your fighting ball and bat boys!

**Brewfest Update:** Brewfest Co-chair **Earl "Di Maggio" Dempsey** provided a Brewfest update. **Earl, Bud** and your club need your help at the seven hour event on Saturday September 18. The event requires a lot of woman/man power, so step up and help out—*free admission and t-shirts to all volunteers!* PWR also needs YOU to step up and be/find a pod sponsors (a \$500 sponsorship buys you 10 tickets, coveted signage, an autographed softball from **Earl "Di Maggio" Dempsey** and an autographed bud from **Bud**.) Calling all/any members with connections to any ice maker that might be willing to donate ice to the event—we would like to eliminate a \$2,000 ice expense line item, avoided in some past years by the efforts of deceased member **Dave Suter**. With the respectful attention of the club members, Board member **Carl Naake** stumped for Brewfest shirt sales (four different designs, all created by renowned Paris shirt designer **Maria O'Neil**) at the bargain prices of \$35 to \$45—See **Carl** while all models and sizes are available. Bottle girl (ok-woman) and bankruptcy court adventurer **Candy Dahl**, looking good in a long-neck, seeks 39 beer judges (including your children with fake IDs) and carriers for the Brewfest beer judging event at the Sacramento Inn on Saturday August 21—Call **Candy** to help out. Lunch is included. **SELL BREWFEST TICKETS!**

**Rotary Day at the Fair:** Friday August 20

is Rotary Day at the fair. \$18.00 for adults, \$14.50 for children, includes lunch, Fair and Concert with Hootie & the Blowfish.

### X-PWR Presidents called on the Carpet:

Jealous of the growing popularity of President **Mark**, X-President **Drew** tried to stage a Presidential coup by wearing a suit and "tie." **Drew** was also guilty of a Presidential cover up (he forgot to make sure **Sandee Thompson** was listed in the newsletter banner last term, as discovered by investigative reporter **Chris Little**: "Name-gate".) "Maximum" **Mark**, momentarily casting aside his Jimmy Carter – good guy image, put down the one-member uprising by fining **Drewbie** \$5 for wearing a suit and tie, another \$5 for trying to sneak into Northridge disguised as a "professional" accountant (as reported by **Gary Woods**) and another \$10 for using profanity and generally showing disrespect to the highly revered and widely adored President **Mark**. President **Mark** first apologized to X-President **Sandra Thompson** for failing to recognize her birthday last month and then fined her \$5 for, according to **John Koogle**, failing to disclose her birth date—X-leader **Sandee** claimed that her birth records were destroyed in a fire along with **Vlade Divac's**.

**Aussie Banners:** PWR GSE team representative **Alesa Rogers** presented the internationally renowned President **Mark** with 17 Australian rotary club banners from the GSE trip down under—she also returned 17 of the PWR banners that were rejected by the Australian rotary clubs in protest of X-President **Drew's** presidency.

**Prater and Gaskin Return from Kalifornia Adventures:** **Dick Prater** returned from Santa Cruz with gifts for President **Mark**, including a bottle of Jagermeister and some low rise bikini shorts, at which

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## Dist5180 MAKE-Ups

(See [www.Rotary5180.org](http://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

time someone shouts out that the bikini shorts should be given to **Larry Challis**, much to the horror of those members using their imaginations.

Golf-man **Roger Gaskin** (with the most creative gift giving spiel in club history, or at least this term) laid an impressive array of gifts at the feet of our intelligent, handsome, dynamic, witty, bold, popular and wise leader President **Mark**, aka the Best President that PWR has ever had since 2003 (including the 10 millionth bottle of Meyers Rum ever produced, a personally autographed Tommy Bahama shirt, a Tiger Woods driver actually gripped by Tiger and skis owned by the U.S. national water ski champion, all given by the rich and famous of Southern California, who are well aware of the reputation of President **Mark** and the fact that he replaced Drew.) **Roger** rang the bell for RI Foundation.

**Wedding Bells—Y'all Are Invited!** Co-editor and new member sponsor **Chris Little** introduced new member **Betty Williams**. **Betty** is a tax controversy and estate planning attorney with the Weintraub firm. A Sacramento native, **Betty** was educated in Sacramento (Loretto, Sacramento State and McGeorge School of Law) and is the mother of two children. **Tom Knox** (owner of the quickest wit and fastest tongue in PWR) proceeded to disclose the fact that new member **Betty Williams** is engaged to Pulitzer-award winner newsletter editor **Chris Little!** Congratulations to **Chris**.

Next, the diplomatically-challenged **Tom** proceeded to insult all little people everywhere by calling **Chris Little** a dwarf and giving poor **Betty** some grief about there being other better male club members available, or likely to soon be available,

such as **Rick Bixler** and **Randy Kilgore**. First Amendment defender **Chris** decided to take the high road by not responding to **Tom Knox's** verbal attacks and proceeded to attempt to put a rotary pin on the future **Betty Little-Williams**. [Co-editor **Chris Little** wants to assure the PWR club members that he will never use the public platform of this newsletter to seek revenge on that #&\*^--^@&, \*&#@ @ **Tom Knox!**]

**Tom**--this reporter suggests that you check the fire wall software on your law firm's server and both shred and incinerate all of your home garbage. Judge **Dave Abbott** will be supervising the **Chris-Betty** nuptials and invites the entire club to the wedding, much to the delight of new member **Betty**—**Betty** aren't you glad that you joining the highly-supportive PWR and marrying the well-respected **Chris Little** all in the same year!? Welcome to PWR!

**Fine Fest:** Maximum **Mark** seeking to shake off his soft guy image fined every member \$5 who did not either shake **Mark's** hand before the beginning of the meeting or had their rotary pin on. Beware, the President is in the house and he has the podium!

**Guest Speaker:** **Rich Fathy**, with the shortest introduction in the history of guest speakers introduced **Amy Lawrence**. **Amy** proceeded to tell the hushed audience of her tale of suffering a massive stroke caused by an unknown brain aneurism and not only living to tell about it, but successfully teaching herself to walk, talk, visually focus, drive a car and substantially regain her balance, literally and figuratively. **Amy**, now seeking to be an author and speaker, encouraged the audience to do the best with what you have and to accept



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change, both good and bad and to make the best of it.

Out of the night that covers me,  
black as the pit from pole to pole,  
I thank whatever gods may be  
for my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance,  
I have not winced nor cried aloud.  
Under the bludgeonings of chance,  
my head is bloodied, but unbowed.

It matters not how straight the gate,  
how charged with punishments the scroll,  
I am the master of my fate,  
I am the captain of my soul.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

## SPONSOR A MEMBER

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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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## A FRIENDLY REMINDER

**PWR fellowship begins at 7:00a.m.  
with the meeting beginning  
promptly at 7:15.**