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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DIRK

Coming Full Circle



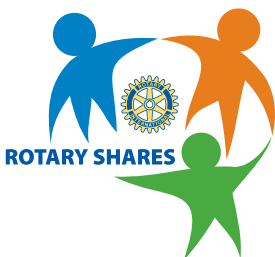
Well, what can I say, after being a Rotarian for only three years I have been given the honor and privilege of becoming the club's president for the 2008-2009 term. As the title of this message reads I have come full circle with Rotary. What do I mean by this? In high school (23 years ago) I was given the opportunity between my Junior and Senior year to attend what is now known as Camp Royal in State College, Pennsylvania. Yes, somehow I convinced my teachers that I had leadership potential. To tell you the truth the experience was actually one of the best I ever had. I look back at my time at Camp Royal with fond memories as well as my past three years as a Rotarian. Rotary has been a part of my life for a long time and has taught me the meaning of the saying "Service Above Self".

I would first like to thank all my board members for agreeing to be a part of this year with me. I could not do it without all of you. I appreciate all that you do. Another group of people I would like to thank are all the Rotarians that came out to Cornfest and worked the Beer Booth. Thank you to Thais Kishi, Don Sterling, and the LMC Rotoract group for organizing the Mervyns Shopping Spree and Chuckie Cheese event. A great time was had by all and most importantly every child left with a smile on their face and a big shopping bag filled with back to school essentials. Thank you to all the Rotarians and their families that participated in this event. It could not happen without all of you. Last but not least, I would like to thank Lisa Bass for her great job last year as President. She has left me with some big shoes to fill and I will do my best to fill them.

This year the economy has affected all of us in one way or another. We all are facing challenges both professionally and as community leaders. I know a big question in everyone's mind is, "How can we continue to make a positive impact on our community" when times are tough?" I am not sure that I have the exact answer to this but I can assure you, I will give Rotary 110% effort this year and try to make a difference in our great community as well as abroad. As D.K Lee's mission statement reads "Make dreams real", we have the ability to change lives, not only locally but internationally. This year I want to focus on helping local children as well as completing an international project. In the next couple of weeks I will be sharing with the group my ideas on how we can achieve this. I hope that some of you will find it in your hearts to get involved. I truly believe that Brentwood Rotarians can make a difference in making the world a better place. All it takes is a commitment from each individual and to remember our motto "Service Above Self".

In Service-

Dirk



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July Highlights



Jim and Linda Campbell — the Rotary Governor and his wife — had the July 14 program. Jim announced this year's RI theme, which is "Make Dreams Real." The theme focuses upon a three-pronged approach in providing disadvantaged children with resources for clean water, health & hunger, and education

The Africa project is another current emphasis. Rotarians are working with District 9200, which includes five African Countries. Jim will participate in a May trip to Africa with a planned 100 to 150 Rotarians distributing 1,000 prosthetic hands. These will be packed in Dream Boxes that have been assembled by attendees at Camp Royal, each box containing an encouraging card.

The Africa-bound Rotarians also plan to distribute 100 Rotoplast Bears and 100 Aides Quilts, though the number of quilts will, perhaps be double the target.

In Jim's opinion, the most compelling reason for supporting Rotary membership to offer others opportunities to serve their community and the world.

Training - Rotary's Hallmark

Rotary **IS** training! However, one often hears, "If we could just get the information down to the club level; the members.....". Rotary International works very hard to do that. The RI Board continues to search for ways to achieve that end through its Committee structure and input from the field.

At its November, 2006 meeting, the RI Board's decisions on training placed an opportunity with each Rotary Club. Assuring Rotary's future will depend on our training being relevant; continuing to provide the basic information about Rotary, its organization and structure but importantly, providing tools to its members for self improvement.

The Rotary Club of Brentwood has done just that by developing its own Special Training in Action for Rotary (STAR) Committee. The STAR program was developed by the Rotary Club of El Paso, Texas in 1976. It has proven to be an effective tool for creating a better informed membership and preparing new members for club leadership positions.

Training sessions are conducted at monthly breakfast meetings and include topics such as the four Avenues of Service (Club, Vocational, Community and International), attendance, club history, The Rotary Foundation, and the programs of Rotary International. Veteran members are encouraged to attend to lend their experience and expertise in the informal and friendly atmosphere of each session.

Because new members are added throughout the year the program can be repeated annually. In addition to serving as a vehicle for Rotary information, the STAR breakfasts help new members get acquainted with each other and some of the club's more experienced

Rotarians. The friendly and informal atmosphere created by small group meetings leads to more questions and good discussions.

All new members are automatically placed on the STAR committee and are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. Experienced members are invited to attend at any time to refresh their Rotary knowledge and to meet the new members. In addition, members of other clubs in the area are welcome to attend.

Each meeting features a welcome to first-time attendees, recognition of new STAR graduates, announcements of upcoming club and district activities and events, and the meeting program followed by questions and answers.

STAR committee meetings are conducted on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the offices of Edward Jones, 613 First St., in beautiful downtown Brentwood. (above [the former] Hiro's Restaurant). Please contact program coordinator David Wahl at 925-323-7602 or wahlfmly@sbcglobal.net for further information.



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www.BrentwoodCaRotary.org.

Thought You Ought to Know

Mark your calendars now for District Conference that is scheduled for October 24-26. Jim Campbell reported that three excellent speakers are scheduled for 19 break-out sessions. The event will be held at the Concord Hilton Hotel. Send advance reservation to: District 5160 Conference, c/o Tina Blythe, 531 Granite Way, Vacaville, CA 95688.

Also, mark your calendars for the August 31 annual Service Centers United fundraiser. Details to follow.

We've all been impressed by the Prosthetic Hand project. To find out more details about this — and to make a donation — go to www.ln-4.org. While you are there be sure to watch the video.

Mervyns Event

Mervyns ChildSpree-Shopping Spree with 25 Rotarians, spouses and Rotaract members gathered at 6:30 AM to meet 25 children to help purchase school clothes and shoes. The children are selected from low income families and this year we had 5 children from the Knightsen school and 20 from the Village Community Resource Center (VCRC) in Brentwood a community based program/services.



Mervyns Store Manager Desmond Epidendio and Eric Cardoza assistant manager helped plan this successful event- coffee for the chaperones, snacks for the lunch boxes, back packs for the children. The children left with huge bags of school clothes valued at \$140.00 with the discounts etc.

Anthony Murillo VCRC coordinator, staff and parents organized the children with t-shirts and transportation from Mervyns to Chuck E. Cheese. Theresa Estrada, Knightsen principal brought the children, shopped with them and enjoyed the games and pizza.



The partnership between Rotary and Mervyns was orchestrated by Jeff Schultz who submitted the various non-profit IRS exempt letters and registration forms.

“This is one of the most rewarding experiences” noted a chaperone who saw the joy in the children



eyes as they selected “new” clothes and when they took the big Mervyns bag to the parent at the end of the spree. The Rotaract activity at Chuck E. Cheese was a great fun event to end the day.



Rotaract Club of Brentwood

The newly chartered Rotaract Club of Brentwood certainly has been keeping busy this last couple of months. As a club they have done many events, such as making a trip to Glide Memorial to do a feeding, doing yard cleanups and participating in the Relay for Life.

But more recently they worked with the Rotary Club at the Mervyns ChildSpree. They shopping spree was a great summer event, calling it an event is an understatement; it was more of a fun get together and learning experience for the Rotaracters. Mervyns was working with the Rotary to sponsor twenty-five young children who were in need of new school clothes.

Next Meeting August 16 at 10:30 am at LMC Brentwood Center.

Meet your Fellow Member



Mac Kaiser

Mac was inducted into the Brentwood Rotary Club on February 28th, 1999. In his nine years as a Rotarian, Mac has had the privilege of being the Newsletter Chair for 1 year, Treasurer for 3 years and President for the 2006 - 2007 term. He is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Mac works for the City of Brentwood in the Parks & Recreation Dept. He has been married to his wife Nancy for 25 years. They have 2 children, Scott 21 years of age and Stacey 18 years of age. In his spare time, Mac enjoys Snow Skiing, Gardening, Travel and Golf.

Mac joined Rotary so as to be more involved with his community. He feels that his best experiences with Rotary is the Fellowship and involvement with Community Leaders he has experienced.

Welcome New Member



Carol L. Weir

Retired Vocational Rehab Counselor
State of California
Birthday; May 26th.

Carol was inducted into The Brentwood Rotary Club on July 14th, 2008.

She was sponsored by Susanna Wahl. Carol has one son, Scott. She joined Rotary to get involved helping others. She likes what Rotary does in the community and wants to be a part of it.

In her spare time, Carol likes to do volunteer work. She has been involved with Seniors in Convalescent Homes, assisting with leading these seniors in craft activities. She also enjoys doing her own crafts such as Quilting And Crocheting.

She feels that her biggest accomplishment was meeting the challenge of being a single mother. Carol feels that her greatest strength is the compassion and relations that she has with people.

Upcoming Events for August & September 2008

August is Membership & Extension Month

4 Monday

Club MTG

Barbara Russell-Cambra-
Emergency Kits

5 Tuesday

Birthday

Donna Landeros

Anniversary

Dwayne & Thelma Mullins

6 Wednesday

Anniversary

Don & Rae Huntington

7 Thursday

Birthday

Bill Horn

9 Saturday

Anniversary

Caroline & Wallace Robertson

11 Monday

Club MTG

Nancy Oliveira, Death Penalty
Focus

Birthday

Paul Kelly

Interact Kick Off for Presidents
Service Club (Whisky Lake
Redding)

12 Tuesday

Board Meeting-Harvest Park Bowl

Anniversary

Dave & Veronica Roche

15 Friday

Birthday

Dave Roche

16 Saturday

Rotaract Meeting

10:30 am @ LMC Brentwood Ctr.

18 Monday

Club MTG

Ed Stack – Trip to China

19 Tuesday

Birthday

Don Giacomini

Anniversary

Don & Jillian Stirling

23 Saturday

2008-2009 Foundation Seminar, Fairfield, CA

Interact Kick Off Party,
Danville, CA

Service Clubs Unite-

Spirit of Giving & Healing

Brentwood, CA

24 Sunday

Anniversary

Ron & Pat Reagan

25 Monday

Club MTG

Rick Hanson, "Marketing Basics"

Birthday

Dave Wahl

26 Tuesday

Rotaract Membership Drive

3:30 - 7:00 pm

30 Saturday

Birthday

Lyle Miller

September

1 Monday

Club Dark

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