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The Grapevine

Apr 17, 2009

*Today is a **CLUB ASSEMBLY***

But it's a Volunteer Organization

One of the most used and misused clichés that is heard around Rotary is “It’s a volunteer organization”. This is normally used as an excuse when a job is not done, done improperly or done incompletely. The inference is that since we are an organization of volunteer members, we cannot expect a person to meet their obligations and commitments. It should be the other way round. Because it is a volunteer group and you cannot force anyone to take on a job there is a higher level of expectation. A person, of their own free will, stepped up and said they would do a job or accomplish a task. No one forced them to accept. No one forced them to “volunteer”.

All Rotarians are capable. Each is an owner, manager, director or at some level of management in their professions that indicates success and capability. When a Rotarian accepts a task, they should be able to know if they can accomplish it or not. As you give a task, you should provide an acceptable level of guidance and instruction so that it can be completed and provide an offer of further assistance if needed. It therefore follows that if the task is not completed it is probably due to the Rotarian not wanting to finish the task. (continued on page 3)

Future Programs

Apr 24th **Dark for Asparagus**
May 1st **GSE Team**
May 8th **Vocational Tour ???**

Important Dates to Remember

Apr 18th **District Assembly**
Apr 24-26 **Stockton Asparagus Festival**
May 5th **SER Board Meeting**
May 15-17 **District Conference**
Jun ??? **SER Joint Board Meeting**



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**District 5220
Make-Up
Opportunities**

MONDAY

Lodi Tokay Noon
Gary's Uptown Restaurant
Modesto Gateway Noon
Sportsmen of Stanislaus Club
Modesto North 6:15 PM
Appetez
Stockton Delta Noon
Angelina's Restaurant

TUESDAY

Manteca Morning 6:45 AM
Doctor's Hospital
Modesto 12:15 PM
Double Tree Hotel
North Stockton Noon
Brookside Country Club
Stockton Sunrise 7:00 AM
Brookside Country Club
Tracy Noon
Anthony's Steak House

WEDNESDAY

Lodi Sunrise 7:00 AM
Oak Ridge Winery
Modesto East 12:15 PM
Hazel's Elegant Dinning
Oakdale 12:15 PM
Oakdale Golf & C.C.
Ripon 12:10 PM
Barnwood Restaurant
Stockton Noon
Stockton Golf and C.C.
Tracy Sunrise 6:45 AM
Hometown Buffet, Mall

THURSDAY

Lathrop Sunrise 6:30 AM
Holiday Inn Express
Lodi Noon
Burgundy Hall, Lodi Grape
& Festival Grounds
Manteca Noon
Isadore's Restaurant
Modesto Sunrise 7:00 AM
SOS Club
Riverbank 7:15 AM
Riverbank Fire Hall

FRIDAY

Galt Noon
La Quinta Restaurant
Galt Sunrise 7:00 AM
La Quinta Restaurant
Oakdale Sunrise 7:00 AM
Oakdale Country Club
Salida 6:45 AM
Holiday Inn Express

Pure Potpourri from President Potter

This Saturday appears to be a great time to learn more about Rotary. Our district assembly is being held at the First Baptist Church located at 3535 N. El Dorado St. here in Stockton. We have 10 members who signed up to attend. Great job.



I just want to take this opportunity to again thank Janice and Gary for opening their ranch to our club. This get together was one of our best. I feel sorry for the members that didn't attend as they missed a great time. Thanks again you to.

Our club needs new members. Please help us grow by finding and bringing a potential person to our meeting. I want to thank Chris Weed, Marsha Costanzo, Don Richter, and Stan Thomas for bringing in new members this year. Stan has proposed 2 members this year. This Rotary year has 10 more weeks in which we can meet our goal please help. At the beginning of my year everyone filled out a pledge for helping to get new members in our club. I received a total of 31 potential new members pledges, and we have had 5 members that have joined. Let's fulfill our pledges during the next 10 weeks and have a larger club for President Elect Jeff. Please help.

Yours in Rotary

Craig Potter

**THE FOUR-WAY
TEST of the things
we think, say or do**

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
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(Well, it's a volunteer organization you can't expect someone to honor his or her commitments.)

Another cliché is "If you can't do the time, don't do the crime." This can be related to our situation. If you won't complete the job, don't volunteer for it – just say no. Your voluntary "yes" has set a level of commitment and expectation in the person asking. They should be able to expect that the job will be completed. A club president should not have to do every job in the club, they should not have to follow everyone to see that each individual task is completed, they should be able to expect that their "volunteers" will complete what tasks they have accepted. One of the reasons that we have difficulty getting members to accept the obligation of club leadership is that in many cases we are dumping everything on to the leader. They are the only one expected to live up to their "voluntary" commitment. A member sees the lack of support and the heavy workload placed on club leadership and they are unwilling to be dumped on in the same way.

Are you meeting all your commitments; all that you "volunteered" to accomplish?

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[Club Brochures](#)

Remember to have our new Stockton East Rotary brochures available in your home, office, car, and brief case. This will make it easy when we find a potential member.

[SER Friday Greeters](#) *Today: Dick Ringness*

[SER Birthdays:](#) *4/18 John Phillips; 4/19 Chuck Krietz; 4/21 April Jacobs*
[SER Anniversaries:](#) *None* *4/29 Larry Streeter; 4/30 John Lindsey*



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