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**meets every Friday**  
**12:15 PM**  
**Elkhorn Country Club**



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**The Grapevine**

**Aug 22, 2008**

*Today's Speaker is* **Wes Rhea** *from the*  
**Stockton Visitors Bureau**

Wes will be talking about the Visitors Bureau, Tourism and the New Stockton Brand.

Wes is a second generation Stocktonian, and served in the US Army for 10 years until October 2001 on Tanks and as a Recruiter. He joined the Chamber staff in 2003 as the coordinator for the Business Education Alliance. He is a graduate of the Leadership Stockton program and was also the program director for four years. Wes assumed the role of Director of the Conference & Visitors Bureau in 2005.



Wes currently serves on the Board of Directors of the United Way of San Joaquin County and the Central Valley Tourism Association.

Wes has a Bachelors Degree in Business Management. Married to wife Kristi and has two boys - Max, age 9 & Jack, age 2.

**Future Programs**

- Aug 29th**     **Dark for the Labor Day Weekend**
- Sep 5th**     **Dan Chapman and Chris Cichocki, Stockton Thunder**
- Sep 12th**    **Scott Webb, Carole Sund/Carrington Foundation**

**Important Dates to Remember**

- Aug 23rd**    **Membership & Foundation Seminar; RYLA Training**
- Sep 2nd**     **SER Board Meeting**
- Sep 14th**    **Picnic at Doc & Sue's House**
- Oct 7th**     **SER Board Meeting**
- Oct 25th**    **Foundation Dinner**



**SERVICE Above Self**

**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  
Chancellor Place  
Modesto East 12:15 PM  
Hazel's Elegant Dining  
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  
Golden Acorn  
Galt Sunrise 7:00 AM  
Estrellita High School  
Oakdale Sunrise 7:00 AM  
Oakdale Country Club  
Salida 6:45 AM  
Holiday Inn Express

# Pure Potpourri from President Potter

Fellow Rotarians,

I would first like to thank Jeff Prag for taking over the meeting last Friday, while I was in Los Angeles. I know he did a fine job. We really have something good to look forward to next year during his tenure as Club President!



During my vacation, I was looking at the District 5220 web site, and was struck by the number of disasters which have happened and are happening in our area of the U.S. California seems to be receiving more than its share of catastrophes. Whenever a disaster happens, Rotarians in and around the area lend a hand in alleviating the loss suffered by those involved.

We in Stockton have had some small disasters of our own recently. The fire that occurred in the Quail Lakes community is one example. A number of families lost their homes and possessions in a matter of minutes.

I also remember the Loma Preta earthquake, which hit the Bay Area several years ago. I was living in Watsonville at the time, and can recall how dark the town seemed when the electrical power was lost. It took several hours to get help from outside the community, but the people in the community became like a giant family and helped each other. What an uplifting experience it was to behold!

The earthquake displaced a number of people from their homes and as a result they needed shelter. Many of us, who were fortunate to be spared from major damage, gave away the tents we had to the people in need. Those tents became homes for several months. It felt good to be of some help in our small way.

It would seem to me that we Rotarians should be in a position to help our own community when disaster strikes. As a former Boy Scout, I remember the motto, (continued on page 3)

## 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**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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(continued from page 2) "Be Prepared," and I wonder if Stockton East and other local clubs are prepared to help when needed? Can we start a fund for disaster relief which would only be used to help in emergencies? It may be something to think about, discuss, and take action.

Here are some examples of what other groups have done:

*A disaster relief-type organization that was started in England is called the "ShelterBox Project." This project provides large crates with tents, water purification tablets, health aid, and enough food to sustain a family of ten for several weeks. Is this a project Rotarians should consider for our area? If we chose to establish a fund for such purposes, it could help provide needed supplies in fast order, or as the British might say, "straight away."*

*The Chico Rotary clubs provided shelter and blankets for people displaced by the recent forest fires which occurred in and around Paradise, CA. Another club provided masks to the people in the area to help prevent lung problems that could develop by breathing in the smoky air.*

Together, we ordinary people can do the extraordinary. Let's find other like-minded people to join us in the causes as well as the fun and joy of being a Rotarian. Please help us grow. I thank all of you, who have already introduced Rotary to a colleague or acquaintance.

GREAT JOB!

Yours in Rotary,

Craig Potter  
President of Stockton East Rotary

**HOLY HUMOR**

'Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good morning, Lord,' and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good Lord, it's morning.'

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, 'Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt.' Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said 'Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming.'

**SER Friday Greeters**

***Today: Dick Ennis***

**SER Birthdays:**

***8/29 Rick Fooy; 9/1 Garry Potten; 9/2 Fifi Aoun;***

**SER Anniversaries:**

***None***



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