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The Grapevine

Aug 8, 2008

Today's Speakers are *Pat Filippone* and
Darren Bush with the *Stockton Ports*

Pat Filippone

In July of 2006, the Stockton Ports were proud to announce the addition of Pat Filippone as the club's President, General Manager and part owner. In his first full season with the Ports, Pat presided over the most successful season in team history. The Ports set a new record attendance mark, and the team also hosted the 2007 California/Carolina League All-Star Game. At season's end, Pat--along with Rancho Cucamonga Quakes GM Gerry McKearney--was named Co-Executive of the Year in the California League. Prior to joining the Ports, Pat had served as the C.E.O. of the Fresno Grizzlies since 2003. Before his time in Fresno, he served as the general manager of the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes of the California League from 1998-2003. During his tenure with the Quakes, the team increased its profitability and visibility within the community. The Quakes increased their sell-out crowds 600 percent, and grew in sponsorship and sales revenue. The highlight of his tenure was the Quakes' hosting of the California League-Carolina League All-Star Game in 2003. It was a successful two-day event that set a record for profitability for the event. While in Fresno, Pat also started the Grizzlies Community Fund 501c3 corporation that has raised over \$100,000 for local charities over the last two years. Pat began his baseball career with the Prince William Cannons prior to the 1991 season as director of operations. From there he was promoted rapidly throughout the organization, culminating with his appointment as general manager in 1993.

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Future Programs

Aug 15th Lindy Turner from the Child Abuse Prevention Council of SJ
 Aug 22nd Wes Rhea, Visitors Bureau
 Aug 29th Dark for the Labor Day Weekend

Important Dates to Remember

Aug 23rd Membership & Foundation Seminar; RYLA Training
 Sep 2nd SER Board Meeting
 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 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
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,

We can all be proud of ourselves for the compliments we received from District Governor Janine McClanahan about how active and friendly we are. Judy Lovette our AGD also indicated what a friendly club we have.



I personally want to again welcome our two newest members Ger Vang, and Dick Ennis into our club. Both of these members seem to be bringing us new energy and ideas to help our efforts to do extraordinary things.

Just for your information our club has pledged to help bring in a total on 32 new members this Rotary year on our Pledge card. That pledge is EXTRAORDINARY and I have faith that we can achieve that goal. I have noticed that we have already started to meet that commitment by bringing guests to the club. Thank you to all of you for your efforts and let's keep up the good work.

I personally feel blessed by my association with the caring and loving men and woman in our club. We are truly members of a world family of Rotarians that gather to have fun, sharing our hopes and dreams with each other with the desire to improve our world by our deeds. Rotary is one organization in which your membership insures that you can travel through out this world and always have a friend.

Rotary is an organization of people who are like-minded and want to do good deeds and help others. We need to keep the goodness growing and find others in our community who share the same dreams. Thanks again for your efforts.

Yours in Rotary,

Craig Potter
President of Stockton East Rotary

**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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After the 1994 season, he was promoted to vice president and general manager and was placed on the Cannons' Board of Directors. During his tenure as general manager, the Cannons set attendance records three times, made significant upgrades and were recognized nationally within the industry with numerous awards for products and promotions. He was recognized with the Carolina League Executive of the Year Award for the 1997 season and the California League Executive of the Year Award for the 2003 season. A native of Reston, Va., Pat and his wife, Wendy, reside in Stockton with their daughter, Kelly.

Manager: Darren Bush

Bush replaces former Ports manager Todd Steverson, who was promoted to manage the AA-Midland RockHounds of the Texas League. Prior to his stint in Stockton, Bush spent three seasons coaching independent league teams. He spent 2004 with Quebec, 2003 with Berkshire and 2002 with Yuba-Sutter. A former catcher, Bush spent three seasons in the affiliated minor leagues with San Diego (1999-2000) and Philadelphia (2001). Prior to signing as a minor league free agent in 1998, he played three seasons in the Frontier League.



Finally, life explained in a way that makes sense!

On the first day, God created the dog and said: 'Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years.' The dog said: 'That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?' So God agreed. On the second day, God created the monkey and said: 'Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span.' The monkey said: 'Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the Dog did?' And God agreed. On the third day, God created the cow and said: 'You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years.' The cow said: 'That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?' And God agreed again. On the fourth day, God created humans and said: 'Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years.' But the human said: 'Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay? Okay,' said God, 'You asked for it.' So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone. Life has now been explained to you.

SER Friday Greeters

Today: Jeff is the man!

SER Birthdays:

8/8 Marsha Costanzo; 8/12 Janice Gilford;

SER Anniversaries:

None

8/15 Stan Thomas;



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