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meets every Friday  
12:15 PM  
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# Grapevine

The Official Newsletter of Stockton East Rotary

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The Grapevine

Dec 19, 2008

## Today is wrapping of the presents for the Cancer Families



### Future Programs

- Dec 26th Dark - Happy Holidays
- Jan 2nd Dark - Happy New Year
- Jan 9th Joe Serra and UOP Speakers about Guatemala Wheelchairs

### Important Dates to Remember

- Dec 19th Shopping Spree at Safeway
- Dec 20th Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Jan 6th SER Board Meeting
- Jan 31st Mid Year Assembly & Pre PETS
- Feb 5th Pub Night at St. Anne's
- Feb 21st Trivia Challenge, Modesto



# 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  
La Quinta Restaurant  
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**

I would like to thank Roger and Sharon Roman for hosting our wonderful Christmas party last Friday evening. Everyone seemed to be having a great time. From my perspective, and I am sure you will agree, it's really rewarding to know that there are so many fun loving and nice people. Rotary is a great organization!



This Friday during our luncheon meeting, we will begin the process of spreading more joy to others when we will organize and wrap the many gifts that our Club provides for the selected Cancer families each year. **Remember to bring some scissors on wrapping day!** Everything else will be provided as usual.

Bev and I would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season. We hope that your holidays will be filled with friends and family. We will also be saying a prayer for our men and women in the armed forces that are not able to be with their families during the holidays. Perhaps you will add your own prayers and thoughts for them as well; the more the better!

The dream of peace on earth is possible. Rotary just might be the right organization to serve as the model to help bring about such a possibility. Imagine if everyone would treat others with the intent of the **Four Way Test**. Many of the challenges of the world would be greatly reduced, or in a perfect world, be eliminated entirely!

All human beings have the same basic needs, and when we realize that fact and treat each other with honesty and respect, there would be no doubt that our world would be a much more enjoyable place to live for all. If our worth could be measured in the good we do for others, rather than in the items we acquire, all of us in Rotary would be very "rich" indeed!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,**

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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**Rotary Read-In**

The Rotary Read-in will be celebrating its 18th year and has gone through many changes. In order to properly support our partner Stockton A+ and bear our equitable share, it is critical that we come up with many more readers than in the past. The time commitment on the day of the read-in is only about an hour and very rewarding. We are asking for your commitment to read and your assistance in encouraging others to do the same. We will have a sign up go round. Rick Fooy needs sign ups by January 16th, the Read -In is February 11, 2009 Save the date!

**LET'S OFFEND EVERYONE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

- Q. What's the Cuban National Anthem?  
A. Row, Row, Row Your Boat
- Q. Where does an Irish family go on vacation?  
A. A different bar
- Q. What did the Chinese couple name their retarded baby?  
A. Sum Ting Wong
- Q. What do you call it when an Italian has one arm shorter than the other?  
A. A speech impediment
- Q. What does it mean when the Post Office's flag is flying at half-mast?  
A. They're hiring
- Q. Why aren't there any Puerto Ricans on Star Trek?  
A. Because they're not going to work in the future either.
- Q. What do you call a Mississippi farmer with a sheep under each arm?  
A. A pimp.
- Q. Why do Driver Education classes in redneck schools use the car only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays?  
A. Because on Tuesday and Thursday, the Sex Ed class uses it.
- Q. What's the difference between a southern zoo and a northern zoo?  
A. The southern zoo has a description of the animal on the front of the cage along with a recipe.
- Q. How do you get a sweet little 80-year-old lady to say the & 'F' word?  
A. Get another sweet little 80-year-old lady to yell 'BINGO!'
- Q. What's the difference between a northern fairytale and a southern fairytale???  
A. A northern fairytale begins, 'Once upon a time...' and a southern fairy tale begins, 'Y'all ain't gonna believe this shit.'
- Q. Why doesn't Mexico have an Olympic team?  
A. Because all the Mexicans who can run, jump or swim are already in the United States

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