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Stockton East Rotary
 meets every Friday
 12:15 PM
 Elkhorn Country Club

Grapevine

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The Grapevine

Jan 16, 2009

Today's speaker is *Carmen Maria
 Matty-Cervantes* with



Carmen Maria Matty-Cervantes

Year Joined MKLM: 2004

Country: Tanzania

City: Kalebezo

Focus: Sustainable Development, Education, Healthcare

Project: VEMA

People Served: Children, Women, Youth, Families, Elders

Project Goal: To bring about the wholeness and well being of people living and working in the villages by providing education, health, and development activities



Personal Data

Carmen came to Maryknoll Lay Missioners from Stockton, CA. Before joining MKLM in 2004, she has worked as the Study Abroad Advisor at the University of the Pacific and as a Contracts Management Analyst for the Employment and Economic Development Department of San Joaquin County in Stockton. Carmen was born in Mexico and visits relatives there on a regular basis. She has volunteered nationally and internationally, including Mexico, the Philippines, and Spain. Carmen has degrees from Santa Clara University, University of San Francisco, and University of the Pacific (all in California).

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Future Programs

- Jan 23rd Club Assembly
- Jan 30th Speech Contest
- Feb 6th Dark for Pub Night at St. Anne's

Important Dates to Remember

- Jan 30th Speech Contest
- Jan 31st Mid Year Assembly & Pre PETS
- Feb 3rd SER Board Meeting
- Feb 5th Pub Night at St. Anne's
- Feb 11th Rotary Read-In
- 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 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
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

Jeff Prag phoned yesterday with news about the Arena Fund Raising. The Arena is very interested in having us back. It seems that they need people to staff the 2 large booths; all the small ones are already staffed. They would require a staff of between 9 and 13 persons.



It seems that we only have the balance of the hockey season between February 1st and March 31st that we have available to work. We have a total of 20 games available from which to choose. I will provide a schedule of available days at our meeting.

The Arena indicated that they were having a 2 ½ hour scheduled training meeting on Thursday January 29th at 6:00 PM.

We have three decisions to make at our meeting; first, do we want to commit to the large booth; second, if we choose to commit how many games we want to work; third, can we make the scheduled training session.

This could make us some money but will take a lot of work for a short period of time.

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!

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Current Ministry

Today, Carmen's ministry is at VEMA, a vocational (masonry and tailoring) and kindergarten school as well as a women's and health development project in the village of Kalebezo, founded by the Maryknoll Sisters. She lives on the school compound with a Maryknoll Sister and next door to three Tanzanian Sisters. Kalebezo represents a typical village given that 80% of Tanzanians live in villages and 90% do not have electricity and running water. Most villagers, especially women and girls, barely have a 7th grade education, as they are overextended with their duties at home and in the fields. Luckily, through a VEMA sponsorship, in a couple of years Kalebezo will have its first female university graduate.

Health is a great issue from malaria to HIV/AIDS, especially since the nearest hospital is an hour away. As the oxymoronic phrase goes, "Death is 'alive' in Kalebezo." Carmen's ministry consists of teaching typing and computers (run on a generator) to the staff, teaching elementary math to the masonry and tailoring students, and helping in administrative work. VEMA has a permanent staff of 30 and about 15 temporary workers.

Maryknoll Lay Missioners

Maryknoll Lay Missioners is one of the three separately operated entities of Maryknoll Missioners, a U.S.-based Catholic mission movement. Since 1911, Maryknoll has responded to the worldwide cry of people in need, such as the poor, the sick, the elderly, war-zone refugees, and orphans. The three distinct branches of Maryknoll Missioners are Maryknoll Society (Fathers and Brothers), Maryknoll Congregation (Sisters), and us, Maryknoll Lay Missioners. Each branch is separately funded and depends on its own donors for support.

Maryknoll Lay Missioners believes that, ultimately, compassion transforms lives. Through the compassion and generosity of our contributors, we work to create a more just and compassionate world by responding to the needs of the poor. To continue to do our work, we need the financial support of those who share the desire to make a difference in the lives of people in need.

SER Friday Greeters

Today: Bill Lina

SER Birthdays:

1/17 Dick Ringness; 1/22 Sharon Ringness & Colleen Moreno

SER Anniversaries:

1/16 Ranchhod;

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