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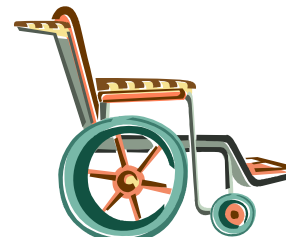
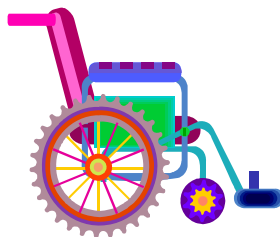
*Today's speakers are **Joe Serra, Cathy Peterson, Valerie Maurer and Hoang Nguyen***

In October two UOP Doctor of Physical Therapy students accompanied Professor Cathy Peterson and Rotarians from District 5220 to Guatemala to distribute wheelchairs with Hope Haven.

Valerie Maurer is a graduate of San Francisco State University where she earned her Baccalaureate degree in Kinesiology.

Hoang Nguyen is a graduate of UC San Diego where he earned his Baccalaureate degree in Psychology.

Both students will complete the two year Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of the Pacific in September of 2009



Future Programs

Jan 16th Carmen Matty-Cervantes on missionary work in Tanzania
Jan 23rd Club Assembly
Jan 30th Speech Contest

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

Here we are entering 2009 with new hope and starting on January 20th a new president. Beverly and I reviewed what happened to our economy, our personal finances and our health and we look forward to 2009 as a new improved season in our lives.



Our hope is for all of us to achieve our goals and make dreams come true. I would like to again share a dream I have had that requires the help of everyone. I do believe the saying that "It takes a village to raise a child".

As a child I was raised believing I could do anything I wanted in life. My father died when I was 7 years old and I was raised as an only child in a single parent home. My mother had a certificate to teach music and after the death of my father tried to get a job teaching in the local school district. She was told that music teachers were not needed but she could teach on a provisional certificate, the provision was that she go back to school in the evening and during the summer and get he elementary school teaching certificate.

Her concern was that she would have to leave her 7 year old with neighbors while she went to school at night. We were lucky to live in a neighborhood in which we knew our neighbors, and they were willing to take care of me after school until my mother got home. They also had diverse skills and introduced me to electronics, photography and woodworking. I was blessed with a village that raised me. I never felt that I was stuck in a rut from which I couldn't escape. I was always encouraged to learn. Education was the way to success and it was available to me for the taking.

My dream is that today's children can have that same feeling. When I went to the international convention and learned that there is a direct correlation between illiteracy and crime, so much so the jails are built based on the number of illiterate 3rd graders. I was totally surprised.

If the children feel lost and unable to keep up in the third grade how can they be expected to succeed in their later years? The value of education seems to be lost in many homes. That's where we can all help. We need to get the Computer Assisted Learning System, which Rotary is sponsoring, in place in our schools. Lets help raise our children.

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!

The Wheelchair Foundation

The Wheelchair Foundation is a nonprofit organization leading an international effort to create awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, creating global friendship, and to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teen and adult in the world who needs one, but cannot afford one. For these people, The Wheelchair Foundation delivers Hope, Mobility and Independence.

It is estimated that at least a 100 million children, teens and adults worldwide need a wheelchair but cannot afford one. Some international organizations believe that the number could be as high as 6% of the population of developing countries. The number in Angola is 20% of a population of 12 million people. Other "landmine" countries such as Afghanistan, Vietnam, Cambodia, Bosnia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone and Mozambique have extremely high physical disability rates.

The Wheelchair Foundation can purchase and deliver a wheelchair to their distribution partners worldwide for an average of \$150. This wheelchair would normally cost \$500 in the U.S., but the large quantities that they purchase allow them to deliver each one for roughly \$150, by a 280-wheelchair sea container. The same type of wheelchair sells for up to \$1,700 in some developing countries.

The Wheelchair Foundation purchases wheelchairs from several manufactures in China that build a quality product designed to be easily maintainable in developing countries.

SER Friday Greeters***Today: Fluffy Dippensniffer*****SER Birthdays:*****1/6 David Stull; 1/8 Angela Lindsey;*****SER Anniversaries:*****1/8 Hamilton; 1/16 Ranchhod***

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