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The Grapevine

Mar 13, 2009

*Today's Speaker is
Judge Linda Loftus*

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Linda Lofthus is currently Judge, Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin Felony/Misdemeanor Jury Trial Assignment, Dept. 33 Drug Court. She was appointed to the bench by Governor Gray Davis and has since handled 20 different courts within County of San Joaquin. Before that Linda was in General Private Practice, handling civil and criminal matters. Her law career started in 1980 as Deputy Public Defender, County of San Joaquin Felony jury trials, preliminary hearings, Misdemeanor jury trials, Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity jury trials, mental health matters and Mentally Disordered Sex Offender trials.

Linda's professional associations include the California Judges Association as an Executive Board Member, Member of Statewide Committee Regarding Independence of Judiciary and Liason to Family Law Advisory Committee. She is a Trustee for the Law Library of San Joaquin.

Linda's extensive education includes; Certified Specialist, Family Law, State Bar of California, Board of Legal Specialization; Member, State Bar of California; J.D., New College of California, School of Law, San Francisco; B.A., CSU, Chico Major: Political Science.

Linda was married in 1981 to Michael Norton an attorney. She has three children Mackenzie, Molly and Chris. Linda is a Private Pilot, Single Engine Certified, 150, 152, and 172. She speaks fluent Spanish, enjoys swimming, hiking, cycling, is an avid reader and film aficionado.

Future Programs

Mar 20th Jim Yanko – Cancer Survivor

Mar 27th RYLA Attendees

Apr 3rd Jill Hernandez with the SJC Ombudsman office

Important Dates to Remember

Apr 4th Western Party at Gary's Place

Apr 7th SER Board Meeting

Apr 18th District Assembly

Apr 24-26 Stockton Asparagus Festival

May 15-17 District Conference



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
	Oak Ridge Winery
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
	La Quinta Restaurant
Oakdale Sunrise	7:00 AM
	Oakdale Country Club
Salida	6:45 AM
	Holiday Inn Express

Pure Potpourri from President Potter

Last Sunday my 103-year-old mother reminded me how important recognition is to a person. It seems that her independent living facility devoted the walls of their bingo room to a large photo, with a little information of each resident who had achieved the age of 100 years old or older. Mom was very moved and excited and couldn't wait until Sunday arrived to show my wife Bev and I her picture.

I didn't realize how important recognition was until that moment. Mom has lived her life doing good deeds. My mother is a retired schoolteacher who retired early to move from Los Angeles to Watsonville when her sister's husband died to be near her sister.

When I bought a Bicycle shop in Watsonville mom would come down to the shop every day and help where she could with customers, and clean up and banking. Her heart has always been a giving heart. She has always offered help where she could.

Her example of helping others is one of the main reasons I joined Rotary. I wanted to help others, the most important part of Rotary to me. Fellowship is great and very enjoyable but the thing we do for others is the most important to me.

I feel very fortunate that we live in a country that values education and the individual, and attempts to allow all people the freedom to achieve what they wish. Individually we can achieve some things but as a group we can achieve great tasks. Tasks like the elimination of Polio throughout the world.

When we recognize each other's efforts in the tasks we perform it gives one a little boost to continue our work. We are doing great things and we need to recognize what we do so each of us can feel the feeling of achievement.

Let's get behind the Asparagus Festival and help obtain the funds we need for next Rotary year's projects of help.

Craig Potter, President



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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As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on 280 Interstate. Please be careful!"

"It's not just one car," said Herman.. "It's hundreds of them!"

I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it.

Sometimes too much to drink isn't enough.

Kinky is using a feather. Perverted is using the whole chicken.

Suicidal twin kills sister by mistake!

Welcome to Utah, Set your watch back 20 years.

In just two days from now, tomorrow will be yesterday.

A bartender is just a pharmacist with a limited inventory.

Our friend RC receives an "at a boy" for his thoughtfulness.

RC Vasavada sent \$ to Mr. Ringness to share in Hanks memory, which was a toast at last Friday's meeting. Dick bought wine with RC's thoughtful gift and all lifted their glass high to toast Hank. Many members shared stories and memories of Hank.

April 4th party at Gary's Windmill Ranch on Waterloo Road.

Old West Theme, Starts at 5 pm, Sat., 4/4 -- casual, jeans or western dress -- Beer, wine, soft drinks, "special" sandwiches will be served -- sign up sheet at Fri meetings to bring either hors d'oeuvre, salad or a desert, (not main dish) -- \$5.00 per person charge -- raffle (door) prizes, no charge for tickets -- Western, cowboy, red-neck joke contest with prize for winner -- potential Rotarians welcome.

SER Friday Greeters

Today: Marsha Costanzo

Next Week: Joan Levyssohn

SER Birthdays:

3/14 Johnnie Walker; 3/17 Charlie Jacobs; 3/18 Roger Roman

SER Anniversaries:

None

3/19 Dave Wilcox

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