

NORTHWINDS



PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ANOTHER "WORDLESS" WOODY!! OUR FEARLESS LEADER GOT STUCK IN HIS PROTFOLIOS- MAYBE NEXT EDITION ?

But in his place, we offer this "food for thought"

"Every year
everything
I have ever learned

in my lifetime
leads back to this: the fires
and the black river of loss
whose other side

is salvation,
whose meaning
none of us will ever know.
To live in this world

you must be able
to do three things:
to love what is mortal;
to hold it

against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go,
to let it go."

~ Mary Oliver, from the poem "In Blackwater Woods"

You're invited to the
**Pleasanton North
Rotary**
Holiday Party
**Sunday, December 8,
2002**
Starting at 6:00

p.m.

Please bring an "unwrapped" toy for Toys for Tots. (This will be our December Community Service Project)

The glasses will be filled at 6 p.m. and the dinner served at 7 pm. We look forward to seeing all of you! The estimated cost is \$35-45 per person. Be sure to sign up at Friday's meeting or call Jim Polis, Carol Ott or Ronda Henstorf.

Also, the Kid's Xmas Party is Friday, December 20 and Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be attending. Be sure your special lady or lad have that day available to celebrate with us. Details regarding Santa's presents for your guests will be announced at Friday's meeting.

Your Club Service Team
Carol & Ronda

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On the Web with Sgt Stinger

The Sarge gets a break this week as he is busily editing the video from the Tulancingo/wheelchair visit.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

NOVEMBER "Rotary Foundation Month"

FRIDAY 11/22/02
Eli Kozanian-Wheelchair Program

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY 11/29/02
DARK (no meeting)

DECEMBER "Youth Service Month"

FRIDAY 12/06/02

FRIDAY 12/13/02

FRIDAY 12/20/02

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"It's what you learn after you know it all that counts"

**BE A FRIEND -BRING A
FRIEND TO A MEETING**

NOVEMBER'S NOTABLES

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

CONGRATULATIONS



NEED TO MAKE UP A MEETING?

Visit one of the local Valley clubs

Tuesday:

Livermore Valley Club

7 a.m. @ Beeb's

Dublin Club

12:15 p.m. @ Dublin Park Hotel

Wednesday:

Livermore Club

12:15 @ Holiday Inn

Thursday

Tri-Valley Rotary Club

6 p.m. at Girasole

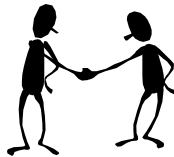
Pleasanton Club

12:15 @ the Pleasanton hotel



FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MISSED LAST WEEK'S MEETING:

Welcome Visiting Rotarians at our last meeting
No Information



Special Guests at our last meeting:

No Information



PNR Rotary Defined from Mike Christy

“Making a Difference”, “Giving Back to the Community” and “Fellowship” sound like worn-out clichés until you have the opportunity to experience them. The PNR trip to Tulancingo was a life event that Jeanne and I will never forget. We met momentary strangers that became friends that gladly shared their culture, heart and love of community.

On a personal basis, the fruits of our efforts were realized as we delivered wheelchairs to those in need. It was especially gratifying to realize that we not only helped the wheelchair recipients but also their families.

On the airplane home, I had the opportunity to explain to a fellow passenger that Jeanne and I were part of PNR Rotary that donated wheelchairs to the community of Tulancingo, something we could not have done alone. Furthermore, members of the flight crew offered their unsolicited thanks for helping their fellow countrymen of Mexico.

In short, the trip allowed us to realize the essence of being a PNR Rotary member. Thank you PNR, we are proud members



Mike C and his girls at the Asilo San Jose



The other Mike C. and HIS girls at the Asilo



The girls all gathered for a tearful farewell



President Keith and President David



Susan sings "Row, Row Row...in Spanish



Wheelchair recipients waiting to be called



Row after row of beautiful, new wheelchairs



One very pleased recipient



PNR done good!!!



At the Chabelo, all the deserving children received new wheel chairs

AND NOW A WORD FROM THE BIG KAHUNA

November is Rotary Foundation Month

When someone mentions The Rotary Foundation, do you automatically think, "Somebody is going to ask me for money?" Do you think that The Rotary Foundation only involves contributions to some address in Chicago? If so, you may have missed one of the benefits of being a Rotarian and you have not been exposed to one of the most unusual aspects of our organization.

November is The Rotary Foundation month. Most Rotarians believe it is the month in which we focus attention on the Foundation to raise money. Most Rotarians are wrong.

A key difference of Rotary International from other service organizations is that we reach across borders to make a difference. We make a difference with people we have never met. We change the lives of children we will never see. We create hope, where there is despair. We create opportunity, where there is none. We bring smiles to faces. We make a difference.

If you think that this difference is the result of only writing a check, then shame on YOU. It is the right and responsibility of each Rotarian to use and involve themselves in the Rotary Foundation. This is not a one way street in which money flows from your pocket out of the country. It is one of the most unique and rewarding aspects of wearing that pin on your lapel, and attending your weekly meetings.

Our goal, this year, is that when you think of the Rotary Foundation you do not only think of giving money, but rather you think of changing lives . . . one of them, yours.

I invite you, and your club members to look at our November update to the Rotary District 5170 web site at <http://www.rotary5170.org>. Please take the time to read my newsletter and to see the many areas in the Rotary Foundation in which you could be a part.

Also, you will see a notice on the web site about a very special event that I strongly encourage you to attend. On Friday, January 3, 2003, you are invited to attend a dinner with Rotary International Bhichai Rattakul. He will be speaking at a dinner at the Doubletree Hotel in Monterey. On our district web site, you will find more information about the event and how to register. Please go to <http://www.rotary5170.org/misc/ri-pres-dinner.asp> for this information. You will also find out that the organizing committee has arranged for very inexpensive hotel accommodations at the Doubletree so that you could make it an enjoyable overnight stay.

I strongly encourage you to attend, not just because we need to "show our support." No. I am asking you to attend because President Bhichai is a remarkable man and speaker. Not only is he the President of our organization, he is the former deputy prime minister of Thailand. He is a true statesman. He is also one of the most humble and different leaders we have ever had in Rotary. He is worth YOUR time.

You are a member of a different kind of organization. Make sure you recognize and use its benefits.

Thank you. Brad Howard,
Governor Rotary District 5170

Thoughts on Obligation

What do the Marines and PNR have in common?

Picky as hell and proud of it!

If you are reading this at Friday's meeting, take a look at the person sitting next to you or across the table. I'll bet you can remember a club event that she or he participated in or organized and led. I'd even go so far as to say that you remember because you were there too, doing what we all have signed up to do as Rotarians. So what.

The "so what" is that when we were approached to become members of this organization, our sponsors saw in us the willingness to oblige ourselves to be active participants. They also saw the probability that we would go beyond the usual expectations of ordinary club membership and seek out others who are of like mind.

Take a few minutes over a cup of coffee (or a glass of wine, if you are inclined) and write out the short list of people who are like you - responsible, committed, and determined to push through to the other side to get a job done.

We don't want everyone to join - just a few good men and women. Like the Marines, we should be picky. After all, our sponsors were and it seems to be working out just fine.

THIS IS A TEST.....

This is a psychological profile tool...so answer the question according to how you feel, and not how you think you should. And don't be overly sensitive! It has proven to be pretty accurate. And it only takes 2 minutes. Take this test for yourself and send it to your friends..

Don't peek but begin the test as you scroll down and answer. Answers are for who you are now ... not who you were in the past.

This is a real test given by the Human Relations Dept. at many of the major corporations today. It's only 10 simple questions, so ... grab a pencil and paper, and keep track of your letter answers for each question.. Ready? ? ? BEGIN

1. When do you feel your best?

- a) in the morning
- b) during the afternoon & and early evening
- c) late at night

2. You usually walk

- a) fairly fast, with long steps
- b) fairly fast, with little steps
- c) less fast head up, looking the world in the face
- d) less fast, head down
- e) very slowly

3. When talking to people you

- a) stand with your arms folded
- b) have your hands clasped
- c) have one or both your hands on your hips
- d) touch or push the person to whom you are talking
- e) play with your ear, touch your chin, or smooth your hair

4. When relaxing, you sit with

- a) your knees bent with your legs neatly side by side
- b) your legs crossed
- c) your legs stretched out or straight
- d) one leg curled under you

5. When something really amuses you, you react with

- a) a big, appreciative laugh
- b) a laugh, but not a loud one
- c) a quiet chuckle
- d) a sheepish smile

6. When you go to a party or social gathering

- a) make a loud entrance so everyone notices you
- b) make a quiet entrance, looking around for someone you know
- c) make the quietest entrance, trying to stay unnoticed

7. You're working very hard, concentrating hard, and you're interrupted;

do you ...

- a) welcome the break
- b) feel extremely irritated
- c) vary between these two extremes

8. Which of the following colors do you like most?

- a) Red or orange
- b) black
- c) yellow or light blue
- d) green
- e) dark blue or purple
- f) white
- g) brown or gray

9. When you are in bed at night, in those last few moments before going

to sleep, you lie

- a) stretched out on your back
- b) stretched out face down on your stomach
- c) on your side, slightly curled
- d) with your head on one arm
- e) with your head under the covers

10. You often dream that you are

- a) falling
- b) fighting or struggling
- c) searching for something or somebody
- d) flying or floating
- e) you usually have dreamless sleep
- f) your dreams are always pleasant

POINTS:

- 1. (a) 2 (b) 4 (c) 6
- 2. (a) 6 (b) 4 (c) 7 (d) 2 (e) 1
- 3. (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 5 (d) 7 (e) 6
- 4. (a) 4 (b) 6 (c) 2 (d) 1
- 5. (a) 6 (b) 4 (c) 3 (d) 5 (e) 2
- 6. (a) 6 (b) 4 (c) 2
- 7. (a) 6 (b) 2 (c) 4
- 8. (a) 6 (b) 7 (c) 5 (d) 4 (e) 3 (f) 2 (g) 1
- 9. (a) 7 (b) 6 (c) 4 (d) 2 (e) 1
- 10. (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 5 (e) 6 (f) 1

Now add up the total number of points.

OVER 60 POINTS:

Others see you as someone they should "handle with care." You're seen as vain, self-centered, and who is extremely dominant. Others may admire you, wishing they could be more like you, but don't always trust you, hesitating to become too deeply involved with you.

51 TO 60 POINTS:

Others see you as an exciting, highly volatile, rather impulsive personality; a natural leader, who's quick to make decisions, though not always the right ones. They see you as bold and adventuresome, someone who will try anything once; someone who takes chances and enjoys an adventure. They enjoy being in your company because of the excitement you radiate.

41 TO 50 POINTS:

Others see you as fresh, lively, charming, amusing, practical, and always interesting; someone who's constantly in the center of attention, but sufficiently well-balanced not to let it go to their head. They also see you as kind, considerate, and understanding; someone who'll always cheer them up and help them out.

31 TO 40 POINTS:

Others see you as sensible, cautious, careful & practical. They see you as clever, gifted, or talented, but modest. Not a person who makes friends too quickly or easily, but someone who's extremely loyal to friends you do make and who expect the same loyalty in return. Those who really get to know you realize it takes a lot to shake your trust in your friends, but equally that it takes you a long time to get over it if that trust is ever broken.

21 TO 30 POINTS:

Your friends see you as painstaking and fussy. They see you as very cautious, extremely careful, a slow and steady plodder. It'd really surprise them if you ever did something impulsively or on the spur of the moment, expecting you to examine everything carefully from every angle and then, usually decide against it. They think this reaction is caused partly by your careful nature.

UNDER 21 POINTS:

People think you are shy, nervous, and indecisive, someone who needs looking after, who always wants someone else to make the decisions who doesn't want to get involved with anyone or anything. They see you as a worrier who always sees problems that don't exist. Some people think you're boring. Only those who know you well know that you aren't.

