

The Squeeler

Visalia Breakfast Rotary

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My Fellow Rotarians,

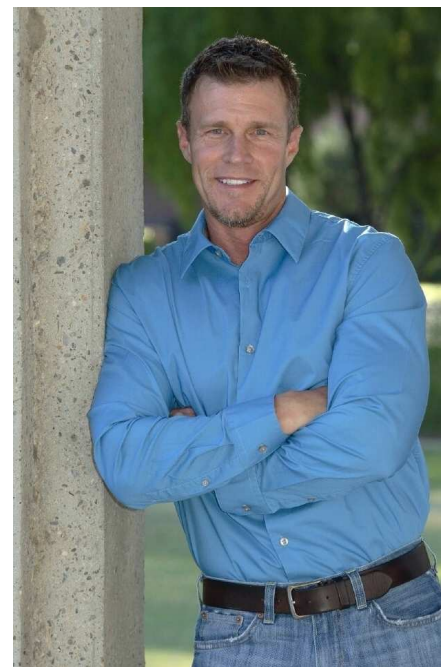
It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your President this Rotary year. As the President of this club, I hold the honored responsibility of carrying on the Rotarian tradition of service above self, integrity, fellowship, and leadership.

Our International President Ray Klinginsmith has selected “Building Communities, Bridging Continents” as our new theme. As leaders in our community, we need to focus our efforts during these tough economic times. As Rotarians we acknowledge that what affects one directly affects all indirectly. We will not sit idly by and watch the human condition deteriorate in the community or even a continent away.

As your servant leader, I encourage you to give impetus and action to the Rotary motto: Service above self. I ask you, if Rotarians don’t do it, who will? Accordingly, I have selected the club theme and motto, “Because it’s the right thing to do” for our Rotary year.

Yours in Rotary,

Bob Dickey



FAMILY OF MAN BY SHARON JANSMA

We’re headed into the holidays and that means one thing: Family. We lavish love, time, and thoughtful gifts on each other. But I wonder if this year we might expand out thinking to look at ourselves as an important part of the Family of Man.

The upcoming holidays seem the perfect time to lend a helping hand across cultures, religions, and nationalities, to people in greater need than most of us. On our home shores, we have veterans, elderly, and children,—considering offering a gift to them of your time, food, housing, professional assistance (legal, medical, dental, education, job training). Every opportunity should be taken to reach out and provide that helping hand that can make a difference.

As Rotarians, we already read to Mineral King School students, welcome kids from across the world into our homes through our exchange program, and fight polio worldwide. This holiday season, do you think we can do a little more?



TOP FIVE REASONS TO SUPPORT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

BY ANTOINETTE TUSCANO, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS

There are as many reasons to support The Rotary Foundation as there are ways to do good in the world. By contributing to the Foundation, you help support the Foundation's six areas of focus, which help to advance world understanding, good will, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. By giving \$100 a year through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative, you become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. Contributions to EREY are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs.

Here are a few ways your contributions are making change possible:

5. FIGHTING HUNGER

In Romania, orphans and sick children have eggs, milk, and meat because of a Foundation grant that benefits local farmers. The farmers are able to buy everything from animal feed to packaging materials. There is one stipulation: They must donate a portion of their products to children's hospitals, schools, and orphanages.

In Alaska, USA, the Rotary Club of Anchorage East is also fighting hunger by distributing food to low-income families through a mobile food pantry. Projects such as these help address the areas of focus of maternal and child health as well as economic and community development.

4. REDUCING CHILD MORTALITY

The Rotary clubs of Jaela-Kandana, Western Province, Sri Lanka, and Madras Northwest, Tamil Nadu, India, are helping to reduce child mortality by providing improved sanitation facilities for 15 families in a small community in Sri Lanka. With a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant, the clubs have build 14 toilets, helping to prevent diarrhea and other diseases related to poor sanitation.

According to the World Health Organization, 1.8 million children die of diarrhea every year, making it the second leading cause of death among children under five. Proper sanitation can reduce the rate of child mortality in many communities by up to a third. Water and sanitation is the third area of focus.

3. PROMOTING PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Watching civil war tear apart his homeland of Cote d'Ivoire instilled in Rotary Peace Fellow Kouame Remi Oussou a passion to resolve conflict. He is now working for the United Nations Development Program in the Central African Republic, a country that weathered periodic internal fighting before a comprehensive peace accord took effect in 2007.

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders in promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and conflict resolution. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution is the first area of focus.

2. BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

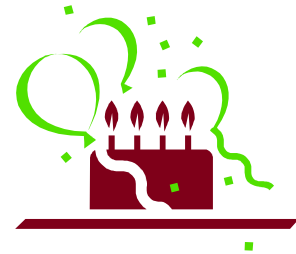
Education helps rebuild lives, whether it's in small rural towns or in war-torn countries. For example, a literacy project sponsored by US Rotarians in conjunction with the International Reading Association (IRA) is helping Sudanese refugees rebuild their communities by equipping them to teach future generations.

The Southern Sudan Teacher Training Initiative provides refugees of the country's decades long civil war, who are known as the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan, with teacher training materials, guidance, and support to help them teach students in kindergarten through eighth grade. "People returning from refugee camps to rebuild their lives in Duk County are hungry for books and school supplies," says John Dau, a Lost Boy, humanitarian, and founder of the John Dau Foundation.

1. ERADICATING POLIO

Around the world, Rotarians are taking millions of steps in walkathons, diving into icy ocean waters, and participating in other fundraisers to help Rotary fulfill it's promise to rid the world of polio. Si Burgher of the Rotary Club of Bloomfield, Indiana, USA, raised almost \$1,600 by having his shaggy eyebrows shaved.

Rotary launched it's Polio Plus program in 1985. Since then, eradicating polio has been the organization's top priority. Contribute, and help Rotary fulfill it's promise.



NOV-DEC-JAN BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES & CALENDAR

Nov 3—Cindy Myers, Birthday

Nov 3, Andre & Tiffany Edmonds, Anniversary

Nov 5, Dennis Vermillion, Birthday

Nov 10, Gary Heffelfinger, Birthday

Nov 14, Sam Romero & Lita Kurniadi, Anniversary

Nov 18, Kevin & Charlene Daniel, Anniversary

Nov 19, Glenn & Terri Black, Anniversary

30 Nov, Gary & Sharon Heffelfinger, Anniversary

Dec 8, Renee Lauck, Birthday

Dec 8, Harold Rollin, Birthday

Dec 14, Glenn Black, Birthday

Dec 16, Sharon Jansma, Birthday

Dec 24, Jesse Casillas, Birthday

Dec 24, Bill & Brenda Haas, Anniversary

Dec 27, Dale & Naida Bruder, Anniversary

Jan 1, Richard & Beth Rumery, Anniversary

Jan 4, Donovan & Cherri Crawford, Anniversary

Jan 5, Robert Shahan, Birthday

Jan 6, David Cislowski, Birthday

Jan 8, Gene & Dru Quesnoy, Anniversary

Jan 10, Gary Amon, Birthday

Jan 14, Bill Mathis, Birthday

Jan 16, Erin Brooks, Birthday

Jan 16, Scott McLellan, Birthday

Jan 19, Nate & Marjie Roldan, Anniversary

Jan 21, Matt Kneeland, Birthday

Jan 22, Kevin McCusker, Birthday

Jan 23, Nathan Ide, Birthday

Jan 25, Tom Fife, Birthday

Jan 27, Brice & Erin Yocum, Anniversary

Jan 31, Todd Martin, Birthday

CALENDAR

Nov 25, Thanksgiving

Dec 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Dec 21, First Day of Winter

Dec 25, MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Dec 26, Kwanzaa Begins, Boxing Day

Jan 1, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Jan 17, Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday

Feb 3, Happy Chinese New Year!!!

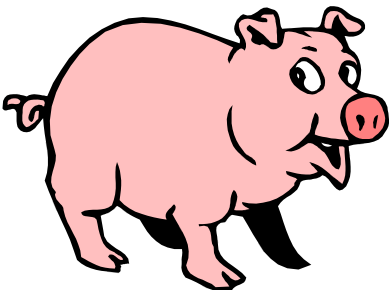
FRANK'S CORNER



“Bacon”...it’s synonymous with what?...”Bob”.

It’s amazing how many people out there are just as crazy about bacon as Bob. A little bird told me about a website, www.bacontoday.com, that has a cult following. It covers just about everything from how to make bacon wrapped hotdogs to protesting proposed “Meatless Mondays” in San Francisco. There’s even an article in there regarding a survey indicating that 40% of the respondents prefer to eat bacon instead of engaging in the act of procreation or fornication. Of course, you can buy pretty much anything and everything bacon related from this website, such as Bacon Flavored Diet Coke, Bacon Dental Floss, and Bacon Lip Balm (sound familiar?). Sounds like to me that Mr. Bob, a.k.a. Bacon, Dickey has visited this website at least once.

Let’s just hope that Doc Cislowski won’t have to see Bacon Bob anytime soon on a professional level...by the looks of Bacon Dickey’s physique, with about 2% body fat, me thinks the only visits he will have with Doc Cislowski in the next 10 or 20 years will be to have breakfast, with a side of bacon and a joke or two.



-Frank



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Rotary International

Missed a Meeting?: Make up by attending one of these other club meetings in the area:

- Visalia Sunset—Holiday Inn Select, Mon, 5:00
- Visalia County Center—Sneaker's, Tues, 12:00
- Tulare Sunrise—Senior Citizen's Center, Weds, 06:30
- Visalia Rotary Club—Marriott Hotel, Weds, 12:00
- Woodlake—Veterans Memorial Bldg, , Thurs, 12:15
- Tulare—Emerton Club, Fri, 12:05
- Online at <http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

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The 4-Way Test

Of the things we say and do

1. *Is it the TRUTH?*
2. *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
4. *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is the 4-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. This 24-word code of ethics for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, the 4-Way Test has been translated into more than one hundred languages and published in thousands of ways.

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Congratulations!

Rotarians of the Month
 July—Karen Tellalian
 August—Jim Preston
 Sept—Krista Wanzer-Rollin
 Oct—Bill Bland



These are just some of the items that we have for distressed children. Hopefully, we can provide something to a child that has just had a traumatic experience that will give them something solid and happy to hold on to. Please continue to donate—give to any of the VBR Officers, they will be happy to take it.