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DOUBLE FEATURE – VOCATIONAL AND BLUE STAR MOTHERS

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Shannon Kettering - File photo

Shannon Kettering - Educator

~by John Freeland – November 3, 2006.

It seems improbable that a foster child at birth, later adopted and raised in Great Falls, Montana would become the principal of Salida Middle School.

Improbable, until you hear Shannon tell the story of her journey to our community. As Shannon puts it, her journey has been one of luck and grace. Coming from a broken home, her childhood was partly shaped by her father, who encouraged her. She was very much “daddy's girl.”

In high school Shannon was a bit rebellious, not excited by her education. Fortunately for her, the military refused her application. At the time, any high school graduate in Montana who submitted an application was automatically accepted into the state university. Shannon went off to college in 1988.

At college, she took classes she selected rather than those dictated by the administration. She found she loved learning, and excelled, so much so that she applied for and was accepted to spend a semester at Harvard University. In 1992 she studied in Spain and became bilingual in Spanish.

In 1994 Shannon was recruited for a teaching position at a middle school in Stockton. This school bused children in order for the student population to reflect the ethnic diversity of the district. Shannon found most of her students were Hispanic, African-American, and Asian. The students in front of her looked nothing like the students she would have taught in Montana. Shannon recognized that these students came from ethnic backgrounds of which she was not familiar. Concerned that she would say or do something that would insult them, she took multicultural workshops to learn her students' cultures. She found the students accepting of her, just as she was accepting of them.

As much as she loved working with these children, after two years she realized that she was becoming jaded working with at-risk children. She decided to take a position at a low income neighborhood school in Turlock. She moved to other schools after that, eventually landing at Modesto High School. It was here Shannon recognized that by high school at-risk children that had decided to not attempt to achieve most often could not be saved. She realized that middle school was the place to reach these children before it was too late. About this time our very own Rotarian, Mike Kinsey, was planning to retire. Shannon submitted her application and soon found herself as principal of Salida Middle School. We're glad Dr. Borba hired her, and that she decided to join us on Friday mornings at Rotary. Welcome, Shannon.

TODAY – TOMMY DICK – HOLIDAY GIVING

NEXT WEEK – DARK - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!





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The 4-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 goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



The Rotary Club of Salida -
Meets Fridays at 6:45 am
at the Salida firehouse,
at the corner of Salida Blvd
and Broadway,
just west of Hwy 99---

© NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS©

20 – Susan Hartless

♥NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES♥

23 – Mendes, Joe & Melanie

REMEMBER NOVEMBER 18 – FOUNDATION DINNER AT UC MERCED

CALENDAR/PROGRAMS – NOV – FOUNDATION MONTH

Nov. 24 – DARK FOR THANKSGIVING

Dec. 15 – Christmas Party

Dec. 1 – Vocational Robert Gonzales

Dec. 22 – DARK

Dec. 8 – Rebecca Ciszek, American Red Cross -

Dec. 29 - DARK



Gaylene Ramos - Blue Star Mothers

~by John Freeland – November 10, 2006. Military service means leaving loved ones at home. Often those left at home want to help their loved ones in military service, even though they can't be with them. This desire led a group of moms to start an organization know as the Blue Star Mothers. Created in 1942 by a group of mothers from Indiana, Blue Star Mothers has grown to a national organization with local

chapters located throughout the United States.

Our community's local chapter is the Modesto Central Valley Chapter (MCV). Gaylene Ramos, a member of this chapter, has a son in the military who has served in Iraq. Gaylene tells us that the most visible symbol of Blue Star Mothers is the flag with a blue star. Parents of children in the military display these to honor their child serving in the military. Each blue star on the flag represents a service member in active duty. A gold star is displayed if a service member is killed in action or dies in service. Although the flag is its most recognizable symbol, Blue Star Mothers is at its heart a service organization for those in the military. Gaylene informed us that our local chapter ships care packages to soldiers, over 70,000 pounds so far. They videotape messages of family members to ship to their loved ones overseas. They sponsor "Build a Bear" for local children who have parents serving overseas.

Sadly, the group finds itself offering help to those here who have lost a loved one. Our area has lost 24 soldiers during the Iraq/Afghanistan Wars. For those soldiers who have returned home but find themselves on hard times, our local chapter has adopted the Modesto Veterans Homeless Shelter, located on Paradise Road. Blue Star Mothers accepts donations and can always use an extra hand. For more information, check their website at www.mcvbluestarmothers.org or reach them by phone at 209-410-2467.

WHEN YOU MISS – MAKE UP! Make up on line!<http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

Monday

Modesto Gateway: Noon -Early Dawn

Modesto North: 6:15 pm -Appetéz

Tuesday

Manteca Morning: 6:45 am -Dr's Hosp.

Modesto: Noon -Double Tree

Newman – 12:10 pm –George Hotel

Tracy -12 Noon- Anthony's Steakhouse

Turlock: 12:15 pm -Turlock Turf Club

Wednesday

Modesto East: 12:15 pm -Hazel's

Ripon: 12:10 pm -Barnwood

Oakdale: 12 Noon – Oakdale Country Club Tracy

Sun: – 6:45 am – Hometown Buffet

Turlock Sunrise: 7:am -Latif's

Thursday

Escalon: 6:45 am – Escalon High

Lathrop Sunrise: 6:30 am- Holiday Inn Express

Manteca: Noon - Isadore's

Modesto Sunrise: 7:00 am - S.O.S. Club

Riverbank – 7:15 am-Riverbank Fire Hall

Friday

Oakdale Sunrise – 6:45 am Oakdale Country Club

Ceres: 12:15 pm -Jenny's Fine Dining