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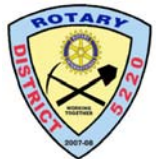


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“Working Together”



The Rotary Club of Salida -
Meets Fridays at 6:45 am
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& Suites at 4300 Bangs
Ave. Modesto, CA 95356.

(On the corner of Sisk
Road, next to “Boomers.”)

DON IN GUATEMALA



~by Don Murphy - Looking at these happy children, you'll note that they are unaware that we would refer to their living conditions as squalid. It is what it is and that's all they have known. Economic conditions have never favored them or theirs. The separation between have and have-not is stark. Most people in the country are impoverished and live a life of subsistence. A small but growing “middle class” is identifiable because they have SOMETHING, while most have nothing. This woman on the left, below, for example, would be considered at the low end of middle class because she owns her wheeled grill and makes money from cooking pupusas in the street. Our primary mission on this trip was to distribute wheelchairs, a large proportion of which went to impoverished



Mayans. There were two principle types of chairs - the adult chair and the children's chair. The locals who were more experienced led the children's chair fittings which were more complex. Some of our folks assisted. The rest of us did adult chairs. At first we checked in with the experienced locals, but some of us were sufficiently mechanically inclined to catch on quickly and take the lead, assisted by the others in our group. We handled just over 150 chairs in three days of distribution.

We also visited a 13 year old boy named Christopher whose mother carries him on her back across a ridge and over a chasm to reach a dilapidated garage/animal pen where his electric wheelchair is stored. He is a quadriplegic, but has enough use of his hands to use the joy stick to drive the chair. He attends school 3 days a week, but has to skip school on market days when the passageways are blocked, and few defer to his right of way. The batteries on his chair were old and were shallow charging - they wouldn't any longer hold enough charge to get him to school and back. A member of this club slipped me some money when I left, and part of that was used to get him new batteries to get him to school and back. The rest of that money, by the way went to buying black leather shoes, required by the schools, for four children who had never been able to meet the requirement, and who therefore had never before attended school. There are lots of needs in these rural areas. I hope that you will consider how you - how we - can help. Think about making the trip next year and seeing for yourself. Consider the areas of your greatest interest. Give some thought to how the club can help improve things for these impoverished people whose needs are so dire.



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Officers 2007-2008:

President: Paul Sanders

- Secretary: Bob Williams
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- President Elect: Donna Murphy

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- Club Service: Janice Vella
- Vocational: Susan Hartless
- Community Service: George Halpin
- International Service: Randy Broughton
- Youth Service: Robert Gonzales

Others

- Internet: Donna Murphy
- Foundation – Randy Broughton

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?

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Sign up today – hotels are going fast!

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Debbie Allen (middle) is our new Community Service Officer for Salida

PROGRAMS

- February 22 – Vocational
- February 29 – (Helen Buffington)
- March 7 – (John Freeland)
- March 14 – Rotary Club Spring Training
- March 21 – **DARK** (Good Friday)
- March 28 – Sharon Luflsen "Operation Playground"

♥ FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES ♥

21- Bizzini, Pam & Brian

☺ FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS ☺

APRIL 18-20, 2008

DISTRICT CONFERENCE SPARKS, NEVADA

Check for more AND REGISTER at rotary5220.org

The District speech competition is being held on February 28 at 7 pm at Escalon High School. Let's all go and cheer for our contestant!



Donna modeled the pashima Don brought back from Guatemala. It was auctioned to Randy for \$55.



What a happy crew!



The men's table

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

YOUTHACT – Thursdays at 3:10 at Salida Middle School

INTERACT - Tuesdays at 11:15 at Big Valley Christian High School

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 Sunrise: – 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-Perko's

Friday

Oakdale Sunrise – 6:45 am Oakdale Country Club

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