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“We’ll get the job done by
doing good and having fun”



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

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

Dr Stacy Small - River Partners



~by John Freeland

Before farms encroached on the San Joaquin River’s habitat, the river provided a diverse ecosystem that supported a wide variety of native and migratory animals. As farms moved close to the river, the clearing of native brush eliminated the native habitat supporting that wildlife. River Partners, a non-profit organization, is working to restore the native habitat along the San Joaquin River and its main tributaries.

Dr. Stacy Small, a restoration ecologist, tells us that River Partners works closely with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore riparian habitat. A riparian habitat is a

habitat along a river that serves as a transition zone between the water and the land. Loss of vegetation to farming removed a source of food, shelter and protection for smaller animals, such as the brush rabbit. This species is endangered due to loss of much of its habitat. To restore habitat, scientists such as Dr. Small look at the areas where the brush rabbit has managed to survive. Locally, that is at Caswell State Park. By looking at this area where the brush rabbit does well, scientists can compare it to areas where they are considering improving the riparian habitat to reintroduce species such as the brush rabbit. Restoring the natural habitat includes creating high ground for the rabbits to seek shelter during a flood. This requires planting native plants at the high ground, but also in areas that will connect the low and high ground. This requires creating vegetation corridors that will provide a path and shelter for the animals when they seek higher ground. Restoring this habitat requires planting of native species over the span of a few years, as well as providing water to these plants in the early years. Once established, rabbits that have been bred in captivity are released into the new habitat. Scientists monitor the animals’ success, and utilize that information to improve this process as the years go by. Reintroduction of the brush rabbit helps not only that species, but a host of other animals that leads to diversity of wildlife returning to the restored area. For more information, check out River Partners’ website at www.riverpartners.org



Contestant Morgan Cavanaugh with our Rotary Interact advisor Brendan McGeer after winning the Area 7 Speech Contest. Morgan was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Salida. The next step is to compete in the District-wide competition on April 5 at 1 pm at Cal State Stanislaus in Turlock.



**Don rang the bell to
celebrate being chosen as
5220 District Governor for
the 2010-2011 Rotary year!**



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- 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?

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION LOS ANGELES

Sign up today – hotels are going fast!

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PROGRAMS

- March 7 – "Play Pumps" presented by John Freeland
- March 14 – Rotary Club Spring Training
- March 21 – **DARK** (Good Friday)
- March 28 – Sharon Lufkin "Operation Playground"

♥ MARCH

ANNIVERSARIES♥

- 1-Freeland, John & Lorraine
- 4- Pederson, Dale & Tara
- 7-Gonzales, Robert & Sue Ann
- 10-Grom, Charles & Marlena
- ☺ **MARCH BIRTHDAYS** ☺

8-Helen

20 – Brendan

27- Charles

APRIL 18-20, 2008

DISTRICT CONFERENCE SPARKS, NEVADA

Check for more info and register at rotary5220.org

Meeting Notes 2/29 – Guests were Aaron Struck of Modesto Rotary, and Dr. Stacy Small and Eric Hopson of River Partners. Pam and John had a "bidding war" over who had the happiest wedding anniversary. It ended with both ringing the bell! Thanks for the \$200 donation to the Rotary Foundation! Cathy donated \$10 to advertise her new company website

www.rxlawncaresolutions.com



Don't forget the scholarship golf tournament June 6 in Manteca. Pick up a flyer today!

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