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Kirk Stangeland-President 2017/2018



President Kirk Says Good By!

Happy Father's Day!



Presidents Corner

What Just Happened?

Kirk, We Guess it's really Over Because She is singing!



You may have read my email earlier this week pointing out that 48 weeks into my term as President, we had only enjoyed 28 regular,

Thursday lunch rotary meetings. What in Heaven's name were we doing the rest of the time?

Well, we began the 2017-2018 Rotary year, fittingly, with cocktails at Shangri-La. We got on the bus and went to a Giants game. (The trip is always just as much fun as the game). Then, of course, there was the Witch Trial. We built planters at Jim Elliot High and then had a great dinner at the St. Jorge Winery. There were District 5220 training days. Not much fun but useful all the same. We had a dynamite steak and oyster barbeque at the Cotta ranch. (That might have been my favorite). The Governor came to visit us one week. (I wonder if Sherry will come to visit us one day). We mixed one night at the Idol



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Lodi Rotary Celebrates
the End of Presidents
Kirks Reign in this latest
Rotary Players Video.



JUNE Strippings Highlights

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Beer Co. We packed and delivered 40 Thanksgiving baskets for needy families and attended the Salvation Army's Kettle Kick-off luncheon (and came-away with the trophy for service club donations again). Some of our most generous members attended the Foundation Dinner in Modesto. We had a great steak dinner at our annual Christmas Party and were entertained for a second year by Lodi High's jazz band.

In the new year, we had our first mixer at Cellar Door. That never gets old. We attended a Stockton Heat hockey game. That was something new for many of us. We inducted three new members into our Satellite Club at one of their meetings and doing it at *their* meeting instead of ours was a first. Governor Ray assisted in this induction which made it even more special. In February the LRC Centennial Committee held its first meeting. Only three years until our big day! We had a Sock Hop for our Valentine's Day Dinner at the Hollywood Cafe. It was perfect and effortless. Hope we do that one again. In March we knuckled-down and pulled-off the best "fun" raiser we've had in years with Shrimp

Mania. Finally, we made a couple bucks for the club!

We had a mixer one night at Wine and Roses, the same night as the C of C's annual dinner and got to see all the swells arrive on the red carpet. Some of them even signed my cocktail napkin! In April we planted trees on Arbor Day and the next week we did some "gardening" during Love Lodi. On the weekend of April 20-22, eight of us attended our District 5220 Conference at the Tenaya Lodge. A good turnout for our club and Ms. Sherry's "coming-out" as our future District Governor. At the end of the month we had a 100% Pizza Party at Needham School and the pizza was good this year! May brought more mixing for Cinco de Mayo at Habanero Hots. (I got three meals out of that chili verde burrito). Finally, on May 17th, we celebrated Sytten de Mai -- always a high-point of the year! June will see our Satellite club's Color Run on the 10th and, of course, everyone will want to celebrate the President's birthday on the 18th. (No gifts, please).

I probably missed a couple of things and know I will be reminded of my lapses. We have one month left to *Make A Difference* and I know you

won't waste a minute of it. Invite a good person to Rotary. We're not sitting on our hands. We really are *people of action* and 2018-2019 is sure to be even better.



The Norwegian Flag Flies for the last time. Yes this means no more Norwegian jokes, no more Sven and Lena jokes, and no more Sven & Ole jokes.

President Kirk it has been fun so here's one more story about the early life and times of our soon to be Past President:

As a young boy, Kirk was sitting at the kitchen table doing his school homework (not in Norway). He had a puzzled look on his face as he considered the assignment that was due--writing an essay about his origin. He turned to question his mother. "Mama, vere did Grandma come from?" he asked. "Da stork brought her," answered

Kirk's mama Lena. "And vere did yew come from?" asked Little Kirk. "Da stork brought me," his mother answered. "And vere did I come from?" Young Kirk inquired. "Vell, son, da stork brought yew, tew," mama Lena replied. With a scowl on his face, Little Kirk picked up his pencil, turned to his school tablet, and began writing his essay: "Dere have been no natural births in our family for the last three yenerations."

A Moment in History



The *Presidential Reign of Terror*, or *The Terror*, (*Terror regime*, or *terror*) (Norwegian: *Kirk Stangeland*), is the label given by some historians to a period during the *Rotary Revolution* after the *First Norwegian Rotary Presidency* was established 2017/2018.

Several historians consider the "reign of terror" to have begun in 1793 after the death of Louis XVI, placing the starting date at either September, June or March (birth of the *Rotarian Norwegian Tribunal*), while

most of the enlightened Rotarians consider it to have begun in July 1st, 2017 (Stangeland's Inauguration), or when the first Ole & Lena jokes took place, but there is a consensus that it ended with the fall of President Kirk in June 2018.

Rotary Theme for 2018-2019



2018-2019 Rotary International President elect Barry Rassin laid out his vision for the future of the organization on Sunday, calling on leaders to work for a sustainable future and to inspire Rotarians and the community at large.

Rassin, a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, unveiled the 2018-19 presidential theme, *Be the Inspiration*, to incoming district governors at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA. "I want you to inspire in your clubs, your Rotarians, that desire for something greater. The drive to do more, to be

more, to create something that will live beyond each of us."

Lodi Rotary Foundation Update



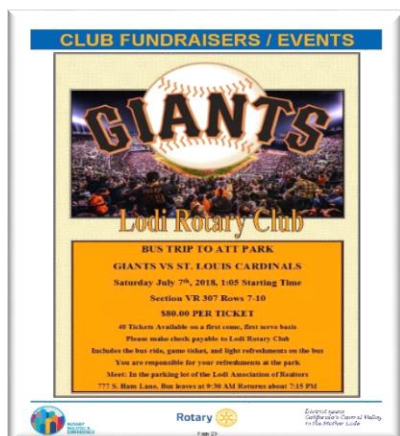
As of this Rotary year, 2017-2018, our club has surpassed our President's goal to the RI annual fund of \$13,200. Through the generosity of our members this year we have donated \$14,101. This includes the \$1 donations that many of you have contributed weekly. It all adds up! Every dollar has been recorded to your respective individual accounts. In addition to the RI Annual Fund we have also exceeded our goal of \$1,320 to Polio Plus. As of this date we have raised \$2,656.00 for Polio Plus. Congratulations and THANK YOU!

On the polio front there are still 3 remaining endemic countries. Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. Since January 1st there have been 8 wild polio virus cases in the world. As of this date last year we had 5 cases. These last

few areas are going to be the most difficult to bring to "polio free" in the years to come. Don't give up. We will soon celebrate one the most impressive humanitarian achievements in history, the eradication of polio. And they said we didn't know what we were doing!

Respectfully submitted by Joe Cotta, Club Foundation Chair.

Lodi Rotary Club in the District Spotlight



Strippings Editor In Chief Hands Over the Reins

Your Strippings Editor is stepping down from his current post and is turning the reins over to Cathi Woods-Bacher beginning with the July edition of the Strippings. The past 6 years and 70 editions of the Strippings under 10 presidents has been to say the least interesting. Time for new blood to showcase the accomplishments of the Lodi Rotary Club. Thanks for support and help with your ideas and articles.

Lodi Rotary at the District



I had the pleasure earlier this month of attending our Rotary District 5220 Conference with my wife, Shara, Phil and Nancy Sherwood and Joe and Sherry Cotta. It was held in Fish Camp, CA, a place I had never heard of, at the Tenaya Lodge which turned-out to be pretty fancy digs.

Breast Cancer Fundraiser

On September 29, at Klinkerbrick Winery, the Lodi Women of Rotary will offer our first Breast Cancer Research Fundraiser.

Tickets will be \$50 and you're guaranteed great wine and good fun.

A "**Cork Pull**" will be added as an additional fundraiser (we need bottles at a value of \$15 or higher donated, please).

Our door prize will be a pink wheelbarrow filled with Lodi wines (which we also need donated, please).

We will be offering a **live auction of strictly handmade quilts**. We have had two quilts donated, as of now, and are asking for more. If you know a quilter who might be willing to make us a quilt or even just the quilt top, please solicit a quilt for us (we have a Rotary connection in Madera who can topstich and finish any quilt top we get donated).

We are looking for **sponsors**, and have developed several levels to choose from. Ask any of us who are working on this project, and we can share information about sponsorship levels with you. Sponsorship levels will include tickets for the event.

If any of the women, wives, friends of our Rotary Club would like to **work with us on this project**, our next meeting will be at **Dancing Fox, Friday,**

June 1, noon. Hope to see you there.

What's New from Sue?



We are working hard on the Color Me Fun Run that will be held on June 10th at DeBenedetti Park. We will be having the margarita booth again this year at the Lodi Grape Festival.



The Margarita's for the Mutt's and Mousers helps the Lodi Satellite Rotary Club support spay and neutering in Lodi with Animal Friends Connection and Cherokee Veterinary Hospital. We are also on our agenda is the 4th Annual Provide a Ride Golf Tournament at Elkhorn Country Club. **PUT THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS LODI ROTAY**

CLUB MEMBERS WE WILL NEED FOURSOMES!

In Closing I want to thank Kirk for being so supportive and being such an awesome OPEN MINDED Rotary president especially with this wild, crazy, undisciplined but VERY caring group of folks called the LODI SATELLITE ROTARY CLUB. As the unwilling president of this group (voted in after three beers) Kirk has guided me, counseled me and supported me as well as the entire group. Kirk has been everything Rotary stands for and really much more to me..... a lasting friend. You have first rounds Kirk !! Sue Camper



Lodi Rotary Bus Trip to AT&T Park



Contact Brian Kanegawa for details and reservations.

Lodi Rotary Satellite Club First Color Run



The first ever Color Me Crazy fun run/walk. Inspired by the popular color run. The 5k will loop through DeBenedetti Park and ends with Music, Family friendly entertainment and a color celebration. Color Me Crazy will be held on Sunday, June 10th, 8:30 am to 11:00 am. For more info go to the Events Page at www.ColorMeCrazyLodi.com or Facebook at: www.facebook.com/events/191283774798423/.

The End of an Era



What's happening with Lena & Ole?

Word has reached us this week of the untimely death of Ole Swenson, the noted Norwegian-American humorist and bon vivant. No stranger to the pages of The Strippings, Mr. Swenson was a dependable source of wit and wisdom and will be sorely missed. Family spokesman, Swen Olson, said the tragic death occurred during a Sons of Norway dinner, in Hibbing MN where Mr. Swenson had been scheduled to speak. Cause of death was cited as choking on a cod fish bone during their regular Thursday Norwegian lutefisk dinner. Ole's widow, Lena, has decided to return to the family farm near Stavanger, Norway, where they maintained a vacation condo on the fiord. Mr. Olson will accompany the Widow Swenson. There were no further details.

Bad News



The doctor tells Ole he only has a few days left to live. Ole thinks a little, looks hard at Lena, and says, "Lena, promise me. *Swear to me* that when I'm gone, you'll marry Sven Svenson." "SVEN SVENSON???" she shrieks. "You've hated him all your life!" Ole answers, "Yep, I still do."

Cake



A few days pass. Now Ole only has a few hours left to live. Lying in bed, he smells something. Cake. Chocolate cake, his favorite! He crawls out of bed and drags himself to the kitchen.

When Lena walks in, there is Ole, sitting at the kitchen table, eating cake. She hollers at him, "Ole! What are you doing in here? You're sick! You should be in bed! You shouldn't be out here eating cake! That's for the funeral!"

Rotary Theme for June



There are many extensive activities of the Rotary Fellowships. You may find that your profession, business or industry area has already established a Fellowship. If not, why not think about starting one yourself! Pastimes, hobbies and sports are made just that much more interesting if you can be involved in an international group. Look through the list of the Recreational Fellowships - is there something there for you?

Rotary June Calendar



June 7th: Date Night

June 10th: Color Run

**June 14th: Ernie Yoshino
Japanese Internment In
World War II**

**June 21st: Dr. Robert Harris,
Past President Sacramento
City College. "The Power of**

**Disability". New Board
Nomination.**

**June 23-27: Rotary
International Convention-
Toronto.**

**June 28th: Robert Martinelli,
San Joaquin County District
Attorney's Office "Cyber
Bullying"**

Lodi Rotary Club Membership Roster



Amador, Antonio (Tony)

Bader, Robert O. (Hon)

Bahnsen, John (John)

Beckman, Nancy (Nancy)

Bickford, Paul

Nancy Byer-Hauan (Nancy)

Bokides, Nick (Nick)

Borra, Stephen (Stephen)

Camper, Sue

Jan Chandler (Jan)

Chandler, Mark (Mark)

Corell, William L. (Bill)

Cotta, Joe A. (Joe)

Cotta, Sherry (Sherry)

Daegling, Eric (Eric)

Davis, Eric G. (Greg)

Edwards, Craig (Corp.)

Eklund, Richard

Elson, Jeni (Hon)

Evans, William G. (Jerry)

Felton, Steven C. (Steve)

Fitzpatrick, Jim

Fry, Jerry Jr. (Jerry)

Fulkner, Amy

Gilliland, Jack (Jack)

Gregg, Morgan

Hodge, Michael (Mike)

Hohn, A. J.

Holck, W. Douglas (Doug)

Hugo, Jerry D. (Jerry)

Huyett, William (Bill)

Ingrum, Daniel (Dan)

Kanegawa, Brian (Brian)

Karanidas, Nicholas

Kneeland, Tyrell (Ty)

Koepplin, Gary (Gary)

Lagorio, Dave (Dave)

Lenser, Philip G. (Phil)

Lenser, Matt

Littlefield, Chris (Chris)

Thomas Lyon (Tom)

McCue, Kate

Mello, Geneva

Mertz, Paul C. (Paul)

Mettler, Larry (Larry)

Mettler, Ronald H. (Ron)

Patrick, Pat

Ross, Tory (Hon)

Sherwood, Phil

Slayback, Robert D. (Bob)

Smith, Michael W. (Mike)

Snyde, Sally G. (Sally)

Stangeland, Kirk (Kirk)

Steinwert, Kent (Kent)

Stewart, Mark

Stokes, Thomas (Tom)

Suess, Virgil R. (Virgil)

Sullivan, MaryAnne

Thompson, David G. (Dave)

Thompson, Jeffrey D. (Jeff)

Melanie Toutai

Tudor, John W.

Vierra, Vern J. (Vern)

Vilinskas, Jamie

Vilinskas, Ross

Weybret, Fred E. (Fred)

Willis, Alda M.

Woods-Bacher, Cathi