



Club # 684 District 5240
Chartered March 10, 1959

"To know someone here or there
with whom you can feel there is an
understanding in spite of distances
or thought expressed..."

That can make life a garden."

- Goethe



President's Message

February is World Understanding Month. The quest to pursue and promote world understanding and peace began officially at the 1921 Convention in Edinburgh, Scotland, when Rotarians unanimously voted to incorporate peacemaking guidelines into the Rotary constitution and by-laws. At the 1931 goodwill meeting between the U.S. and Canada, Rotarians decided to create the first international peace park — the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park in Montana, USA, and Saskatchewan, Canada — to celebrate the world's longest unfortified border. In addition, during the 1930's, the European Rotarians organized *petit comites* (now called the inter-country committees) to exchange club visits and promote international understanding. In 1942, British Rotarians convened **to plan for a world at peace**. Under the chairmanship of Past RI President Sydney W. Pascall, Rotarians outlined the principles, which eventually led to the establishment of UNESCO in 1946. Today the very essence of many RI and The Rotary Foundation programs is based on promoting understanding among people of different countries and cultures.

In that light, we, in our club are fully engaged in promoting that which was set as a noble goal for us many decades ago. To commemorate the spirit of that special vision, we will be engaged in the Community Day activities on February 25, visiting our brothers and sisters in the Philippines, promoting a better understanding of the world in among our youth, immunizing the children of others in their fight against polio...why you say? Because...*"A human being is a part of a whole, called by us _universe_, a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings as something separated from the rest... a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion, to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty."* - **Albert Einstein**

All of your help in spreading the Rotary message of peace and understanding is truly gratifying to me. Thank you!

YIS,
Deepa

Come and join us at:
The Royal Scandinavia Inn
420 Alisal Road, Solvang, CA 43464
Wednesdays 12:15 PM

February 15
Suzanne Hollrah's
Special Valentine's Day Program



SERVICE Above Self

RI President

Carl-Wilhelm
Stenhammar

District Governor

Sally Adelblue

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Bill Abel

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Club Service

David Wyatt

Community Service

John Rasmussen

**Vocational/Youth
Service**

Bob Moir & David Lourie

International Service

Greg Pensa

Club Foundation Chair

Nelson Owens

Everyone is encouraged to bring their Valentine to Rotary for Suzanne's Special Valentine's Day Program on February 15.

Flowers will also be on sale for \$10 to purchase for your Special Valentine.

Architectural Design competition
February 28, 2006

Open to all interested high school students in the Santa Barbara County area

To help, please see
Richard Shawcroft

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nelson's Annual Golf Tournament
at the Alisal

May 17, 2006

Dictionary Project
982

Distributed
to six school districts

For use by the
3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th graders

City of Joy Trip Group



Know Your Board

William (Butch) Phillips



I was born and raised until I was 7 in Charlotte, N.C. My parents decided to move west during the spring of 1961. and with only \$500 in their pockets we moved to CA. We first lived in Pacific Grove in a pay-by-the-week motel on Spreckles Drive fairly close to the entrance to the famous 17-Mile Drive. After moving several times within Monterey and Santa Cruz County, my parents settled in Watsonville where I attended the 5th grade through high school graduating from Watsonville High School. Accelerating in sports, my major achievements included being named Most Valuable Player my senior year in both Football and Baseball. Watsonville High School had a student body of approximately 2,800, about three times the size of SYV High.

A baseball scholarship offered by Boise State College landed me in Boise, ID for one year. Although, never getting to play ball because of grades and a tendency to party to excess. I did become an excellent skier at the accessible Bogus Basin Ski Resort, and maintained a grade point average of 1.6, which I thought was pretty good considering the five classes I attended. I was also offered a tryout by the Cincinnati Reds in Lodi, Ca. No offers were made to the 100 excellent ball players that attended the tryout. Of course you have to remember that I was 165 lbs, fast, with a very strong arm for a shortstop.

Having limited options at this point in my life, a good friend of mine and I decided that the U.S. Navy might be an interesting adventure. With a draft # of 72, the Vietnam action continuing, it was a good decision on my part. My friend Gary and I joined together served three years, traveled extensively and honorably discharged in 1975. Although, considered a Vietnam Era Veteran, I wisely chose to be stationed on the east coast, Norfolk, Va., and never had to serve in Vietnam.

After maturing a bit in the Navy, I resumed my college effort at Cabrillo Jr. College. After a year and a half I transfer to Chico State. I met my wife Wendy at Chico, fell in love and followed her to Santa Barbara, where she was born and raised. Looking for gainful employment I was hired by Mission Federal Savings and Loan Association as a general accountant and after working a couple years for Mission, I was then hired as the Chief Accountant for Santa Barbara Savings. After a couple years with SBS, I received a call from a group of gentlemen opening a new Savings and Loan in Solvang called Santa Ynez Valley Savings and Loan which opened in May 1983. During the 1980 to 1983 period, Wendy and I were fortunate of have two amazing children, Jaclyn and Brett, now 25 and 22, respectively. My career at Los Padres Bank has been an amazing adventure. After my initial hiring as Controller 23 years ago, I have served in progressively responsible capacities and currently serve as Harrington West Financial Group's, the holding company for Los Padres Bank, President and Chief Financial Officer and President, Chief Operating Officer, and Chief Financial Officer of the Bank and I sit as a board of director of each entity.

Beyond work, I love to play golf, actively work out at the YMCA and serve the community in several different capacities, including: Past President of SYV Rotary and current board member, Current Chairman of the Stuart C. Gildred Family YMCA, and I also sit on the board of Channel Islands YMCA (the governing entity of most of the YMCA's between Lompoc and Cama River Men's Club and the Alisal Ranch Men's Club. I have also coached my kids' sports team throughout their lives.

I am fortunate to say that I would not change a past experience and look forward to all the possibilities that life presents.

Future Programs & Events

- February 11-25 - City of Joy Trip
- February 15 - Special Valentine's Day Program
- February 22 - Philippine Project Presentation
Greg & Jackie Pensa
- March 1 - Upcoming Upgrade of Allan Hancock Campus
Superintendent Dr. Jose Ortiz
- March 8 - City of Joy Report
President Deepa

Community
Project Day
Showcase Rotary

Feb. 25, 2006

Please see
Carl Butler
&
Sign up

Rotarian-of-the-week

Jeff Cotter

Member since March 2001

President Deepa honored our Past President Jeff Cotter by naming him the Rotarian-of-the-Week. This honoree was born in Hollywood, California. He graduated with from UCLA, majoring in Pre-law and Philosophy. Instead of attending law school though, he decided to go a 3-year graduate program at Fuller Seminary. During graduate study he interned at Bel Aire Presbyterian Church, where he ministered to many luminaries including Gov. Ronald Reagan. After graduation from the Seminary, he moved to Sacramento to become the Youth Program Chair at Fremont Presbyterian Church. Seven years later, he became Senior Pastor of the Presbyterian Church here in the valley. Upon an influential visit to India, he decided follow his heart to help the entire world and in doing so he created and ran the SG Foundation and the Valley Foundation for a period of time. He currently is involved in real estate sales in the Valley. He and his wife were married in 1973 and they have two daughters. He has been a member of our Club twice, the latest admittance in March 2001. Prior to that however, he was our Club President 1994-1995 during which he backed Ken Nash and with PP Roger Nielsen's financial backing, he helped this club start doing the 4th of July Fireworks. He is a PHF, has been the International Chair for many years and even introduced the Piso building project to our club, and is also currently on the Board. He has great fun in telling us jokes whenever he gets a chance and definitely has the best church jokes around and it is honor to name him the *Rotarian-of-the-Week!*

Welcome New Member
Mal Paar

Thank you new members
For the Craft Talks

Jay Cerny & Karen Johnson

Thank you
PP Don Oaks

For all your hard work with club
extension plan

**New club formed
in the City of Buellton**

**"Understanding human needs is half the job of
meeting them."**

Adlai E. Stevenson