



# The Cogwheel

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## President's Message

**RI President**

William "Bill" R. Boyd

**District Governor**

Richard Abbott

**Club President**

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**Incoming President**

John Rasmussen

**President Elect Nominee**

John Patterson

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Deepa Willingham

**Secretary**

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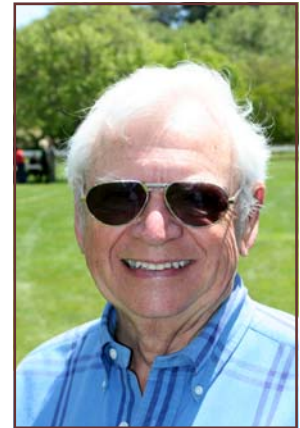
John Patterson

**International Service**

Greg Pensa

While working on my income tax return recently, I couldn't help but think that I should have given even more to local charities. I like the fact that I can see where that money goes. I don't know where it will be spent when I send it to the U.S. Treasury and probably don't want to know!

It is not too early to start tax planning for next year. If you would like to keep your money working for the benefit of Valley residents forever, please consider donating to the Santa Ynez Valley Foundation Endowment Fund.



Here are some of the ways in which you can contribute to the Endowment Fund:

Donate appreciated property. This could be real estate, stocks and bonds and any other property which has appreciated since you acquired it. You don't have to pay tax on the profit and you can deduct the appreciated value from your next year's income.

Life Insurance Policies. You may no longer need as much life insurance as you once did. You can assign the cash value of the policy to the Fund and take a current cash deduction and make the Fund a beneficiary so it will receive the face amount of the policy on your death. You can also take out a policy on your life, naming the Fund as the beneficiary, and the premium payments are tax deductible.

Bequests placed in your will or trust, require no cash and are paid out of your estate after your death, lowering the taxable value of your estate and possibly saving substantial estate taxes.

If you would like to make a **GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING**, please contact Warren Blomseth, Chairman of the Endowment Committee.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
David Wyatt

# Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Pioneers

Story by Len Dalberg

On March 10, 1959, Rotary officially came to our valley when the Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club was chartered. In recognition of that event, and in preparation for our club's 50th birthday, I thought I would write up a monthly article entitled "Pioneers of Rotary in the Santa Ynez Valley".

The first pioneer I would like to highlight is Willard "Bill" Bellack, who came to our valley 50 years ago and opened an insurance agency in the Par Building on Mission Drive. I asked Dr. Frank Pedersen, our lone surviving charter member, what he remembered about Bill.

Frank told me "He was a very friendly fellow. His wife was Blanche and they had two sons. And he knew Rotary from A to Z."

Bill was a charter member and first President of the Rotary Club of Columbus, WI, about 30 miles northeast of Madison. He was the past District Governor of District 2080, the Madison area. Since he had

perfect attendance, he made up at local clubs when he moved to the Santa Ynez Valley. As far as we know, he never joined the Santa Barbara club, but he did campaign for that club's support in starting a Rotary Club in the Santa Ynez Valley.

Mr. Bellack gained the support of Rotarians Art James, Dick Williams and 1948-49 District Governor Rube Irvin, who presided of the inauguration of six clubs in his year in office. According to records, the four of them met with Robert "Pea Soup" Andersen, Ralph Edwards, Dr. Frank Pedersen and some others in December of 1948. They made two decisions: One was to schedule a meeting in January 1959; the other was to try to recruit 25 men who would be interested in forming a Rotary Club. "We didn't have any trouble finding 25 interested men," Dr. Frank told me.

The January meeting led to further meetings and in February of 1959 a decision was made to apply to

Rotary for a charter. Bill Bellack was asked to be president, but declined saying, "I think with my knowledge of Rotary I could be of better service as secretary." Robert "Pea Soup" Andersen was then elected. Bill Bellack was elected the second president of the Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Club.

Bill and Blanche moved from our valley to be near one of their sons. In 2000 we received a letter from his son telling us of Bill's death. He later sent us Bill's Rotary Club pin and also Rotary awards he had received. They are now in our archives.

One story about Bill remains. It seems that Bill had a recliner couch in his office, and on non-Rotary days he watched an hour and a half of his favorite soap operas from noon until 1:30 pm. He didn't even answer the phone then!

Today we salute a Santa Ynez Valley Rotary pioneer—Willard "Bill" Bellack.



Lou Karpf, Wim Imanen, Butch Phillips and John Patterson enjoy the sunshine and wine at the recent SYV Rotary Luncheon at Bridlewood Winery.

## Bridlewood Winery April 25, 2007



Above, incoming President John Rasmussen with his lovely wife Cam enjoy the fine weather and friends at Bridlewood Winery. At right, Verva Enoch with newly inducted Kelly Hunziker. Below Dick Smullen having more fun than a body ought to have.



### Member Birthdays and Anniversaries for May 2007

#### We wish a Happy Birthday to:

Lou Karpf—May 2  
Bob Jurgensen—May 6  
Bob Tieken—May 6  
George Johnson—May 9  
Patrick Meyer—May 9  
Bob Rasmussen—May 12  
Jeff Cotter—May 14  
Rich Saferite—May 19\  
Jim Lindsey—May 21  
Deepa Willingham—May 23  
David Wyatt—May 28

#### We wish a Happy Anniversary to:

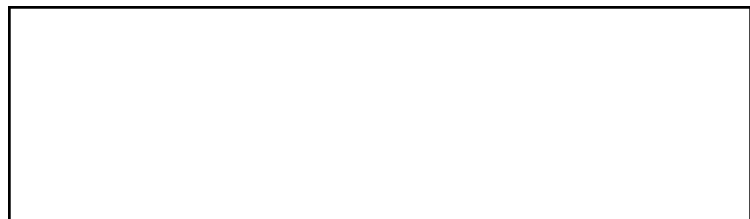
John and Cam Rasmussen—May 9  
Jeff and Patti Cotter—May 19  
Dr. Bob and Sharon France—May 20  
Bob and Margaret Rasmussen—May 22  
Roger and Ann Nielsen—May 23  
Ken and Carol Johnson—May 26  
Greg and Jackie Pensa—May 28

# Rotary Club Inducts New Members



On April 5, 2007 the Rotary Club of the Santa Ynez Valley welcomed 4 new members. Pictured from left are Verva Enoch sponsoring Kelly Hunziker, Ken Johnson sponsoring Fred Evans, Tammi Nichols who is sponsored by Dr. Sandra Wilson and Karen Gjerdrum sponsored by Ed Kushner (not pictured).

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### Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- May 16 Dr. Bob France "Treasures in your closet"
- May 19 Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Golf Tournament at Alisal River Course
- May 23 Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown
- May 30 BBQ at Norm Williams Ranch