FINAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to thank all of you for being so supportive during my Presidential year. It has been a lot of fun and work but I continue to feel honored to have served in such a prestigious role. I can’t believe how quickly the year has gone by!

At this time last year, I was standing at the podium, somewhat nervous, uncertain if I would make a good president. I’m sure some of you felt the same way too! But as the year progressed, I became more comfortable in my role and received tremendous support from both my Board of Directors and from all of you, the members. Together we made the year a memorable one.

This past year we shared our time, talents, resources and kindness. Giving our time for the good of others through several accomplishments:

- BBQ and rolling Danish Dogs for Danish Days
- Santa’s Sleigh
- Poinsettia Sales
- Polio Plus Bingo tournament
- Love in a Box project
- Dictionary project
- Architectural Contest
- And 4th of July Fireworks Festival
- Oklahoma Tornado Victims Donations

Now for my Academy Awards Acceptance Speech

I would like to thank my husband Alan for supporting me and helping out with all of our service projects and understanding about all of the meetings I have been attending the past year.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all of the Past Presidents for their support and guidance I would like to express my appreciation to all the Board Members for their enthusiasm and hard work.

Finally to all the members of this amazing club, I express my appreciation and gratitude for allowing me to serve as your President for 2012/2013. Together I feel that we truly lived up to our theme “Peace through Service”

I am very happy to have handed over the gavel to our 2013/2014 President Suzanne Hollrah. I am confident she will do a fabulous job.

Tammy Westwood
Visiter Comments about our 4th of July Fireworks (entered on our website)

When planning our family vacation from Oregon to LA to see friends, I realized our family of 6 would be traveling on the Fourth of July. Our little town of Powers, Oregon (pop 650) puts on a nice, little fireworks show that has become a family tradition. I looked online for a fireworks show and found yours. I didn't know what to expect, but considered it an adventure. We arrived early enough to find parking and grab a bite to eat from the food vendors. Your show was amazing! I'm sure your budget is a bit bigger than Powers' budget. :) The Powers show is free because there is no good way to charge admission because the event is at a pond. The Solvang show was definitely worth the $6 admission. If you are ever in Southern Oregon around the 4th of July, check out Powers. If we are ever traveling south, we will be back in Solvang! The music was perfect and the view of the fireworks and nearly eye level was unique. Thank you again from the Pedricks.

Tanya Pedrick

Congratulations to all who made this event possible, it was fantastic.

Marci Imes
Here And There

A truly Happy Person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour and one who can enjoy browsing old cemeteries. Here are some fascinating things on old tombstones!

• Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York: Born 1903--Died 1942. Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was.

• In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery: Here lies an Atheist, all dressed up and no place to go.

• On the grave of Ezekial Aikle in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia: Here lies Ezekial Aikle, Age 102. Only the good die young.

• In a London, England cemetery: Here lies Ann Mann, who lived an old maid but died an old Mann. Dec. 8, 1767

• In a Ribbesford, England, cemetery: Anna Wallace The children of Israel wanted bread, And the Lord sent them manna. Clark Wallace wanted a wife, And the Devil sent him Anna.

• In a Ruidoso, New Mexico, cemetery: Here lies Johnny Yeast. Pardon him for not rising.

• In a Uniontown, Pennsylvania, cemetery: Here lies the body of Jonathan Blake, Stepped on the gas instead of the brake.

• In a Silver City, Nevada, cemetery: Here lays The Kid, We planted him raw. He was quick on the trigger, but slow on the draw.

• A lawyer’s epitaph in England: Sir John Strange. Here lies an honest lawyer, and that is Strange.

• John Penny’s epitaph in the Wimborne, England, cemetery: Reader, if cash thou art in want of any, Dig 6 feet deep and thou wilt find a Penny.
In a cemetery in Hartscombe, England: On the 22nd of June, Jonathan Fiddle went out of tune.

Anna Hopewell’s grave in Enosburg Falls, Vermont: Here lies the body of our Anna, Done to death by a banana. It wasn’t the fruit that laid her low, But the skin of the thing that made her go.

On a grave from the 1880s in Nantucket, Massachusetts: Under the sod and under the trees, Lies the body of Jonathan Pease. He is not here, there’s only the pod, Pease shelled out and went to God.

In a cemetery in England: Remember man, as you walk by, As you are now, so once was I. As I am now, so shall you be, Remember this and follow me. To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone: To follow you I’ll not consent, Until I know which way you went.

A Message From Rick Zander

Feeding Program in the Philippines:

Earlier this year The Rotary Club of SYV partnered with The Los Olivos Club and IDC Foundation to help support a feeding program in one of the poor areas of Bacolod City in the Philippines.

The project was initiated by Fr. Javier Cabezas, a Spanish priest who has served in the Philippines for over 20 years.

Using donated rice and dehydrated vegetables as a base, Fr. Javier is able to purchase additional food to prepare a balanced meal for 50 indigent children which they receive on their way to school each day. He does this from a small kitchen that he built adjacent to his church in Barangay (barrio) Cabug, a squatter resettlement site. Fr. Javier hopes to be able to expand the feeding to serve more children as funding becomes available.

Fr. Javier states that some of the children are very thin and implore him to serve them "only a little Father." Their stomachs are not accustomed to containing normal meals.

There is one requirement for the children to receive the meals - they must attend school.

Rick
From the Desk of Your New President

We have great respect for the many that brought this Club along for the past 54 great years. With their commitment to the 4-Way Test and the mission of helping our local community as well as the world at large, we have a vision for tomorrow. Inspired by the past, we move into the future. I am delighted to serve as your Club President and invite your ideas and feedback as we move through the Rotary Year of 2013-2014. Your Board of Directors is talented and energized – you’ll hear from some of them in a Club Assembly in September.

A few months ago, Club Members had the chance to offer their feedback in a brief survey. Here are some of the aspects of our Club that you enjoy and view as a “Club Strength.”

1. The fellowship is fantastic
2. Community involvement. People involved with projects. Fireworks Show
3. Raising money
4. It’s members
5. Our sense of family
6. Our members
7. A good strong group of long time members who have experience
8. Fellowship, involvement in community, international outreach
9. Getting together, supporting local and global projects, knowing great Rotarians, both in the Club and beyond the Club
10. Projects like Architectural Design Competition, 4th of July Fireworks, Danish Days participation, some International Service Projects and some fun activities as the 5th Wednesday events.

Yes, there are certainly concerns for increasing our membership, needing to “Tell Our Story” of our Club’s accomplishments and overall, keeping our SYV Rotary Club vital while going into its 55th year in 2014. Members have given suggestions for future projects, speakers, 5th Wednesday ideas, and ideas on how to boost our membership. Greg Pensa, Chair of our Membership Committee attended a District 5240 Membership Workshop in San Luis Obispo on August 10 and has fresh ideas to share with us. Rich Saferite, Randy Jones, and Kris Kersten are also joining him in concentrating on “Membership.”

What does Rotary mean to you? Your Board of Directors wants to hear from you! Share your story and invite a friend, family member or a business associate to one of our weekly meetings. If you have a great idea for a Club Program, get in touch with Randy Jones, our Program Chair. We’re looking forward to a great year ahead and I extend a special “Thank You” to Past President, Tammy Westwood, for the support and expertise she shared with me this past year. I extend another heartfelt “Thank You” to all of you.

So that we may help others through Rotary Service,

Suzanne Hollrah, President Rotary Club of Santa Ynez Valley
Ponderisms

Why is “abbreviated” such a long word?

What disease did “Cured Ham” actually have?

How is it that we put a man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they “slept like a baby” when babies wake up like every two hours?

Why don’t you ever see the headline “Psychic Wins Lottery?”

Why are you IN a movie, but you’re ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up in tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They’re going to see you naked anyway.

If corn oil is made from corn and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage?

Why do people order a double cheeseburger, a large fries, and a Diet Coke?
Here's Margaret Rasmussen's Famous Meatball Recipe

Margaret Rasmussen's Meatballs

Easy Appetizer

Ingredients:

- 1 lb Pork Sausage
- 1 Slightly beaten egg
- 1/3 cup Fine bread crumbs
- 1/2 tsp Sage

Sauce:

- 1 cup Catsup
- 2 Tbs Brown sugar
- 1 Tbs Vinegar
- 1 Tbs Soy sauce

Directions:

Mix sausage, egg, bread crumbs and sage.

Shape into small balls and brown slowly over medium low heat. Pour off excess fat. Combine sauce ingredients and pour over meat. Cover and simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. You make also cook in oven for 45 minutes at 350°F.

Serve warm.

Yield: 10 to 12 servings (about 3 meatballs per serving).
It was a full house at the Pork Palace for the annual demotion party for our outgoing president. The theme of the party was the old “Newlyweds TV Game Show”. With that in mind Jeff Cotter was the game show host and asked Alan and Tammy a number of questions to answer while the other spouse was out of the room. Then the other spouse would have to guess how each answered. Lots of fun, humor and great food and fellowship.
Rotary Work Day at Sunny Fields Park  (The Park that Rotary help build)
“A Harbor for Peace” theme of Rotary International - Portugal 2013

Arriving in Lisbon, Portugal for the 2013 Rotary International Convention in late June was exhilarating – and traveling in a shuttle through busy streets I spied huge banners hung from overpasses in the center of roundabouts, welcoming Rotarians to Lisboa, the way Lisbon is spelled “correctly.”

All over this fair city, and by sea, END POLI NOW banners were flying, some depicted with leaders and innovators from around the world; Jane Goodall, Desmund Tutu, Bill Gates and others. Add them to the 25,000 plus Rotarians from over 200 countries and territories meant we were all in good company. Sailboats in the harbor were flying Rotary banners and looked splendid on the sparkling water. The Grand Pavilions and Convention Center were right on the waters of the Bay – and the theme of Maritime Sails was carried out in every aspect of the Convention.

Our opening plenary session was marked with Rotary leaders and special presentations. Then over 200 flags were posted in succession – all “Rotary” countries and territories named throughout the world. Then the flags were elevated high above the stage and tilted into a lovely display of color. It was a time to envision the profound reaches of Rotary International on this green earth.

Certainly I met droves of Rotarians from all over the world – at one point, I counted the countries of origin and gave up when I reached “30!” I stopped by the “Young Generations” booth time and time again to check in with Deepa Willingham, who was busy promoting, meeting and greeting. Needless to say, her booth was always busy - a great way to meet even more people, including many, many youths.

Our Plenary Sessions were marked with the incoming RI President Ron Burton’s remarks and his theme “Engage Rotary Change Lives.” Speakers from all over the world of Rotary inspired us with information of the projects, human life and the future of Rotary International. RYLA and Rotaract youths were “all over” the convention, adding a spunk to the festivities and sessions, as only youth can do! The House of Friendship was a beautiful “celebration” of flowers, booths, hospitality corners, and a sharing of food, culture, and music from around the globe.

Ultimately, the best experience was that of meeting Rotarians from around the world, seeing what can be done to change this world for the better, the power of one Rotarian multiplied by 1.2 Million strong. What a powerhouse of change. The future is bright because of each and every one of us!

Yours in Service,
Suzanne Hollrah, President
Photos from President Suzanne’s Rotary International Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal

Fellow Rotarians from Paris, France

Festivities in the streets of Lisbon

The view from a gondola ride

Seaside near Lisbon
Rotary Meetings
The plaque says it all. A Memorial Gathering for our friend John Patterson.
Mystery Photo--To whom is this hand attached, what is the device being operated and at what event was it operated?

The first person to identify the individual and describe the device and event it was used at wins the prize. After receiving this edition, the first person to contact me (Paul Matthies) by return email gets the grand prize. I can't tell you what the prize will be but you can be fairly certain the value will be less than $1,00,000.