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Member Spotlight Russell Prater

I was born and raised right here in Sacramento with one younger brother. I grew up in the San Juan public school system then graduated from CSUS in Organizational Communications.

I started working at the age of 17 for CutCo Knife sales where I annoyed all my friend's parents to purchase knives with the famous penny cutting demonstration. From there I held several corporate management positions for companies like Starbucks, Cost Plus World Market, and Beverages and More. After College I decided to go into the mortgage industry where I built out and managed call centers for all inbound and outbound leads. We did a lot of groundbreaking things one of which landed us in Forbes for our response time. Now I work for RE/Max as a Realtor and I love every minute of it.

Although 2020 has presented its challenges it has also been a great year for me and my family because I got married in February, then turned 40 in June and now my lovely wife Shauna and I are expecting our first child, a baby girl, in December. Rotary to me is a way of life, always service above self in everything you do.

Note: Russell is the son of former Past President of the RCOPWS, Richard "Dick" Prater or as we called him, "Prater".



District Governor: Brent Hastey

Brent was born and raised in the Plumas Lake area and is the 5th generation of his family in the Yuba County area. He is a member of the Rotary Club of South Yuba County Sunrise. Brent is married to Alisan and they have 4 children. Jared, the eldest, is currently the President of Brent's Rotary Club. Daughter, Erin lives in Wisconsin and is the President of her Rotary Club. Brent's other son, Cameron is not a Rotarian yet, but is an amazing musician and has performed at each week's breakfast meeting for Brent's Rotary Club. Brent's youngest daughter, Beth, is the Chief of Staff for him during this term and was one of the youngest Rotary Club presidents ever.

On January 2, 1997, the family home was flooded due to a levy breach and they needed a canoe to leave the home. After the waters receded, the family started the task of cleanup. To his surprise, the friends he had made in Rotary helped with the cleanup and, with the help of the Rotary International Foundation, sheetrock was donated to the family. When Brent wakes up each morning, he looks at the ceiling and is reminded how The Rotary Foundation helped he and his family. He believes millions of people around the world feel the impact of Rotary in their lives.

Brent's District Rotary theme is "Rotary is FFF'n amazing" (Family, Friendship and Foundation). These three key elements of Rotary have kept Brent and his family committed to the Rotary life for many years.

Rotary during COVID was a definite struggle in the beginning. Holger Knaack, current Rotary International President, says "This crisis offers new possibilities to deepen friendships. Now the person who lives across the ocean can be just

Brent Hastey Continued

as much a part of your team as someone who lives down the street". This past April, Brent received notice that all District Governor's meetings would be held on Zoom. Brent said that President Russ and the P.W.R. Club has done a great job helping the community and keeping his Club active with Zoom meetings.

The Annual Foundation Dinner held annually in Nov. unfortunately had to be cancelled this year and hopefully will return in 2021. The Foundation committee is currently working on a way to present the awards. Save Nov. 7th for the Rotary Reboot – "A Journey to a Vibrant Club". This training will be held virtually and will be from 9:00 am until noon. And please donate to the R.I. Foundation.

Brent is still planning on having the District Conference in person, scheduled for May 21-23, 2021 in Granlibakken Tahoe. President Russ will be receiving a Pinewood Derby car and club members will get an opportunity to build it and enter it in a race at the Conference. Brent is confident that with all of the brilliant minds in the Club, we definitely will come out with an amazing product for the race. If you did not notice, Brent has a passion for racing!!



"Because of You" ...Jim Hare for having the sign ready in 12hrs.

KEY DATES

October 23 – In-person: 7:30 AM – Putting for Polio at Haggin Oaks Golf Complex

October 30 – Speaker: Ray Riehle – Antarctica, the coldest, driest, highest continent in the world. Photo's too.