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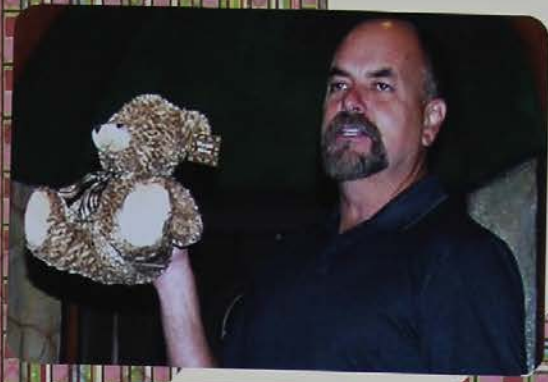
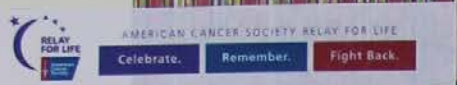


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**Two-day festival benefits high schools**

The Sunrise Rotary Club presents the Sunrise Youth Art and Music Festival at the Simi Valley Town Center from noon to 6 p.m. Oct. 27 and 28.

The two-day festival will be filled with music at the entertainment from musical theater and dance students, and an art show highlighting the works of student artists.

The highlight of the art show is the Pizza Box Art contest. Secondary students were given California Pizza Kitchen pizza boxes to decorate as they wished. The boxes will be on display for the community to vote for their favorite for the People's Choice. California Pizza Kitchen in the Simi Valley Town Center will also donate 20 percent of all purchases made Oct. 22-26 to Simi's four high schools and their performing arts departments.

Sponsorship banners — \$500 and \$1,000 — are available and will be on display throughout the center beginning the week of Oct. 22. For \$50, names can be displayed on a card and placed around the center stage.

All money raised by the event will support the arts at the local high schools.

For more information on the festival or on becoming a sponsor, contact Pat Abruzzese at [pabruzzese@pecnet.com](mailto:pabruzzese@pecnet.com).

— From staff reports



**SIMI VALLEY Music Festival to benefit high schools**

The Sunrise Youth Art & Music Festival will be Oct. 27-28 at the Simi Valley Town Center.

The festival, presented by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Simi Valley, will be filled with music on the mall from bands and choirs, as well as entertainment from musical theater and dance students. There also will be an art show highlighting the works of

student artists.

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For the seventh year, The Rotary clubs of Simi Valley have teamed up to assemble and donate bicycles to local children in need.



## Bike Assembly



Rotary rides the cycle of giving  
Simi club members donate bikes to needy families





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"Not everyone gets to see that smile, but deep in our hearts we know the smile is there and we have made a difference in their lives as well as in ours. Rotary makes a difference, and that is why we do what we do."

Mark Dickinson, the 2007-08 president of the Rotary Club of Simi Valley



Photos courtesy of the Rotary Club of Simi Valley  
Paul Williams of the Rotary Club of Simi Valley works assembling bicycles with his daughter Brooke, at left, and her friend Tiffany Kestler, both ninth-graders at Royal High School, during the Rotary-sponsored bike giveaway.

## »SIMI VALLEY

### Children receive bicycles at tri-club event

For the seventh year, the Rotary Clubs of Simi Sunrise and Simi Valley assembled and donated bicycles to children in Simi Valley.

This year 250 bicycles were donated and all three local Rotary clubs participated.

The bicycles are distributed to families that would not otherwise be able to afford them. The recipients are selected by several church-

es, synagogues and other charitable organizations such as Care and Share, YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club. The bicycles are donated to the parents who in turn give them to their children.

The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise and the Rotary Club of Simi Valley each donated \$3,500 for purchasing the bikes and helmets. They were joined by the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise in assembling the 250 bikes, which recently took place at the Boys and Girls Club.

—Cindy Jacoby

## Simi club members donate bikes to needy families

By Alicia Doyle

Overseas

Rotary clubs of Simi Sunrise and Simi Valley donated 250 bicycles for children in need.

It is very satisfying to know the joy this brings not only to the children but to the parents who were not able to do this on their own, said Cindy Jacoby, executive director of the Simi Valley Education Foundation, who is the Simi Valley Rotary Club's liaison.

One day in December, Rotary members of Simi Sunrise, Simi Sunrise and Simi Valley met at the Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley to assemble the bikes.

Needless to say, it was a fun evening as more than 70 volunteers—adults and children—were assembled in a room full of bikes.

The "Bicycle Assembly and Giveaway" was held at the Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley, east president of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, explained.

His father is a Rotarian in the San Diego area and his club does this project.

Since teaming up with the two other Rotary clubs in Simi Valley, it has grown so large that the year we assembled 200 bikes, he said.

The recipients were selected by several churches, synagogues and other charitable organizations.

The bikes were donated to the parents, who in turn give them to their children.

"We have lots of fun and fellowship assembling the bikes and then through the help of local organizations such as



For the seventh year, the Rotary clubs of Simi Valley have teamed up to assemble and donate bicycles to local children in need.

YMCA, Boys & Girls Club and Care and Share, as well as a dozen local churches, we identify local children who would not otherwise enjoy any gifts for Christmas."

Because many members in the community have been blessed with success in their businesses, Rotarians are dedicated to giving back to the community.

Mark Dickinson, the 2007-2008 president of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, said.

The bicycle giveaway is one of the many projects the Rotarians have undertaken, Dickinson said. But this one strikes a particularly positive chord among the members.

When you assemble a bike knowing it will bring joy to some child or deliver a new bike to someone who has lived the Christmas spirit, Dickinson added.

"Not everyone gets to see that smile, but deep in our hearts we know the smile is there, and we have made a difference in their lives as well as in ours," he said.

"Rotary makes a difference, and that is why we do what we do."



## »ROTARY CLUB

### Simple checklist for ethical behavior

The Four-Way Test serves as a cornerstone for all actions

By Cindy Belmonte

Special to The Star

How do you know if your actions are truly ethical? The first thing is to get a checklist. If it feels uncomfortable, if you are losing sleep, there's an indication something is amiss.

Ethics involves consistency between our identity and our actions. Moral codes and ethics give us tools but also raise questions to be answered: How should we live? What is morally good and bad, right and wrong? Shall we aim at happiness or knowledge? If we choose happiness, will it be our own or the happiness of all?

And what of the more specific questions that face us? Is it right to be dishonest for a good cause? Can we justify lying in abundance while elsewhere in the world people are starving? Is going to war warranted in cases where innocent people will likely be killed?

For Rotary, the Four-Way Test is the cornerstone of all action. It has been for years,

and it will be in the future. Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The test is one of the hallmarks of Rotary. Since it was developed in 1922 by Herbert J. Taylor, who later became Rotary International president, it has never ceased to be relevant.

#### Keep in mind for decisions

The four brief questions are not based on culture or religion. Instead, they are a simple checklist for ethical behavior. They transcend generations and national borders.

As Rotarians, we should have the Four-Way Test in mind in every decision we make, all day long. Our utmost responsibility is to speak the truth and better friendships, and to do our very best in all

situations.

Life is very turbulent today. What is our duty to ourselves, neighbors and fellow citizens? Where are charity and our joint responsibility to humanity?

For Rotarians, we can help instill this responsibility in school-age children through our Four-Way Test-Essay contest.

Each year before the fall semester ends, students at Hillside Middle School in Simi Valley prepare their Four-Way Test essays in the hopes of winning a cash prize. They are asked to go back to a situation they experienced and answer the four questions as they relate to their behavior in that situation.

With these four questions in mind, our young people can learn to make honest and ethical decisions when faced with a challenging situation. This happens at a deeper level through our high school program ethics seminar, providing a forum for dialogue giving perspective to views and models, finding new solutions using knowledge, expertise and ethical standards as guiding principles in all dealings.

This program is open to all

high school students, public or private, and offers a \$1,000 scholarship for the winning essay applying the Four-Way Test to the seminar topic.

This year's ethics seminar will be March 18 at Santa Susana High School.

#### Addressing the issues

Rotary offers a possibility for solving ethical problems. Well trained, well equipped in social life and with strong common sense, Rotarians must try to address these issues through Rotary's vocational and community service programs.

People all over the world need more safety, tolerance, understanding and love. They want to live in peace.

For more information on how to become a Rotarian and what Rotary does daily in the lives of others, visit <http://www.rotary.org> or contact your local Rotary Club, at <http://www.moorparkrotary.org>, <http://www.simivalleyrotary.org>, or <http://www.simisunrise.org>.

—Cindy Belmonte is a member of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise.

## Annual Rotary Club golf tournament coming up

Rotary Club of Simi Valley will host its 31st annual Golf Classic on Friday, April 18 day at the Tierra Rejada Golf Club, 15187 Tierra Rejada Road, Moorpark.

Comedian and newspaper columnist Jason Love will serve as guest host.

The tournament will kick off at 9:30 a.m. with registration, followed by lunch at 11 a.m. and shotgun start at noon. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by a live auction.

Prizes include a \$1-million Shot Contest and a \$100,000

Shootout Contest.

Golfers will also have the opportunity to win a one-year membership at the club, premium sporting event tickets, shopping spree, drive at NASCAR Driving School and a five-day Carnival cruise.

Golfer fees are \$600 four-somes, \$350 two-somes, \$200 single and \$300 single with tee-sign.

Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information and golfer registration, visit [www.Golf4Rotary.com](http://www.Golf4Rotary.com).

from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### SIMI VALLEY Annual scholarship awards offered by Rotary

The Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise has applications available for the annual scholarship awards. This year, the Simi Sunrise Rotary Club's Scholarship Foundation, working with the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, has made \$14,000 available for the awards to applicants who are seniors graduating from high schools in the Simi Valley area.

This year's scholarship committee has made the decision that the awards will be based primarily on the applicant's efforts to help in the community activities rather than only academic achievements. The motto of the Rotary Club and its members is "Service above Self," and the scholarship committee and the Sunrise Rotary board decided

it should offer financial support to students who are the future of the community.

Applications are available to graduating seniors either through printed copies at the counseling offices at local high schools or in electronic format online at <http://www.rotaryclubsimisunrise.com>. Applicants to complete and submit materials for consideration prior to the April deadline. Applications can either be turned in to the counseling office at local high schools or be sent to the following address: c/o Roger Cofer, 1845 Yosemite Ave., Suite 241, Simi Valley, CA 93063.

For more information, call 1-877-SIMI-KID.

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Madera Elementary second-grader Dakota Burdon shows off a section of her new dictionary. Dictionaries were donated to the class by three Rotary clubs on Friday.

## Rotary Club makes sure Simi Valley kids have dictionaries to flip through

By Jake Finch

Can anybody find the word "chaos"? Mary Ann Lewis, a Simi Valley Rotary International club member, asked the 18 second-graders assembled in Ruby Vyas' classroom Friday morning.

"I found it! I found it!" shouted Angel Jaurique several minutes later. "That was hard."

The Madera School students were then asked to read the pronunciation and definition of the word "chaos" and use it in a sentence. Each of the students eagerly thumbed through the new soft-cover dictionaries given to them by Simi Valley's three Rotary clubs.

Part of an annual effort, the Rotarians gave free dictionaries to all Simi Valley Unified School District second-graders and special education students for their personal use.

"It's a book we together feel they can use for a number of years," said Karen Stewart, a member of Simi Sunset and the Simi Valley Education Foundation, which helped coordinate the effort. "Even though people are on the computer, it's a fast reference, and it's a really good book."

Stewart said the Rotarians worked with district administrators to select the dictionary. In the end, everyone decided to use the same book as last year, "A Student's Dictionary," published in 2006 by The Dictionary Project Inc.

The key to this book, Stewart said, is that it's more than just a dictionary. It includes reference materials such as maps, a periodic table, measurements, a Braille dictionary, a sign language guide, prints of the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution, information about the states and essays on American history.

"We've been (learning) about dictionaries," said teacher Vyas. "This one has many more resources."

Vyas looks forward to sending her students to the dictionary for answers to spelling questions. "It's like they go on a journey for words, like detectives," she said.

This year, about 1,600 dictionaries were given out. There also are extra kept in reserve at the schools for any mid-year transfer students, Stewart said. And if a teacher runs out, Stewart has extra copies to provide later. "They always know they can call, because we keep a stockpile," she said.

The idea for the project came from the Ojai West Rotary Club, Stewart said.

"You network and go to a lot of meetings and, yes, we borrowed this idea from another Rotary in our district," she said. "They have had a lot of fun with it."

The dictionaries were all



Rotary Club member Mary Ann Lewis gives a short presentation to a class at Madera Elementary School on how to use their new dictionaries.

distributed this week. Teams of Rotarians went to each second-grade classroom and gave a short lesson on using the books.

In Vyas' classroom Friday, student Carly Tuttle excitedly held her dictionary. "It has lots of words!" the second-grader said. "My other one at home is huge."

Student Susanna Rose Anil said she was going to look at every page. "I love it," she said.

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## Guest opinion

# Women have a long history in Rotary

By Sally Adelsblue, Simi Summit Rotary Club and Elaine Freeman, Simi Sunrise Rotary Club

Rotary International had its beginning in 1905 in Chicago, Ill. Paul Harris, Esq. started the club for male professionals. Fellowship was the original focus, along with lunch with friends and networking with other business professionals.

**Early involvement of women**  
Women volunteered with Rotary Clubs. Some women were widows of Rotarians who missed the camaraderie of club events and requested to take their husband's place within the club. Other women worked within the Rotary Club running fundraising campaigns, heading up projects and Rotary events without official membership status.

In 1911, a group of women started the Women's Rotary Club of Duluth, NM. Rotarians decided women could have their own club but they could not use the word *Rotary* in the title. As a result, Inner Wheel was created and continues to be one of the largest worldwide service organizations for women with more than 100,000 members in 95 countries.

Rotary International decided in 1921 that clubs could have a Ladies Auxiliary and Rotary Ann was created.

**Change to status quo**  
Times changed, and men and women began working side by side in most every profession. Women became more accepted in the business world and fit the "vocational" classification" requirement to become a member of Rotary. However, it was not until 1987 when women's dream to become Rotarians came to fruition.

The Rotary Club of Duarte, Calif., took a brave and bold step in 1977 and inducted three women into their membership—as a result, they lost their charter. Undeterred and committed to the principle of Rotary, Duarte Club continued to meet as a quasi-Rotary Club.

Meanwhile, Rotary International continued to grow and evolve—a decade later the Duarte Club regained their charter. The mavericks of the Duarte Club took quick action and in 1987 Sylvia Whitlock became the first

female president of Rotary Club of Duarte.

Rotary International Council on Legislation voted to change the constitution and by-laws to admit women in 1989.

**Local trailblazers**  
On a local level, Rotary District 5240 includes a combination of 72 clubs throughout the counties of Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Kern and a tiny parcel of Los Angeles. The district has approximately 4,000 members.

The progressives of the Simi

Valley Rotary Club recognized that great opportunity that the 1989 by-law changes to include women presented. They immediately recruited a gifted and talented new member and became the first club in District 5240 to induct a female, Elaine Freeman. "My association with Rotary has been a great experience with the opportunity to grow along side fellow Rotarians," said Freeman, who would eventually become president of the Rotary Club of San Simi.

This is an example of two of

the tenets of Rotary: will it build goodwill and better friendships, and will it be beneficial to all concerned.

Sally Adelsblue, a member of the Rotary Club of Simi Summit, was the first female club president of the Rotary Club of Ventura East and the second female district governor.

"My experiences with Rotary have been positive and it didn't take long to be accepted," said Adelsblue. "We walk hand in hand, immunizing children in India and Nigeria from polio, fund school projects, support local charities, help equip hospitals, and assist needy families."

—Pamela Set Paul 11



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## Women have long-held leadership positions in Rotary

FROM PAGE 8—

Women have held most every position in the Rotary world. From Rotary's first female president, Sylvia Whitlock of Duarte, where she is still an active member, to the first female Rotary International Board trustee, Carolyn Jones of Alaska in 2005, and finally the selection of Rotary International's first ever nominated board director, Catherine Noyer-Rouveau of Paris, France for 2008, women are leaving their marks in Rotary.

Today, Rotarians are not dis-

tinguished as male or female, nor are they politically, ethnically or religiously categorized. Rotarians are worldwide ambassadors sharing their vision and acceptance of diversity in order to serve a broad spectrum of people and places.

Rotarians believe in "Service Above Self."

For more information on club membership and activities, go to

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).  
For more about local clubs, visit [www.moonparkrotary.com](http://www.moonparkrotary.com), [www.simivalleyrotary.org](http://www.simivalleyrotary.org), [www.rotaryclubofsimisunrise.com](http://www.rotaryclubofsimisunrise.com), or [www.simisummitrotary.org](http://www.simisummitrotary.org).

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May 9, 2008  
Simi Valley Acorn

### Rotary goes to work at Corriganville

**A LITTLE ELBOW GREASE**—Steve Johnson, above, a member of the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise, trims down a brand-new sign to put up at Camp Rotary in Corriganville Park on Saturday morning. Rotary members painted benches, installed new signs and repaired permanent structures at the park during Rotary Community Service Day. At left, Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise member Chas Wilson, Boy Scout Troop 622 scoutmaster Mike Gulotta (middle), and Danish exchange student Jon Laurisen bolt the new sign in.

Photos by R/S SMOOT/acorn Newspapers



WORK







## Young ambassadors empowered to promote peace and cultural understanding in Israel

By Sylvie Belmond  
sbelmond@pacnet.com

"I have proof that a great friendship between Arabs and Jews is possible," said Ami Shaffer, a Jewish teen who recently spent two weeks at the American Jewish University Brandeis-Bardin Campus in Simi Valley as a participant in Project TRUMPH.

Now Shaffer is back home and in a stronger position to promote peace and cultural understanding among his peers in Haifa.

Ilan Migdali, a member of the Newbury Park Rotary Club, founded Project TRUMPH about four years ago in an effort to improve relationships between Jews and Arabs.

The project's name stands for "Today's Revolution by Understanding: Make Peace Happen."

"While here, the teenagers learned to identify their core qualities, such as honesty, optimism or compassion, so they can start approaching life from those places, instead of jealousy, fear and feeling small," Migdali said.

Suicide bombers, war threats and historical conflicts are serious causes for division among teenagers in the Middle East, but young people there still have much in common.

Since schools in Israel are segregated by religion, the lack of interaction between students can foster an atmosphere of distrust and fear.

Rabia Eghbaria, an Arab teen selected to attend the monthlong camp, said, "When I got here I didn't expect to meet real friends with whom I could discuss tough subjects, but I found that good friendships can develop despite differences. We can all discuss things, and even if we disagree we can still be friends," he said.

"I believe in the power of individuals who can start to make a change," said Rami Yabia, an Arab chaperone. "Everybody in his or her

### Teens learn to let go of long-held beliefs

unique way can change others in their minds and respect others as humans." Change could be achievable in the long term, he said, if young people are provided with tools to plant seeds of goodwill.

Peace can only occur when people are willing to understand each other, Shaffer said. It can't be forced through treaties.

"Just getting a signature on paper isn't going to produce peace because people aren't prepared for that," he said.

Both Arab and Jewish people in the Middle East are inclined to dwell on the past, but the teenagers who attended Project TRUMPH want to look toward the future, said Diane Rumbaugh, who handles publicity for the project.

Although both cultures will continue to exist, Shaffer and Eghbaria said, they want to introduce a new point of view to their peers in Haifa. Shaffer plans to become an officer in the Israeli army so he can educate others on improving relations with people of Arab origin.

"These two weeks gave us a lot, and we can go back empowered to change, starting in Haifa," Shaffer said, adding that he and his fellow travelers plan to start a website and promote dialogue between Arabs

and Jews.

"Now we know how to approach the subject and treat people," Eghbaria agreed.

The program emphasizes connecting with your own greatness and changing the trend, said Migdali.

"When you're more comfortable with others, you connect with your essence, and everyone can move forward," he said.

High school principals in Israel select the participating young adults based on their leadership skills. The students must speak English and have an open mind, Migdali said. Teens first attended meetings in Haifa to prepare for their time together in California.

They also committed to being involved in service projects in Israel to advance intercultural exchange and demonstrate that peace is achievable.

All the local Rotaries, including clubs in Camarillo, the Conejo Valley, Moorpark and Simi Valley, co-sponsor the project with Rotary clubs in Haifa to plant seeds of goodwill for future generations.

"Project TRUMPH tries to find common ground between Arab and Jewish people," said Cliff Williams, president of the Moorpark Rotary Club.

To learn more about Project TRUMPH or to contribute to the nonprofit endeavor, visit the website [www.projecttrumph.org](http://www.projecttrumph.org).





# Cajun festival attracts the warmest spirits of Simi Valley

Justin Cowles  
Wednesday, May 28, 2008

The weather reflected a dark and cold day, which was quite the opposite of the mood at the Simi Valley Cajun Creole Festival.

The police trailer showed the horrors of those who drink and drive with a wrecked SUV in front of main gate for all to see. But upon entering the grounds, a man named Fingers Schriver, 56, who is decked out in Mardi gras clothes, tried to attract people to the beer tent by using a southern drawl.

"Come on down," yelled Schriver. "Get your beer right here and your tickets right there." Schriver has been a part of the festival for the last five years. He also is a Simi Moose Lodge member and participated in the local Civil War reenactments.

The 19th annual Simi Valley Cajun Creole Festival is run every year on Memorial Day Weekend by the Rotary of Simi Sunrise. Admission proceeds from the festival go toward local charities like The Boy Scouts of America, YMCA, Relay for Life, and the Boy Scouts of America.

The festival features something for everyone. An assortment of southern Cajun food is available that includes Crawfish, Jambalaya, and Gator-on-a-stick. With the largest outside dance floor west of the Mississippi, plenty of room was available for dancing. "We've been here every year with the exception of one," said Jimmy Harvy, who was enjoying the dance floor with his partner, Peggy Shropshire-Mobbs. "We just love it."

age for young performers and an assortment of ticket. Local vendors also had the event. Locals can find the event on the website [simicaljun.org](http://simicaljun.org) or call the event.

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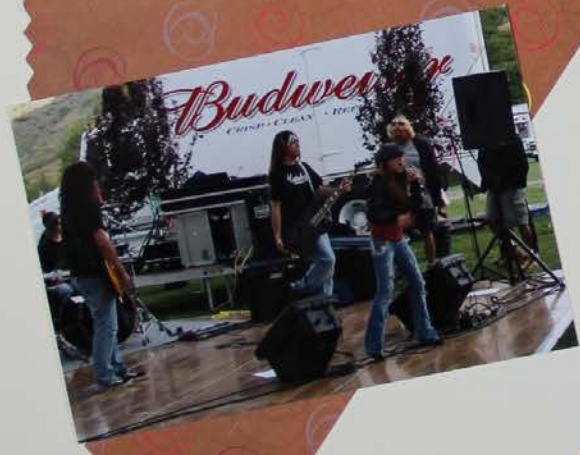
# 19th Cajun Creole Festival draws record crowds

Annual 2-day Simi event raises funds for nonprofits



**HORSE HAT:** Simi resident Larry Schamp tries on a unique hat Sunday, May 25 at the 19th annual Cajun Creole Music Festival. The event was held at Rancho Santa Susana Community Park in Simi Valley and included a 5K run, music, dancing, vendors, a kids area and food. The festival is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Simi Sunrise and is their biggest annual fundraiser.

**TOPSY TURVY:** Young Simi Valley resident Eman Sevastian, 8, holds on while riding the Gyro.











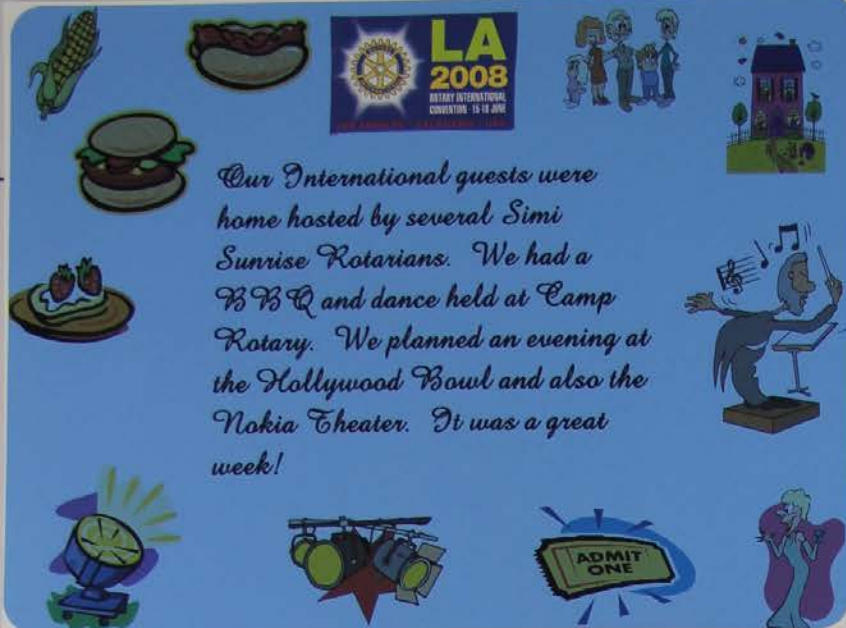
We represented Simi Sunrise at the Moorpark Rotary Club's annual Olympics. It was a beautiful day and we ended up taking home the Silver Medal!!



A good time had by all!!





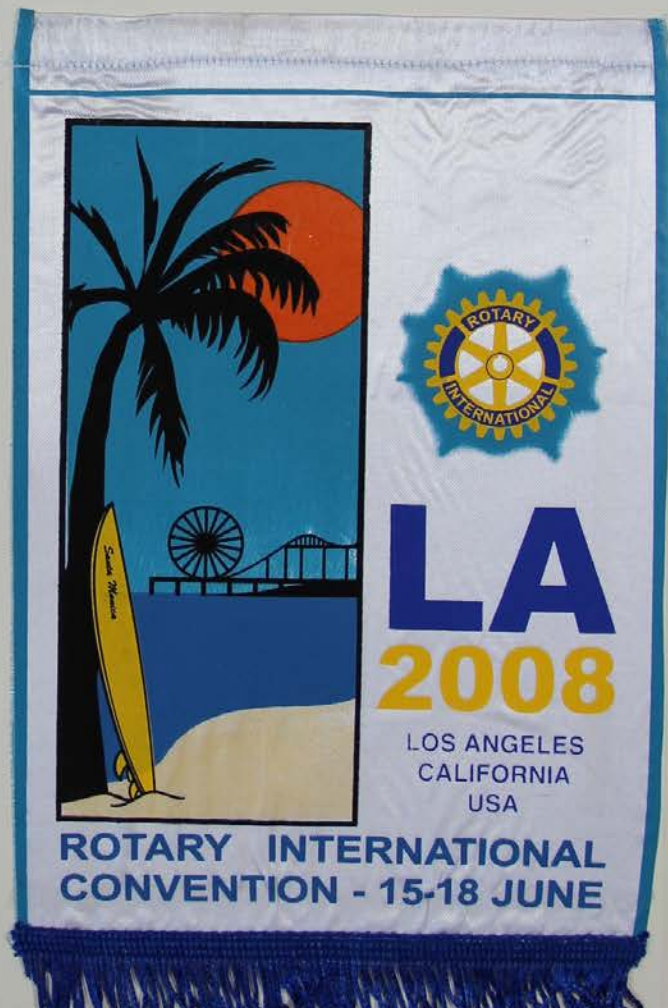


#### International Guests

B. Thiruchelvar, Dickoya, Sri Lanka  
 Chris Molam, Hunyani, Zimbabwe  
 Uldora Eugenia, Vladivostok, Russia  
 Arafinn Solli, Livingstone, Zambia  
 Rolando Machado, Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
 Suyapa Machado, Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
 Kingsley Lalamond, Livingstone, Zimbabwe  
 Louis Maliti, Kitwe, Zambia  
 Settar-Eahwar, Hospet, India  
 Bob Kwambana, Kitwe, Zambia  
 Moses Lubinwa, Kitwe, Zambia  
 Melodie Tumm, Harare, Zambia  
 Don McDonald, Harare, Zimbabwe  
 P. D. Chandni, Dickoya, Sri Lanka  
 P. D. Chandni, Bangalore Vijayanagar, India



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# Western BBQ @ Camp Rotary

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- Live Country Western Band
- Delicious Western BBQ ~ WITH ALL THE FIXIN'S
- Country Western Attire
- Good 'Ole Fashion FUN!



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SIMI SUNRISE ROTARIANS AS  
WE WELCOME OUR  
INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Monday Evening, June 16th  
6:00 - 9:00 PM

