



## “Chips” from the Buzzsaw

The Weekly Newsletter of the  
Rotary Club of West Sacramento

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## Our Program: Amnesty Day ! Fun and Games!!

Welcome back to Rotary! After a two-week holiday break, our regular meeting schedule resumed with a meeting geared towards fellowship, forgiveness and FUN!

Members were treated to a slide show from **Quirina Orozco**, detailing some of the hard work and good fun Rotarians and other community members had in distributing the fruits of the West Sac Kids Give Back program. While that was going on, **Dan Ramos** kicked off a pass-the-hat as an opportunity for members to contribute to a fund for victims of the most recent West Sacramento family tragedy. This fund, separate from the GoFundMe account set up to cover funeral expenses, received a \$300 boost from the pockets of generous Rotarians, which was then matched by another \$300 from the Club.

**Barry Kaler** reminded us of the need to register for the District Conference. The Club is paying the registration fee for ALL NEW MEMBERS since July 2016, in an effort to encourage attendance. Sign up!

Rotarians were reminded that the Club's Anniversary Dinner will be held February 22 at 6 p.m. at Club Pheasant. **Luann Christ** will be providing the elegant arrangements, while **Troy Francis Bird**, soon to be the undisputed President, will serve at Master of Ceremonies. Bonus points for anyone who dresses like an adult for the event.

This means positively no shorts or Hawaiian shirts, **Jeff Post**...

## Meeting Schedule

1/05/18

**Amnesty Day/Fun & Games  
Must-See Rotary**

1/12/18

**Len Strickland  
World Traveler**

1/19/18

**TBA**

The Rotary Club of West

Sacramento

Club 558

District 5180

P. O. Box 288

West Sacramento, CA 95691

We meet every Friday at 12:15  
Club Pheasant

Jefferson & Lake Washington

West Sacramento, CA

## Meeting Summary

Presiding:	<b>Jim Cahill</b>
Pledge:	<b>Kevin Baldwin</b>
Prayer/Thought:	<b>Dan Ramos</b>
Song Leader:	<b>Dick Marshall (it was more like “Humm-Leader”)</b>
Door Prize Valued at:	<b>\$529: Siva Sivakumaran drew the Queen of Spades</b>

Leadership Team	Birthdays & Anniversaries
<b>Executive Committee:</b>  President *Jim Cahill  Past President *Bill Bevier  President Elect *Troy Francis Bird  Treasurer *Chris Bradford  Secretary *Peter Anderson  *Board Member	<b>Birthdays:</b>  Ron Chambers January 11 Jim Cahill January 18 Mark Roberts January 20 Joe Villanueva January 25 Steve Heringer January 28 Bob Cecatto January 29  <b>Anniversaries</b> none
<b>Officers &amp; Avenues of Service:</b>  Membership Tim Kwong  Interact/ Youth Services Lee Harris  Club Service Shaun Morrow  Community Service Dan Ramos  International Service Steve Lewis  Vocational Service Drew Gidlof  The Rotary Foundation Barry Kalar  Sergeant - at - Arms Marty Garozzo  Photographer David Kamminga	 <p><b>Siva Sivakumaran</b> drew the Queen of Spades, the 15th card in row pulled from this deck which proved to NOT be the winning card for the “door prize”, which is now valued at <b>\$529</b>. A Joker is placed in the deck and often prominently displayed, but has yet to be drawn. Now that the pot is getting big again, we expect to start seeing the Centennial poachers...</p> 

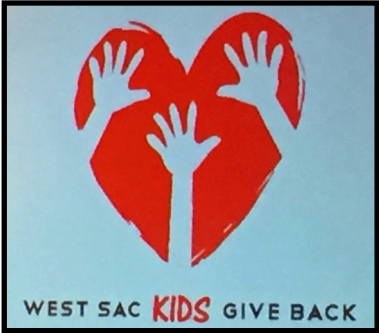


Over the holiday season, Rotarians and other community members contributed time, goods and money to the **WestSacKidsGive-Back** program, which was brought to our Club’s attention by **Quirina Orozco**.

Quirina brought the Club a brief slide presentation as a follow-up, to show the fruits of the Club and community’s efforts. Often when we give, we don’t get to see the results, so this was a refreshing change.

Local businesses collect donations of personal care items which are later sorted for distribution into care packages for those in need.

The care packages are assembled by children, under the supervision of adults, and provided to local non-profits for distribution.



West Sacramento Rotarians showed their generosity and compassion once again as we passed the hat for the survivors of the recent murder-suicide in our community.

Past President and Community Service Chair **Dan Ramos** called the Club’s attention to the need, and Rotarians responded by donating \$300 out of their pockets on the spot. This amount was then matched by the Club itself, with \$600 being donated to the family. These are funds, separate from the GoFundMe campaign and are to be used for meals and comfort.



We started Amnesty Fun & Games with the original West Sacramento Rotary Game, “The Two Davids”, this time playing with **Judy Ratley** and **Marty Garozzo**. The Applause Meter said Judy’s answers were the most amusing and intriguing. She walked away with Yahtzee! Chances are, Judy already has that one in her game cabinet at home...

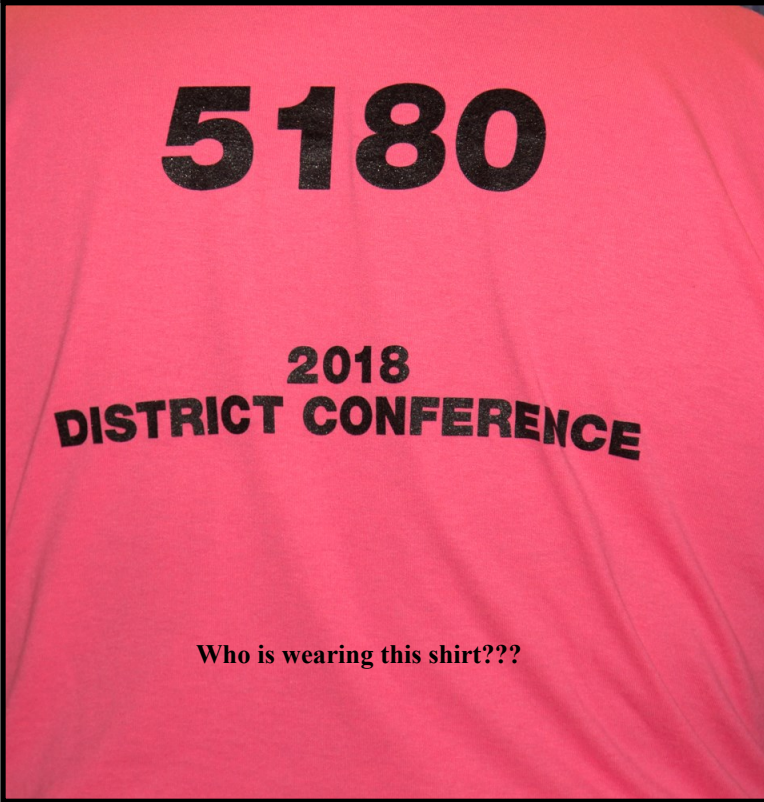


Long-lost Rotarians taking advantage of Amnesty Day were asked their best “sob story” for being so long absent. The Applause Meter gave a runaway victory to **Lee Harris**, whose answer was, effectively “none of our business”. She got walkie-talkies, to stay in better touch with Rotary!

Our last game was “Christmas Fiasco Stories”, with one Member from each table playing. Despite some good stories, **Siva** won, because he doesn’t celebrate Christmas. So, Jenga!



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Who is wearing this shirt???



Next Week’s Speaker, Len Strickland



“Amnesty Day” was an unexpected success, as Members took advantage of the lack of implied limitations to the word “amnesty” and cleared their consciences of all sorts of misdeeds besides merely missing a few meetings. Clockwise from top left: **Kevin Baldwin, John Raney, Kent Ramos, Jeff Post & Tim Carnahan**, while **Marty Garozzo** collects for the Club. AMNESTY PRICES ARE GOING UP—HURRY BACK



**Heine Roikjer** won the prize\* for having the ONLY guests at our Club meeting (his daughter Bjork and his son Konrad, with Heine above right). Neither Konrad nor Bjork had anything to say about their father’s new motorcycle, so we don’t know when he’ll pay a fine for that... However, the Club was presented with a new banner (above left) for our collection, this time from Rekjavik, Iceland!

**Siva Sivakumaran** spent some time in Ontario over the holidays and shared these photos of his visit to the Rotary Club of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. The photo (below right) displays the Club’s banner, while in the photo on the left Siva shares our own Club ‘s banner with Mr. Tariq Shah, President of the Rotary Club of Mississauga - City Centre. Rotarians are everywhere!

\*there is positively NO prize. See contest rules.



“Is it Dark in here, or is it just me?”

Does our **Treasurer** read the newsletter? Hard to say, since he was absent from the meeting when the bell was sounded to begin.



Texts and calls to him yielded the response that he “thought” we were dark on the 5th. When word got out (somehow) of his absence, the most popular answer in all of our games that day was some form of “*I don’t know, I thought we were dark today*”. Let’s see if he read *this* week’s edition of Chips...



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Mississauga - City Centre

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE CELEBRATION

THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER, 2017

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WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 12:00 TO 1:30 PM AT

THE LIVING ARTS CENTRE, 4141 LIVING ARTS DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ON, L5B 4B8

# *A More Formal Affair*

*Think Suits ...*

*Think Cocktail Dresses...*

*Think Past Presidents in Tuxes <sup>and</sup> /or Gowns...*



## **Save the Date** **Our club's 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner**

**February 22, 2018**

**at the *world famous* Club Pheasant Restaurant**

**6:00 Social Hour    7:00 Dinner and Program**

**What is an “Anniversary Dinner”? Do I buy the President a gift? Why does anyone care what I’m wearing?**

These important questions roll around Rotarians brains as we prepare to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the Rotary Club of West Sacramento. Back at Galactic Rotary HQ, preparations are in full swing to make this the party of the millennium (falcon).

While none of these references to Star Wars may resonate, what might get your attention is the chance to CELEBRATE IN STYLE. The Club is expanding the budget, which could result in some form of “free” drinks or other merriment-inducing offerings. You won’t want to miss that!

Our Club’s 69th Anniversary represents an important tradition in the West Sacramento Rotary Club, as we celebrate the Club’s birth. No, you don’t need a gift, besides the *gift* of your *presence*, and yes, we care what you wear because this is our Club’s “Prom”, and your significant other really, really wants you to dress nicely for the pictures. **SAVE THE DATE!**



Our Founder

# Time of Your Life!



Join us for  
**Fun in Tahoe**

**Rotary District 5180 Conference, May 11-13, 2018**

**Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort, Spa and Casino, Incline Village**

**Friday Night Beach Party, Speech Contest Finals,  
Inspiring Keynote Speakers, Activities, Fun, and Fellowship**

**Registration Information:** Cost is \$50 per person. Complete form and mail check as provided below.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Badge Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Partner** \_\_\_\_\_ **Badge Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club** \_\_\_\_\_

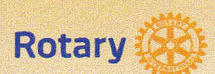
**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail check to:* Daniela Calvitti, Conference Registrar  
c/o Synergex, 2330 Gold Meadow Way, Gold River, CA 95670





## Join the West Sac Rotary Home-building Trip to Tijuana!

February 16 - 19, 2018

Build a house for a poor family. Camp out. Get dirty.  
Have fun. Strengthen friendships.

Text or email Paul Kolarik at 916-715-4853 or  
[pesko@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pesko@sbcglobal.net) for more info or check  
[www.amor.org](http://www.amor.org).

### Itinerary:

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| <b>Friday, 2/16/18</b>   | Drive / fly to Chula Vista, stay in motel  |
| <b>Saturday, 2/17/18</b> | Report to Amor assembly point, board buses, cross border and begin work, stay in campsite at Amor campground in Tijuana, meals included              |
| <b>Sunday, 2/18/18</b>   | Work all day, then return to campsite, meals included  |
| <b>Monday, 2/19/18</b>   | Finish work around lunchtime, return to campsite to get personal items, board buses and cross into USA, drive / fly home, breakfast & lunch included |

**What to bring – note: we walk across the border coming back, so only bring what you can carry!**

Passport good through at least 8/30/18

Minors must bring out-of-country permission form signed by parents

Sleeping bag, pad & pillow

Toiletries, towel

Work clothes, incl shoes/boots that can get stucco on them, work gloves, hat

Water bottle

Flashlight or headlamp

Warm clothes for camp

**Ken Wilson** wants to enlist YOU in the District Tree Planting project. This project is a high priority for Rotary International and our own Ken Wilson is helping to lead the charge for the District. The goal is to have every Rotarian plant a new tree in this Rotary year.

Ken has gotten together with The Sacramento Tree Foundation and the City of West Sacramento Parks Department and organized a tree-planting project for our club, tentatively scheduled for Feb. 1. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at the next two meetings. **Save the date!**



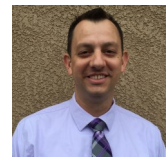
2017-2018  
Rotary International President  
Ian Riseley



2017-2018  
Rotary District 5180 Governor  
Sandi Sava



2017-2018  
Rotary District 5180 Assistant Governor  
JR Springer



**District 5180 Rotary Clubs Meeting Times and Locations So You Can Make Up Each Week**

Day	Who	When	Where	Who	When	Where
Mon	Foothill Highlands	12:15pm	Lions Gate Restaurant	Walnut Grove	12:30pm	Tony's Place
	Sacramento	12:15pm	Red Lion Hotel - Woodlake	Fair Oaks	6:45pm	Fair Oaks Community Clubhouse
Tues	Oroville Sunrise	7:00am	The Monday Club	Oroville	Noon	The Monday Club
	Rancho Cordova Sunrise	7:00am	Cordova Casino	Marysville	12:15pm	Peachtree Country Club
	Sutter Buttes Sunrise	7:00am	The Plaza Room at Hillcrest	Rancho Cordova	12:15pm	Rancho Cordova City Hall
	West Sacramento Centennial	7:00am	Collins Teen Center	Looms Sunset	5:30pm	Indian Creek Country Club
	Sacramento Breakfast	7:15am	Evans Kitchen	Carmichael	6:30pm	Ancil Hoffman Golf Course
	Arden Arcade	Noon	Ruth Cris Steak House - Pavilions			
Wed	Rocklin/Loomis Basin	7:00am	Whitney Oaks Golf Club	South Placer	Noon	Whitney Oaks Golf Club
	El Dorado Hills	7:15am	Community Service Building	Citrus Heights	12:15pm	Citrus Heights Community Center
	Laguna Sunrise	8:00am	Valley Hi Country Club	North Sacramento	12:15pm	Doubletree Hotel
	East Sacramento	Noon	Evan's Kitchen	Yuba City	12:15	Hillcrest Plaza Room
	Elk Grove	12:15pm	Vince's Restaurant	Midtown Sacramento	5:30pm	Café Bernardo
	Folsom Lake (Folsom)	Noon	Empire Ranch Golf Club	Rancho Murieta	7:00pm	Rancho Murieta Country Club
Thu	Historic Folsom	7:00am	Lake Natoma Inn	Lincoln	Noon	Lincoln Women's Club
	Roseville Sunrise	7:00am	Gingers Restaurant	Roseville	Noon	Sierra View Country Club
	Yuba Feather River Sunrise	7:00am	Gary's Place	South Sacramento	Noon	Iron Steaks Restaurant
	Pocket-Greenhaven	7:30am	Aviators Restaurant	Folsom	7:00pm	Rotary Clubhouse-Lew Howard Park
	Gridley	Noon	Parish Hall			
Fri	Orangevale	7:00am	La Placita Restaurant	Natomas	7:15am	Hampton Inn, North Natomas
	Point West-Sacramento	7:00am	Doubletree Hotel	Granite Bay	12:15pm	McCormick & Schmick's Restaurant

*Balance Service Above Self*