



## Wild Bill's Last Performance with the West Sac Rotary Show

**“Please! One more Year!”**

**By Carol Bogart**

Crowd response to now-Past President Bill Bevier bordered on adulation at his 'demotion' dinner Thursday, June 22nd. Drinks were at 6, dinner, 7-ish, and by 6:15 (judging by chairs turned against tables with meal choice tickets displayed where plates would go), the enthusiastic attendance was all but standing room only.

Many oohed and ah'd over the table decorations: *real*, not-so-gently used, cowboy boots holding beautiful bouquets made up of an array of blooms, from roses to wildflowers. Bill's trusty right hand daughter, Amanda Bailey, got a chuckle at the end of the festivities when she urged partygoers to "take the flowers; leave the boots" so that she could return them to their owners.

Some in attendance dressed the theme: cowboy or girl, in deference to 'Wild Bill's' love for horses. A 'horse' booked for the evening missed its cue, (unable to hear well, perhaps, inside its head), but ultimately did trot in from the adjacent watering hole. **Trivia Question:** *Which Rotarian played the horse?* Hint: **David Kamminga** was awarded a Paul Harris pin for Service.

Looooooooong time member **Dave Wilson**, accompanied by his wonderful wife Irma, also was showered with sustained applause when it was announced he had been named Rotary District 5180's 2017 Rotarian of the Year.

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## Chips from the Buzzsaw

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## BUFFALO BILL

"He is King of them all."—Gen. E. A. Carr.

ATHLETIC PARK,  
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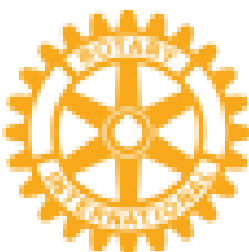
# Buffalo Bill's



# Wild West



# Rotary



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Club Pheasant, 12:15 pm



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The entertainment, a 'light roast' of President Bill, was orchestrated by **Past Presidents Heine Roikjer** and **Andy Wallace**, with Bill's brother-in-law and Amanda's Godfather, **Don Clark**. Don and Andy narrated the slide show and it delighted the crowd – particularly a Photoshopped pic of Russia's President, Vladimir Putin, riding a horse shirtless, with Rotary's Still-President Wild Bill, shirtless, behind him. As the crowd erupted, **Steve Oren** quipped: "Brokeback Mountain."

The Clark/Bevier family was strongly represented. All three of Bill's children were in attendance as were his two grandchildren and their grandmother, Robin (Clark) Bevier.

Toddler Madison, daughter of Amanda and her husband, John, would no doubt have won a 'best cowgirl outfit' contest. Her blonde curls accented the fringed skirt and vest that made her even prettier in pink. Her great-grandmother, Sharron Clark, was there to represent Jim – Amanda's 'Papa' (grandfather), who'd planned to attend until he fell and broke his hip. Sharron said he's doing well and already is pushing to do "more than he should."

Party planner extraordinaire **Luan Christ**, **Tim Carnahan**, and **Past President Heine** presented **Bill** with a gift from the club: A framed mockup of a poster – personalized with Wild Bill as "The Man" – of his favorite movie: *Man from Snowy River*. The entire audience could tell Bill loved it.

Hands down the most touching moment of the evening came at the conclusion of **President Bill's** thank yous to his Executive Board and Leadership Team when he thanked Amanda for stepping up when he needed an editor for the club newsletter. He said he'd told her it would 'just be until he found someone else' and then 'never found anyone else.' But, he said, as it turned out, she enjoyed doing it – even though attending club meetings in West Sac meant a 2 ½ hour drive from Turlock – often with Madie Mae (Madison) in tow.

To thank Amanda for her service, said **President Bill**, she was being named a Paul Harris Fellow – and awarded her the coveted pin. Past Paul Harris Service Fellows decide who is deserving of the award – not for how much money they give, but for how much they give of themselves.

The standing ovation for Amanda made it clear that the full membership agrees – Amanda couldn't deserve it more.

In the coming Rotary year, 2017-18, **Bill** plans to attend board meetings as the club's most immediate Past President. Thank *you*, **Bill**, for everything. That the club's membership has grown so much during your term as President is a testament to your thoughtful, inclusive, quietly entertaining leadership. Your year, always, has been reflective of Rotary's theme: *Service Above Self*.



Left: The Wayward Twins prepare for their "light roast."

Right: The RCHS Jazz Band provides entertainment during dinner.





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## OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the: ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**THIRD:** The application of ideal of service by every Rotarian to his/her personal, business and community life;

**FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideals of service.

## Past Presidents of the *Mighty Rotary Club of West Sacramento* and their Guests June 22nd, 2017

1968-69 Dave Wilson and his wife Irma.  
1983-84 Darrel Merwin  
Mrs. JoyAnn Merwin  
Darrel passed away last year. We were honored to have Mrs. Merwin in attendance to celebrate his memory.  
1987-88 Ken Ruzich and his wife Liz  
1994-95 Ron Chambers  
1996-97 Tom Wallace and his wife Nell  
1997-98 Bob Collins and his wife Luan Christ  
1999-00 Tim Kwong and his guest Usha Dutt  
2003-04 Tim Carnahan and his wife Gloria  
2004-05 Andy Wallace  
2007-08 Drew Gidlof and his wife Cindy  
2008-09 Dan Ramos and his wife Julie  
2010-11 Len Strickland  
2011-12 Jeff Post and his wife Pam  
2012-13 Mark Engstrom and his wife Anne  
2013-14 Mike Campbell  
2014-15 Ken Wilson and his wife Shelly  
2015-2016 Heine Roikjer and his wife Rahmona, son Konrad, and daughter Karla  
2016-2017 President Bill and his wife Robin, daughter Amanda Bailey, son-in-law John Bailey, and their daughter Madison, daughter Stephanie Panziera and her children Calvin and Tommy, and son Doug Bevier and his girlfriend Hannah Kassis



**Luan Christ,  
event planner  
extraordinaire**



# WILD BILL'S GRAND FINALE



## Final Performance Thursday, June 22nd, 2017

Paul Harris Awards \* Special Recognitions \* "An Engineered Roast" \* Paul Harris Award for Club Service \* Gifts for the Membership



## Wild Bill's Remarks from His Final Performance

Good Evening Everyone,

I really did not know what to expect when I took office a year ago. When I started, I never really was inducted into this club and then, after the 2015 Anniversary Dinner, I read in the following newsletter, I was the President Elect for the 2015-2016 year, Heine's year as President. My year then came, and it got off to a rough start; my Dad passed away and I had two unexpected surgeries, all of this the month before I became your President. Where else could the year go but up! And it certainly has.

I was inducted as a member of this club the first meeting. (It only took about 35 years.)

We had a special evening function arranged by Patti Palamidessi with entertainment by the Platters.

Our Anniversary Dinner was spectacular with entertainment by Joni Morris, Ladies of Country Music, covering, Patsy Cline, Dotti West, and Dolly Parton. We can all remember Joni was literally swept off her feet by Jeff Post.

And here we are tonight with a wonderful turnout with members and their guests. I guess you really are glad to see me go. It is wonderful to see many Past Presidents here this evening.

To highlight our year, I want to thank all of our members. Without you, the club would not exist, we would be missing the friendships that we have developed, and the work that West Sacramento Rotary provides would be curtailed. As a departing gift for all you Rotarians of the Year (yes, every single one of you), there is a Rotary Up! Coin with the 4-Way test on the back (some of you already have these but I need to get rid of them) and a new pin with the new Rotary brand.

Without a number of individuals, I would be lost. **Heine Roikjer**, Past President. **Jim Cahill**, President Elect. **Chris Bradford**, Treasurer. **Peter Anderson**, Secretary.

Then, there are all of the Leadership team that I am thankful for.

**Tim Kwong**, Membership. **Christian Montgomery**, Community Service. **Drew Gidlof**, Vocational Service. **Shaun Morrow**, Club Service. **Paul Kolarik**, International Service. **Jaclyn Powell**, Revenue Maker. **Barry Kalar**, Rotary Foundation. **Joanie Kapell** and **JoAnn Moffett**, New Generations. **Carol Bogart**, Publicity Chair. **Dan Ramos** and **Troy Bird**, Speaker Chairs. **Charyl Silva**, Interact Adviser.

Finally, the Rotary Constants, members who are always working behind the scenes but often go unmentioned.

**Luan Christ**, event planner without asking. **Tom Wallace**, Meals On Wheels coordinator and constantly giving. **Ken Wilson**, scholarships. **Dick Marshall**, Fireside Chats, what a host! **Steve Oren**, Rotary Youth Exchange. **Lee Harris**, new Interact Adviser, District 5180 Rookie of the Year., **David Kamminga**, photographer extraordinaire. **Amanda Bailey**, newsletter editor. Club Pheasant Staff, **Shiela**, **Esteban**, and **Austin** for taking care of us each week.

With this being said, I want you to know that I appreciate the opportunity to have been here before you week after week. I feel, as many Past Presidents do, that I did not do enough. I went to the District Conference in May, the club had achieved the 10% goal in new membership, we had the Hall of Fame Recipient **Dave Wilson**, Rookie of the Year **Lee Harris**, Meals on Wheels was acknowledged as a constant giving project, and our club speech contest winner was the District 5180 Champion. We did accomplish a lot this year. As I depart, thank you.

-President Wild Bill



# DEMOTION DINNERS PAST

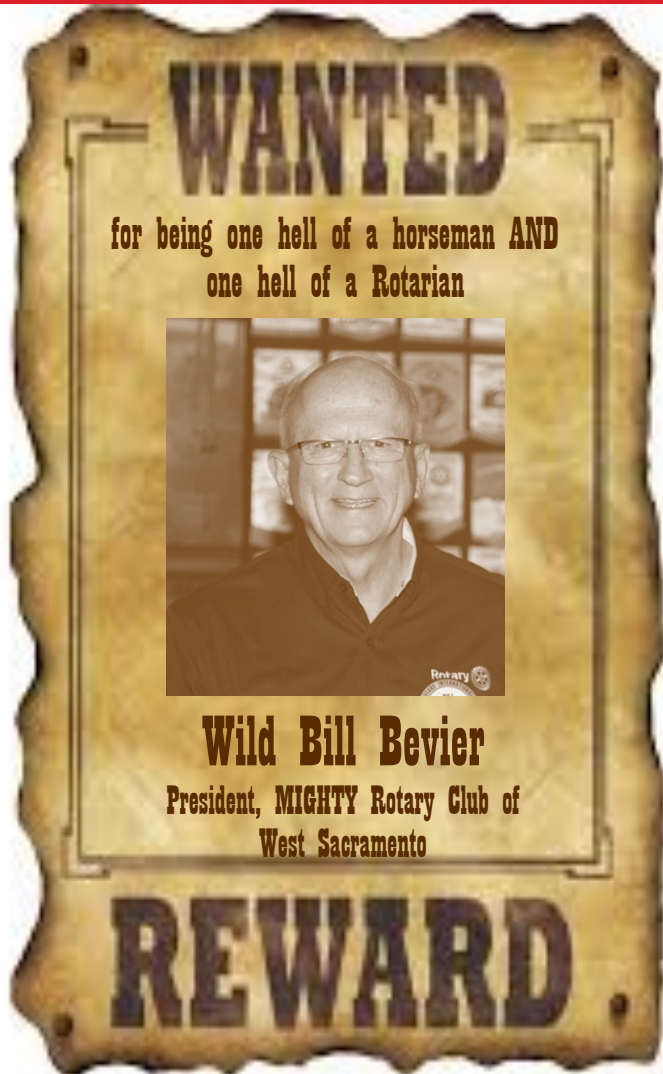
And Other Fun Moments.....A Trip Down Memory Lane



Photos Submitted by  
David Kamminga



# The President's Page



## PRESIDENT WILD BILLS'S HORSE TRIVIA

"I'll have to say that having the "horse Name" riddles was always a good attention getter. I appreciated that and the research Bill always had to do to keep the ball rolling every week. He has done a great job as President. We all had a lot of fun with him."

**-Ken Wilson**



**President Wild Bill is awarded his gavel in recognition of a job well done.**

Three engineering students were gathered together discussing who must have designed the human body.

One said, "It was a mechanical engineer. Just look at all the joints."

Another said, "No, it was an electrical engineer. The nervous system has many thousands of electrical connections."

The last one said, "No, actually it had to have been a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?"

Submitted by **T-Bird Troy**, who says *"Bill's unlike any engineer that I have ever met because Wild Bill actually has a personality."*

Well said, **T-Bird**, very well said.



**Tough to say what is actually going on in this photo. This, folks, is Mr. Ken Wilson at his finest. Being the party animal that he is, he wore his favorite Coors Light cowboy hat to the dinner.**



# The President's Page

## Bill Bevier:

### The Man Who Never Even Joined Rotary .... and then became President.

By Luan Christ

*(...who feels she can make these observations because she's been observing things that go on in the Club since 1990....)*

Bill Bevier, pronounced Beh-veer, never joined Rotary but rather was subsumed into the collective known as The Mighty Rotary Club of West Sacramento.

"How can such a thing happen?" you ask.

When you travel with Jim Clark all the time, your credibility quotient skyrockets and assumptions are made: that's how such a thing can happen.

Bill "Beh-veer" or Bill "Bev-e-ay"? Hmmm. I find the "Beh-veer/Bev-ee-ay" " thing pretty amusing as so many of us have called him "Bev-ee-ay" over the years. Robin tells a cute story about how Bill's mom wouldn't talk to her when she and Bill were dating. Robin always called Bill's mom "Mrs. Bev-ee-ay", a name to which the dear woman didn't, wouldn't, or couldn't respond. Robin was lamenting to Bill that his mother didn't seem to like her and Bill told her to simply change how she addressed his mom and call her "Mrs. Beh-veer." Following this simple change, Robin says the dialogue between the two women became unceasing.

Did you know that Bill worked with Jim Clark for 10 years before he ever met Robin? Sharron Clark "liked that nice Bill Bevier" and was instrumental in setting him up on a blind date with her daughter. Had to be a pretty successful blind date when you consider Bill and Robin were engaged in a year and married less than a year after that. **"Short courtships and long marriages."** (I believe this to be a genetic footprint kind of thing in their family as Jim and Sharon Clark met at a Young Republicans meeting - always a hotbed for romance - dated for six weeks, decided they were meant to be together, and married within 9 months. The Clarks will have been married 62 years in July of this year. They were in San Francisco in the early years, moved to this area where the name "Jim Clark" became synonymous with Continental Heller and then Tecon Pacific which evolved into Clark Pacific, a company now run by his sons and which makes Yolo County awfully proud.) Bill and Robin will have been married 32 years in October of this year. **"Short courtships and long marriages."**

Bill Bevier was 35 when he married Robin Clark. Stephanie came along, then Amanda, then Doug. Stephanie has two children, Amanda one. Doug, the baby, has completed his engineering education and Robin says he's going to "work with her brothers". It's a family affair if ever there was one.





# The President's Page

## **Bill Bevier:** The Man Who Never Even Joined Rotary ..... and then became President.

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Most of us know that Bill is a structural engineer. This year, we learned that he is also a horseman – correction: “a hell of a horseman.” (This has been fact-checked and he’s “a hell of a horseman.”) To expand that picture, consider that Bill and Robin have five acres, a nice barn, and over the years have had horses, sheep, pigs and steers. Bill was very active with all three of his kids in 4H and FFA. It makes sense that he’s so proud that his girls have married farmers: they are definitely cut from his cloth.

My observations and comments (because I feel I can make them):

The Clarks and Beviers are such a nice family. Bill and Robin have always been close to Jim and Sharron: they travelled together for years. And every Rotarian has seen Bill, the son-in-law, and Jim, the father-in-law, show up together countless times at the Club for Rotary lunch.

So, what can we say about Bill? He is a good husband, a good son-in-law, a good engineer, and a great father.

What else can we say about him? Bill was a fine President for Rotary Year 2016-2017, a strong leader, polished at the podium, always upbeat, always up for the challenge, always ready to smile and laugh. Bill has been good to us and for us.....and in quite an unprecedented Presidential move, Bill also gave to us his second-born child, his tireless daughter, Amanda, the “sine qua non” for this year’s newsletter and events. Quite a gift, if you ask me.

Thank you, Bill, thank you for everything.



### THE BEVIER FAMILY

**Front Row (left-right):**  
Amanda Bailey (daughter),  
President Bill holding  
Tommy Panziera  
(grandson), Stephanie  
Panziera (daughter) holding  
Madison Bailey  
(granddaughter), Sharron  
Clark (mother-in-law),  
Robin (Bill's wife) holding  
Calvin Panziera (grandson)

**Back Row (left-right):**  
John Bailey (son-in-law),  
Doug Bevier (son), and  
Hannah Kassis (Doug's  
girlfriend)



# The President's Page

OK, so what's so great about **Bill Bevier**? For one, he's always open to new things. Club members could approach **President Bill** about this or that (ex's: Ken Wilson -- Rotary Day at the horse races; **Shaun Morrow**: work day at the Yolo Food Bank), and not only would **Bill** enthusiastically help promote the event, he would then participate himself (most recently, his attendance at the District Conference in Santa Clara). In keeping with his stated desire at the beginning of his term as President of Rotary Club of West Sacramento that belonging to the club would be fun; **Bill** treated the club to a personal entertainment favorite for the Anniversary Dinner. The "Patsy Cline"-style vocalist even got **Jeff Post** up and dancing (that man can DANCE!). **Mike Campbell** called 'Sweethearts of the Rodeo' "The best Rotary event I've ever been to." At the beginning of the year when no member jumped at the chance to do the club's newsletter, **Bill** volunteered his daughter Amanda. A chip off the old block, Amanda proved to be a quick study, often adding clever little touches of her own. Behind the scenes, **Bill** was always there to offer Amanda advice and feedback, based on his many years of club attendance as a not-quite-member. (**Bill** officially 'joined' shortly after becoming president.) Always egalitarian, like **Heine** before him, **Bill** opened his board meetings to any member who wanted to attend. During my year as Publicity Chair, **Bill** delighted this fellow former Ohioan when he brought Ballreich's potato chips as the snack to the board meeting! (You haven't had a potato chip 'til you've had Ballreich's.) Most importantly, his intrinsically kind and patient nature is most in evidence when he's with another long-time club member -- his father-in-law **Jim Clark**.



**Bill's** brother-in-law, **Don Clark**, is Amanda's Godfather. **Bill's** approach to people is like that of the long ago actor dubbed the 'Cowboy Philosopher'. Will Rogers, it's said, "never met a stranger." A stranger, Rogers said, was just a friend he hadn't made yet. **Bill Bevier** is a friend to all.

-Carol Bogart

## Bill's Final Box

Thursday evening was spectacular. For those in attendance, a good time was had by all. **Heine, Luan** and **Amanda Bailey** outdid themselves providing the decorations, floral arrangements, etc. The jazz band from River City High was very professional. A few "multiple" Paul Harris Awards were presented to past recipients and **Dave Kamminga** and **Amanda Bailey** were the newest honorees.

I want to thank you all for allowing me to be the 68th President of the Mighty Rotary Club of West Sacramento. I had a wonderful time. I feel like I got to know the existing members a little better and am grateful to have met all of the new members of the 2016-2017 year. I hope to get to know all of you a little better and am looking forward to attending the next Fireside Chat that President Jim will schedule. Hope to see you all there.

We will be dark again this Friday, June 30th, 2017. this should open up your schedule to work the Fireworks Booth located in the Nugget Parking Lot behind Club Pheasant. Please contact Shaun Morrow or go on-line and select a day and time that you can help with the fundraiser. It appears that less than 30% of the members have signed up and this is a club project. This is my last request/plea as President. We need your help.

Again, thank you for the wonderful year. I have the plaque that was presented to me hanging up on the wall in my office and will do the same with my *Snowy River* poster.

Rotary Up!, Bill

