



HAL SHIPLEY

2002 – 2003

Rotary Club of Elk Grove

Hal was the 8th District Governor for District 5180. Hal joined the Rotary Club of Elk Grove in 1978 with the classification of “Joint Control agent” and his sponsor was Frank Sansone. Bhichai Rattakul was the Rotary International president with his International theme being “Sow the Seeds of Love”. Hal set two primary goals for his year; money (growing the financial strength of the District) and people (increase membership).

One of Hal’s most memorable experiences was meeting and working with RI President Bhichai Rattakul. Another most memorable experience at the club level was working with Carol Ramirez, President of the Rotary Club of Yuba City. Shortly after Hal began his year, he received a telephone call from Carol and she asked if I would go to Yuba City and induct some new members. He replied yes and asked her how many. She said 10. A few weeks later, she called him again and asked the same question. He asked how many. She said 10. A few weeks later, she had added 23 new members to her club, an increase of 25%. Hal saw her club grow in his year from 91 to 123 members.

Hal was most impressed with his club visit to the Rotary Club of Sacramento. He found they had done their homework and provided a great presentation. Of all the club projects Hal witnessed, his own club was his most memorable. The Rotary Club of Elk Grove has an annual Christmas Party for the students of Jesse Baker School. This is an Elk Grove District School for Mentally Handicapped students. (Downs Syndrome) There are 40 to 60 students each year who receive Christmas Presents from the club and are hosted to a fun program. Hal stated it will be in his memory forever.

There were numerous International projects during Hal’s year. As a district, District 5180 along with District's 5190 and 5010 hosted approximately 70 Russians and 300 guests. The program was about doing Rotary's Business in Today's Russia and the need for a Global Quest in Russia. The chairman for this event was Jim Buchan of the Yuba City Club. Other international projects were a Doll museum in India and a School House Roof Replacement in Argentina – both sponsored by the Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills, a donation of a Police Car to San Filipe, Mexico – sponsored by the Rotary Club of Folsom; sponsorship of a Rotary Club in Russia (Novosibirsk-ob) and Solar cookers in Zimbabwe – both sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fair Oaks; a shipment of eye glasses and 6 wheel chairs to Mexico – both sponsored by the Rotary Club of Orangevale, drilling of 100 water wells in Cambodia – sponsored by the

Rotary Club of Roseville Sunrise and lastly, providing financial support to an orphanage and provide shelters for elementary school children in La Paz, Mexico – both projects sponsored by the Rotary Club of Yuba City.

Hal had his District Conference at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Spark, Nevada from May 14, 2003 through May 18, 2003. The RIP Representative was PDG James Griffith from District 5810. Hal participated in the Group Study Exchange with Rotary District 4651 in Brazil and both of the incoming and outgoing teams participated in the District Conference. The Rotary Club of Elk Grove won the "Outstanding Club of the Year" Award.

Outside of the District; Hal has served at Far West PETS, as a member of the Literacy Task Force, Zone 23-24, as a member of the Ethics Committee, Zone 23-24, as Chairman of the RI Fellowship of Literacy Providers, as Secretary of Board of Directors of WESSEX (Western States Student Exchange) and a member of Host Committee for NAYEN (North American Youth Exchange Network).

Hal's advice to future DGs is not to start your year with a 4-way heart bypass. *"Talk to 2 or 3 PDG's and ask them this question "Who would you recommend in this role on my committee?" And then be sure that the people you appoint to various positions see their role in the same light as you."*