

This Week

Roger Schulte

District Governor

Roger Schulte holds a BA in English from the UC Davis and an MA in education from Stanford University. His 40-year career in California public education began as an English/drama teacher and then as a school administrator.

He joined Upland Rotary in 1978 and, over the years held many leadership positions, including president in 1984-85. He currently focuses mainly on membership development, The Rotary Foundation, and youth service committees. In 1997-98 he was selected Rotarian of the Year and received the Rotary Service Award from RI President Glen Kinross.

He enjoys meeting and working with Rotarians throughout the District and has served many governors in a wide variety of roles. At the request of three District Governors, he initiated three major District programs: RYLA (1987), the Interact Symposium (1994), and TLC (2000.) Schulte has chaired District Assembly, the Presidents Advance, the Foundation Dinner, and various District Avenues of Service. He has also served in the capacity of Governor's Representative, Assistant Governor, the District Attendance Officer, the District Training Officer, and as Executive Aide to Governor Charles Barr. This is just a small list of his contributions and achievements as a Rotarian. Please join us this Thursday. 



Hayes

by President Brian Hayes

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Old Dog, New Tricks

My grandfather dropped out of high school and went to work for General Electric. Without any education or training, he started with the company as a menial laborer. Little by little, he gained experience and more responsibility, eventually rising to middle-management. At age 63, he retired after spending 45 years with the same employer.

How times have changed. Not only are people forced to change companies from time to time, many people — by force or by choice — change occupations. According to the US Department of Labor, the average American worker changes careers three-to-five times in their work span.

My career in financial development has been remarkably consistent. I've been in the field for over 20 years, during which time I've worked for four different organizations. As society's needs have become greater and corporate support more scarce, fundraising became more challenging and less rewarding. I couldn't imagine mustering the enthusiasm to do same thing for another 20 years, but I didn't know what else I could do (unless by some

miracle I was able to sell a few of the screenplays I've written over the years!).

Having worked for nonprofits, I have enabled transformational programs by providing its lifeblood (money). It occurred to me that perhaps I could find a role on the front lines by providing direct service to those in need. In my current role at CHAP, a community health center, I observed the need for mental health services, especially for those without the means to pay a therapist \$150 an hour. A new life began to take shape.

After 18 intense months of graduate school and a concurrent internship (on top of my 40 hours a week of dead-



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Greeters

August 05

Jacque Foreman

August 13

John Frykenberg

August 19

Jim Gorton



Program Review

Push Button Rotary Club

Does *Club Runner* run the club? Maybe. Of course cozying up to your computer is not quite the same as personal interaction and personal relationships. Maybe *Club Runner* helps to do that too?

Tom McCurry (*thanks Tom*) and President Brian Hayes have us up and running on the Internet now ... for sure. We have an electronic presence with personal member profiles, committee assignments, newsletter link to *Sparks*, a club directory, attendance records, notices of up-com-

ing events, even a message center, personal blog space and Sponsorships (*ads we can sell to offset expenses and make a fortune when one goes viral*).

Wow! Can you believe it? Click and get my bio. Are you impressed? Will you give me a job? Some good stuff can come out of this 21st Century advancement!

At some point in time, you can probably review Club by-laws on line. Maybe even minutes of Board Meetings or notes from our Demotion Committee meetings!

You can update your own profile and pictures (*no toga party pics allowed*), receive club e-mail (*mail truck*), conduct clandestine communications (*encrypted bar code IDs, retina*

imprints and breath analysis) and post your personal profile



(*Minnesota Multi-phasic Personal Inventory – MMPI*) with the prospect of getting someone to like you. This is a very Big Deal!

So ... Reach out and touch someone with *Club Runner* today. And be sure to thank McCurry and Hayes for bringing us into the 21st Century.

John Frykenberg

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August Programs

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August 05 - District Governor's visit
August 12 - Doreen Garcia, Executive Director, Casa de Las Amigas
August 19 - To be Announced
August 26 - To be Announced

September Programs

Program Chair, Ray Carlson

September 02 - To be Announced
September 09 - To be Announced
September 16 - To be Announced
September 23 - To be Announced
September 30 - To be Announced

Congratulations

 **Birthdays** 

08/02 - Phyllis Merrill
08/05 - Kevin Moore
08/08 - Joseph McMullin
08/10 - Don Applegate
08/11 - Joy Carlson
08/22 - Nick Robles (John Guerrini)
08/24 - Hal Yorke
08/27 - Elaine Klock
08/31 - Bruce Conroy (Jacque Foreman)

 **Anniversaries** 

08/01 - Phyllis & Ed Soza
08/23 - Dotty & Gary Clark

Chairmen's Four of Our Youth Programs — an Corner Overview

by Tony Hill, One of our Youth Program Chairs



It is amazing how many programs a small group of dedicated Rotarians can promote and how many lives are touched in the process. Today we will highlight four programs in which our Club participates that involve middle school students and high school students as well as a new program in the works that would involve college students.

The first program is called **TLC** standing for Teen Leadership Camp where 8th graders sponsored by various Rotary clubs throughout our District 5300 are sent to a leadership camp in the mountains near Idyllwild, California. Our Club usually sponsors two or three such students. These middle school seniors, selected for their leadership potential, join other 8th graders, 144 in all, who have been sponsored by other District 5300 Rotary Clubs from the San Gabriel Valley to Las Vegas. At the camp these chosen few, interacting with their peers, participate in fun skill testing challenges and listen to inspirational speakers, all geared toward enhancing their leadership potential for the future. Paul Sirois has again agreed to oversee this program which takes place in the fall.

A similar program but for high school juniors is called **RYLA**, standing for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. This program is a little longer and a little more intensive than TLC. One difference in this program is that they take an equal number of boys and girls. Our club usually sponsors two boys and two girls from Muir High School each February/March. The sponsored juniors from throughout the District are sent to the same camp near Idyllwild for a long weekend from Friday morning to Sunday

afternoon. Regina Bette will again be spearheading this program for our Club. RYLA is always looking for Rotary members to assist in overseeing this program so if you want a unique, truly inspirational and rewarding experience working with motivated and personable high school juniors, do not hesitate to let Regina Bette know.

Interact, for the newer members of our Club, is like a mini Rotary Club, sponsored by a Rotary Club at a local high school and run each week by the student members at that school. Our Club has sponsored an Interact Club at Pasadena High School for 15 years or more. Our Club selects a member as a liaison with the Interact Club (Tony Hill) and also there is a teacher advisor at the school who attends each meeting, but it is the students who run the show. The Interact students, like adult Rotary members, get involved in hands-on local service projects, such as helping with Christmas Tree Lane, as well as fund raising projects to support local and international charitable programs. As I will be unavailable for this job next year, any member that would like to become involved with this rewarding pro-

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line-driven work!), I received a Masters in Clinical Psychology. I am working toward gaining the 3,000 hours of practice I will need to be licensed as a Marriage and Family Therapist. In addition to providing caring and empathic guidance to clients, I hope that my example of transforming my own life can serve as an inspiration to others.

I guess the lesson in all this is that, in today's workplace, it is better to follow a passion than a paycheck. ☉

gram at PHS please see me.

Finally, with the inspirational zeal of Ray Carlson, our Club is about to give birth to a **Rotaract** Club at PCC. Our newest member, Deanna Henderson will take on this very challenging job. A Rotaract Club is similar to an Interact Club but at the College level. The daughter of our member Hal Yorke, Colleen Yorke, who was instrumental in helping the PHS Interact become a very viable program, on her own initiative started a Rotaract Club at UCLA — so it can be done. Any help we can give Deanna in this huge endeavor will certainly be appreciated. ☉

August 7 Concert in the Park Featuring Wreck N Sow

Wreck N Sow is a four-piece string group that specializes in playing a blend of folk/Bluegrass/country/Americana/roots music for audiences around the southland. Together since 2005, the band has played a variety of venues and events including The Colorado Street Bridge Party, The Sierra Madre Centennial Celebration and the 2007 Stagecoach Festival. They currently play regular shows at The Pike in Long Beach, Mother's Tavern in Sunset Beach, The Gallery at the End of the World in Altadena, The Press restaurant in Claremont and Me N Ed's Pizzeria in Lakewood. They've also played shows at The Grand Ole Echo in Echo Park, The Doll Hut in Anaheim, Viva Cantina in Burbank and Ronnie Mack's Barn Dance in Hollywood.

In 2007, the band released its first self-produced CD, *First Harvest* to coincide with their appearance at the first Stagecoach Festival in the Coachella Valley. In

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MONEY by Linda Wilkes MATTERS

Last Week in the News

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo housing market index fell two points in July to 14. Economists had anticipated a reading of 16. It was the lowest reading since April 2009. An index reading below 50 indicates negative sentiment about the housing market.

According to the ICSC-Goldman Sachs index, retail sales rose 1.4 percent for the week ending July 17. On a year-over-year basis, retailers saw sales increase 4.2 percent, the best showing in two months.

The combined construction of new single-family homes and apartments in June fell 5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 549,000 units. Applications for new building permits, seen as an indicator of future activity, rose 2.1 percent to an annual rate of 586,000 units.

The Mortgage Bankers Association said its seasonally adjusted composite index of mortgage applications for the week ending July 16 increased 7.6 percent. Refinancing applications rose 8.6 percent. Purchase volume rose 3.4 percent.

Existing home sales fell 5.1 percent in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.37 million units from 5.66 million units in May. The inventory of unsold homes on the market increased 2.5 percent to 3.99 million, an 8.9-month supply at the current sales pace, up from an 8.3-month supply in May.

Initial claims for unemployment benefits rose by 37,000 to 464,000 for the week ending July 17. Continuing claims for the week ending July 10 fell by 223,000 to 4.567 million.

The index of leading economic indicators — designed to forecast economic activity in the next three to six months — fell 0.2 percent in June after a revised 0.5 percent gain in May.

Upcoming on the economic calendar are reports on new home sales on July 26, the housing price index on July 27 and gross domestic product on July 30.

Making Good Use of Renovation Loans

When purchasing a home that needs repair, ask your mortgage person for some information on our Federal Housing Administration (FHA) 203K renovation loans. These loans are perfect for a bargain hunter who has spotted a fixer-upper or a foreclosure in need of immediate repair, or a client who has found a home that would be ideal if only there were a third bedroom and a second bathroom.

Renovation loans provide the money to both purchase the home and finance the home's renovation. With one loan, there is only one application, one set of fees, one closing and one monthly payment. At closing, the house is paid for, and the repair money is put into a trustee account for disbursement as repairs are completed. Improvements can include anything that adds value to the home, such as a room addition, new carpeting, landscaping, plumbing, roofing or a new kitchen. The loan can also be used for energy-efficiency improvements that qualify for tax credits* under the new stimulus package.

Another great advantage of a renovation loan is that it provides borrowers a loan based on the increased property value after renovation. But that's not the only financial upside. The required down payment on a renovation loan can be as low as 3.5 percent. As a tax deductible first mortgage, the renovation loan will usually feature a lower interest rate than a second mortgage and improvement costs can be spread over the term of the loan. The loan can also provide financing for up

to six months of mortgage payments if the house is not occupied during construction. Just knowing about renovation loans may make the vital difference to motivate buyers to purchase.

**Always consult your tax advisor for tax information and advice.*

You can find Linda Wilkes on line: <http://www.myprospectmortgage.com/wilkes>

Concert

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at work on their next CD, tentatively titled *Third Rail*.

Each member of the band contributes original songs with the author generally singing the lead vocal. Because all four members write with a slightly different style, their shows offer a comfortable change up of memorable songs which feature beautifully forged three and four part harmonies. The songs are honest and straight forward with a universality derived from the collaborative synergy the boys bring to the music. Whether they are singing around a campfire in the middle of the Mojave desert or playing a major festival, these guys are having a great time... you can hear it! These are just some of the reasons *Wreck N Sow* appeals to such a broad audience

The band consists of Pierre Dupuy (guitar, harmonica), Randy Cochran (bass fiddle), Mike Stave (fiddle) and Andre' Dupuy (mandolin).

With a three-hour repertoire, a *WNS* show is never repetitive. The combined harmonies of all four are laid over the solid rhythm of Randy's bass fiddle, Pierre's guitar or banjo, and Andre's mandolin. Added to this is Pierre's haunting and melodic harmonica, the phrasing and execution of Mike's fiddle playing. ○



All Concerts start at 7:00 PM in the Amphitheater at Farnsworth Park.
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14th Annual Summer Concert Series Schedule - 2010

Elk's #99 Concert Band (Patriotic Music)	Saturday, July 3rd
The Downbeat Express (the Best in Big Bands)	Saturday, July 10th
Crown City Dixieland Band (Dixieland Jazz)	Saturday, July 17th
Melena (Latin Jazz)	Saturday, July 24th
Upstream (Caribbean Music)	Saturday, July 31st
Wreck N Sow (Country, Americana)	Saturday, August 7th
Those Manning Boys & Friends (Irish Song & Dance)	Saturday, August 14th
All American Flyers (Classic Rock 'n Roll)	Saturday, August 28th

And... For Our Grand Finale...
Randy Caputo's Legends Show Band (Swing, baby Swing!) Saturday, Sept. 11th
Presented By: Stage Door Music Productions & SSGA

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