

ROTARY DISTRICT 5190

Fundraising Projects

March, 2006

At the request of District Governor Elect, David Bianchi in 2005, and DGE Bob Dorr in 2006, the following is a list of fundraising activities as reported by President's Elect from Rotary Club's throughout District 5190 in February and March of 2005 and updated in March, 2006.

The purpose of the list and the brief description of projects is to provide ideas and information to Club Officers who are seeking new and improved fundraisers for their Club. A contact name and number is included for each project, and those interested in additional information or details are encouraged to get in touch with that person.

The compilation briefly describes 60 different projects as reported by Clubs throughout District 5190. It shows a wide variety in the types of projects, from simple to complex and traditional to unique, that are conducted every year throughout our Rotary District. It's an impressive list, and a huge commitment to raising funds for worthwhile Rotary efforts in your communities and throughout the world.

DGE Bob Dorr hopes this information will be helpful to you by learning from the time-tested experience of fellow Rotarians in your District.

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FOOD & SPIRITS

Taste of Reno --- Invited chefs and restaurants featuring signature dishes served to guests in local park. Raises \$10 - \$15K. Reno South Rotary Club. Contact Press Clewe, ???-852-8021.

Fly-In Breakfast --- Pancake breakfast at local airport. Raises \$3K. Portola Rotary Club. Contact Rich Lema, ???-832-5390.

Crab Feed --- Raises \$12-\$14K. Amador Upcountry Rotary Club. Contact Neil Smith, 209-295-2276 or nesmith@volcano.net.

International Taste Festival --- Cultural foods from all over the world prepared by locals. Combined talents and effort serve both Elko Rotary Clubs well as they jointly host this project along with the local college. Raises \$8K. Contact Jean Sloan, 775-738-7024 or jsloan1@frontiernet.net or Don Miller at 775-738-6900.

Mother's Day Brunch --- Open to community and cooked and served by members. Attended by about 450 people. Raises \$4K. Jackson Rotary Club. Contact Tom Thompson, 209-223-9650.

Wine Booth --- Sell County wines donated by 4 vintners at the Amador County Fair over a 4 day period. Raises \$10K. Jackson Rotary Club. Contact Glenn or Janet Callaway, 209-295-4435 or jcallaway@callawayco.com.

Business BBQ --- Raises \$25K. Auburn Rotary Club. Contact Linda Maeding, 530-889-8367 or maeding@infostations.com.

July 4th Beer Sales --- Event at County Fairgrounds. Raises \$2-\$3K. Auburn Rotary Club. Contact Larry Rolufs, 530-875-7677 or lern@starband.net.

Party-in-Park --- Beer sales. Raises \$1K. Auburn Rotary Club. Contact Herb Grounds, 530-885-2977.

Sandwich Sales --- Rotary Club owns a food booth at Nevada County Fairgrounds, and sells sandwiches and soda (formerly BBQ ribs and BBQ chicken) during a 5-day run of the County Fair. Raises \$12 - \$16K. Rotary Club of Nevada City. Contact Ben Barretta, 530-273-1151 or b_barretta@hotmail.com.

Genoa Candy Dance --- Hosts a beer and wine garden at this annual community event. Raises \$2K. Minden Rotary Club.

Food and Wine Tasting --- Features 20 restaurants and 30-40 wineries that provides samples for a one-price admission fee. Raises \$30 - \$60K. Rotary Club of Reno. Contact Bob Lewis, 775-323-2838 or macbobreno@charter.net.

Lamb Feast --- Several lambs BBQ'd and served in traditional Basque dinner style. Open to the community. Raises \$1K. Smith Valley Rotary Club. Contact Art Bietsch, 775-465-1264 or ann@tele-net.net.

Wine at Serrano --- Restaurants and local wineries donate their products. Raises \$20K. Cameron Park Rotary Club. Contact Bill Vandegrift, 916-712-3034.

SPORTING EVENTS

Gold Country Duck Race --- Club "sells" and races about 12,000 small rubber duckies at \$5.00 each, and floats them down a creek that runs through town. Winner after six heats takes home \$5K and also lesser prizes. The project nets the Club about \$30K, and about \$20K to local schools who help sell the tickets. Nevada City 49er Rotary. Contact Ducktator John Paul, 530-470-0830 or john@spiral.com.

Fish Derby at Lake Davis. Raises \$3K. Portola Rotary Club. Contact Rich Lema at 530-832-5390.

Snowmobile Poker Run. Raises \$8K. Portola Rotary Club. Contact Rich Lema at 530-832-5390.

Golf Tournament --- Raises \$7-\$9K. Amador Upcountry Rotary Club. Contact Jim Graves, 209-295-4045 or graves@volcano.net.

Pooch Pageant --- Ten events including best costume, most kissable, best smile, owner/pet look alike, etc. A family event at park where pets, owners, and spectators all have a good time together. Raises \$4K (first time event). Auburn Daybreak Rotary. Contact Karen Williams, 530-889-0844.

Golf Tournament --- Theme is 1920's style with knickers and period dress, including prizes for best outfits. Raises \$20K. Rotary Club of Nevada County South. Contact Tim Peterson, 530-478-6000 or tpeterson@citizensbank.com.

Clay Shoot --- Raises \$10 - \$13K. Event is held at Sage Hills Sporting Clays in Reno, NV. Shooters compete on 13 stations along the course. Raffle prize drawings are held and steak lunch provided. Rotary Club of Reno Sunrise. Contact Brian DeLisle, 775-626-7333.

Ice Fishing Derby --- Held in Jan or Feb with about 400 participants. Raises \$8-\$10K. Ely Rotary Club. Contact Gary Fairman, 775-289-4422.

Golf Tournament --- 18 teams of 4 with lots of prizes. Raises \$8 - \$10K. Ely Rotary Club. Contact Gary Fairman, 775-289-4422.

Destruction Derby --- Conducted as final event of the Amador County Fair. Club supervises registration, manages the pits, heats, etc. Raises \$12K. Jackson Rotary Club. Contact Mark Lackowski, 209-223-7729 or mark.lackowski@bigo.com.

Super Bowl Party --- Held at Club's restaurant meeting room and includes food, drinks, football pools, and raffle drawing for 60" TV. Raises \$2K. Jackson Rotary Club. Contact Ralph Moore, 209-223-3910 or dnrelectric@sbcglobal.net.

Bowl-a-thon --- Member Rotarian donates bowling center and youth groups get pledges and bowl 3 games. Rotarians serve dinner to participants, and youth groups collect pledges. Amount raised not reported. Jackson Rotary Club. Contact Jim Wilmarth, 209-223-2320 or jwilmarth@bankofamador.com.

Fun Run --- Currently being evaluated for continuation. Raises \$25K. Auburn Rotary Club. Contact Bridget Powers, 916-835-4565 or bpowers@ortc.com.

Golf Tournament --- Shared with 2 other local Rotary Clubs. Raises \$3K. Auburn Rotary Club. Contact Steve Wardwell, 530-823-0988 or wardwellappraiser@earthlink.net.

Ski Challenge --- Downhill ski races for Rotary Club teams in northern CA and NV. In operation for past 26 years. Raises \$10K. Tahoe City Rotary Club. Contact Gary Meadville, 530-546-7115 or srville@thegrid.net.

Duck Race --- Sell duck tickets for \$5.00 each, and “race” downstream. Prizes of \$1,000; \$500; \$250. Raises \$5K. Chester Rotary Club. Contact Marilyn Parris, 530-258-5019 or mhparris@digitalpath.net.

Daffodil Run --- Partners with Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club to put on a spring 5 & 10K Run and 5K Walk. Raises \$9K to be split three ways. Penn Valley Rotary Club. Contact Joan Bumpus, 530-432-9102.

\$1,000,000 Hole-In-One Shoot-Out --- Event takes place at the local driving range of a golf course. Balls are sold at \$1. each and competition is held over four days to find the five contestants who land their ball closest to the cup/pin. Those five individuals advance to the Final Round where they have a chance to win \$1,000,000. A golf ball drop raffle is held in conjunction with the event. Raises \$11K - \$14K. Rotary Club of Reno Sunrise. Contact Brian DeLisle at 775-626-7333.

SERVICES

Management of car parking for hot air balloon races in a pasture. Raises \$5K. Reno South Rotary Club. Contact Press Clewe, ???-852-8021

Bartending at 2 local events. Raises \$2K. Portola Rotary Club. Contact Rich Lema, ???-832-5390.

Management of car parking for local rodeo attendees. Raises \$1K. Penn Valley Rotary Club. Contact Susan Gisler, 530-274-0771.

SALES

Christmas wreaths, garlands, bouquets. --- Purchased at special prices and sold between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Raises \$1K. Reno South Rotary Club. Contact Press Clewe, ???-852-8021.

Flea Market --- Sell antiques, crafts, and other flea market items along with food, beverages and music. About 80 vendors. Raises \$3 - \$4K. Penn Valley Rotary Club. Contact Susan Gisler, 530-274-0771.

Christmas Trees --- Sell between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Raises \$15K. Rotary Club of Tahoe-Incline. Contact Alan Castator, acastator@msn.com.

Custom Rotary Club Calendars --- Available through an officially licensed Rotary fundraising program. Clubs can use their favorite photographs (i.e. – Community Service projects, Club social events, etc.), listing of important club dates and events, Club member directory, family dates, important Club messages, etc. Raises \$1-\$3K. More details at www.familyfeaturedproducts.com/rotary.php or contact Mike Johnson at 1-800-288-7989 or mikej@hsspromos.com.

AUCTIONS

Radio Auction --- Auction conducted live on local radio station over a 5 hour period. Participants listen in at home and call in to 16 operators to place a bid. Current high bid and item descriptions are made known over radio and on real-time Rotary Auction website. Photos of items also posted on website. Raises \$15 - \$20K. Rotary Club of Nevada City. Contact Gary Gustafson, 530-478-1216 or garyg@newpress.com.

Annual Auction --- 22 years in operation. Raises \$50 - \$60K. Tahoe City Rotary Club. Contact Dale Chamblin, 530-546-5685 or pamndale@sbcglobal.net.

Christmas Auction --- Donated items are sold on the evening of the Club Christmas Dinner. Raises \$14K. Cameron Park Rotary Club. Contact Bill Vandegrift, 916-712-3034.

COMBINATION

Dinner/Dance/Auction --- A western-themed fun filled evening with live western music, food and libations, and both live and silent auctions. Raises \$40K. Rotary Club of Sparks. Contact Don Welsh, 775-321-4459.

Crab/Pasta Feed and Auction --- Dinners served along with entertainment and both live and silent auction. Raises \$15 - \$50K. Rotary Club of Reno Central. Contact Larry Burton, 775-851-2209 or renocenrotary@charter.net.

Wine Tasting and Silent Auction --- Raises \$8K. Susanville Sunrise Rotary Club. Contact Jane Gardner, 530-257-4161 or gardnerja@ctt.com.

Murder Mystery Dinner & Silent Auction --- Murder mystery dinner with live actors, also including a live and silent auction. The mystery portion is a live action version of the game Clue with audience participation. The jury is still out on this one, since it's a first for the Club and results are not in at the time of this writing, but sounds like a winner! Sparks Centennial Sunrise Rotary Club. Contact Scott Barnes at 775-358-5970, or sparkscentrotary@aol.com or www.rotaryclub50.com/id130.htm.

Sweetheart Dinner --- Dinner/Dance/Art Auction. Raises \$6-\$8K. Rotary Club of Reno Sunrise. Contact Brian De Lisle, 775-354-2951 or bed@amiusa.net.

July 4th BBQ and Auction --- Tickets are \$10. for hotdogs, soda and beer, and auction items range from classy to junk. Raises \$8-\$10K. Rotary Club of Loyalton. Contact Lynn Dotta, 530-9934605 or markdotta@aol.com.

Monte Carlo Night --- Gaming, silent auction, raffle. Includes blackjack tables, craps and selling drinks, along with silent auction and raffle prizes. Sponsors pay \$75. and tickets are \$20. Raises \$3-\$5K. Rotary Club of Loyalton. Contact Lynn Dotta, 530-993-4605.

Black and White Ball --- Big band dancing and silent auction attended by 240 people. Raises \$3K. Jackson Rotary Club. Contact Tracy Tonneson, 209-267-9101 or tracy@suttercreeksold.com.

Funday --- Classic car show, antique tractor pull, BBQ and beverages, trap shoot and craft booths. Raises \$ 15K. Smith Valley Rotary Club. Contact Art Bietsch, 775-465-1264 or ann@tele-net.net.

Casino Night --- Fun and busy night of blackjack, craps, music, silent auction, raffles, food, drink and fellowship, open to the community. Raises \$30K. Rotary Club of Grass Valley. Contact Kathy Egenes, 530-272-3037 or kegenes@cebridge.net.

Community Awards & BBQ --- Family event for entire community to show appreciation, recognize outstanding citizens, volunteers, etc. Includes meals and drinks, games and entertainment for kids, raffles, presentation of awards. Raises \$10K. Rotary Club of Grass Valley. Contact Lee Kennedy, 530-273-2376 or leekennedy@cebridge.net.

Wine Tasting Dinner --- Dinner with wine tasting, along with a silent auction. Raises \$15K. Chester Rotary Club. Contact Marilyn Parris, 530-258-5019 or mhparris@digitalpath.net.

Bon Voyage - Theme Dinner, Dance & Raffle --- Three separate raffles along with dinner. Raffles include cash, cruise, and box raffle. Raises \$40K. Placerville Rotary Club. Contact Bill Schmidt at 530-621-3613 or Bschiidt@spi-ind.com.

Paradise Casino --- This is first year kick-off for the event which includes blackjack tables, music, dancing, dinner, wine bar, raffle, and silent auction, all to a Caribbean theme. Raises \$6K- \$7K. Rotary Club of Tahoe-Incline. Contact Bob Ellsworth at 775-831-3004, or bobellsworth@acecasinoevents.com.

RAFFLE

Lionel Train Raffle --- Club sells \$5.00 raffle tickets for about 1 month prior to Christmas. Raises \$2K. Rotary Club of Elko Desert Sunrise. Contact Jean Sloan, 775-738-7024 or jsloan1@frontiernet.net.

Beef Raffle --- Club purchases a beef from the FFA and raffles it off. Raises \$1K. Rotary Club of Elko Desert Sunrise. Contact Jean Sloan, 775-738-7024 or jsloan1@frontiernet.net.

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Raffle --- Club sells raffle tickets for \$25. each. First year raised \$4,600., but has potential for \$17,000. Had problems selling all the tickets, due to small area. Sparks Centennial Sunrise Rotary Club. Contact Scott Barnes at 775-358-5970 or sparkscentrotary@aol.com

MISCELLANEOUS

Parade --- Partners with local Chamber of Commerce to sponsor community 4th of July parade. Raises \$5K. Chester Rotary Club. Contact Marilyn Parris, 530-258-5019 or mhparris@digitalpath.net.

Compiled 3/05 and updated 3/06 by Pete Brost, Nevada City Rotary Club, for DGE Bob Dorr. List can be supplemented any time information on new projects is received, or if current information requires updating. (pnbrost@ncws.com)