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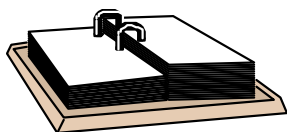
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PRLS Calendar

April 24 – District Assembly
(East) Cal State Bakersfield



April 30 - Basic PRLS, Oxnard
College

May 1 – District Assembly
(West), Oxnard College



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Well, What Do We Expect? (Part 3)

By reading about business leadership traits in the various periodicals available to all of us, you come across some decent lists of qualities possessed by those whom we consider “successful.” Here’s the third of five in the newest list I’ve read. The first two were posted in the last issue and the one before. The rest will follow over the next two issues.

They were great anticipators and visionaries

They set their goals early, starting right after their selection to a leadership position; and they had people, policies and objectives in hand well before they attended PETS in the Spring of their presidential year.

Who are these people who can think that far ahead? Anyone for whom anticipation and vision are both first and second nature.

Most presidents of those clubs named annually by the DG as being “Best in the District” had the foresight and the talent to see ahead to where they wanted to go and how they wanted to get there. Or, alternatively, they had surrounded themselves with people possessing Rotary initiative and imagination.

Either way works -- "do it yourself" is harder and has other perils connected to it, but it works. A "Kitchen Cabinet" works better, and there are fewer dead bodies in your wake after you leave office.

Want to be an in-print author? Send your “Strand” contributions by e-mail to rhm717@adelphia.net.

Yelling is Necessary

I heard one of our leaders say one day, “I’m not a guy to tell you anything about this great organization. Get on the hilltops and yell about it — up there with the microwave antennas and the TV towers.”



We need to cheer and wave our arms when we see somebody changed from being

a nosepicker (which is a term I sometimes use to signify a non-Rotarian) to being a member of a Rotary Club. We need to cheer again when that new member turns into a real Rotarian.

If it's not already in our repertoire of "great things I can do," we need to learn to yell, lead the cheering section, holler and wave our arms, jump up and down when we see members "get it!"

In Master PRLS 1 (Public Speaking), part of the day's strenuous activities is devoted to an "Enthusiasm Speech." Attendees take two minutes each to be sickeningly enthusiastic about something going on in their lives which they are eager to share with others in the class. The resulting two-minute talks are ordinarily the high point of the day. They're talking about things or people they love! About things miraculous! About things going on in their lives that make it certain they'll get out of bed in the morning! This is a sensational part of the training day!

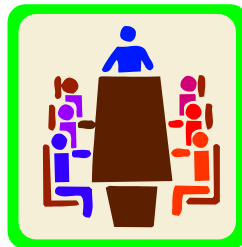
If the students can take this back to their respective clubs, and impart some of their enthusiasm to Rotary subjects, there's a guarantee that they will, solely by their actions, influence positively every single person "within sight or hearing," as we used to say.

But first, you have to learn how to yell.

MPRLS Graduates' Forum

March 20th was a huge day at Poinsettia Pavilion in Ventura, as 33 MPRLS graduates waded through three discussion questions in search of answers to the problems of PRLS, the District Assembly, Mid-Terms, the PEs' Retreat, PETS and the District Personnel Committee.

Facilitators **Phil Henry** (Nipomo), **BJ Anderson** (Simi Sunrise), **Rich Abbott** (Montecito), **PDG Brenda Cressey** (Paso Robles Sunrise) and **Bill Wilmer** (Santa Barbara Sunrise) led their groups through the paces, and came up with fifty pages of ideas, suggestions and corrections to the District's premier leadership program.



DGN Sally Adelblue was the housing and feeding host; **DG Arnie Dowdy** was the two-time speaker of wise words.

All in all, it was seen by many to have been a very successful day.

The summary of the discussions have been distributed to those who responded to the invitation.

Anyone else wishing to see the examples of great minds in action should call **Jock MacKenzie** at 805-497-3833.

We Need Updated E-Mail Addresses!

PRLS Registrar **Mary Howard** asks that those in receipt of the printed version of this newsletter send her your updated e-mail address.

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