

Norm's Website Message

I couldn't think of a better way to start my year as District Governor than to visit 15 Rotary Clubs, award over 30 new Paul Harris Fellows and honor the hard work of 12 Rotarians with the District Governor *Lend a Hand* citation. Bev and I have been treated royally at club meetings, club socials and special events, and for that we are truly grateful. We have also selected Don Johnson, Rotary Club of Windsor to lead a team of five GSE members to Brazil in September and have finalized a contract with the new Vineyard Creek Hotel in Santa Rosa to serve as the host site for the District Conference June 17-20, 2004. That was just July!

August has already been even busier than July as Bev and I visit 12 more Rotary clubs and attend a number of special events. The all-Sonoma County Clubs "Pinot for Polio" fundraiser was a wonderful event and "many thanks" go to Michael McLaughlin, President of Sebastopol Sunrise for Chairing the event and Terry Kelley, also of Sebastopol Sunrise. Cool Kids Camp - South, also occurred in August and provided "at risk" kids with some great opportunities for personal development and gave Rotarians the chance to truly put service above self.

August is membership and extension month and all Rotarians are asked to get involved in their club's membership development program. New members (a quantity of quality) mean new energy, and it is critical that we bring new members into Rotary because there is so much work to be done.

The first issue of the *Wheel News* is going to press August 30th. Please submit your articles and photos to communication chair, Jeanne Levin @Rotary5130@aol.com. I know you are going to like the new look of the *Wheel News*.