



July 27, 2006

## This Week

**Dr. Max Coleman -  
Astrobiology  
Program Host:  
Hal Yorke**

Astrobiology is concerned with the study of life outside the Earth. But, if that were all, then one would have to stop here, because we haven't found any yet.

To find life elsewhere, astrobiologists research the origins of life on Earth, where the building blocks of life might have originated and what instruments might be deployed to seek life in planetary exploration missions and also outside the Solar System. Max Coleman will address all these issues and, more important, will seek to answer the question: what are the criteria by which one could recognize life if it were not Earth-like? In other words, What is Life?

Coleman has been the Director of the JPL Center for Life Detection since 2003. He headed a national geoscience joint research facility for British universities in London for ten years before transferring his expertise to British Petroleum (BP). After a distinguished career with BP, he relinquished his leadership of the Long-Term Research team at BP Explora-

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## MAKING Sense!

by President Mike Noll



## Rotary is International

What better example than last Thursday's meeting to experience firsthand the *internationality* of Rotary. Craig Cox's daughter Courtney briefly shared her time in Paraguay as part of Rotary Youth Exchange. We were introduced to Riley Steiner, our candidate for an Ambassadorial Scholarship, who aspires to work in Africa on the HIV/AIDS epidemic. District Governor Nominee Gene Hernandez and two of his Group Study Exchange team members gave an entertaining and informative account of their visit to Central Europe.

As an international organization, Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities. Although each Rotarian has first responsibility to uphold the obligations of citizenship of his or her own country, membership in Rotary enables Rotarians to take a somewhat different view of international affairs. Over 50 years ago, a Rotary philosophy was adopted to describe how a Rotarian may think on a global basis: Here is what it said:

"A world-minded Rotarian:

- looks beyond national patriotism and considers himself (herself) as sharing responsibility for the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace;
- resists any tendency to act in terms of national or racial superiority;
- seeks and develops common grounds for agreement with peoples of other lands;
- defends the rule of law and order to preserve the liberty of the individual so that he (she) may enjoy freedom of thought, speech, and assembly, and freedom from persecution, aggression, want, and fear;
- supports action directed toward im-

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## Greeters

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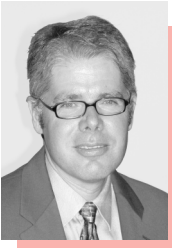
**Craig Cox**

August 10

**John Diehl**

August 17

**Patty Fallahee**



# Program Review

## Give a Little; Get a Lot

**W**hen District 5300's Group Study Exchange team, led by Rotarian Gene Hernandez, visited District 1910 in Central Europe, they were expecting an exchange of ideas, cultures and experiences. To the California team, who received so much in return, it didn't quite seem like a fair exchange.



The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional

men and women between the ages of 25 and 40. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

The District 5300 GSE team was made up of Liz Molina, Rob Curtiss, Kelly Roberts and Aurora Jackson, while a similarly com-



posed team from District 1910 was to travel to Nevada. For Molina, a program manager for Junior Achievement of Southern California, GSE was an opportunity for her to see how the world works.



The trip began at the Ontario Airport on an early morning in May. They were met in Vienna, Austria, by members of the Krems Rotary Club who took them to their first stop in Hollenburg in the Wauchau Valley. This region is noted for their fine wines, and the GSE team made sure to sample the local flavor. The Team was warmly hosted throughout their trip

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## August Programs

Program Chair, Hal Yorke

Aug 10 - Dr. Andrea Donnelian - Our restless Planet: *Using space technology to study earthquakes*

Aug 17 - Colleen Yorke - House-Building in Tijuana

Aug 24 - To be announced

Aug 31 - Brian Hayes - Craft Talk

## September Programs

Program Chair, Ray Carlson

Sep 06 (Wed) - District Governor - Dinner - Joint meeting - 6p

Sep 07 - Dark - No meeting

Sep 14 - Tamara Johnston, Anti-Body, Sierra Madre Creating Markets for Cosmetic Oils made by African Women

Sep 21 - Jennifer Villalobos, Barenchik & Assoc., Teaching American Indian Youth on the Rez in Arizona (Sep 22 - Native American Day)

## Congratulations



### Birthdays



08/02 - Phyllis Merrill

08/05 - Kevin Moore

08/10 - Don Applegate

08/11 - Joy Carlson

08/24 - Hal Yorke

08/27 - Elaine Klock

08/29 - Kathleen Morris

08/30 - Sally Railsback

08/31 - Bruce Conroy (Jacque Foreman)

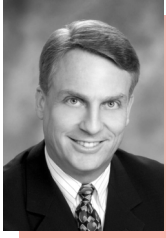


### Anniversaries



08/01 - Ed & Phyllis Soza

If we've missed your birthday or anniversary or the date is wrong, please let us know.



This is my first article as Director of Club Service III. As the Director of Membership, it is somewhat ironic thinking back to when I joined the Altadena Rotary Club in August 2003. It was Ed Sosa who sat next to me at lunch and told me about Rotary, *Service Above Self* and why I should join the Altadena Rotary Club. It didn't take much convincing on Soza's part, just a caring member telling a guest about the purpose of Rotary and service we provide others to encourage me to join.

As we start a new Rotary year, my goal is to add 6 – 8 new members over the next 12 months. Why is it important to bring in

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by members of local Rotary Clubs.

From Austria, the Team traveled to through Hungary, Croatia and, finally, Slovenia. Along the way, they were given the opportunity to meet with local business people, politicians, dignitaries and, of course, Rotarians (who, in many cases, were all of the above). Most of the Rotary meetings that they attended were held in the evening. For the members, these meetings were social occasions after which they might end up sipping wine around a member's hearth. The American team also noted that the clubs they attended were almost exclusively made up of men, but the female members of the District 5300 team always felt warmly welcomed and respected.

Among the many highlights of the trip was the opportunity for the Team to attend the District 1910 Conference held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, where they had a chance to share ideas and experiences

new members? The vitality of any Rotary club starts with its members and the projects those members bring forward to support the local community. I want to build our membership with people who want to support the Altadena community just like our current members have done for years. And like the 2 newest members join in July.

**George Lewis** owner of Ronnie's Automotive is 37 years old, father of two children – Georgie 6 years and Mandy 4 years. George has lived in Altadena since 1978. He is the Altadena Town Council Representative liaison to Laos Angeles County. He joined Rotary to become more involved and support the Altadena Community.

**Dale Weymeyer** owner of Casa Linda – independent living for low income clients. Casa Linda has 5 properties in Altadena offering 40 rooms to local residents Dale is 63 years old, married to Dixie for 20 years. Dale also owns ABC Notary and

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## Sence

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proving standards of living for all peoples, realizing that poverty anywhere endangers prosperity everywhere;

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with their host District. As they had throughout their trip, they reassured their new friends that Americans aren't the boorish dolts portrayed on TV and in movies; but rather warm, friendly, inquisitive people who care deeply about the world. So, there was an exchange, after all.

Four-and-a-half weeks later, the Team found itself back in California with a handful of new friendships and a lifetime of memories. The District 1910 team was last seen outside a Travelodge in Pahrump, Nevada. Brian Hayes ○

Copy Services. He joined Rotary to get involved in the community.

Each Rotary club strives for is an up-to-date and progressive representation of its community's business, vocational, and professional interests. Membership in Rotary offers a number of benefits, including:

Effecting change within the community

Developing leadership skills

Gaining an understanding of – and having an impact on – international humanitarian issues.

Developing relationships with community and business leaders.

I will be working with my committee to grow membership by networking with the Altadena Chamber of Commerce and reaching out to local businesses. ***But most important, it is up to each one of us to introduce Rotary to others and invite them to a Thursday meeting.*** Just like what Ed Soza did for me 3 years ago. ○

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- upholds the principles of justice for mankind;
  - strives always to promote peace between nations and prepares to make personal sacrifices for that ideal;
  - urges and practices a spirit of understanding of others' beliefs as a step toward international goodwill, recognizing that there are certain basic moral and spiritual standards which will ensure a richer, fuller life."

Though a half-century old, this philosophy still holds true and is quite an assignment for any Rotarian to practice in thoughts and actions!

*Parts of the above article has been excerpted from The ABC's of Rotary by Clifford L. Dochterman.* ○

# Nostra Villa

by Mike Noll

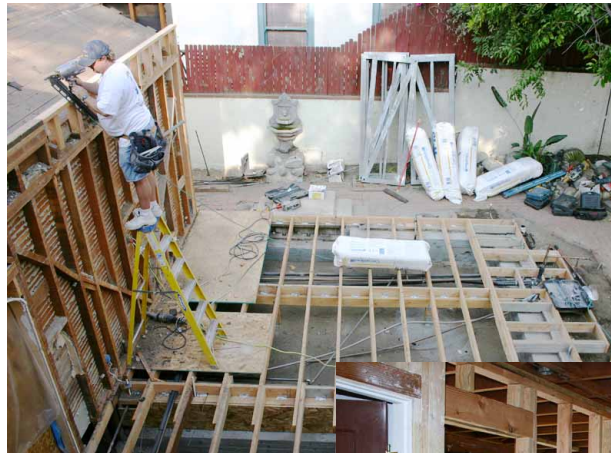
## Week 4

Did someone say something about framing this week? But for an inspector who takes a vacation and a city too cheap to hire a substitute, I am told there *would have been* framing.

Oh well, not the first delay, I'm sure, and the week was not a total waste. The floor joists did get installed, and the anchor bolts were epoxied into the footings. The old second floor master was stripped, and the bathroom and walk-in closet were partially framed in. Work was done on the old part of the house to get it ready to tie into the new.

There were meetings with the designer, plumber, electrician, glass guy, VHAC guy and cabinet maker. We decided on our stone and granite materials and design, and the new windows were ordered.

Next week...framing? ○



A view from above looking down on installed floor joists.



Standing where the bathtub will be (formerly Wendy's closet), this is great air conditioning!

## My Fish Story

by Mike Noll

My dad, brothers and I had a super time fishing some of the most reknown fly fishing waters in the US. Our first day was on the Madison River near Ennis, MT and the next two days were on different sections of the Yellowstone River. Using 5- and 6-weight rods with dry lines, we fished nymphs, turks, droppers, hoppers, and

wooly buggers provided by our guides. We caught and released numerous trout 8 to 21 inches including rainbow, brown, cutthroat and cutbow. We also hooked a

few whitefish and even a carp.

Each guide rowed a drift boat with one of us in the bow and another in the stern. The guides were hardworking, experi-

enced and fun to be around. Aside from the great fishing and spectacular scenery, we saw eagles, osprey, beaver, deer, ducks and Canadian geese.

At the conclusion of each annual trip we determine where we want to go the following year: we decided that next year we will harass some trout on the Snake

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tion to join the University of Reading as the Professor of Sedimentology. He was awarded a JPL Distinguished Visiting Scientist position for three years before leaving the University of Reading for his current JPL position. Coleman holds an undergraduate degree from the University of London and his Master's Degree and Ph.D. from the University of Leeds. ○



Now how big did he say that fish was?

River near Jackson, WY. ○