



# Madera Rotary Club



Madera Municipal Golf Course—Tuesday Noon

## CALENDAR

**Aug 15**—District Foundation/Membership Seminar in Escalon

**Aug 17-Sept 5**—Jane Wiebe's Bosnia Mission

**Sept 10-13**—Madera Fair Booth Fundraiser

**Sept 17**—Madera Visioning Workshop 5-8:30 p.m

**Sept 26**—Old Timer's Parade

**Oct 17**—Halloween Ball

**Oct 24**—Foundation Dinner in Tracy

## California to Brazil

**Julie O'Kane** tells of District 5220's 5 member Group Study Exchange with Brazilian District 4490 May 22 through June 20, 2009.



Julie and club president of the Mirealis RC. Note the Rotary Netherton Relay T-Shirt !!

The Rotary Foundation's GSE program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40. Teams are paired with other countries to experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe practices in their own vocations abroad, and exchange ideas.

Julie, former MUSD Superintendent, joined Madera Rotary in 1988. She was Club President 1994-95 and is currently serving as Assistant District Governor.

D5220 is looking for applicants for the January 2010 GSE team to India.

## PHF HONORS



Nick Benjamin is Madera Rotary's newest Paul Harris Fellow. Nick was presented the surprise award by DG Susan. Susan explained that a \$1000 donation was made to The Rotary Foundation to honor Nick for "his big heart and his desire to lift weight from others with his service above self". The donor wishes to remain anonymous.

Donations to the Rotary Foundation are used for the many humanitarian and educational programs of Rotary.

## District Governor Inspires Rotarians

**D5220 Governor Susan Drake** made her official visit to Madera Rotary on August 4. DG Susan attended a board meeting at noon to hear about all of the work Madera Rotary is doing for the community and the world community. A dinner reception/meeting was held that evening with Rotarians and guests from

Area 10 clubs—Madera, Madera Sunrise, and Chowchilla. DG Susan spoke of her childhood memories growing up in Madera. She and husband Dudley also traveled to Mexico with the Madera Interact Club several years ago and modeled their Stockton Interact project from that experience. Dinner chair **Debbie Allen** did an excellent job.