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Model Rotarian Has Clear Vision for Service (Part 1)

Dave Dennis and Ed Tam (Editor)

Dr. David Dennis was born and raised along with 4 brothers and one sister in a small southwest Iowa town called Atlantic. While he was in school, he had many jobs. One of the more memorable jobs was delivering morning papers in the winter. It should be noted that in Iowa, the temperatures could reach more than twenty degrees below zero! Talk about developing a work ethic and motivation to get an inside job.

Upon graduation from High School in 1958, he joined the US Navy. He spent about 12 years in the Navy rising to the rank of Electronics Technician Chief Petty Officer. He had a variety of experiences while in the Navy. He went to two different electronic schools, basic and advanced, at Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay.

During the time between the basic and advanced electronic schools, he was transferred to the south pacific island of Kwajalein for four years where he provided electronic support services for the Nike-Zeus anti-missile program. While on Kwajalein, he learned to water ski and scuba dive. He developed his skills to the point where he became both a water ski instructor, a scuba diving instructor, and dive master.

At Kwajalein, the water was crystal clear and warm. No wet suit was needed. It was felt that the water was murky if you couldn't see at least fifty feet. When he returned to California and tried scuba diving, if you could see ten or fifteen feet, it was considered a good day. Needless to say, California scuba was not enticing.

After leaving Kwajalein, he returned to Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay to attend the Navy's advanced electronic school. During this time, he met Patricia Manning, who was an Irish colleen born in County Cork, and a registered nurse. She was working her way around the world having started in Ireland, going to England, then Canada, and down to San Francisco.



**Dave enjoyed water skiing
on Kwajalein**

Model Rotarian, Continued



**Father Michael and
the newly weds**

It was a quick courtship. They met in July and married in December of 1963. It did, however, “take” as they will be married 53 years in December 2016. They drove an MGB convertible from San Francisco back to Iowa in December of 1963 to be married in Dave’s hometown. The marriage ceremony was performed by Pat’s brother, Father Michael Manning, who was a parish priest in Limerick and who came over from Ireland for the occasion.

After graduating from the advanced electronic school, Dave was assigned to the minesweeper, USS Assurance MSO 521, homeported in Panama City, Florida. After a few months his ship deployed to the Mediterranean Sea for six months. While Dave was overseas, Pat returned to San Francisco to work and wait.

Upon returning to the states, Dave had orders back to Treasure Island for duty as an instructor in the Advanced Electronic School. They bought a house in Oakland and Dave commuted to Treasure Island where he taught mathematics, computer theory and electronics. Teaching in the Navy was different than civilian life. In the Navy, Dave was in front of a class eight hours a day five days a week. It was very enjoyable and he developed his love of mathematics during this time. During the four years that he was an instructor, he was promoted to Chief Petty Officer.

At the end of his instructor duty, Dave was transferred to the Bon Homme Richard CVA 31, an aircraft carrier homeported in San Diego. Since he and Pat owned a home in Oakland, she stayed and worked in Alameda Hospital while Dave came home on weekends when possible. Shortly after going on the Bon Homme Richard, the ship deployed to the South Pacific off the coast of Vietnam for nine months to aid in the war effort. In 1970, and at the end of that deployment he got out of the Navy after twelve years and decided to go back to school. After some consideration, he decided to become an Optometrist, got his “Pre-Op” studies done, and in 1973 was admitted to the School of Optometry at the University of California in Berkeley.



Dave graduated as Doctor of Optometry

Optometry school was a lot of fun and a lot of work. During the four years of school, Dave worked at the VA Hospital in Palo Alto prescribing low vision devices for veterans, took trips on the mobile clinic providing eye care to indigent and low income patients throughout the north state and the central valley, as well as hundreds of hours in class and clinics at the University. While in school he went to many skilled nursing facilities in the Bay Area and did research on the vision and vision care of elderly patients. He was on a team that developed techniques for evaluating the vision and visual health of patients in these facilities. Upon graduation in 1977, he was awarded the “Gold Retinoscope” for being the “Outstanding Graduate Student” in his class.

(please see the rest of the story in next month’s Spillway)

Ding-A-Ling Report

We started on Nov. 25th and wrapped up on Dec. 17th. We spent 10 hours a day on 9 days...90 hours...ringing that little bell. Rotary at it's best. Working together to help families who need us. Our team collected \$4365.52 for the Salvation Army's Christmas Red Kettle Drive.

Only 46 Rotarians signed up so we recruited family, friends & neighbors to help us. Many Rotarians did multiple shifts. For you a special "Thank You" for your Service Above Self. Together We built a Champion Ding-a-Ling Team!!

- Dee Domke



Bell-ringers Keli Anthis and Jen Sunde



Calendar

Jan. 5	Club Assembly
Jan. 12	Cynde Davis -GCID - Salmonid spawning restoration
Jan. 19	Joe Ayer - Adoption Process
Jan. 26	Catalyst Youth Center - Aaron Hayes
Jan. 28	Wild Game Dinner - Redding Elks Lodge

More Success and Change

In 2008, Rotary Club of Redding's Allied Stream Team uncovered sixteen long buried 11'x17' concrete pads of the Diestelhorst Auto Camp. The thirty one cabins of this very successful early motel/RV resort had been completely lost in the Great Flood of 1940. There were rumors of a new highway coming after World War II and the complex was never rebuilt. The Dance Pavilion, dredge, Redding Regatta, incredibly successful fruit and vegetable operation, early subdivision, gasoline station, store, even an elegant Victorian home all succumbed to time, fire, flood and change without end.

However, what this remarkable family gave to Redding remains. The vision that their holdings should become public property eventuated in two purchases on either side of the Diestelhorst Bridge. These special recreational assets are today among Redding's most used outdoor public amenities.



Matson Mowder Community Garden lies east of Diestelhorst and Benton Drive Bridges. This productive plot harkens back to Gottlieb Diestelhorst growing Civil War row crops watered by a huge water wheel which was very near the present day Anderson Cottonwood Irrigation District diversion upstream from the North Market Street Bridge. On the west side of the Diestelhorst Bridge was originally a prized orchard and vineyard.

In the beginning about 1920, a few fruit trees were taken out and spaces for tents were made with covered parking for the tourist cars. Later pictures show the constant improvements in this enterprise, even during the Great Depression. The business was so successful that travelers made reservations a year in advance and waited expectantly for far away "neighbors" to arrive to begin an annual rendezvous. Still extant Fremont cottonwoods and riparian sycamores were planted. Another reminder is the profusion of wild plum trees in this area which are descendants of root stock used in the fruit orchard.



In 1977, seventeen years after cancer took Redding's youthful Thoreau, Claude Caldwell, his hope that as much River bank as possible would be public was given more promise by a pair of Diestelhorst Family sales. These purchases ended over a century of successful land use for which we all can be proud and thankful to this indomitable family.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rotary District 5160 Club: Redding

Birthdays and Anniversaries for **01/01/2017** to **01/31/2017**

Member Birthdays	Birthday
Bosenko, Tom (TOM)	11-Jan
Carter, Parvin (PARVIN)	21-Jan
Corey, Patrick (PATRICK)	25-Jan
Dacquisto, Michael (MICHAEL)	2-Jan
Drennan, Gerald M (GERALD)	16-Jan
Fisher, Cindy (CINDY)	8-Jan
Ghidinelli, Dante W. (DAN)	4-Jan
Hill, Rick (RICK)	30-Jan
Hurst, Fred (FRED)	26-Jan
Kipp, William P. (BILL)	22-Jan
Michiels, Tiger Joe (TIGER)	19-Jan
Salter, Lee W. (LEE)	31-Jan
Schlueter, James (JIM)	13-Jan
Waybright, Jason (JASON)	23-Jan
Winter, Julie (JULIE)	24-Jan

Partner Birthdays	Member Name	Birthday
Ayer, Kara (KARA)	Ayer, Joe	16-Jan
Michiels, Tiger (TIGER)	Michiels, Susan K.	19-Jan
Burton, William (WILLIAM)	Nickraves, Sheva	23-Jan
Williem, Eli	Williem, Leslie	21-Jan

Member Anniversaries	Start Date	Years	Years(P)	Total
Anthis, Keli (KELI)	1/7/16	0	0	0
Anthony, Nikki (NIKKI)	1/3/13	3	0	3
Blodget, Rush M (RUSH)	1/26/56	60	0	60
Carter, Parvin (PARVIN)	1/17/13	3	0	3
Davis, Todd (TODD)	1/16/14	2	0	2
Green, Richard W. (RICHARD)	1/31/65	51	0	51
Marler, Vickie (VICKIE)	1/22/04	12	0	12
Maurer, Robert E. (ROBERT)	1/3/91	25	0	25
Nickraves, Sheva (SHEVA)	1/29/15	1	0	1
Orozco, Maria T (MO)	1/17/02	14	0	14
Preston, Tobias J (TOBY)	1/19/06	10	0	10
Putnam, Richard Scott (SCOTT)	1/10/02	14	0	14
Rincon, Mark A (MARK)	1/10/02	14	0	14
Schwartz, Stephanie (STEPHANIE)	1/29/04	12	0	12
Stewart, Kasey (KASEY)	1/26/12	4	0	4
Ward, Dennis A. (DENNIS)	1/22/98	18	0	18

Wedding Anniversaries	Partner's Name	Anniversary	Years
Ball, Mark D. M.D.(MARK)	Kelly	6-Jan	15
Reynolds, Charles Ron (RON)	Carole	6-Jan	20
Salter, Judith E. (JUDY)	Lee	3-Jan	13
Salter, Lee W. (LEE)	Judy	3-Jan	13
Tavares, Trudy L. (TRUDY)	Ernie	10-Jan	35

Featured Advertiser For January

In a club as big as Redding Main, it can be difficult learning everyone's name, but that is never the case with Tiger Michiels – who has a legal name but prefers the moniker given to him by his father. If you are wondering, the short story is that while his mother was pregnant, his father would often ask his wife “how's my little Tiger,” and the name stuck.



Tiger's father is also responsible for Tiger's love of Rotary – dad was a Past President of the Hollywood West Hollywood Rotary Club (ed. note – this is how Tiger specified) and he can remember supporting his father as early as 1974. Tiger became a member of the Redding Rotary in 2000 and is proud of his perfect attendance record.

His classification is Property Manager/Entrepreneur, but that hardly tells the story of Tiger's long and varied business career. Currently, Tiger still manages property with his brother – mostly commercial but some residential, located in Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Winnemucca and Redding.

To give you a brief history of his background; he started working in a family liquor store on Sunset Blvd in Hollywood (which is now owned by his sister and where his son is currently employed), moved up to manage the facility, then branched out into music and movie production. He has hobnobbed with many of the Hollywood elite, and he can be counted among the friends that convinced Telly Savalas he needed to be Kojak – and that is only one of the countless stories Tiger could tell.

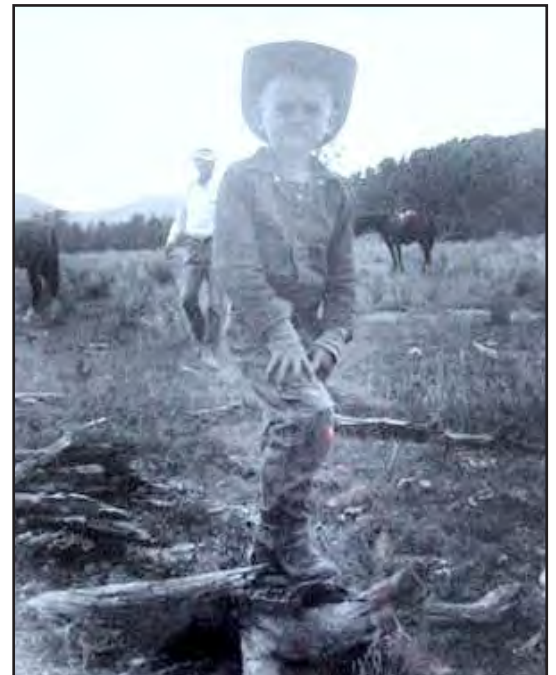
Eventually he started to make investments with others, and it was property that brought him to Redding. He was a building contractor and business owner – primarily remanufacturing plants that specialized in building materials that would then be exported to Japan.

Tiger loves to be involved, and to give back to his community, which is why Rotary is perfect for him. He was President for the 2011-2012 Rotary year and during that year, he helped bring the club's technology into the 21st Century, which has only been improved upon by other friends in Rotary. He enjoys sitting at that front table, working with the crew that helps run our audio and visual equipment. He has been involved in Reading Rotarians, the I-House, the LN-4 project for prosthetic hands and so much more...

He loves Rotary for the connections one might make all across the globe. Part of the reason he has perfect attendance is that he loves to make-up in any country he visits.

Tiger is married to his wife Susie, a new Rotarian in our midst and has a combined family of 5 sons spread across the US.

Besides his company, being the conservator for his brother takes up much of his time, but not so much as he doesn't have time to enjoy his hobbies – restoring antique cars and motorcycles as well as his art, poetry and photography. Give him a holler if you are interested in picking up any of the cards made from his works of art!



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