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**STRIPPINGS EDITOR
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Today: The Honorable District Governor of District 5220, **Mark Oliver**, is here to tell us what a great club we have and congratulate us for having several wonderful presidents in a row, two of which did such a great job of completing all the requirements of the office, they are still throwing water in the faces of the High Mugwumps in Chicago because they have never seen such dedication to the office of club president and they keep fainting every time they look at the stats.

One of the things the New District Governor should see to is the update of the District 5220 web page as it still features the farewell address of PDG **Dave**, who has been saying goodbye for two months and it is getting just a tad maudlin.

Actually, the District Governor's job is to visit every club in the District to greet everyone and give the Annual Pep Talk and to hand out grades as well as to honor the Silent Rotarian. I do think it is way past due to name a certain bulletin editor for that honor. The Silent Rotarian award is not lightly given since it is easily the most honored approbation a club can bestow. This club has shown (in the past, at least) anyone can be president and the Paul Harris Fellowship is a relatively easy honor to come by, but in the history of the club, the Silent Rotarian group is pretty small, and very revered and in my humble opinion, and it should be given recognition with a list of those wonderful people in the Rotary Roster.

Next week: Mr. Shawn Ferrell will be here to tell you (hang on to your seats!) about the perils and issues concerning long-time nursing care. It is of great interest to make note of the fact we have no members of this club in such a facility and as far as I am concerned, I'd like to keep it that way.

Last week we heard from **Blair King** (The name sounds like that of a matinee idol from the old days) who told us what things are like in the City of Lodi. Actually, he told you guys, I was absent. I like to miss a couple of meetings a year so as to not get into that perfect attendance trap. We have a few members who are working on some really long term involvements; I know **Jerry Fry** says he is going on 80 years of perfect attendance. When I

challenged him on that he said, "Ok, it only seems like 80 years, but it's been half that long."

I wasn't about to ask him how long he's been married because he would have made it sound punny. (It was 1963 when he and Peggy tied the knot, they did a good job, because that knot is still holding after all these years.)

Here is where the electricity went kaput the other day and here is where I got to start over.

Last Friday my nephew and his dear little wife brought a new son into the world. The baby's name is Nicholas Harry Bader. He weighs eight and a half pounds, is 21 inches tall has brown hair and no teeth.

There is a story in the Rotarian about a Rotarian from Milwaukee who has brought 100 members into his club. He started his Rotary life in 1960 and has been recruiting ever since. In recent times he has been averaging around one member a month, but that's still one more than most of us have been averaging. He should have been an Amway distributor...that way he would have a million dollar organization behind him...no friends maybe, but a million dollar organization.

The man's name is Harry Franke and he sees everyone as a potential Rotarian. I am not that impressed, all he is is a [Virgil Suess](#) with a head start.

[Mike Smith](#) told me to tell you that he is open to suggestions and all the help you can muster to get the slate of programs for this year underway. I am still convinced that [Abe Abrahamson](#) had the right idea in having a program committee. We still didn't have dancing girls with Abe, but the program search went a lot easier for him.

One of the incredibly far-reaching ideas I had this week was to create world peace by enlisting every grown-up in the world into Rotary.

Then I thought, where are they gonna hold the convention?

What we really need to do and do now is rally behind [Mark Chandler](#), a man, a legend, a way of life...no, that's somebody else, but we do hafta make our move now because this club is in on the starting blocks of an all new era, a time in which whatever we do will be in the right direction and make this club what it once was, a group of 150 people filled with ambition and pride in themselves and in the idea of Rotary.

We can't lose.

Go ahead, make yourself proud. And attend the damn meetings.

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SUMMER IN THE JUNGLE—AUG. 12TH.