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Brace yourselves; this is going to be a red-letter day in Lodi Rotary. The speaker will be Alice Reimche' Lodi City Clerk and long-time Honorary Mayor, she never held the mayoral office but she was instrumental in the running of our fair city for many years. To know Alice is to love her. I know most of the mayors Alice managed through the difficult days of their individual tenures and most of them would have been lost without her gentle and knowledgeable guidance.

Also in the marquee is Bruce Mc Pherson, who is running for California Secretary of State. Bruce has so many credentials they wouldn't fit on this paper. He is a nice man and deserves your consideration. I Googled Bruce and there are 2,580,000 entries under that name. I read them all and couldn't make up my mind which one I would use, so I decided to let Bruce do the speaking so what you read here is what he wrote his own self."

McPherson has been the recipient of the "Leadership Award" by the Legal Community Against Violence and the "Public Policy Excellence Award for Public Policy" by the California Non-Profit Policy Council. The California League of High Schools has named him "Legislator McPherson's dedication has not gone unrecognized. More recently, he was honored to receive the "Legislator of the Year" award by the California School Boards Association in 1999. In 2000, the California Small Business Association named him "Legislator of the Year". In 2001, of the Year" for 2001, and the California School Boards Association has named him "2001 Outstanding Legislator of the Year."

Senator McPherson is a fourth generation Santa Cruz native. He and his wife Mary have been married 34 years. Their daughter Tori, and her husband Dave, have one child, Sydney. Sadly, the McPherson's lost their beloved son Hunter in a senseless act of violence late last year.

We have two distinguished visitors from India: Bharet and Renu Pandit who are here through the good offices of the Rotary Fellowship. They are a botanist and a biologist respectively, and are here in Lodi to pass judgment on the quality (not quantity) of Lodi wines. **President Mike** will be conducting a personally guided tour and the three may be looking for a designated driver subsequent to the sampling. I asked Mike if there would be a conflict regarding the consumption of alcoholic spirits.

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He said, "I'm pretty sure they ain't Pentecostals." Can't hurt to ask.

As it so often happens, the **Stokes'** family lost mother, grand mother and great grand-mother within a short few months of losing their grandpa dad. People who spend a great length of time together somehow find a way to be back together and it is a happy event. **Tom** was a most considerate son and he saw to the care and keeping of his parents all his adult life and now that they are together again, there is a great deal of joy in heaven and a comfortable knowingness right here because they were loved and cared for the entire time, as the saying goes, in sickness and in health. The health part is back and has been reinstated. It's nice to have the suffering over with. You have our sympathy, **Tom**, and, of course, the pride we have in you that comes with knowing that you have done a wonderful job of being a caring son.

Gary Koepplin had a few moments of doubt the day he left for Scotland to play golf a couple of weeks ago. It seems the airline dropped the flight to Glasgow without telling everyone ahead of time. So the limo from Lodi with the foursome aboard didn't learn of the cancellation until the fifth guy, the only one who bothered to bring along a cell phone, was called as the limo neared the airport.

It worked out OK and fun was had by all, I haven't heard lately, but I have a hunch it so unnerved **Gary**, he probably didn't even make a single hole-in-one.

Speaking of golf hotshots, the Very **Reverend Mr. Paul Donovan** played so well last week, he didn't cuss even once. He done shot his age again.

I hate to be cheeky, but I think it might be a good idea to have a look at **Paul's** birth certificate. I have a hunch he has been padding his age to make his golf scores less believable. Golfers will do anything to shave a stroke or two off their scores.

I never lied about my golf game when I was playing regularly, but as Will Rogers said, "Golf has made more liars than the IRS."

Don't forget—Governor's visit—Aug. 17th.