

### Lathrop Sunrise Rotary installs new officers and has big plans for the year

Every year, 33,000 new presidents are installed in Rotary Clubs throughout the world. Each Rotary Club in over 200 countries rotates its presidency each year with the intention of bringing new energy and ideas to the regions that Rotary serves.

Rotary which was founded in 1910 is the largest service club in the world with over 1.2 million members. Rotary is a non-political, non-denominational service club that focuses on local as well as international projects. In 1980, Rotary joined with the World Health Organization and others to eradicate polio from the world. As a result of their efforts, two billion children under the age of five have received the polio vaccine and five million people who might otherwise have been paralyzed are walking today. The number of polio cases worldwide has declined by 99 percent.

Lathrop Sunrise Rotary, which meets each Thursday at 6:30am at the Holiday Inn, installed Susan Dell'Oso (Project Director of the River Islands Master Plan) as President, Cary Keaton (City Manager of Lathrop) as Secretary and Jud McDonald (Advisor with Investment Centers of America) as Treasurer. Mary Kennedy-Braken, the President of the Lathrop Chamber of Commerce, is president-elect and will take the helm in July 2010.

This year's Lathrop Sunrise Rotary will participate in a broad range of international projects. The club is going to send three members to West Africa as part of the international mission to immunize children with polio. Because polio is almost eliminated from the world, Lathrop wanted to participate actively in the final efforts. The three local Rotarians include George Jackson, an agent with Re/Max Realty, Steve Cambell, president of CBC Steel Buildings and Mary Kennedy-Braken.

The club also will continue to host several local events including the Speech Contest at Lathrop High, Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for needy local residents and Packages for our Troops overseas.

Lathrop Sunrise Rotary chartered in 2002 and currently has 17 active members.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Dell'Oso at 209 879-7900.