

## Steinbeck Rotary Exchange Student Program

Steinbeck Rotary is very proud of its Student Exchange Program. Currently, our Outbound Youth Exchange Student, Daimi Yazmin Ramirez of Alisal High in Salinas, is living and going to school in Pontcharra France. Our Inbound Exchange Student, Pierre-Luc Wolf from Manom, France is living and attending school in Salinas where he is actively involved in student activities and Steinbeck Rotary.

engages in a "friendly" competition with the other area Rotary clubs to see who can earn garner the most donations at collection sites throughout the city. Once again, the Steinbeck Rotarians earned coveted awards at the recent Salvation Army Awards Banquet! The most recent addition to our stable of community service projects is our own "Warm Hearts" project, begun by Past President Bob Farahmand. This project distributes professionally cleaned and pre owned outerwear garments to the needy in our city to help protect them from the winter chill.

Our relationship with the administration, staff, and students at Alisal High School is THE key component of both our Community Service and Youth Service programs. Instituted nearly 24 years ago by Past President Bob Bardeen, this relationship is deeper and more extensive than any other relationship that the Steinbeck Rotary Club enjoys. From the connection between

Principal Dan Burns and Club President Daryl Whitcher all the way down to our exchange students, this is one partnership that is truly beneficial to both organizations. The Steinbeck Rotary Club has a long standing policy that any AHS student can come to any meeting of the Steinbeck Rotary Club and eat breakfast at no charge – and with nearly 2500 students at the High School, that is no small commitment!

The SRC Youth Exchange program has sent 21 students (primarily from Alisal High School) abroad to study for a year, and has hosted 24 other students from all over the world here in the City of Salinas – a long standing tradition unmatched by any Rotary Club in the area. In fact, past outbound exchange students are now members of the Club! Whether through Youth Exchange meetings, through the AHS Interact Club, or through our Fifth Quarter events after athletic contests, you can be sure that the Stein-

beck Rotary Club has someone on campus at Alisal High School each and every day!

All of these many events, programs, and activities lead up to the culmination of our Rotary year at our Annual Holiday Silent Auction and Wine Tasting. This year featuring Master of Ceremonies and local celebrity Barry Brown, along with the superb wines of Lockwood Vineyards - our premier FUN raising event promises to be bigger and better than ever before! Tickets are available through your local Steinbeck Rotarians, at Salinas Travel Center, 254 Main Street, or call 424-0307.

As a morning club – indeed, the only morning club in Salinas – the Steinbeck Rotary Club meetings are absolutely the most fun you can have at 7AM! Come and join us every Wednesday at the National Steinbeck Center, One Main Street, Salinas.

See you there!  
**Daryl Whitcher | President**

**Established:**

March 25, 1981

**Meeting Day:**

Wednesdays, 7AM-8:30AM

**Meeting Place:**

National Steinbeck Center

**Total Membership:**

63 Members



**Christmas  
Around  
the World**

Silent Auction  
and Wine Tasting

Saturday ~ December 2, 2006 ~ 5:30-8:30 P.M.

**ADMISSION ~ \$20**

*Bid On Exciting Gifts  
Donated by Local Merchants*

Proceeds to Benefit Steinbeck Rotary Foundation  
Community & Youth Projects (501c3)

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