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### RICHARD M. POWELL ADMINISTRATION, 1999-2000

*Dick was born on April 2, 1950 in Amityville, Long Island, NY, where he was raised. He attended high school, at Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, New York, Earlham College in Indiana (BA Economics) and after two years working at the YMCA, he went back to George Williams College (MA in Outdoor Education). Dick wanted to be a camp director. He went to work for the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Northern Michigan for several years before he got "RIF'd" (That's government-ees for "reduction in force.") In 1978 he was recruited to "Sky Lake Yosemite", a camping program at Bass Lake, to start an off season program in the mountains. There he met a man who recruited him into Financial Services at Prudential ('83), then Merrill Lynch ('91), and independent with Associated Securities in '98.*

Dick says of his administration: "At PETS a recent past president, a gal, gave the best advice; 'Just have a good time. What are they going to do, fire you?' I did have a good time... it worked. We had a lively time. What I remember most is a good pancake breakfast, the Vocational Luncheon at FCC, and Launching the Interact club at Fresno High. We brought the Endowment to the fore, making good strides by setting investment guidelines for it. What didn't happen was a major fund raiser, but we got the idea of the Golf Tournament started."

The archives yielded up much more for North Fresno Rotary:

1. Sponsored LIGA interpreter at \$175 per trip for ten trips to the Ocoroni, Mexico clinic.
2. Paint trim at Lowell School in August with Clarence Shaw as head Honcho.
3. Adopt Career Day at the Business and Technical Division served 1750 lunches for \$3500
4. Supported the new Lowell School Library with a book drive and gifts honoring each speaker.
5. Set up reading program at Lowell, trained by "Literacy." Had Christmas lunch with the kids.
6. Gave \$1,500 to SPCA for educational program honoring Gib Rambo.
7. Gave \$1,260 to Lowell School for Soccer Uniforms for the kids.
8. Agreed to adopt "Three Bears" house at Storyland, repair and rebuild it.
9. Worked with the EOC on their welfare-to-work program.
10. Pancake Breakfast served more people than ever and was a great success \$10,000.
11. People to people program in Australia, established matching grant program.
12. Six High School Music Department received \$300 each for participation in Senior music programs.
13. At Lowell School sent five 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to River Parkway Camp at \$120 each.
14. Check to Lowell Media Center in lieu of lunch \$225
15. \$1000 Scholarship to Interact Students from Fresno High School.
16. \$1000 - Youth for Christ Bike-o-thon
17. \$300 - Blind Babies Foundation

18. \$1000 - Valley Teen Ranch
19. \$1000 - Nancy Hines Hospice
20. \$1000 - Marjorie Mason Center
21. \$3000 - Rotary Playland
22. Rotary International Solar Cooker - buy 50 cookers for shipment to Africa
23. \$750 - Rotoplast Sustaining member
24. \$500 - Lowell School (golf Tournament)

We lost Myron Caves, John Bourne, and Clarence Shaw and we made honorary members Bill Baxter, and Lynn Eilefson.

Officers: Dick Powell, Ted Marsella VP, Bill Stevens, Secy; Chas Small, Treas;

Directors: Club: Peter Scheer, Dave Reuland; Comm:

North Fresno Endowment annual report:

Corpus value at year end	\$209,280
Total return	13.3%
Disbursed to charity	7.5%
Contributions	\$7000
Income/gains	\$24,000

Disbursements to Local Charities:

Literacy Council	\$4,000
Hines Hospice	\$4,000
Tree Fresno	\$3,000
Lowell School	\$1,500
Powers Ginsberg School	\$1,140

It was a very good year!

Peter Bradley, Rick Quan; International: Harry Kassebaum, Dick Goodwin;  
Vocational: Joann Sorrenti, Cliff Specht.