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ROTARY CLUB OF MONTEREY PACIFIC NAMES JIM BENNETT 'ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR' AND ANNOUNCES THE 2008-2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MONTEREY, Calif. July 14, 2008— Rotary Club of Monterey Pacific bestowed the honored 'Rotarian of the Year' award to Jim Bennett. The coveted award is granted to one member per year and is determined by serving the community and club in an outstanding and exceptional way.

Bennett is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Monterey Pacific and has served as Club Service Chair, Family of Rotary Chair, and Sergeant-at-Arms. He also served on the 2008 Rotary District conference planning committee. During the 2008-2009 Rotary year, Jim will serve as chairman of the membership committee. Jim has resided on the Monterey Peninsula for over twenty five years and is currently the Director of the Capital Initiative with Pacific Repertory Theatre in Carmel.

Bennett received his undergraduate degree from University of North Texas, his masters degree from California State University, Northridge in Theatre Directing and held former fundraising positions with SPCA of Monterey County, and the Hospice Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Monterey Pacific also inducted the 2008-2009 board which includes President, Carolyn B. Harris; President Nominee, Terry Low; Secretary, Sandra Whittle; Treasurer, Eugene Ganeles and Sergeant-at-Arms, Jeff McMullen. Chairs include Community Service, Maria Vedder; Club Service, Tamara Mims; Foundation, Nora Walsh; Vocational, John Mims; and International, co-chaired by Steve Blum and Frank Giglio.

The Rotary Club of Monterey Pacific is always looking for enthusiastic community members looking to make business contacts and expand their volunteer and community service, believing in the Rotary International motto *Service Above Self*. The Club meets every Thursday at 5:15 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Seaside.

If you would like to be invited to a meeting, or if you have any questions, please contact Sandy Whittle at 831-320-9774.

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