



# Propeller

## Rotary Club of Vallejo

May 15th 2014

Walter Newell

Past President Scott Peterson replaced the elusive Shane McAfee and opened the meeting at 12:15 and Scott directed the eloquent Verna Mustico to lead the club in the pledge of allegiance.

Doc Harrington then led the club in the ever so popular God Bless America. (This may be the only song that Doc knows)

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### Fines Recognitions Happy \$\$

#### Happy Dollars:

Connie Klimisch gave \$20 happy dollars because her daughter gave birth to another granddaughter on Mother Day. Della Lee is adorable. 6 lbs 3 ounces

JD \$20 happy dollars because the A's are in first place. Also his youngest nephew will be baptized

### Visiting Rotarians

None

### Guests

Doc Harrington introduced his guest, whom I believe is a Chiropractor as well. Sorry didn't get his name. I believe this person has been to a few prior meetings.

JD introduced Jeannie Kilkenny Turks guest Shauna.

Pete Friesen let the club know that our guest speaker was Kurt Johnston.

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### Announcements

Pete Freisen announced that the golf tournament is a week away and we have had good responses with sponsorships but we are currently at 65 players that have signed up to play. A special thanks to Avery Greene for his major sponsorship. We need players, so let Pete know if you have anyone who want to play. Registration starts at 10:30.

Kevin Rahill then asked Rotarians to share information on facebook to help promote our fund raisers.

this week on Saturday.

Dk has \$5 happy dollars because the Giants this year are 5-3 against the Dodgers. And 4-2 in LA.

Gary Salvadori gave \$5 happy dollars because he had a good time playing in the American Canyon Golf Tourney with Doc Harrington and Walter Newell. Walter spent as much time with the score card as he is currently spending time taking the rotary minutes. No matter how much time Walter spent on the score card, it didn't help the team in the end.

Kurt Johnston gave \$5 happy dollars because the Giants are in 1st place and the Dodgers are in 3rd.

Norbert noticed a photo in the Times Herald that had a picture of Scott Peterson at the Omega Boys and Girls Club. Scott gave \$10. Robert was concerned that he didn't mention the Vallejo Golf Tourney while he was there talking to the reporters.

Shawna gave happy dollars mentioning that the Times Herald posted an add for the Rotary Golf tourney. Also Saturday night there is the International Taste of Wine Country Dinner at Florence Douglas Center.

JD thanked Pete for all the efforts that he puts into the golf tourney, however JD wants to acknowledge but didn't give the other sponsors credit. JD believes that since Petes daily routine consists of golf and cocktails, that he should have enough time in his day to be more prepared.

Norbert announced and gave \$10 that the animal rescue Lily's Legacy program helps Senior dogs find homes. This program is unique because it does not euthenize the animals.

Doc Harrington seemed confused on how to determine what a senior dog is. Norbert recommended to Doc to look in the mirror because he would qualify.

Vallejo Outreach on July 12 will be back on the waterfront . They will be combining their efforts with Rebuilding Together Solano County at the Service Club Park from July 6 thru 12.. They will be renovating the building for the senior handicapped citizens. For specific times and dates, please contact Scott Peterson and or Freda Dill.

This Saturday and Sunday Rebuilding Together will be at Omega Boys and Girls Club helping with landscaping. Will try to build retaining walls and lunch tables. Will take place from 8:30 to 4:30. Freda will help with registration.

Connie Klimisch wants to know if anyone wants to come to Loma Vista and play on Saturday.

## Program

Kurt Johnston rejoined the Vallejo Rotarians to speak on Solano Community College and how beneficial SSC has been for him and countless others. Kurt graduated from SSC and went on to get his BA at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He went on to have a 30 year career in municipal planning and economic development with 22 years of it in Fairfield working on

She has 6 seats available to join and drink wine.

### **Recognitions**

Robert missed a Vallejo Rotary board meeting and went to a Benicia Rotary lunch meeting and did not mention at the meeting anything about our Vallejo Rotary Golf Tourney. For this blunder Robert will pay \$20.00.

Robert announced that he and Helen attended the meeting to get information about the Every 15 minutes program that Benicia has done for the last 15 years or so. They also attended a meeting with the Vallejo Unified School District to talk about the program as well. An e-mail was sent out to all Rotarians. Robert is looking into having a similar program done in Vallejo.

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### **Mystery Handshaker**

Verna Mustico was mystery handshaker and #9 was the lucky number which ended up being Doc Harrington. Doc gets \$10 and did not donate it back for needy kids.

### **Drawing/Trivia**

The lucky ticket picked for the trivia was Robert Briseno.

Scott said it was going to be a simple question that

development reviews and planning with an emphasis on redevelopment.

Kurt now is the SSC Education Foundation Director and works passionately to create the positive perception in the community. They have raised enough \$ to start a branding and imaging campaign, along with creating a marketing strategy approach. In a 2012 study, it showed that the great American working class is shrinking. Family income has declined 7% since 2000. Half of Americans are in some sort of poverty and the American Dream is at risk.

In 2018 62% of jobs will require some sort of post high school education. In the last recession it was the workers with high school education only that were first laid off. Community Colleges produce over 2 million graduates compared to the entire UC undergraduate which only produce a few hundred thousand.

Community Colleges tuition is 1/10 of the UC system. CC funding is 78% less per student, compared to the UC systems and even much less compared to the K thru 12.

SSC is 19,000 students strong. Majority of students are female and the average age is 30 years old. Hispanic population is growing. 8100 students are on financial aid and do not pay any tuition at all. Kurt raises a lot of money for these families that qualify for the aid. Solano College has expanded to Vacaville and Fairfield and Dixon and Winters because SSC students like to have a school close to them. SSC has the highest graduate completion compared to neighboring CC's. SCC have a 5% graduate level.

JD then butted in and said something but it didn't make much sense.

The Education Foundation solicits funds and create an active alumni. Many leaders in Solano County have AA degrees from SSC. For example John Hill (Manager of the Benicia Refinery, Mark Tonnesson(County Assessor), Luise Walker (CEO of

even JD Miller could get right.

Choose one of the three following questions:

1. Who was buried in Grants Tomb?
2. Is a female moth called a myth?
3. When you stand up, where does your lap go. Robert correctly answered the second question No and won!!

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm

First Northern Bank), Simone Padilla, Auditor/Controller and Vallejo' own Jack Anthony from 7 flags car wash and many many more.

Kurt is looking to increase the Board of Directors and create an advisory committee. Fundraising is aimed toward corporations. Please come to Kurt if you are interested in a position on the Board of Directors. Solano Busines Conections is an event that brought together 10 Chamber of Commerces to the college. It has grown to 300 persons in attendance. Next year will probably have 500. Contact Kurt if you are interested in attending.

The website is [www.foundation.solano.edu](http://www.foundation.solano.edu)

## Prospective Member

The following person is being put forth as a prospective member for our club:

Dr. Ramona Bishop, the Superintendent of Vallejo Schools.



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