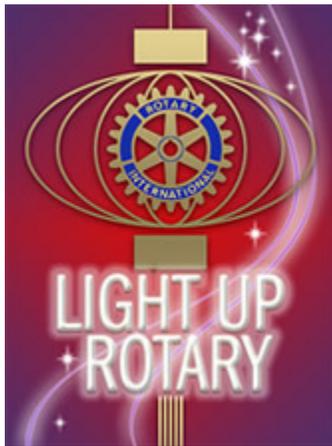


Our Golf Tournament is coming soon - Call your golfing friends!

# Vallejo Rotary



## The Propeller

April 23rd, 2015 Walter Newel

President Robert Briseno opened the meeting promptly at 12:15

LeGuan Lee lead the club in the Pledge of Allegiance

Doc Harrington lead the group in song to "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

### **Guests**

None

### **Visiting Rotarians:**

JD introduced Gary Smith, who was a speaker a couple of months ago and stopped in to join us today for a meeting.

Pasture Scott Peterson introduced Jon Dwyer from the Benicia Club and he is our Assistant District Governor.

## ***Recognitions***

### ***Birthdays/Anniversaries***

JD had a Birthday and will be 72. He gave \$100

### ***Announcements***

Doc announced that Mike Taststides is recovering from his concussion.

JD announced that there are evaluations on the table for the speaker.

Dr Bishop announced that there is free child labor from the school district. The district has 11th graders that are trained and ready with a skill set to perform certain projects for your business. (Pete is looking for a Cady)

Pete announced the Golf tournament on May 20, 2015. We need players. Please contact Pete to sign up. The golf tournament will be held at Hiddenbrooke Golf Club.

Dennis Klimisch asked if our club had a foursome represented in the Lion's tourney. Yes we do because Tom Phillips has a foursome.

Golf drawing will be held at the tournament for the \$1000,00 winner. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available to purchase. Contact Walter Newell.

This Friday coming up is the Solano Sunset Luau. \$45 per person \$80 per couple and will be held at Zio Fredo's.

Saturday's District conference will be held Saturday at Solano Community College.

May 16 is Loma Vista's spring event and we are looking for person's to sign up for help with the event.

Our fibre optic internet cable is being improved in Vallejo. This will enable larger companies to have faster optics to handle their business needs. If you want more information contact Tony or JD, who are on the committee.

### ***Happy Dollars***

JD gave \$20 for the Dodger's being in 1st place. Even though Giants swept them in their latest series.

Jim Casper gave \$5 for playing Bocce Ball with his fellow Rotarian's.

Lou Carretti gave \$10.00 because he used his Appalachian grip and he won the Bocce ball tourney with Dennis Klimisch.

Vijay gave \$10.00 because he won a softball tourney and also his Hotel is complete from the remodel.

Mike Diaz gave \$10.00 missed the bocce because he went to his recital for his 3 year old grand daughter.

Peter Friesen gave \$5.00 because he should of attended the bocce tournament because he lost his ass on the golf course.

Vijay signed up for the bocce tournament but didn't attend. He was fined \$5.00

Walter Newell gave \$20 for missing bocce because instead he spent a nice weekend with his daughters.

Gary Smith gave \$2 because he is happy visiting our club.

LeGuan was fined \$5.00 because he didn't completer his job in collecting the happy \$'s

Verna Mustico have \$20.00 because she is having cataracts removed.

Denise Martin gave \$20.00 because her son is one belt away from a black belt in Karate.

#### **Joke for the week:**

An efficiency expert was giving a speech to a group on how to be more efficient with their time. He explained to the class that recently he suggested to his wife a way for her to prepare dinner much faster so she could save time. A person asked how it worked out. He explained that it went from his wife cooking dinner is 30 minutes to him cooking dinner in 15.

#### ***Program***

JD introduced Ian C. Dawkins Moore. Ian is an Author, Poet, Teacher and Videographer and was raised in London England but left as a young adult to travel the world. He has written books about his experiences and he highly suggest that people should document their own stories of their lives. (Note for JD, you need to have an interesting life in order to do this)

Our parents generations did not typically leave written stories. According to Ian, growing up in England did not offer a lot of opportunity and most people are miserable that live there. England has invented soccer, rugby, tennis and cricket but they never win any national titles. They are good at inventing great things but are lousy at them.

Ian was able to travel around the world during a time when it was safe to dot so. He hitch hiked through the Sahara Dessert. He eventually came to the California and he claims we have the best weather in the world.

He got into the Engineering field and has been able to support his family here. Being a man of color, people in California often found it strange that a black man spoke with an English accent.

Ian really feels it is important to document stories of your life. There are other options to document other than writing, ie.. audio, video. People need to document so it lets people understand who you are and even more importantly allowing yourself to understand what kind of person your are.

When you see yourself in video or hear yourself on audio, you suddenly see yourself in a different way. If you visit London England, Ian suggests go to a bed and breakfast and try and hang out with local families. The people are friendly. Try and visit Ireland as well, where the people are friendly as well.

### ***Mystery Handshaker***

Mystery Handshaker - Connie Klimisch and Verna Mustico won.

### **Get to Know your Rotarian Drawing**

Gary Salvadori won again and even though everyone is tired of hearing about him he continued to give us some of his background. He grew up in Pistfield Virginia and that's about all the club allowed him to say. If you would like to know more about Gary, please contact him on your own time.

June 18, 2015 will be Robert's last meeting and we will have a special lunch that day in terms of the quality of food. The quality of the meeting will still be the same!!

### **Proposed Members**

Non at this time.