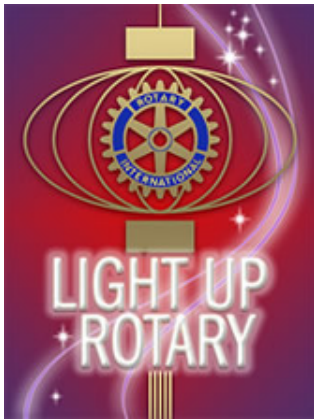
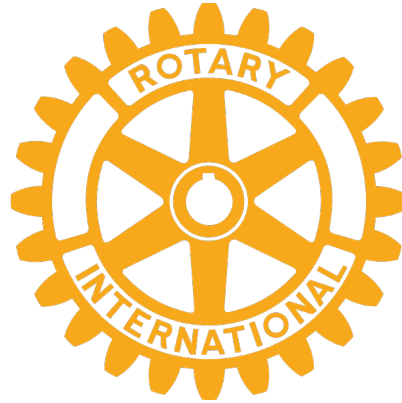


New Feature Added to Our Website - Check it out!

Vallejo Rotary



The Propeller

April 30th, 2015 Derrick Karimian

President Robert rang us in at 12:31

Lou Caretti took the honors of leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance

Former Mayor Tony Intintoli led us in a modern song (just after WW2 era) "Cruising Down the River."

Guests

Tony Shannon introduced his lovely life partner, Gretchen Burgess.

Don Demmond and Mike Tastides were both recognized for being back with us. We are happy to have them both back!

Mike is doing better and better every day. He is happy to be hear. With an event like this, you take a different view on life.

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

Birthday and Wedding Anniversary were both missed in Don Demmond's absence. Don had a fantastic event in Hiddenbrooke with 40 or so people to celebrate. \$20

Announcements

Carnevale Fantastico will be held at Blue Rock Springs on Friday and Saturday (May 2nd and 3rd). We had a bidding war for 2 VIP tickets and a parking pass to Carnevale Fantastico. Doc Harrington had a winning bid at \$30

Big business Expo at Solano College Vallejo Campus from 4pm-7:30pm on May 7th. \$10 for Chamber members and \$15 for non-members. Lots of food and drink. 110 booth vendors. Should be fun!

May 16th Loma Vista event. Rotary is sponsoring a science fair along with the Lawrence Hall of Science/ Inventor's Lab. We need volunteers for this; signup sheets will go out next week.

Golf Tournament will be on Wednesday May 20th in Hiddenbrooke around noon. Lunch and Dinner. We are at about 80 golfers right now more would be nice. Pete Friesen is taking the lead on this. Please contact Pete with volunteer and sponsorship opportunities.

Potential event on June 6th at Children's Wonderland. We are looking at doing evening time. There will be a BBQ and beverages.

June 17th we will have the Camp Venture BBQ dinner for the campers, counselors and volunteers. Connie Howard is taking the charge on this.

St. Patrick's St. Vincent's Golf Tournament is on June 12th at Eagle Vines. SP-SV did sponsor our golf tournament at \$500, hint, hint!

Scholarship interviews are tonight (4/30) and the presentations will be May 7th.

Happy Dollars

Norb Frost has committed to lots of Happy Dollars on July 1st!

Tony Shannon gave \$20 Happy Dollars for a multitude of items. First, Tony and Gretchen were on the Antiques Road Show. They had antique duck decoys that were hand-carved the guy was able to point out who carved them immediately. They were worth a few grand. Maximilian took 1st place in his science fair! He went on to district and even on to State in a separate competition called "Reflections". The theme was "Life would be better if..." Today is Gretchen's birthday. She is 24 and he brought her here for her birthday. "This is where all his friend are." (yes, the singular is on purpose)

Connie Howard had \$4 Happy Dollars. These were both happy and sad dollars. Connie read the letters from Steffan Manor; these kids need these dictionaries!

Mike Tastides was happy to be back \$20.

Pete Friesen was happy to go to the District Assembly with Jeanne and Helen. They sat in the front row and Jeanne and Helen constantly whispered back and forth. To the people behind him, this was a most amusing Tableau. (ask Pete to show you when he's got a moment!)

Avery Greene went to Las Vegas on Honda's request for his birthday. Lost money in Vegas but had a great time out at the Ranch in Arizona.

Jeanne Kilkenny-Turk gave \$5 for the District Assembly as well. Jeanne was a part of a skit about the "proper way to ask to become a Rotarian."

Tony Intintoli gave \$20. He can't say he's happy.

Lou Caretti gave \$5 Happy Dollars for his wife Roberta's last day of work being today (4/30). He thanked Ann Grove for helping to get her back into the field after years off caring for their children.

Rich Curtola gave some happy bucks for taking care of the remainder of the private schools for the dictionaries. Thank you's out to Tony I, Gary, Jeanne and more. Rich also went on a Pub Crawl on a cruise/boat. They had to dock at the individual bars. Bar's included Willy T's, Soggy Dollars and others. They had a great time!

Joke for the week:

Joke of the day was about a man and a woman in bed.... lady hears a noise and says that her husband is home. The guy jumps out of the window, thinks about it and comes back. He tells the woman he was her husband. She says "well why did you run?" Then the joke was over... hmm....

Program



Doc Harrington announced the presentation. Project Amigo. Our speakers were Sarah Farris and Dr. Connie Fonseca.

Sarah has been with the program for 10 years. She was previously with Chevron.

The people in the program go to college in Mexico and are employed in Mexico.

Dr. Connie is a graduate of the program and the first graduate to join the board of directors.

Through donations from Rotary Clubs, Rotary Foundation and sponsorships and other organizations, they are able to provide many services. These services include Casa Amiga, tutoring, scholarships for higher education, dental exams and treatment, optometry and much, much more! Volunteers come from US & Canada.

Dr. Connie started the program when she was 8 years old. She was able to get a doctorate when neither of her parents were able to complete primary school. Her father worked as a ranch-hand. They lived in a small house that the Rancher provided.

For more information, visit <http://www.projectamigo.org> (at the time of these notes, the website was down)

If you missed the presentation but would like to take a peak, check out this video: <https://vimeo.com/43408993> (not checked for video/sound quality)

Mystery Handshaker

Mystery handshaker was a mystery this week. Denise forgot who she asked last week! We did a drawing instead for Mystery Handshaker. This went to Lou Caretti.

Get to Know your Rotarian Drawing

Drawing went to Tony Intintoli. He didn't want to talk about himself. Tony will be doing the interviews with the students. He leaves tomorrow morning to go to Raleigh, North Carolina to meet his cousins. They are going to do a series of burials. They have not been able to bury anyone because the ground in New York was frozen. They are doing the service in Raleigh and then driving up to New York to bury everyone in the plot that his grandfather bought in 1931.

Proposed Members

Non at this time.

New Feature on our Website:

You can now download any Vallejo Rotarian's contact information to your contacts in your computer or smart phone. No typing!!!

Log in with your user name and password. Click on "Full Roster".

At the bottom of each Rotarian's listing is a link "Download vcard" click this. Confirm the download. Then find the file and double click on it to add it to your contacts.

Due to the incompatibilities with the various contact programs (Outlook, Apple Contacts, etc.) there is no way to download the entire roster all at once for import.

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