

# NORTHWINDS



**PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY**

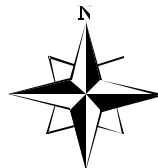
**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Fudd's Fulminations  
Happy New Year!!!!!!**

Thank you Keith Siebert for leading the 12/28 meeting in my absence and helping end PNR's 2001 with a BANG! I hear the speaker was great and Kelvin and the Hilton Staff did an outstanding job on the food and ambiance. I hope everyone had a great Holiday and is ready to kick off the New Year in style. PNR had a small contingent attend the Rotary International President Rick King dinner on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, and as usual Rick was able to entertain the attendees with stories about his past 6 month of service.

And kudos to Jane Rosell for a thorough, thoughtful and informative vocational presentation. It is good to know that someone of her personality and dedication is a member of PNR.

January will be a very busy month helping KICK START Cabaret 2002 which is



scheduled for early May. Keith will be getting some correspondence out soon about the committee leaders and how everyone can help do a small part supporting Pleasanton North Rotary's SINGLE charity fundraising event. For all of you new members, this event is what PNR uses to generate the funds that Keith's board will have for distribution during his term to charities that apply for the funds. I am sure 2002 will be a very difficult year for donors and recipients due to the national economy. However, if PNR is able to net \$10K or \$80K we need to make sure we are having fun in the process.

Reminder: the next Board meeting is 1/8/02 (5:30-7:30PM) at the Hilton restaurant. I encourage Red Badgers and people that need a make up to attend and see the Finest Leadership team in action.

Lets make 2002 a FUN year and remember to always be looking for prospective members that want to help serve their community and Mankind.

To meet our club goal we need to add 13 new QUALITY members between now and 6/30. Please encourage guests

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to attend and help them learn more about the Ideals of Rotary and why Pleasanton North Rotary is the "Greatest Rotary Club in the World."

Happy New Year,

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### On the Web with Sgt Stinger...

Saw a really funny cartoon the other day....this knucklehead is excited to show his girlfriend that 2002 is the same if you write it forward or backwards...and then he says he doesn't think this has happened since....1936. Ok, you had to be there. But a very Happy New Year to one and all. Was just reading that while retail sales were fairly dismal this past Christmas Season....Online sales not only exceeded last year but were up nearly 21%. Another interesting fact is more women than men are shopping online...ha! why would that be news? Shopping, no matter how you cut it, is not a guy thing. (Sorry, Sue....hope I didn't ruffle yer petticoats...) .

But I thought I'd offer up at couple sites that I found interesting and actually shopped on... As I'm sure a fair amount of you know, I am prone to playing a round of golf now and then. Recently it came to my attention that while I had been true to the game in regards to pace of play, fairness, honesty, etc....that I hadn't exactly been aware of how to properly present

myself for a round of golf....so if you go to: <http://www.loudmouthgolf.com/> You will find on this site a wonderful collection of some of the worst....BAD golf pants ever designed. My apologies to Dick or Jack or Wayne in case they've actually worn these types of pants many during the 60's or 70's...and if anyone knows where I can find some white belts....my attire will be complete! FYI, I got the yellow ones with the very colorful poka dots...

And of course there's always the desire to buy shiny new electronic toys during the Holiday season and stores like the Good Guys or Circuit City do a pretty good job of providing this objects of desire but if you want the same toys only cheaper and with far more variety..go to: [www.bhphoto.com](http://www.bhphoto.com). These guys are located in New York City, and are very helpful. I've come to depend on this company for many of my business purchases as well as home items.

Of course I also peruse computer sites and lately I've been pretty busy using Apple's site, [www.applestore.com](http://www.applestore.com) (just had to have that new G4 800 DP) and for comparison shopping...[www.macwarehouse.com](http://www.macwarehouse.com). For the PC types, check out [www.microwarehouse.com](http://www.microwarehouse.com) or [www.dell.com](http://www.dell.com) Over the Holidays I had the opportunity to use a new G4 Powerbook utilizing the Airport wireless feature which was connected to a DSL connection...incredibly fast and truly awesome to be able to hand the powerbook around as we downloaded movie trailers and let everyone watch them....again, you had to be there.

Ok, that's it for now, gotta go check out the snow... Just Because: [www.snowlink.com](http://www.snowlink.com)  
See you on the slopes, Sgt Stinger

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

**JANUARY** "Rotary Awareness Month/We Care"

**FRIDAY** 1/04/02  
Jerry Iserson, City of Pleasanton  
"Downtown Pleasanton: Past, Present  
and Future"

**FRIDAY** 1/11/02  
Vocational Talks

**FRIDAY** 1/18/02  
Kae Robb of "Books for Better  
Understanding" representing one of  
PNR's International Projects.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**  
**"It is a funny thing about life; if  
you refuse to accept anything but  
the best, you very often get it"**  
**Somerset Maugham**

**THOSE OF YOU WHO MISSED LAST  
WEEK'S MEETING:**

The club was once again given a slight glimpse of the leadership style of our Dow-Jones Commander for next year. In the absence of His Fuddness, Keith-"I-can-fine-faster-than anyone-" Seibert ran the show ..... after a fashion. We had a surprising number of guests and visiting Rotarians. Probably there to celebrate the absence of Fudd, who was making his 7<sup>th</sup> trip to Disneyland for the year He took the kids this time.



"well you know, I kinda just figure that if I keep filling in for ol' Fudd, I'll have this president stuff down pat by the time July rolls around."

One of his first tactical errors, however, was to make past-prez Skippy Hyde "fine free" .....oh look out Fudd! He did manage, finally, to get all the guests and visiting Rotarians introduced.



"Geez-I made a special trip here today to give Fudd the end-of-the-year raspberry, and all I get is the "great pretender" Oh well, Happy New year everyone"

Then in a coup-de-grace, he offered time to Jane Rosell to finally give her vocational talk, which stood as the last impediment between her and her blue badge. She delivered a well prepared, heartfelt talk and captured the attention of our year end revelers. And, she got her blue badge-congratulations Jane.



“ I really, really, really wanted to get my Blue Badge by the end of the year! Really!”

Then we had an outstanding speaker, Qasim Tarin, a local Rotarian who was born in Afghanistan, and who gave us a fascinating perspective on what is happening over there right now. In short, if there was one message from his talk, it would be that “religion and politics shouldn’t mix” Qasim gave us both a historical and current perspective of the events of today , and certainly was one speaker who held the attention of the PNR group.



“Afghanistan has been Muslim for only 1300 years, and before that we were Buddhist.”

Acting Prez, Keith, did remember to bring our guest something other than an umbrella, namely a book donated by PNR in his name to a local library.



“this one with the caterpillar and the mouse is really one of my favorites”

Big Frank dropped by to say hello, and just happened to have a dozen or so bottles of wine hidden under the seat of his car, which with little prompting, he brought forth to share with the group- hic!-t’anks Frank.

Rebekah had the big chance for the black marble and blew it.....



“and here is wishing everyone a healthy, prosperous and happy new year”

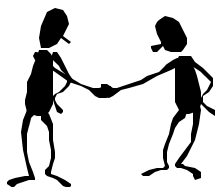
And all the while, escaping the eagle eye of the acting president, in the back of the room, a private party raged on....



“You people just don’t know how much fun we have here at the back table- here’s a salute to you big boy”

Welcome Visiting Rotarians at our Past few meetings:

**NONE REPORTED**



Special Guests at our past few meetings:

**NONE REPORTED**



## BE A FRIEND -BRING A FRIEND TO A MEETING

### JANUARY’S JOYS

#### MEMBER’S BIRTHDAYS

Sherrie Wilson	1/04/02
Mike McDeavitt	1/10/02
Dave Bouchard	1/21/02

#### PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Libby Fraser	1/05/02
Irene McDeavitt	1/07/02
Gary Starkey	1/12/02
Ruthie Darby	1/22/02
Jon Rosell	1/28/02

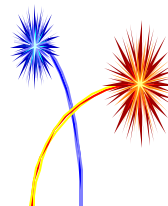
#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

George & Debbi Beardsley	1/01/02(19)
Elie & Hasmig Kozanian	1/22/02(?)

#### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Elie Kozanian	1/01 (4)
Steve Sherman	1/01 (4)
Mark Welch	1/05 (6)
Esther Becker	1/11 (1)
George Beardsley	1/28 (2)
Maurice Turner	1/28 (2)

### CONGRATULATIONS



## NEED TO MAKE UP A MEETING?

Visit one of the local Valley clubs

**Tuesday:**

**Livermore Valley Club**

**7 a.m. @ Beeb's**

**Dublin Club**

**12:15 p.m. @ Dublin Park Hotel**

**Wednesday:**

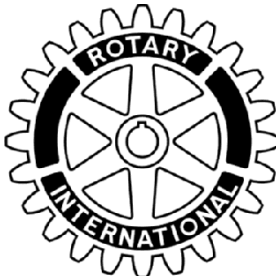
**Livermore Club**

**12:15 @ Holiday Inn**

**Thursday:**

**Pleasanton Club**

**12:15 @ the Pleasanton hotel**



HAVE YOU SEEN THESE MISSING ROTARIANS? 2 or more meetings missed

NONE REPORTED

**GIVE THEM A CALL AND TELL THEM THAT THEY ARE MISSED.**

## 911 revisited .....

(submitted by Tony Matthews)

I was going to bed the other night when my wife told me that I had left the light on in the shed, she could see from the bedroom window.

As I looked for myself, I saw that there were people in the shed taking things.

I phoned 911, but the dispatcher told me that there were no police in the area to help at this time, but they would send someone over as soon as they were available.

I said "OK," hung up, and waited one minute, then phoned the police back, again on 911.

"Hello. I just called you a minute ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now cause I've shot them all."

Within five minutes there were half a dozen police cars in the area, an Armed Response unit, the works. Of course, they caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the officers said: "I thought you said that you'd shot them all!"

I replied with "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

## BEING "PRESENT" IN 2002

Presence is a rare quality in a world of 20-second sound bites, nonstop stimulation, and gnawing anxiety. What underlies presence? Clearly, it is not intellectual prowess or Mensa would rule the world. More than once we all have been bored to tears by the intellectual aloofness of someone disconnected from everyday reality, adrift in a conceptual universe of his or her own Creation.

People with presence have an ineffable quality about them; they are "present," surprisingly attentive, and undistracted. A fullness, a centeredness, a wholeness radiates from them. We enjoy being "in their presence." You can build presence. It is the natural radiance of heart security.

### A WHALE OF A STORY

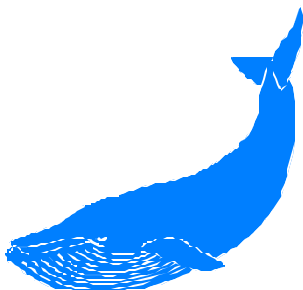
A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah".

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?"

The little girl replied, "Then you ask him".



AND, FINALLY, FROM THE DR. PUPREE BOOK OF BEDSIDE READING

Washington Post published a contest for readers in which they were asked to supply alternate meanings for various words.

The following were some of the winning entries:

Coffee (n.), a person who is coughed upon.

Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.

Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.

Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.

Willy-nilly (adj.), impotent

Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightie.

Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.

Gargoyle (n.), an olive-flavored mouthwash.

Flatulence (n.) the emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.

Balderdash (n.) a rapidly receding hairline.

Testicle (n.), a humorous question on an exam.

Rectitude (n.) , the formal, dignified demeanor assumed by a proctologist immediately before he examines you.

Oyster (n.), a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish expressions.

Circumvent (n.), the opening in the front of boxer shorts.

Frisbeetarianism (n.), The belief that, when you die, your soul goes up on the roof and gets stuck there.

Pokemon (n), A Jamaican proctologist.

GOOD NIGHT DOCTOR!