

NORTHWINDS



PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fudd's Fulminations

Happy New Year!!!!!!

Hello PNR,

Yahoo!!! Happy New Year!!! What a great meeting to kick off the New Year and to share in the fellowship of Rotary. My Mom and Dad were visiting from Spokane, Washington and enjoyed seeing the fun that we have with each other. My Mom said, "They even stayed after the meeting to talk with each other. They all seem to be such good friends." I am half way there and the "Best is Yet to come!!!"

Congratulations to Galen for the birth of his 3rd kid and future Rotarian. I believe he will need to take out an equity line to match the member contributions that were collected for Adam's first investment fund. Also, thanks to Ron and Rebekah for sharing their wonderful



vacations' with the members and contributing to the reduction of the Club Debt your board has acquired. (Ha Ha!!)

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Thanks for all your support

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during my first 6 Months.
Best Regards,

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"I weelly, weelly wove being on T.V."

On the Web with Sgt Stinger...

Normally I don't divulge where I get all the url's I share with you but the sites mentioned in this column were listed in the teen section of the "Time Out" section in our own local paper, The Valley Times. I mention that because apparently these are the kind of sites being visited by our local youth...and some of us may want or need to know this... So I'm going to list all the sites mentioned, then comment on a few. Then you're on your own....

www.marvel.com

www.gonegold.com

www.newgrounds.com

www.rottentomatoes.com

www.ign.com

www.eatsleepmusic.com

www.isketch.net

www.eonline.com

www.ifilm.com

www.imdb.com

www.pixar.com

www.cinescape.com/x-files

www.audiogalaxy.com

www.artistdirect.com

www.blankgeneration.com

www.penny-arcade.com

www.ferryhalim.com/orisinal

www.cartoonbank.com

So I'll start with www.pixar.com Most of you should know that this is the production company up in Richmond that has produced some of the best animated films ever...Toy

Story should come to mind. Their newest film, Monsters Inc, is great and if you haven't seen it, it's a must no matter how old you are. The site is pretty cool as well and would be a great place to share with your child or grandchild or in Father Time's case....Great GrandChild...

One that I really like and will bookmark as a favorite (along with Pixar) is

www.rottentomatoes.com This site really offers a look at the reviews movies have gotten, whether they're still at the Box Office or available for rent at the video store. I think you could really use this site as a gauge against picking bad movies....of course one can never account for taste.

This next one I liked for the games...like War on Terrorism or Anti-Bin Laden....but it has other features as well....definitely one teens would be attracted to. So check out:

www.newgrounds.com as it's a Kareoke site that claims you can do Kareoke online....well you can but here's the trick. Log on, click on the Karaoke Online section and check the "free" Karaoke. It'll give you a choice of rock, pop, adult contemporary, etc and voila, you can sing to Karaoke online for free. But, there's always a but, if you try to change the song it'll pop you over to their sales side which is where they try to sell you the CD to do this all the time....now maybe that'd work for some folks but I'm a free

kinda guy. Just hit your "Back" key and it'll return to the free section....note you won't be able to choose the song but there's enough variety if you hang in there...

Okay the rest is up to you....have fun and keep track of those teenagers...

See you on-line... Sgt Stinger

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

JANUARY "Rotary Awareness Month/We Care"

FRIDAY 1/11/02
Vocational Talks by Rebekah Lindsey and Joe Fraser

FRIDAY 1/18/02
Andy Jorgensen from Parks and Rec will discuss the "Youth Master Plan"

FRIDAY 1/25/02
Jeb Bing-The Pleasanton Weekly's 2nd Anniversary

FEBRUARY "World Understanding Month"

FRIDAY 2/1/02
Denver Mills-"Operation Stand Down 2002"

FRIDAY 2/8/02
Merrie DuFrene, Livermore-Amador Valley Transit Authority

FRIDAY 2/8/02
SWEETHEARTS VALENTINE'S DINNER at Pleasanton Gardens. An evening to remember-don't miss it!!!

FRIDAY 2/15/02
Vocational talks

FRIDAY 2/22/02
Valley Community Health Center-Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention Programs.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"The reward of a thing well done is to have done it."

THOSE OF YOU WHO MISSED LAST WEEK'S MEETING:

Well for better or worse, (the vote was 13 to 45 in favor of the latter), the New Year started, finally, with the return of "President Disneyland."



"I'm sure there is mistake regarding that fine Mr. President, I was one of the few people who really did miss you"



"golly I hope no good lookin' woman see me in this hat"



“I don’t have this much trouble at home when I wear my wife’s stuff”



“aloha sailors-bet you’ve never seen anything like this before”



“yo mon, dis is da way we say howdy”



“yeah! So it’s my 39th birthday again- so what?”



“ and then we got a new car, and a new house, and a new job assignment, and aah, lets see what else?...oh yeah, I almost forgot, and a new baby too”



our guest speaker Jerry Iseron gave us a unique perspective of Pleasanton yesterday, and today-good program.



“You know Herb, with only three marbles left, you’d think I could draw the black one-NOT!”

Welcome Visiting Rotarians at our Past few meetings:

Peter MacDonald - Pleasanton on 12/28 meeting
 Chris Miller - Pleasanton on 12/28 meeting
 Bert Ritter - Spokane North on 1/4 meeting
 Josh Shinik - Pleasanton Downtown on 1/4 meeting
 Randy Friesan - Pleasanton Downtown on 1/4 meeting



Special Guests at our past few meetings:

Paul Jensen Guest of Mike Clouter on 12/28 meeting
 Anthony Hampton Guest of Rebekah Lindsey on 12/28 meeting
 Catherine Ritter MOM of Herb Ritter on 1/4 meeting
 Steve Ainsworth Guest of Colleen Edwards on 1/4 meeting



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

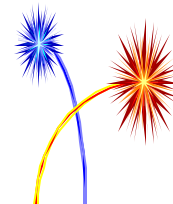
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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:

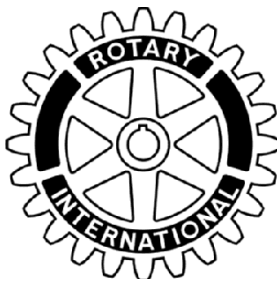
Livermore Club

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.

ROTARY TRIVIA:

Q. How may an active member lose their membership in Rotary?

A. Active membership is terminated automatically when the member ceases to personally and actively engage in the classification of business or profession

under which they are classified. Also for; 1. For Non payment of dues to the club, 2. for failure to comply with attendance requirements, 3. by resignation, or 4. for cause.

Q. What is the classification principle of membership?

A. That active membership in each club consists of one person in each classification representing a business or profession.

Q. Why does Rotary limit active membership in a club to but one person for each classification?

A. 1. It enables the club to be a true cross section of the industrial and professional life of the community, and prevents the club from being dominated by any one group. 2. Because it develops fellowship based on diversity of interest instead of similarity of interests.

Q. What is interact?

A. Interact is a world wide, Rotary sponsored organization for young people dedicated to service and international understandings. Membership in an Interact club is open to students at a secondary school, or pre university level, or age 14-18.

A special Note from the desk of FUDD

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Please remember to invite your friends to our weekly meeting at the Hilton in Pleasanton every Friday from 12:00 to 1:30PM and let them share in the excitement of placing "service above self" with the Pleasanton North Rotary. Thanks for all your support.

**Best Regards,
FUDD**

Just plain

Dirt Roads

What's mainly wrong with society today is that too many Dirt Roads have been paved.

There's not a problem in America today, crime, drugs, education, divorce, delinquency, that wouldn't be remedied, if we just had more Dirt Roads, because Dirt Roads give character.

People that live at the end of Dirt Roads learn early on that life is a bumpy ride.

That it can jar you right down to your teeth sometimes, but it's worth it, if at the end is home...a loving spouse,

happy kids and a dog.

We wouldn't have near the trouble with our educational system if our kids got their exercise walking a Dirt Road with other kids, from whom they learn how to get along.

There was less crime in our streets before they were paved.

Criminals didn't walk two dusty miles to rob or rape, if they knew they'd be welcomed by 5 barking dogs and a double barrel shotgun.

And there were no drive by shootings.

Our values were better when our roads were worse!

People did not worship their cars more than their kids, and motorists were more courteous, they didn't tailgate by riding the bumper or the guy in front would choke you with dust & bust your windshield with rocks.

Dirt Roads taught patience.

Dirt Roads were environmentally friendly, you didn't hop in your car for a quart of milk you walked to the barn for your milk.

For your mail, you walked to the mail box.

What if it rained and the Dirt Road got washed out? That was the best part, then you stayed home and had some family time, roasted marshmallows and popped popcorn and pony rode on Daddy's shoulders and learned how to make prettier quilts than anybody.

At the end of Dirt Roads, you soon learned that bad words tasted like soap.

Most paved roads lead to trouble, Dirt Roads more likely lead to a fishing creek or a swimming hole.

At the end of a Dirt Road, the only time we even locked our car was in August, because if we didn't some neighbor would fill it with too much zucchini.

At the end of a Dirt Road, there was always extra springtime income, from when city dudes would get stuck, you'd have to hitch up a team and pull them out.

Usually you got a dollar...always you got a new friend...at the end of a Dirt Road!