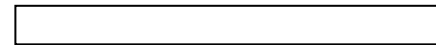


# NORTHWINDS



PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY



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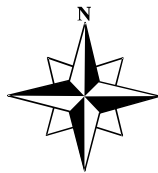
Hello PNR,

Yeee Ha!!! What a busy week in Rotary. Cabaret Meetings, Speech Contest Meetings, "Red Badge Dinner", etc..... "PNR is on a ROLL".. I will call it the "Olympic Dinner Roll" named after my ski bumping idol Jonny Mosley.

Thank you everyone for keeping involved and sharing your ideas and support towards the many things in Rotary.

Keith had a great Cabaret meeting discussing the donation team's strategy.

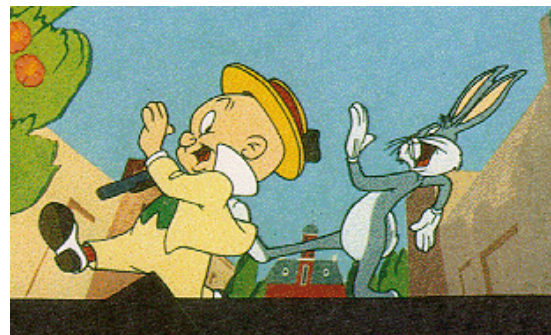
Please start thinking about different items we can get donated and to put some great packages together. Carol Ott and her team leaders have lots of great ideas so make sure to visit the <http://Pnr-rotary.org> website and click on the Cabaret logo to get more information and input your donations.



Also a huge thanks to Carol Ott for hosting the "Red Badge Dinner". We have over 19 new members in our club in the past year and it was great to get them all together to share different ideas and answer questions with some of the more senior members in PNR. The dinner was a huge success and we will be planning to have another one soon for those newest members that missed this "Red Badge Dinner".

Yours in Rotary,

Herb "Only 9 to go Fudd" Ritter  
(Cell) 925-997-5939



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## On the Web with Sgt Stinger...

Now that I'm no longer incarcerated in the local jail...along with another esteemed member of the club, Dominic "Dom-Dom" Pipitone.. (What's that all about? See Judge Hyde and ask him about Kid's in Court) I thought I'd bring to your attention that the PNR Race Team is alive and well.... So I've dug up a few sites that will allow you to also be a member. I know it the weather is changing and you're just itching to get in shape, so get those tennies out and get running!

I'm sure it's almost blasphemy to plug the other club...our wonderful old Downtown Club but their main fundraiser is also a way of getting into the PNR Race Team. Check out: <http://pleasantonrotary.org> and get the specs on the "Spirit Run". This is a fun run held downtown and you have a couple of choices, doing the 5k or 10k. It also shows support for the Downtown Club and benefits local scholarships.

Of course the most fun way to participate on the PNR Race Team is to run the S.F. Bay to Breakers. You actually run from the Bay across the City to the Breakers. It's a 7.4 mile run but don't let that hold you back. I've run 21 of these now and in many years, didn't run a lick before the race. There's about 80,000 crazies who run, walk, skateboard, ride and even "spawn" that'll help you along the route and if that's not enough, there's another 100,000 or so folks cheering you to go for it as well. I've already heard from a number of club members who have said they'll run it...but I'm waiting to see the race bibs to see who's really serious. About 5 years ago we had 7 runners from the club go to SF along with a "support team" made up of another 17 members or family and it was a great time. The "support team" camped out down in the Golden Gate Park and had a grand time waiting for the PNR Race Team to run by....so even if you don't run it...you can come along and have fun as well. Check out: <http://www.baytobreakers.com> If you register soon, you get a discount.

Later this Spring and into the Summer we'll have the Tri-for-Fun's out at Shadow Cliffs again. Sometimes doing a Triathlon seems a bit daunting but these really are fun and not all that hard on the body. I mean...heck...John Harding has done them! So go to: <http://www.onyourmarkevents.com> and sign up soon as they do fill up and get closed off fairly early.

And I've saved the best for last.... a real gutwrencher...(I'd use another term, something about "busting" but Dr. Sue didn't approve)...it's called the Dipsea Race. It's held every year in Mill Valley for a real dedicated group of idiots...ah, runners. The race consists of running out of quaint little Mill Valley where immediately you will find stairs....lots of stairs heading up Mt. Tam. There are actually 672 stairs...I know, I ran it last year. It's been said that old runners don't die they just reach the 672nd stair... But that's just for starters, then you hit the trails. For the first 2.5 miles or so, it's straight uphill, then you get to run downhill for what seems like 50 feet or so and then it's uphill again and again and again ...about 4 miles with the last mile or so descending rather vertical down to Stintson Beach.... Oh yeah ...it's fun! As you read this column it's too late to request an application for this year but if you call me right away I'll copy my application and get it over to you asap...it has to be back no later than around the 16th of March. This year I've got those two crazies....Ron "Roadhumper" Rel and Steve "Sherminator" Sherman joining me....how about you? You can get more information about the Dipsea at:

<http://www.dipsea.org>

So get off yer butt and join the PNR Race Team....

C ya,

Sgt Swift



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

### MARCH "Community Service Month"

**FRIDAY** 3/1/02  
Club Speech Contest

**FRIDAY** 3/8/02  
AREA 4 Speech Contest

**FRIDAY** 3/15/02  
Cabaret meeting with Keith

**FRIDAY** 3/22/02  
J.P.McDermott "Balancing work & Home Life following Sept 11"

**SATURDAY** 3/9/02  
PNR Charter Nite- celebrating the founding of the greatest Rotary Club in the World!!! Sign up now

**FRIDAY** 3/29/02  
Cheryl McClaughlin, "Gender Differences in the Brain"

### APRIL "Magazine Month/District Conference"

**FRIDAY** 4/5/02  
OPEN

**FRIDAY** 4/12/02  
Vocational Talks

April 26- 27- 28 DISTRICT CONFERENCE at Caesars Lake Tahoe. This is a FAMILY event with lots of activities for young and old. The even is FREE babysitting. We are planning to have a bus leave from the Valley on the 26<sup>th</sup> - so you can ride up to Tahoe with friends on a luxurious bus. MARK you calendars now!!!

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"It all matters, but not much"

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

Just another week of rootin-tootin' PNR foolishness, with the head fool, Fudd hisself conducting the group.



"You can just call me Sheriff Bedpan"



"lemme get this straight Dave. You win a all expense paid vacation, you're away for awhile and all you bring me is this little stinkin' pin?"



so who is it that takes the photographer's picture when the photographer is not photographing?



COG duty 101



“and if you all stick with me, I am certain that we will take CABARET to new heights-way up there”



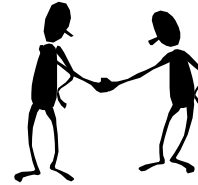
“You want donations? You just ask for them”



we heard about the ravages of drugs on the younger people in our Valley and their potential plans of treatment.

**Welcome Visiting Rotarians at our last meeting:**

Steve Murdoc from Dublin  
 Hugh Levenson from San Jose  
 Don Hall from Downtown Pleasanton  
 Tim Hunt from Downtown Pleasanton  
 Brad Hurst from Downtown Pleasanton



**Special Guests at our last meeting:**

Bob Regilon guest of Coleen Edward  
 Paul Jensen guest of Mike Cloutier  
 Gtaiseu Navas guest of Steve Murdoc  
 Michael Sudia guest of Carol Ott & Mike Cloutier  
 Barbara Lewis guest of Pat Mayfield  
 Larry Clopp guest of Herb Ritter



**BE A FRIEND -BRING A FRIEND TO A MEETING**

**MARCH'S MERRIMENTS**

**MEMBER'S BIRTHDAYS**

FUDD	3/07/02
Susan Ashville	3/22/02

**PARTNER BIRTHDAYS**

Bill Harding	3/27/02
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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

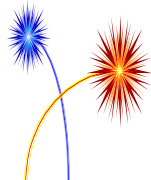
Alice & Jeff Jones 3/11/02  
Sergio & Bo Carvacho 3/26/02 (37)

**CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

\*Sergio Carvacho  
\*Gene Finch  
\*Bruce Jones  
\*Jim Nettleton  
\*Jim Ott  
\*Wayne Yeaw

**\*All Charter Members 15 years- 3/07/02**

Frank Jakubka 3/05/02 (3)  
Ron Rel 3/12/02 (3)  
Keith Seibert 3/19/02 (9)

**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  
Tri-Valley Rotary Club  
6 p.m. at Girasole

**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**

Dave Bouchard @ 925-846-5858  
Frank Jakubka @ 925-784-2460  
Jeff Hanson @ 925-227-6650  
Alice Jones @ 925-846-0902  
Brian Phillips @ 925-551-6050

SPECIAL NOTE: The Board granted a temporary leave of absence to **Tom Davis & Kathy Starkey** due to current business conditions. We hope to see Tom back in action in April, and Kathy back in May

**GIVE THEM A CALL AND TELL THEM THAT THEY ARE MISSED.****Weekly Rotary Trivia Corner:**

Q . What are the weekly costs to being involved in PNR?

A. Club Policy#7 Every member will be expected to pay \$15 (or the current meeting fee as approved by the Board) for the meeting and lunch whether they eat or not. Children under 12 will be at no charge. Members will be expected to pay the weekly meeting expense for missed meeting(s) unless a proper makeup is submitted within the two week grace period per the attendance policies. Members will be billed monthly for missed meetings not paid for at the regular weekly meeting. PNR members may select to purchase a meal voucher in advance as to eliminate the possibility of having to reimburse the club at \$15.00 for IOU's for lunch. Lunch to be free for the Club President. Prospective members eat at no charge for the first two meetings.

Q. What is the maximum amount of an

annual fine in PNR?

A. Club Policy#8. It was moved and seconded that there be a maximum of \$165 fines annually. This includes birthdays and anniversaries.

Q. When is a dark day at PNR?

A. Club Policy #9 The meeting on the day after Thanksgiving will be dark (canceled).

Q. How are decisions made at a Board Meeting?

A. Club Policy #10 Any item brought up at a regular Board of Directors meeting for a vote and is not on that meeting official agenda shall not be final upon the vote of that meetings attendees if, two board members object. If two negative votes are cast, the item will appear on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled board meeting and be voted on as old business. If there are not two votes against the proposal it will pass as normal. Reason: If an item is not on the agenda, there is no time for reasonable thought or research on the item(s), as with others that are placed on the agenda. It is very important that all board members be aware of upcoming items as to be prepared to review the item/s with authority thus giving a more decisive resolution to the request. This is extremely important as it will resolve lengthy conflicts and arguments.

### **NEW KID ON THE BLOCK**

**( Meet Steve Ainsworth)**

**I'm a native of Los Angeles, born there and lived the first 40 years there. Grew up in the San Fernando Valley, went to school at UCLA and lived on the West Side and Santa Monica for those years. Met my wife, a North Hollywood High and Cal State Northridge grad, through a mutual friend. Started my PR**

**career working for Getty Oil Co; then moved into banking for Security Pacific for 10 years, then BofA for 3 more. My parents still reside in So. Cal, they've now just retired in their mid-70s. I am a die-hard Dodger fan, I regret to report, that Dodger Blue just never leaves your bloodstream even when you move and the team changes owners.**

**I've been with Y.A. Tittle Pleasanton Insurance about 2 years now, we're right down on Main St. across from the old Pleasanton Hotel. It's a 2-person office; we handle home and auto insurance for about 2,000 clients. We're primarily interested in household accounts, where we write the whole family's auto and the homeowners, and if needed some excess liability, boat, motorcycle, jet skis, etc. We don't charge broker fees as do most independent agents; we're looking for long-term relationships with the families in the Tri-Valley.**

**This is a second career for me. I did 20+ years hard time in Corporate America in the areas of public relations and marketing, mostly for large banks, particularly Security Pacific National Bank in Los Angeles, and later Bank of America in SF. Having been through who-knows-how-many mergers or acquisitions, both as the buyer and the bought, I decided to switch to the local service provider career about 5 years ago. I've bounced around a few agencies since then, looking for the right place and getting some experience. . So now I'm settled into a company I like a great deal, good people and environment. I live close to work, get to spend time with the family while they're still around, and have time for service and recreation activities, as opposed to the 2-3 hours commute and the corporate lifestyle I**

endured for two decades, both in L.A. and in the Bay Area.

I live in San Ramon with my wife of 20 years Nancy and two beautiful, pretty good kids, Chris, 17, and Sarah, soon to be 14. I'm an avid gardener and decent chef, and recently have been spending a great deal of time fixing up and remodeling our 30-year-old tract house. I hope to be done with the project by July 4 for my wife's 50th birthday party some time around Bastille Day (7/14), which is her birthday. I'll be 50 in October, and it all sure better be done by then!

I'm happy to have joined PNR and look forward to some service and fellowship and maybe a few business referrals from time to time just to keep the boss happy. Steve Ainsworth



**A WORD TO THE WISE FROM FATHER TIME.....and he knows**

**INNER STRENGTH...**

**If you can start the day without caffeine,**

**If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,  
If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,  
If you can overlook when people take things out on you,  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,  
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can relax without liquor,  
If you can sleep soundly every night,**

**THEN .....**

**YOU ARE PROBABLY THE FAMILY DOG.**

