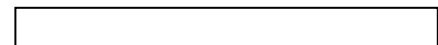


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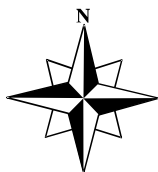


Fudd's Fulminations

ENERGIZED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Whoa Whoa!!!! What a week!!!! Thank you to Toby and the speech contest committee members: Mike McDeavitt, Steve Ainsworth, Joe Fraser, Ronda Hensdorf, and Janet Ferraro, for coordinating an EXCELLENT Area & Club contest. I believe the students did an outstanding job and everybody seemed to have a fun time. Lots of humor, mostly at my expense as it should be. I was so proud of the work of this team and Kelvin and the Hilton's ability to support this event as hosts. Nice big picture in the Tri-Valley Herald, Ron!!!! Nice job on the media involvement, Toby!!! It was also great to see Rachel Onojafe, the student that won at our club contest, being recognized as the Area 4's 1st Place winner and representative at the next level.

Also please give Esther and Dominic a great big THANK YOU for coordinating PNR's 14th Annual Charter Night dinner. I believe we had over 80 people in attendance. A special thanks to Bill at Black Tie Limo and Skip from Girasole for offering their



locations. Nice job boys!!! Thanks for my birthday song, candle and crown, Esther...

I want to extend a big thanks to our host-homes who graciously wined and dined the rest of us wild and crazy Rotarians. Thank you Jon & Jane Rosell, Mike & Jeanne Christy, Jim & Jean Nettleton, Bruce & Mica Jones, Bill & Jennifer Wheeler, Mike & Janet Cloutier, Wayne & Pam Yeaw, Jerry & Josine Pentin, and, finally, Jan & Ronda Hensdorf. I understand some PNR members cooked, some of the spouses did the cooking, some hired out and some even served TV dinners :) :) :) All in all everyone had a great time and much thanks needs to be given.

The three \$50 gift certificates that were donated by Vince from McNamara's for the three honorable mention contestants was a very nice gesture. Thank you, Vince, for all of your support of Rotary and the youth within our community. This world is a much better place because of all of the Rotarians mentioned above and all of the other Rotarians and partners who continue to live the ideal of "Mankind is OUR Business."

**Herb "ABC & Stuffed Fudd" Ritter
Club President 2001-02
(Cell) 925-997-5939**

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On the Web with Sgt Stinger...

Your Club Service Director says:

Sorry, seems the Sarge will have to take a forced leave of absence this week as your Club Service Director 2001/2 has a few comments to share.

First I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Co-Chair's for last weekend's great Charter Night Dinner! So if you bump into Dominic Pipitone or Esther Becker today, give 'em a pat of the back and let them know you also appreciate the hard work that goes into trying to put together the Charter Night Dinner. I think it might of been just a slight bit easier to do in previous years when the club only had 30 to 40 members but now with our club being at about 65 members...it's almost double the effort!

I'd be remiss if I didn't point to two other outstanding contributors to this club and to the success of Charter Night....Bill Wheeler and Skip Hinsley. Again going back to previous years, it's was nice to have members open their homes for the cocktail hour and dessert gathering...but with the size of the club now.... it's very difficult to find a home that'll fit some 60 or so members and spouses. That's where Black Tie Transportation and Girasole come in. So kudos' to these two...don't let the day slip away with thanks to them as well. Last but not least, many thanks to all of the members who opened their homes to host the dinners. For my wife Josine and I, it's not only a pleasure but an honor to be able to be a host home. So next year think about hosting, it's really a great way to enjoy the company of other PNR members and an opportunity to meet some of the newer members as well. So once again, thanks to all involved!

I'm sure it'll make the Northwinds Newsletter (cause our editor is right on top of things!) but

President-Elect Keith (Master CatFoo) Seitbert has announced his Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 2002/3 and yours truly will be stepping down from this role as Club Service Director (and I might add, handing the reins over to a most qualified Carol Ott!) and stepping back into a role I'm perfectly suited for...Sargeant at Arms... Uhrah! I must admit I did ask the Board the other night to consider changing this position to Sargeant MAJOR at Arms but they didn't seem to think the role needed any more authority...but I'm looking forward to working with our COGS and Red Badgers next year and hoping to be able to meet the expectations of the club set by this year's Sargeant at Arms, John Harding. That said, I do think it's very important that our club members realize that running the front desk week after week is quite the service commitment and I'd like encourage some of our "regular" Red and Blue Badgers to consider volunteering to help out....this is really what the 4 Way Test is all about! So if the front desk looks like it's a little short of support on a given week....roll up your sleeves and pitch in...your help will be greatly appreciated!

See you at the meeting!

Jerry Pentin, Club Service Director - 2001/2

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

MARCH "Community Service Month"

FRIDAY 3/15/02
Cabaret meeting with Keith

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

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

FRIDAY 4/19/02
Valley Community Health Center

FRIDAY 4/26/02
OPEN

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 26th - so you can ride up to Tahoe with friends on a luxurious bus. MARK your calendars now!!!

MAY "District Assembly Month"

FRIDAY 5/3/02
Timothy James-Professional Magician
(voted "Best New Magician of 2000 in Northern California)

SATURDAY 5/4/02
CABARET

FRIDAY 5/10/02
Pleasanton Civic Arts

FRIDAY 5/17/02
Vocational Talks

FRIDAY 5/24/02
OPEN

FRIDAY 5/32/
Mark Curtis-Anchor for KTVU-Channel 2

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"You have to accept whatever comes and the only important thing is that you meet it with courage and with the best you have to give"

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

Well you missed the area 4 speech contest, and the outstanding effort of the five contestants- they were great!



"I say! I am really enjoying this COG thing"



“Welcome everyone-it’s nice to have you here”



Shelly Deford from Amador High School, the “E” contestant started first (Herb ?)



Morgan Fingers representing Livermore Valley gave a fine speech on reforming the Judicial System



Mercedes Gaffney represented the Dublin club and described the 3-story house of Mankind



Luara Wilson represented the Livermore Club



Rachael Onojafe, from Pleasanton Prep, represented PNR.



Everyone gave a huge round of applause in appreciation for the wonderful job done by each contestant.



And the 1st Place winner was Rachael Onojafe- Congratulations, and best wishes for success in the regional competition.

WEEKLY CABARET REPORT

Cabaret's momentum is off and rolling ! Thanks for all the calls from last weeks auction item request . Our team captains are working hard; call them with questions and ideas.

This weeks' featured packages we are looking to fulfill are the following:

#1. V.I.P. seating for 6-8 guest at the Livermore Rodeo, riding with the Grand Marshall in the parade, roping lessons , western outfit including new boots and hat , BBQ dinner for 6-8 at Cattleman's to top off this Cowboy/girl's Rodeo full day.

#2. Clubsport membership for one year , 12 sessions with a personal trainer (i.e..Pilates or weight training focus) \$250.00 at pro-shop for workout attire, cafe coupons for refreshments after a hard workout .

If you have any connections or ideas to help us secure the above mentions items please contact Carol Ott (Donation Chairperson) at ph. 925-417-1132 or e-mail her c.ott@attbi.com

Carol Ott

Welcome Visiting Rotarians at our last meeting:

All of Area 4 Clubs



Special Guests at our last meeting:

Rachel Onojafe & Family -Speech Contestant; from PNR AND 1st Place Winner

Shelly Deford & Family - Speech Contestant; from Pleasanton Downtown

Morgan Figures & Family - Speech Contestant; from Livermore Sunrise

Laura Wilson & Family - Speech Contestant; from Livermore Valley

Mercedes Gaffney & Family - Speech contestant; Dublin Club



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

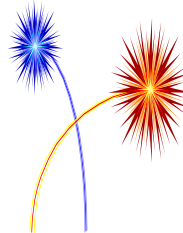
Alice & Jeff Jones	3/11/02
Sergio & Bo Carvacho	3/26/02 (37)

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



Weekly Rotary Trivia Corner:

Q. When is the Club secretary suppose to mail out the Monthly Board Agenda items?

A. Policy #11. The secretary shall mail/fax/e-mail the official agenda for regularly scheduled board meetings to all board members seven (7) days prior to the next board meeting.

Q. How can the Club recognize or reward local hero?

A. Policy #12. Local Heroes (as agreed by the board) - Local heroes should be invited to the club for recognition. A plaque and/or a \$50 savings bond will be presented.

Q. Should the current Board leave any money in the Treasury for the following Board?

A. No!! (whoops I mean YES!!!) Policy #13. The treasurer is to set aside a minimum of \$2,000 at the end of the fiscal year for the incoming President's "reserve" to use as "seed" money.

Q. Can the Treasurer write big checks?

A. Yes!!! (If the account has any funds) Policy #14. Two signatures on PNR checks - Two signatures are required on checks over \$2,000.

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE MISSING

ROTARIANS? 2 or more meetings missed

Sergio Carvacho @ 925-968-0622

Pat Kernan @ 925-224-7780

Frank Jakubka @ 925-784-2460

Jeff Hanson @ 925-227-6650

Brian Phillips @ 925-551-6050

Gene Finch @ 925 - 846-5024

Bruce Basemann @925-973-4341

Please keep Sergio and Ron Hyde in your prayers for their medical concerns. Your PNR brethren are thinking about you!!!

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.



NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

YO-Fudd- time to start handing out fines to those Red Badgers that don't (forget?) to send in their BIOS to "Shundahai@aol.com"-get on it!!!

ANOTHER Quote of the Day

(from John Hardwick-San Quintin Inmate)

"Don't do drugs; because if you do drugs you'll go to prison, and drugs are really expensive in prison"

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD of DIRECTORS- 2002-2003

Secretary.....Mike Cloutier **
 Treasurer.....Bette Daoust **
 Tech-Chair.....Francois Daoust
 Foundation.....Jim Nettleton
 Sergeant-at-Arms.....Jerry Pentin **
 Membership.....George Beardsley
 Newsletter.....Ron Hyde
 Speaker Coordinator... Pat Mayfield
 Community Service..... Ron Hyde **
 Youth Service.....Toby Brink **
 Club Service.....Carol Ott **
 Vocational Service.....Celia Mason **
 International Service.....Elie Kozanian **
 President-Elect.....Susan Dupree **
 Past-PresidentOl'- "What's-His-
 Name" **
 oh yea, and President.....Keith Seibert **
 **denotes voting member

Your Government at Work.....

When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ballpoint pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat the problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 Billion to develop a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, underwater, on almost any surface including glass and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to 300C. The Russians used a pencil.

HAPPY St. Patrick's Day

An Irishman moves into a tiny village in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers. The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone. An hour later, the man has finished the three beers and orders three more. This happens yet again. The next evening the man again orders and drinks three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the "Man Who Orders Three Beers."

Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?" "Tis odd, isn't it?" the man replies, "You see, I have two brothers, and one went to America, and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." The bartender and the whole town was pleased with this answer, and soon the "Man Who Orders Three Beers" became a local celebrity and source of pride to the village, even to the extent that out-of-towners would come to watch him drink. Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening: he orders only two beers. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers. The next day, the bartender says to the man, "Folks around here, me first, are sorry for the death of your brother. You know-the two beers and all...."

The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, meself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."