

NORTHWINDS



PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOODY'S WITTICISMS

Welcome District Governor Brad Howard !!!

The Kahuna! Visiting Pleasanton North AND Friday the 13th , are you feeling lucky? I'm sure our club will make it a memorable visit for you, and you will make it special for them as well. For any PNR members who would like more information about what Brad tells with us today, be sure to visit the District web site (thank you Francois Daoust & Mike Cloutier) at www.rotary5170.org.

It was a GREAT weekend for the Rotary clubs of the Tri-valley. All six clubs participated in East Bay Stand Down 2002, and from the comments I overheard everyone was enthusiastic about being able to help so many homeless vets from our nearby communities. Anyone who wasn't able to make this community service project but would like to get a feel for the event, check out Mark Welch's photo site which chronicles the day at www.markwelch.com/standdown/ (Me thinks two of our members really enjoy working with the mess sergeant!)

So what's next on our plate-of-plenty? This Sunday in Dave Cherry's backyard, PNR families and friends are welcome to "cool-off", relax, and visit with one another....no project, no duties, no sausages to sell, just a casual good time for all! Thanks for the invite Dave!

Next week, Carol tells me that our club will be partnering with a kid's club selling water at the 2nd annual



Pleasanton Rib Cook-Off !! (Both our club and their club will benefit from the proceeds.) Sat. and Sun. ... See Carol to volunteer for a 2-hour tour of duty on one of the two days.

Then on Sept. 26th in the early evening, the District's Avenue of Service BBQ will be held in Hayward. This is a really good opportunity for new and old members to "plug-in" to what's going on in the world of Rotary. Bill Wheeler and Jerry Pentin are coordinating this trip and Bill has agreed to provide a limo-bus for our group to get everyone safely to and from Hayward. Meet at Winecentives at 4:30 and enjoy a glass of wine, courtesy of yours truly, before departure (thank you Mike, Jerry and Bill)!

Reminder !!! The time of our meeting on Friday Sept.27th has been CHANGED to 7:00 a.m. At that time we will have our annual visit from the Pleasanton Sister City group from Tulancingo, Mexico. The meeting will still be at the Hilton, but if you show up at noon, be prepared to eat alone!! (Which would be nothing new to a few of you ! Where is Gene Finch?) .

Last, I just want to thank all of you for your support so far this year. We've embarked upon an ambitious calendar of projects and events. I don't want anyone to get "burnt-out" from doing too much...the idea was that there would be a little something for everyone to get excited about doing, be it fundraising, service projects, fellowship, or just fun. I don't want or expect anyone to sign-up for everything, but I do hope that everyone signs-up for something. It's going to be a GREAT year!

"How much wood would a wood-chuck chuck, if a wood-chuck would chuck wood ?"

Club Service Notes 9/13/02

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FAMILY SWIM PARTY

Sunday, September 15

Dave Cherry's Home

3114 Berkshire Court

12 Noon until everyone leaves

BYOB

This is a very casual get-together for the whole family, extended family, neighbors and friends interested in Rotary and meeting a group of fantastic people. Hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks will be provided. If you are planning to come, bring a salad or dessert along with your favorite alcoholic beverage. Casual attire and swimsuits if you're the type to want to dip into Dave's pool.

This is a fun way to spend a few hours or the whole afternoon. Be sure to sign up so we have an approximation of who will attend. But, don't be shy about bringing extra people. We will have enough food and fun for everyone!

Please regularly check the calendar on our website. Here are some events to be sure to mark on your calendar:

Family Swim Party - Sunday September 15

Rib Cookoff-Water Sales - Saturday & Sunday, September 21-22

Christmas Party - Sunday, December 8

Kid's Xmas Party - Friday, December 20

Your Club Service Team
Carol & Rond

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**SEPTEMBER** "Vocational Service Month"**FRIDAY** 9/13/02**The big Kahuna himself, BRAD HOWARD, District Governor****FRIDAY** 9/20/02**Vintage Foster, Publisher of the East Bay Business Times****FRIDAY** 9/27/02**Guests from our Sister City, Tulancingo will join us.****NOTE: This will be a 7:30 A.M meeting****THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:****"Gratitude is when memory is stored in the heart and not in the mind"****BE A FRIEND -BRING A FRIEND TO A MEETING****SEPTEMBER'S SPECIALS****MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS**

John Harding	9/5/02
Francois Daoust	9/9/02
Tom Noonan	9/15/02
Mark Welch	9/19/02
Colleen Edwards	9/26/02
Bette Daoust	9/29/02
Ronda Henstorf	9/30/02

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Harding	9/3/02
Branda Harris	9/8/02
Cathy Bouchard	9/9/02
Linda Mundis	9/13/02

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ron & Brandi Rel	9/11/02 (9)
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Rich & Kay Sampson	9/13/02
Tom & Cindy Noonan	9/14/02 (22)
John & Lisa Harding	9/20/02 (6)
Bruce & Mica Jones	9/23/02 (30)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

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

Tri-Valley Rotary Club

6 p.m. at Girasole

Pleasanton Club

12:15 @ the Pleasanton hotel



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

Sorry be we have no pictures and no text- so if you were there, we don't have to tell you about it and if you missed it, well you didn't miss much.

Welcome Visiting Rotarians at our last meeting

Josh Shinnick, Pleasanton Club
Randy Curtola, Pleasanton Club
Al Pacciorini, Livermore Club



Special Guests at our last meeting:

Alan Melin, guest of Pat Kernan
Debra Doble, guest of Pat Mayfield
Don Garman guest of ?
Jonothan Smith- guest of PNR



On the Web Sgt. Stinger

Did you know that California will debut it's 2 bits version in 2005? By using the term, 2 bits, I betcha I lost ya...I'm not referring to 2 bits as in 16 bit or 32 bit technology....actually the term 2 bits goes back much further than anything computer related...my gramps used to toss me a quarter and say "Here's 2 bits, go get us some sodas at the store"...today 2 bits won't buy you much but when the new quarter comes out....maybe it'll have your design on it! So go to: <http://www.governor.ca.gov> You'll find yourself at the governor's page or site..yep, that's right, good old Grampa Gray has a website. In the middle of the page you'll find "Featured Content" and right below is where you can find information on how to submit a design for California's quarter...just remember that even if your design is picked it still won't buy you a good cup of joe at Peet's!

Recently I was perusing the web trying to find a decent "pop-up" detection/deletion software program. During my search I came across many different applications, all with various pluses or minuses depending on who did the critique. But a site to check and bookmark (for sure bookmark this!) is <http://www.download.com> You can find just about

any or all software that's out there today. I was able to locate a few different types of the software I was looking for but haven't made up my mind yet. Lot's to choose from. So here's a sample of their's for

you to check out yourself. <http://www.panicware.com> www.webwasher.com www.adsubtract.com Of course now I've read that someone has created software that will block users using anti-ad software from entering a website that is loaded with ads....kind of an anti-anti-ad software...who's knows... But check out these and ones that are available on download.com as well. Some are free, some come with enhancements that they charge for...it's your call.

Apparently the GenX set or the v.2 of Gen X are having a lot of fun using text messaging over cell phones to communicate...in another language of course. So here's some shorthand lingo being used...

R U OK: Are you OK?
 SPST: Same place, same time
 CW 2 C U: Can't wait to see you
 HO: Hang out
 BL: Boss is listening
 A3: Anytime, anyplace, anywhere
 U4E: Yours forever
 W8 4 M: Wait for me
 XLNT: Excellent
 I RLY H8 MTH: I really hate math
 NETING: Anything
 C U L8R: See you later
 IMHO: In my humble opinion

So IMHO I think this week's column is XLNT, now I think I'll go HO and that could be A3 but look for this column next week cause it'll be SPST....

CW 2 C U at the meeting, Sgt Stinger

New Kid on the Block

(meet Everritt Beers)

I was born in Wichita, Kansas. Growing up, I was the only boy in the family, with three younger sisters (all of whom trained me well). My dad was a university administrator and my mother was an elementary school teacher.

Since my dad had been in the last of the horse cavalry before getting married, my memories of my early youth in Kansas include lots of horses and time spent in the saddle. My three sisters, my mother, my dad, and I all had our own horses, which dad made sure we rode on a regular basis. I still remember fondly my cantankerous horse Midnight, a black stallion with a bright white blaze on his forehead, despite being bucked to the ground more than once by him.

While still in elementary school, my dad decided to move all of us to Alaska, where he took a job with the University of Alaska. I then

spent the next twenty plus years of my life in the far north in Fairbanks. During those years, I developed a great love of the outdoors, which endures through today. To this day, all of my favorite leisure activities involve being out in nature, be it backpacking in the Sierra's, scuba diving in the Channel Islands, mountain biking in the Santa Cruz mountains, running on Pleasanton Ridge, or skiing at Tahoe.

While growing up in Alaska, I spent a lot of time in Boy Scouts and DeMolay, attaining the highest ranks in both, Eagle and Chevalier, respectively. I also enjoyed school, particularly any classes involving science, an interest that has also endured to this day.

After high school, I attended the University of Alaska as an engineering student for a couple of years. However, through friends, I became interested in police work. After starting with the Fairbanks Police Department, I changed my major to criminal justice, planning on a career in law enforcement.

After graduating from the University of Alaska, I decided to go to law school with the goal of becoming a district attorney. However, the decision to go to law school necessitated leaving Alaska, because it did not have a law school. Otherwise, I would probably be still living in Alaska!

So, I moved to sunny California (or so I thought) to begin law school in San Francisco at University of California, Hastings. Boy! Was I surprised by the cold fog of San Francisco! It was only after moving that I learned of Mark Twain's comment that the coldest winter he ever spent was a summer in San Francisco!

Regardless, I fell in love with California and its warmth (outside SF). Nevertheless, just to make sure I truly wanted to leave Alaska, I did go back to Alaska for one year after law school and clerked for the Alaska Supreme Court. But, hooked by the endless California summer, I forsook the cold of the far north and have lived in California ever since.

Also, after a few months of law school, my eyes had been opened to the breadth of the legal profession, and I changed my plans from being a DA to becoming a civil litigator.

I first moved to Los Angeles, where I spent the next ten or so years practicing in Beverly Hills and Century City as a real estate and general business litigator.

During my years in Los Angeles, I developed my strong interests in scuba diving (my wife at the time was a marine biologist) and flying (I am an instrument-rated private pilot).

However, I could not shake my childhood interest in science, and decided to become a patent attorney so that I could combine my practice of law with my interest in science. By that time, my scientific interests had turned to computers, so I did my graduate studies in computer science and engineering at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

I then took the patent bar and joined the large, international law firm of Graham & James in Los Angeles as a patent attorney. While there, I gained intensive experience in patent litigation, including its international aspects, which involved lots of travel to the far east, and which included large patent trials, both in California and Washington D.C.

With my interest in computers, I eventually transferred to Graham & James' Palo Alto office, in the heart of the Silicon Valley, getting me back to northern California. I then practiced in Palo Alto for several years until I went through a divorce. I then met my present wife, Haritini, a long-time resident of San Ramon.

After "enjoying" the commute from San Ramon to Palo Alto for about a year, I decided to look locally for a position. To my delight, I

found my present firm of McNichols Randick O'Dea & Tooliatos, located in Pleasanton. My commute went from over an hour each direction to ten minutes! I am now in my second year at the McNichols' firm.

My law practice involves all aspects of intellectual property law, including patents, copyrights, trade secrets, and trademarks. My emphasis is on patent and intellectual property litigation, but I also handle patent prosecution and intellectual property transactions and licensing.

Outside work, I am active in several local charities. In particular, I am a member of the board of directors of Hope Hospice and also serve as the chair for this year's Special Olympics Walk for the Gold.

I am also active in several public interest advocacy groups, including the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council, where I volunteer pro bono legal services. I am also a member of the American Civil Liberties Union.

This profile would not be complete without a few words on my wonderful wife, Haritini. Haritini was born in Alexandria, Egypt, to Greek parents. Her father was a construction engineer and her mother was a clothing designer. Before high school, her family moved back to Athens, Greece, where she finished growing up. She then moved to the United States in her early twenties, became a citizen, and has lived here since. She obtained her college education in the United States at Hayward State and the University of San Francisco. She is a long time employee of SBC, and its subsidiary Pacbell, having close to twenty years between the two companies. She is currently a director of software testing at SBC. Haritini has a son by a prior marriage, Nickolas, who just graduated from San Francisco State as a Philosophy major. Finally, Haritini's recreational interests include the outdoors, in particular, the ocean (she is a certified scuba instructor) and travel, in particular, the Greek Isles (of course).

I am happy to be part of Rotary and look forward to the opportunities for fellowship and service!

CABARET FUNDS TO BE DISBURSED

Next Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. there will be a Cabaret beneficiaries initial meeting at Wayne Yeaw' s home

The purpose will be to begin the process of considering which charities/organizations we should consider giving monies to, and to what extent.

Any and all additional considerations should be forwarded to Wayne Yeaw. All members are invited to attend the

Tuesday evening meeting. It should be about 1 1/2 hrs in length.

**Thanks!
Keith**

Scholarship Recieipient says thanks

Jack,

I wanted to take a minute and thank you for calling my home to check up on the documents that you now need to have for the scholarship. I apologize for

not getting in touch with you sooner. Attached is an unofficial Cal Poly transcript that I downloaded off the internet from the Office of Academic Records at Cal Poly. At the very end of the document you can see the four classes that I am currently registered for this fall. As soon as I go back to school, I will order official transcripts and verification of enrollment documents and have them sent to you. I have also attached a small note that I would appreciate you reading to the scholarship committee for me at your next meeting. Perhaps I would be able to attend a meeting sometime this year to thank the committee again in person. If you know when the meetings are scheduled in the following months and wouldn' t mind a visitor, please let me know. Also, please feel free to call me with any further questions.

Kim Powers
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“Dear Scholarship Committee,

Yet another school year has come and gone so quickly and now summer is almost over too! I'm writing this note to thank the scholarship committee again for choosing me as the recipient for your scholarship in 1999. I had the most fortunate opportunity this summer to travel throughout Europe for one month with my roommate from college and her sister. In part, I would like to thank the committee for this opportunity. You see, I like to think that one opportunity, many times, opens the door for others. Receiving the Pleasanton North Rotary Scholarship was the beginning of a series of events that lead to Europe. I was an intern for the Regional Portfolio Marketing Manager at

Pacific Bell last summer. One of my selling points to get hired was your scholarship. If a committee of scholars, businessmen, and community leaders had enough faith to grant me scholarship money to be put towards my education, Pacific Bell should give me a chance too! I completed the internship last summer and I took my earnings and made Europe happen! It was truly a unique and rewarding experience to see other parts of the world first hand. I made memories that will last a lifetime and saw places that I had only dreamed about.

As summer comes to a close, I look forward to my fourth and final year at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Many exciting things are happening for me this year including a chance to represent the College of Business as an Ambassador for the next three quarters. Upon my graduation I will be sure to keep in touch with the committee and update you on my future endeavors. Thank you again for your continued support."

Sincere Regards,

Kimberly Powers

STELLA AWARDS

Submitted by the
"Shermanator"

The "Stella" awards rank up there with the Darwin awards Stella Liebeck is the 81 year old lady who spilled coffee on herself and sued McDonalds.

This case inspired an annual award -- The "Stella" Award -- for the most frivolous lawsuits in the US. The following are this year's candidates;

I. January 2000: Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas, was awarded \$780,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store.

The owners of the store were understandably surprised at the

verdict, considering the misbehaving little bastard was Ms. Robertson's son.

2. June 1998: A 19 year old Carl Truman of Los Angeles won \$74,000 and medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Mr. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.

3. October 1998: A Terrence Dickson of Bristol, Pennsylvania was leaving a house he had just finished robbing by way of the garage. He was not able to get the garage door to go up since the automatic door opener was malfunctioning. He couldn't re-enter the house, because the door connecting the house and garage locked when he pulled it shut. The family was on vacation. Mr. Dickson found himself locked in the garage for eight days. He subsisted on a case of Pepsi he found and a large bag of dry dog food. He sued the homeowner's insurance claiming the situation caused him undue mental anguish.

The jury agreed to the tune of half a million dollars.

4. October 1999: Jerry Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas was awarded \$14,500 and medical expenses after being bitten on the buttocks by his next door neighbor's beagle. The beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced-in yard. The award was less than sought because the jury felt the dog might have been just a little provoked at the time by Mr. Williams, who was shooting it repeatedly with a pellet gun.

5. May 2000: A Philadelphia restaurant was ordered to pay Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, \$113,500 after she slipped on a soft drink and broke her coccyx. The beverage was on the floor, because Ms. Carson threw it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.

6. December 1997: Kara Walton of Claymont, Delaware, successfully sued the owner of a night club in a neighboring city when she fell from the bathroom window to the floor and knocked out two front teeth. This occurred while Ms. Walton was trying to sneak through the window in the ladies room to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge. She was awarded \$12,000 and dental expenses.

7. And the winner is: Mr. Merv Grazinski of Oklahoma City. In November 2000, Mr. Grazinski purchased a brand new 32 foot Winnebago motor home. On his first trip home, having joined the freeway, he set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the driver's seat to go into the back and make himself a cup of coffee. Not surprisingly, the Winnie left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Mr. Grazinski sued Winnebago for not advising him in the handbook that he couldn't actually do this. He was awarded \$1,750,000 plus a new Winnie. (Winnebago actually changed their handbooks just in case there are any other complete morons buying motorhomes).

GOLF and other four letter words
Submitted by Sgt. 4-putt

Ever wonder where the word SHIT comes from?
Well, here's the origin:

Certain types of manure used to be transported (as almost everything was years ago) by ship.

In dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, it not only became heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which one byproduct is methane gas.

As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen. Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM!

Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was discovered what was happening. After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the term "S.H.I.T" on the which meant to the sailors to "Ship High In Transit."

In other words, high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold would not touch this volatile cargo and start the production of methane.

Bet you didn't know the history of that word.

Neither did I. I always thought it was a GOLF term.

