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PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ahhhhhh.....the pause that refreshes.....

HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone! December is always such a busy time. I hope that we all were able to stop for a moment and enjoy the season and be thankful for all that we have, and for all that we've been able to do to help others in need. The hustle and bustle of the Holidays and the year's-end now give way to the anticipation of a New Year, a clean slate and all the possibilities and promise of the coming Spring. As a club we collectively took some "time-off" the last two weeks, and I've got to tell you, I actually missed seeing you the last couple of Friday's (although word has it that Elie was spotted wandering the halls of the Hilton looking for anything that resembled an organized meeting).

I'm looking forward to the next 6 months to round out what has been a proud experience for me being President of this great club. As for you, I'm certain that the countdown has already begun for the day that you don't have to see me at the podium every week! But not so fast... there's a lot of good stuff coming before I'm put out to pasture. Service projects, community speakers, vocational talks, students of the month, Northwinds, District events, road-trips, board meetings, club workshops, Paul "Harrisesss", Sister City, Area projects, Charter nights, train-trips, fellowship, jokes, fun, social get togethers, Cabaret, and lots more! My goals for our club over the next 6 months are the same as the last...do good things for



Others locally and internationally, have members feel proud about belonging to PNR (the greatest Rotary club in the world), and encourage high quality membership growth.

Special thanks to Mike and Janet, Jim and Rose, Everett and Haritini, Francois and Bette, Jeanne and Mike, Jerry and Josine, Debra and Michael, Jane and Jon, Paul and Julie, Tom and Cindy, Steve and Nancy, Herb, Jonathan, Mark, Maurice, Celia, Esther, Jack, Susan, Richard, and of course Teddy for joining me in Monterey at the Rotary International President's dinner last weekend. Truth be told R.I. Pres. Bichai (normally a very inspirational and sincere speaker) was off his best form. In fact I think he was just downright tired. He did, however echo our PNR mantra that the real power and vision of Rotary does not come from it's leaders, but from the members at the club level, and that a club should not be measured by attendance or membership, but by the good that is done by it's members every day.

Several PNRs took advantage of the Black Tie Transportation bus (and Herb's ice chest), and made the round-trip on Friday, others stayed overnight. The next morning Teddy and I saw; Jerry instructing his daughter on the finer points of "letting-Dad-win" at golf, Haritini breezing by Evertt on the jogging path in Pacific Grove, Celia and Susan both wearing sunglasses in the coffee shop even though it was foggy, Mike and Janet suffering from caffeine withdrawal looking for the local Peet's. The 3 other couples were "MIA" (Maybe-I'm-Asleep). On a sad note, Roy and Janet were unable to attend due to the death of Roy's very close uncle. Please convey your condolences and good thoughts to Roy this week.

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Well, ready or not, here begins the second leg of this Rotary year. Thanks for helping me be your President, let's make it fun!

President Cypress

CABARET IS COMING.....

"S' Wonderful, S' Marvelous"

Happy New Year! Now, is there anything better than starting off the New Year with a rousing round of applause for Pleasanton North Rotary, celebrating this year *fifteen years* as the "Greatest Rotary Club in the World"? Yes, gentlewomen and men, we will celebrate in style by once again producing our annual CABARET black tie event on Saturday, May 3rd. Be sure to mark that on your calendars NOW because date books of the rich (and not so rich) and famous are filling up fast!

What's the theme? Imagine the "Copacabana Night Club" in Miami, featuring hot salsa music on stage, the best steak Argentina has to offer & "Big Frank" bringing out a bevy of delectable delights all within your bidding reach! Trips to Chile or Cabo San Lucas; and golf in Maui or Pebble Beach. Top this off with Brad Kinney's non-stop, heart-thumping R&B/Rock mix and ...You get the picture?

Our goal this year is not only to highlight the successes of the last 15 years, to recognize and appreciate what we have learned, but to build on the past and envision our future. This year, in our continuing efforts to supporting local health and education concerns, we will focus our event's fund-raising efforts on behalf of three *local* beneficiaries: Special Olympics, Camp Arroyo, & Hope Hospice. Then, Roy Arnold will refocus our international interests on monies desperately needed to finally rid the world of polio in our PolioPlus campaign. Sidebar: we will not forget our veterans (look for a surprise guest -details later!)

Does this whet your appetite yet? **Service above Self**, you bet. The opportunity to show that "you are what you do" is at hand. Your **15th ANNUAL CABARET** Committee Chairs (listed below) have already started working, some since last June, to plan this night. So, I am asking all of you to check out each committee, talk to the chairs, sign up where you want to help, and let's make this **CABARET** a true Celebration of all that's good and right about Pleasanton North Rotary. The future is right here.

Hasta Luego,
Susan "Top Hat and Tails" DuPree
CABARET Chair, 2003

On the Web with Sgt Stinger,

Hola! Bula! Hi! It's been a while but here we are again....thought I'd mention a couple items concerning club matters from a Sgt at Arms perspective and then maybe a item of two about the web...

We had a great turnout for the R.I. President's Dinner/Speech down in Monterey this past Friday. More notable on a club level was Richard Sampson receiving his Blue Badge immediately following the President's event. We gathered out in the foyer and the Woodcutter presented Rich with his Blue Badge. It was also nice to see a other Red Badgers like Paul Jensen and Smitty Smith....getting credit for a "District Function" is sometimes hard to do so I'll be sure to publish when the next event comes up. With that and after checking the Red Badge Book, it's nice to see that we've got quite a few Red Badgers ready to follow in Rich's footsteps...a few vocational talks here and there and we'll be keeping the Splinter busy doling out Blue Badges. Note to Red Badgers, please check with me about where you stand, I'm sure all the records could use an update.

So it's the New Year....not hard to tell, just drop by ClubSport anytime these days....lots of 31 day wonders out there. What? You don't know what a 31 day wonder is? From Jan 1 to Jan 31....about all it takes to forget that New Year's Resolution about getting into shape. But it doesn't have to be that way. There are quite a few PNR members who work out on a regular basis and if you asked them about some of their training secrets or even how they stay motivated.... I'm sure they'll be happy to help out....just to drop a name or two...try Ron Rel or Steve Sherman, these two are our club's hard-core triathletes and if anyone knows what it takes, they do....don't forget to say hi to Tom Noonan, I think he's beginning to resemble Forest Gump, cause he just runs and runs and runs....and about the only time I see Jim Ott these days is when I spy him running down Main St....of course the fact that his significant other is the head of the PDA (say hi to Pam!) maybe that's become a special place for his workouts....nonetheless it's that time of year, get out and do it!

Here are a few sites that might help out the exercise regime...

<http://www.active.com> This is an awesome site to find out where in the Bay Area different types of athletic events are being held. You can also register for these events on this site as well

<http://www.bicyclinginfo.org/hf/index.htm> Nice site full of bicycling information.

<http://www.ebarks.org/> East Bay Regional Park District's website. Remember you can run or bike in most of the parks in our area...give the ridge a go!

<http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/parks.html> Pleasanton's Park & Recreation....lots of activities...softball signups, etc.

<http://www.clubsports.com/pleasanton/index.html> This is where you can find out information about our own ClubSport....something to think about...a workout before the Friday meeting.

<http://www.24hourfitness.com/html/> There is a 24hour Fitness over on W. Las Positas....yeah, I'm a member, never been in there..

<http://pleasanton.schoebersclubs.com/content/home.aspx> and there's also Schoeber's, right off of Hopyard...

Of course the PNR Race Team is open to all PNR Members....membership is easy, just participate in a 5k or a local Tri and you're in....Remember the Bay to Breakers is only a few months away!

See you at the gym....
Sgt Stinger

AND NOW THE SARGE HAS A FEW GENTLE WORDS FOR THE KIDS....

When I was a kid, adults used to bore me to tears with their tedious diatribes about how hard things were when they were growing up; what with walking twenty-five miles to school every morning uphill both ways through year 'round blizzards carrying their younger siblings on their backs to their one-room schoolhouse where they maintained a straight-A average despite their full-time after-school job at the local textile mill where they worked for 35 cents an hour just to help keep their family from starving to death!

And I remember promising myself that when I grew up there was no way in hell I was going to lay a bunch of crap like that on kids about how hard I had it and how easy they've got it!

But....

Now that I've reached my thirties (insert appropriate age bracket here!!), I can't help but look around and notice the youth of today. You've got it so damn easy! I mean, compared to my childhood, you live in a darned Utopia!

And I hate to say it but you kids today you don't even know how good you've got it! I mean, when I was a kid we didn't have The Internet--we wanted to know something, we had to go to the library and look it up ourselves!

And there was no email! We had to actually write somebody a letter with a pen!-- and then you had to walk all the way across the street and put it in the mailbox and it would take like a week to get there!

And there were no MP3s or Napsters! You wanted to steal music, you had to go to the record store and shoplift it yourself! Try sticking an LP Album under your jacket, buddy!

Or we had to wait around all day to tape it off the radio and the DJ'd usually talk over the beginning and screw it all up!

You want to hear about hardship? We didn't have fancy stuff like Call Waiting! If you were on the phone and somebody else called they got a busy signal! And we didn't have fancy Caller ID Boxes either! When the phone rang, you had no idea who it was it could be your boss, your mom, a collections agent, your drug dealer, you didn't know!!! You just had to pick it up and take your chances, mister!

And we didn't have any fancy Sony Playstation videogames with high-resolution 3-D graphics! We had the Atari 2600! With games like Space Invaders" and "Asteroids" and the graphics sucked! Your guy was a little square! You had to use your imagination! And there were no multiple levels or screens, it was just one screen forever! And you could never win, the game just kept getting harder and faster until you died! Just like LIFE!

When you went to the movie theater there no such thing as stadium seating! All the seats were the same height! And if a tall guy sat in front of you, you were screwed!

And sure, we had cable television, but back then that was only like 20 channels and there was no onscreen menu! You had to use a little book called a TV Guide to find out what was on! And there was no Cartoon Network! You could only get cartoons on Saturday morning... ..D'ya hear what I'm saying!?! WE had to wait ALL WEEK, you spoiled little brats!

That's exactly what I'm talking about! You kids today have got it too easy! You're spoiled, I swear to God! You guys wouldn't last five minutes back in the 80's!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

JANUARY "Club Service Month"

FRIDAY 1/10/03

FRIDAY 1/17/03

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Wisdom is knowing what to do next, skill is knowing how to do it, and virtue is doing it"

BE A FRIEND -BRING A FRIEND TO A MEETING

JANUARY'S JOYS

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

Sherry Wilson	1/04/03
Mike McDeavitt	1/10/03
Dave Bouchard	1/21/03

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Irene McDeavitt	1/07/03
Ruthie Darby	1/22/02
Jon Rosell	1/28/03

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

George & Debbie Beardsley	1/01/03(20)
Elie & Hasmig Kozanian	1/22/03(?)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Steve Sherman	1/01/03 (5)
Elie Kozanian	1/01/03 (5)
Mark Welch	1/05/03(?)
Steve Ainsworth	1/11/03 (1)
Esther Becker	1/11/03 (2)
Rich Sampson	1/11/03 (1)
George Beardsley	1/28/03 (3)
Maurice Turner	1/28/03 (3)

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:****ACTUALLY, NO ONE CAN REALLY REMEMBER WHEN EXACTLY WE HAD A "LAST" MEETING****Welcome Visiting Rotarians at our last meeting****Special Guests at our last meeting:****REMEMBER- YOUR FUTURE IS IN THEIR HANDS**

The following questions and answers were collated from last year's SAT tests given in Springdale, Arkansas to 16 year old students!

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: What is a planet?

A: A body of earth surrounded by sky.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: In a democratic society, how important are elections?

A: Very important. Sex can only happen when a male gets an election.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (E.g. abdomen.)

A: The body is consisted into three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O and U.

Q: What is the Fibula

A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: What is the most common form of birth control

A: Most people prevent contraception by wearing condominium.

Q: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarean Section."

A: The caesarean section is a district in Rome.

Q: What is a seizure?

A: A Roman emperor.

Q: What is a terminal illness?

A: When you are sick at the airport

Q: Give an example of a fungus. What is its characteristic feature?

A: Mushrooms. They always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas.

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

Q: What is a turbine?

A: Something an Arab wears on his head.

Q: What is a Hindu?

A: It lays eggs

***And now a few words from the clubs'
Songbird, Dr. Susan....***

When the moon hits your eye,
Like a big pizza pie,
That's amore.

When an eel bites your hand,
And that's not what you planned,
That's a moray.

When our habits are strange,
And our customs deranged,
That's our mores.

When your horse munches straw,
And the bales total four,
That's some more hay.

When Othello's poor wife,
Becomes stabbed with a knife,
That's a Moor, eh?

When a Japanese knight,
Uses his sword in a fight,
That's Samurai.

When your sheep go to graze,
In a damp marshy place,
That's a moor, eh?

When your boat comes home fine,
And you tie up her line,
That's a moor, eh?

When you ace your last tests,
Like you did all the rest,
That's some more "A"s!

When on Mt. Cook you see,
An aborigine,
That's a Maori.

Alley Oop's homeland has,
A space gun with pizzazz,
That's a Moon ray...

A comedian ham,
With the name Amsterdam,
That's a Morey.

When your chocolate graham,
Is so full and so crammed,
That s'more, eh.

When you've had quite enough,
Of this dumb rhyming stuff,
That's "No more!", eh?

A NOTE FROM COLLEEN EDWARDS

Thanks for the e-mail. I am doing alot better. I love the mountains. My address is PO Box 1034, Pine Grove, CA 95665. Phone 208-296-1223. I miss the club alot. Hope to come and see you all soon and I really, really miss Rotary.

Love Ya,
Colleen

FUDD MISSES THE LIMELIGHT.....

Hello PNR Members, ("The Greatest Rotary Club in the World")

Happy Holidays!!!!!! President Woody gave the honor of running the Kid's Holiday Party Santa Visit and we (kids) sure had lots of fun. I believe we had over 50 attendee's. Boy, can Santa Draw a Crowd!!!! It was really great to see so many families with Kid's in the Club attend the party.

I believe everybody had a chance to sit on Santa's Lap!!! (Even me, however I forgot my lipstick so I did not give him a kiss!!!! I am sure Mrs. Claus would have been jealous).

We also had a few announcements from Club Service Director, Carol Ott. Carol handed out a great poem that was written and edited by Carol and Tony Matthews listing all the great club service things we have done this past Rotary year!!! Wow we have been busy.

Also some of the directors announced some of the decisions that were made at the December Board meeting; George Beardsly, Membership Chair, discussed the boards feelings about the membership survey which was received VERY POSITIVLY and INFORMATIVE.

Steve Murdock, from Dublin Club, announced that the District is in the final stretch for getting Rotary Licence Plates and encouraged PNR Members to participate.

Bette Daoust, Club Treasurer, announced that effective in January 1, every member will be billed on a quarterly basis. When you check in you will need to sign your name and give the check in table any "make up slips" so you will not be billed. Pre-purchased lunch cards can be turned in with your bill for the credit value remaining. More to follow from Bette. Only cash/or checks will be received for Guest, Visiting Rotarians, and the Raffle, which will starting over at our January 10th meeting, due to the incredible luck of Debra Doble at the 12/12 meeting!!)

January 3rd, RI Presidents Dinner. Over 40 attendee's!!! Great Job·

Also, One of the Highlights was the Formal Induction of Clem Donaldson as the 62nd active member of PNR who has been attending many of our meetings. In his brief statement he said he was honored to be included with such a great group of individuals and commented positively on the process and results of Club Assembly which President Woody ran recently. Another COG is booted from the list. Who is the Head COG now???

Have a Great New Year!!! We all have so much to be thankful for.

Yours in Rotary,

Herb "Fudd be with YOU" Ritter
Past President of the "Worlds Greatest Rotary Club"

