

NORTHWINDS



PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OUR SPRING FOCUS....

I know we are still weeks away, but with the nice weather, the green hills and last weekend's holiday, I thought a quick review of what to look for in the coming weeks would be appropriate.

The overriding emphasis at this time of year is always CABARET! Susan is organized and enthusiastic. She has assembled a group of our best and brightest to lead the various committees. The two most important of which are donations and tickets. Why? Simple, grasshopper... no goods, no sales. No attendees, no event!

These two areas deserve everyone's attention. Be creative. Think of anyone or any business you might know who could donate items and services to be auctioned. Big items sell themselves, smaller items might be grouped with other donations to create packages. This process builds on itself. One idea leads to another. One person's donation triggers a possible next. But we need everyone's help! So talk with the donations chairperson, Sherry Wilson, and come to the (now weekly) meetings at Esther's house on Monday evenings.

Ticket sales are simple. Think of who you know who would like to support the works of "The Greatest Rotary Club in the World". Every dollar from the auction goes toward our annual projects, the foundations, or charities. There is NO overhead.



Think of people who are willing to spend money to get great items AND have a good time as well. Dinner, entertainment, dancing and deals.

Sounds like a night out! Talk it up with your friends and co-workers. Get the date on their calendar now!

Aside of CABARET, the annual Charter night is THE event for members to attend. This year it will be March 8th and there will be a couple of "twists" to make a great time even better. Janet and Esther are heading up the planning, all you have to do is sign-up. More to follow!

Our club will host the speech contest on March 14th. Our representative last year was without a doubt one of the finest contestants we've ever had, and word has it she will be competing again this year! See Jim Ott for details. The area contest will be March 20th (we will not have a meeting on the 21st), at Castlewood Country Club hosted by the "good-ol-boys" from the "other" Pleasanton club.

Our Interactors will be needing help at the "Festival for the Homeless" in San Jose on March 15th. Please sign-up with Dominic to lend a hand. Also Area-4 is hosting the Don Lewis Stomp-Out Polio concert the evening of March 22nd. See Ronda for tickets! All monies will go to the Polio-Plus campaign.

April brings the Interact Awards Banquet and our District Conference both in San Jose. We will be sharing more with you over the next few weeks.

President "Spring-Sapling"

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CLub Service News

Are you ready for Charter Night?
I said . . .

ARE YOU GETTING READY FOR CHARTER NIGHT?!?!?

(That's more like it!)

Charter Night (Pron: Charter Night); Def: An anniversary celebration for the founding of The World's Greatest Rotary Club

That's right, on Saturday evening, March 8th we will mark the momentous occasion of our club's anniversary with CHARTER NIGHT – A great evening of MYSTERY and CELEBRATION including members, spouses and significant others.

Besides featuring great WINE, great international CUISINE, and the company of friends and family, this will be a perfect opportunity for us to get to know each other better in a fun, social and relaxed atmosphere outside of our regular meetings.

Who: Janet Ferraro and Esther Becker
(and all of you of course)

What: Charter Night Celebration Dinner
Our club's anniversary

When: Saturday evening, March 8th
(exact time to be determined)

Where: The fun, food and drink will begin at Mucho Billy's Black Tie Transportation and progress – with great mystery and intrigue – from there

IMPORTANT: If you have interest in hosting 8-10 club members and guests to your home please let Esther or Janet know ASAP. If you cannot let them know by Friday the 2/14 please give them a call or email to express your interest in helping BIG TIME.

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Other forthcoming Club Service events: Save the dates of April 25th, 26th and 27th for the **District 5170 Conference** to be held in sunny and beautiful San Jose. If you can't make the whole weekend at least carve out Friday night the 25th; sure to be a HULA – va good time with a Hawaiian theme, including a Polynesian style PIG ROAST and various sundry other excuses to hang-ten in general (whatever that is). As further evidence that we have the World's Greatest Rotary Club, Pleasanton North has bandied about the idea of a special hosting section styled as a MARTINI & PIANO BAR. (I'll take mine double and dirty, thanks.)

As if that weren't enough, the conference will also provide DISCOUNT TICKETS FOR GREAT AMERICA – A perfect opportunity to stay the night and make a family weekend out of it. "Pack your bags kids, we're goin' to Disney . . . I mean Great America!!"

On the web w/Sgt Stinger...

Actually I've had my share of computer related issues this past week so I'm headed in another direction today...it involves a four letter word and I hope I don't offend anyone... it's...GOLF.

Yeah, there you go, I said it. Golf, GOLF, GOOOOLF.... it's like that other really old sport, you can never get enough. This club has many golfers, many who really know how to smack a golf ball...like Ron Hyde, Wayne Yeaw, Ronda Henstorf, Herb Ritter, to name a few.... unfortunately, they don't always know where the ball's going but they smack it nonetheless. So I thought I'd throw a few words about golf into the column today. Depending on your point of view, you'll either enjoy the following or it'll make you cry...kinda like Jack Parker's game...

Ever wonder why golf is growing in popularity and people who don't even play go to tournaments or watch it on TV? These truisms may shed light on reasons why.

"Golf is an honorable game, with the overwhelming majority of players being honorable people who don't need referees.

Golfers don't have some of their players in jail every week.

Golfers don't scratch their privates on the golf course.

Golfers don't kick dirt on, or throw bottles at, other people.

Professional golfers are compensated in direct proportion to how well they play.

Golfers don't hold out for more money, or demand new contracts, because of another player's deal.

Professional Golfers don't demand that the taxpayers pay for the courses on which they play.

When golfers make a mistake, nobody is there to cover for them or back them up.

You can watch the best golfers in the world up close, at any tournament, including the majors, all day, every day for \$25 or \$30. The cost for a seat in the nosebleed section at the Super Bowl will cost around \$300 or more.

In golf you cannot fail 70% of the time and make \$9 million a season, like the best baseball hitters (.300 batting average) do.

Golf doesn't change its rules to attract Fans.

Golfers have to adapt to an entirely new playing area each week

Golfers keep their clothes on while they are being interviewed.

Golf doesn't have free agency.

In their prime, Greg Norman, Arnold Palmer and other stars, would shake your hand and say they were happy to meet you. In his prime Jose Canseco wore T-shirts that read "Leave Me Alone."

You can hear birds chirping on the golf course during a tournament.

Ladies are welcome players (Okay, okay...Hootie not included...)

At a golf tournament, (unlike at taxpayer-funded sports stadiums and arenas) you won't hear a steady stream of four letter words and nasty name calling while you're hoping that no one spills beer on you.

Tiger Woods can hit a golf ball three times as far as Barry Bonds can hit a baseball.

Golf Courses don't ruin the neighborhood.

*Last but not least...the best golfer in the world ...the heavyweight champ of golf, Tiger Woods, hasn't felt the need nor acted on it to tattoo his face...yet. See you on the course,
Sgt Slicer...*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

FEBRUARY "Community Service/Literacy Month"

FRIDAY 2/21/03
Community Service Clean-up Project-by
Dominic Pepitone

FRIDAY 2/28/03
CABARET update

MARCH "GSE/Scholarship Month"

FRIDAY 3/7/03
Vocational Active member panel-Lawyers
and the Judge

SATURDAY 3/8/03
CHARTER NIGHT CLEBRATION
DINNERS EVERYONE SHOULD PLAN
TO ATTEND THIS!!!

FRIDAY 3/14/03
Club level Speech Contest

SATURDAY 3/15/03
Our Interact Club's project "Festival of the
Homeless" in San Jose

THURSDAY 3/20/03
 AREA speech contest at Castlewood
 Country Club -12:00 NOON-SHARP!!

FRIDAY 3/21/03
 DARK

SATURDAY 3/22/03
 The DON LEWIS Experience-sponsored
 by the 6 Valley Rotary Clubs- all proceeds
 to Polio Plus

FRIDAY 3/28/03
 Community Service -"Christmas in
 April"-Spring Cleaning project with Our
 INTERACT members at Pleasanton
 Gardens.

APRIL "District Conference Month"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW-MAKE YOUR
 RESERVATIONS NOW-THE BIG KAHUNA
 CLOSES HIS YEAR WITH A GIANT LUAU AT
 THE SANTA CLARA MARRIOTT 4/25-26-27

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

**"We do not see things as they are.
 We see them as we are"**

The Talmud

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

FEBRUARY'S FOLLIES

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

Esther Becker	2/11/03
Pat Kernan	2/11/03
Alice Jones	2/20/03
Jane Rosell	2/26/03

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

Jeff Becker	2/13/03
Debbie Cherry	2/19/03
Jeanne Christy	2/24/03

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Herb & Cathy Ritter	2/12/03(9)
Dave & Cathy Bouchard	2/12/03(9)
Henry & Cheryl Uyehara	2/27/03(10)

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Art Mundis	2/4/03
Pat Kernan	2/4/03(3)
Dave Cherry	2/8/03(12)
Roger Harris	2/8/03(9)
Celia Mason	2/25/03(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:

There was a whole lot of talk going on at this meeting-sometimes, everyone at once. Woody tried mightily for order, but that elusive muse was a mere wisp of reality. But despite polished ineptitude on the part of our Wooden leader, the group seemed to have a pretty fun meal.



Dr. Susan, in her new hat, talking about Cabaret



Mike Christy talking about Cabaret table reservations



Janet talking to her little sister, Maria



Dominic, talking about the Interact clothes drive



Jim Nettleton talking to the guy next to him, but doesn't know who he is(?)



The guy next to Jim talking... who is he? Really?



Woody.....talking to himself. Anyone listening?



Lim Polis talking about himself-it's a vocational talk



Debra Doble talking about herself...ditto



He's not talking, but there must be some good reason for that smile.



Jim Nettleton talking to the black marble- no luck!

Visiting Rotarians welcomed at our last meeting
Marios Lopez –Visalia Rotary Club



Special Guests welcomed at our last meeting:

Maria Ferraro guest of Janet Ferraro
Bob Lemley guest of Sherry Wilson
Brian Clay guest of Maurice Turner
Dave Parker guest of Colonel Parker
Ken Cook guest of Jane Rosell
Mike Doble guest of Debra



Whose Who in CABARET

If you missed the Cabaret Kick-off: It's time to sign up and commit to working on a committee! Your Committee Chairs will need input and "sweat equity." This month into February, Mike Christy Tickets Committee is up and running. (See his column for an update for their progress). Your Cabaret Team is:

Bill Wheeler	Operations
Teddy Rakestraw	Ballroom Decorations
Herb Ritter	Beneficiaries
Alice Jones	Decorations
Janet Cloutier	Decorations
Sherry Wilson	Donations
Seyda Harding	Donations
Frank Hanna	Donations
Dave Cherry	Program Ads
Ronda Hensdorf	Graphics & Printing
Wayne Yeaw	Graphics & Printing
Roy Arnold	PolioPlus
Jane Rosell	Publicity/Promotions
Herb Ritter	Publicity/Promotions
Dominic Pepitone	Raffle Tickets
Esther Becker	Sponsors-Long Term
George Beardsley	Sponsors-Long Term
Rich Sampson	Sponsors-Short Term
Jim Polis	Technology
Mike Cloutier	Technology
Mike Christy	Tickets
Bette Daoust	Treasurer
Jerry Pentin	Video/Film
Francois Daoust	Website
Tony Matthews	Writer
Jim Ott	Writer

In light of the news of the so-called human cloning going on, here's a hypothetical question:

Another Inquiry of the Day (thank you mark Welch)
If you pushed your naked clone off the top of a tall building, would it be:

- A) Murder?
- B) Suicide?
- C) Merely making an obscene clone fall?

Some of the More Creative Piece" Signs seem at a recent protest march:

One nation under surveillance.
Go Solar, not Ballistic.
Start Drafting SUV Drivers Now.
(UFW sign) Pick Fruit, not Fights.
On a five year old: More Candy Less War.
War! is expensive, Peace is priceless.
Peace Takes Brains
Anything War can do, Peace can do better.
Don't Make it The Star Spangled Bummer
Power to the Peaceful

**PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY
PRESENTS
CHARTER NIGHT DINNERS**

Saturday, March 8, 2003

Appetizers at 5:00 p.m.

Everyone Meet at Black Tie

Transportation (7080 Commerce Drive)

Members will receive dinner

assignments February 28, 2003 (don't worry!)

*** Contact Janet (925.484.4352) or Esther (925.251.1234)**

NLT February 24 (also tell us if you would like to host a group for dinner)

