

# NORTHWINDS



PLEASANTON NORTH ROTARY

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*Hurry Up, Please, It's Time!*

**Just 9 Days Left to Do Your Duty for...**



Wolf, this your faithful correspondent imbedded with the Hilton assault troops, spoke just moments ago with a hairy, ...er, harried Susan DuPree and learned that we **HAVEN'T SOLD ENOUGH SEATS YET**, so get on the horn and find somebody to join you at Cabaret, for the love of Pete. And tell them to bring their checkbook!

**April 27 is D-Day.** We have 167 seats reserved, but whose counting, right? Well, Mikee is counting, that's



*Why is this woman smiling? Perhaps she doesn't truly understand the situation...see page 6*

not a happy camper. If you have not yet completed your invitations or reserved your table, you are advised to **GET OFF THE COUCH AND DO IT NOW!**

We have several notable lapses in participation, I'm told, particularly among our legal eagles...need I say more, gentlemen? Let's get to it, preferably during our lifetime if you can manage it.

Moving on...kudos to **Teddy Rakestraw** and S.O. **Woody** for coming up with fabulous table centerpiece decorations that will remind you of Carmen Miranda—please don't eat them until after dinner. Thanks also to **Michael Gan** of Meritage Photography who once again is supporting Cabaret not only with auction items but also with his services the evening in question photographing our passengers as they enter the Hilton cruise ship.

Apparently, we have tons of wine donated (go figure) so if you know somebody of that persuasion, **INVITE THEM** to attend. But now we need **FOOD!** Certificates for dinners for two are greatly needed; also catered parties for 6 or more; picnics, potlucks, c'mon, if **Old Man Hyde** can do it, so can you.



Mucho gracias to **Bindeya of Windsor Jewels** who has donated a beautiful white gold and pearl necklace with matching earrings to our cause.

**Tom Davis** has contributed an air conditioning system, and he'll even show you how to program the friggin thermostat! We got massage gifts, a trip to Hawaii, we got textiles, we got a fly fishing trip to Colorado if you're not afraid of small airplanes or **Bob Tucknott**;

**Vince McNamara** has come through yet again with another Wenté golf spectacular, and **Pat Mayfield** has dug up a stay at the Crown Plaza hotel and some valuable free advice. If I may prime my own pump, there's going to be offered a very fine original hand-drawn one-of-a-kind Warner Bros. Looney Tunes cast rendering by the late veteran animator Virgil Ross—so if you know anybody wealthy who still watches Saturday morning cartoons, **INVITE THEM**. Back to you, Susan, at Cabaret Command Central..

Susan, are you there? Well, apparently, we've lost Susan. So let's move on to the Swamp Fox.

## Membership Corner

**Greetings Fellow Rotarians, PNR Brethren and Associates!**

Roy "Swamp Fox" Arnold here with a PolioPlus Campaign update ..

HOT off the press .. just this week, I've received some good information on our mutual quest to eradicate Polio.

Per our Area 4 Rep in District 5170 for the Polio Plus Campaign, this is what was reported

To date, this is what the District is showing for Polio Plus collections thus far:

- *Pleasanton North \$4200*
- *\* Dublin \$2300*
- *\* Livermore \$1015*
- *\* Livermore Valley \$0*
- *\* Pleasanton \$0 (Although, they know that the Concert will reflect later)*
- *\*TriValley \$0*

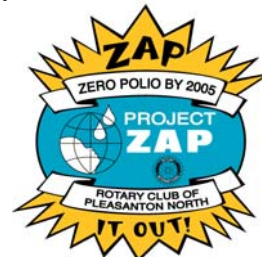
The district has collected 50% of their goal with 22 clubs not yet reporting...\$585,667 total in cash and pledges. We're off and running!

And in case you plan on attending this month's District Conference and Luaua, Louieow, Luawa ... (Lew ow!) .. Hawaii Party (I will be there!).. also .. an added bonus here folks .. at the District Conference, we can take advantage of a 50 cents-on-the-dollar match.

District 5170 set aside \$10,000 for this effort for folks contributing there at the conference. First come, first served until \$10k is used up! Wouldn't it be nice to get the majority of it for our campaign. Let's not miss the chance here.

CABARET .. at the COPA .. if you haven't already heard .. this year's "Fund-in-Need" is the PolioPlus Campaign .. and your' truly will be looking for help and additional support at this year's bash. And of course, I'm always looking for donations, contributions and personal time to help facilitate our efforts for PNR and the PolioPlus Campaign.

Finally! Can you say "PROJECT ZAP!"? That's PNR's own brand of getting attention to our efforts of eradicating Polio from the Planet. Please help me ZAP that nasty Bug right off the Planet! For a minimum donation of \$25 (or more!!!) to the Rotary Foundation for the PolioPlus Campaign, you'll get an originally designed PIN entitled "PROJECT ZAP", made exclusively for PNR and to be shared everywhere! See me for details.



Thanks! .. and that is all,  
from **Us in the Swamp**

## Words from Woody

### Transitions Are Tough

This has been a year of transition for many of us, and the focus has been to assimilate all the great new blood that past-prez. "Fudd" injected into our club.

Work projects, club parties, fundraising, fellowship and fun has been the "glue" used to keep us together. Unfortunately, times being as they are, our club has had several members transition during the year. Some are temporary, others are more permanent

It was suggested that our membership would like to keep apprised of transitioning member's status. With that in mind, I am starting a membership "bulletin-board" section in Northwinds to keep track of our fellow Rotarians (past, present and incoming). Please feel free to let myself or the editor know of any tid-bits of info. that you think the group would like to hear about other PNR folk...Thanks...Woody.

### Leaves of Absence:

**Vince McNamara**...huge business opportunity that will preclude him from being with us on Fridays through June. He will be back then and in the meanwhile is one of the strongest supporters for this year's Cabaret!

**George Beardsley**... also business related. His heart is with the Club, but two very pressing (and stressful things need tending to at Dryco. Should also be back with us by July and in the meanwhile is still helping PNR with it's membership process.

## Members Who Have Moved On:

**Jason Maratsos** writes...

Keith:

After a long discussion with my wife, and after speaking extensively with Jerry Pentin, I have decided to resign from Rotary. This was not an easy decision, but it is one I had to make. My wife and I are expecting our second child in late May, and my job at the present moment is not what anyone would call stable. I did not want to let another day go by as Cabaret gets closer, and people are depending on me for certain responsibilities (I apologize for my timing on this).

I want to make it clear that, overall, I enjoyed my time in Rotary, albeit short, and I wish everyone at PNR well, and hope that the Cabaret is successful. I believe I've made some valuable friendships in the brief time I was a member of PNR, and I feel good about my contribution to the club.

Thanks so much for your understanding and please make sure that everyone at PNR knows that I truly believe they are people who make a huge difference in the community, and are to be highly commended for their efforts. They are rare in their genuine nature.

Again, thanks so much. And God bless

Sincerely  
Jason

*Give these members a call and offer them your support in the coming challenges--Woody*



*And you wonder why we have trouble recruiting new members....*



### District Conference:

***Register Today, Register Often***

### **Club Service News**

Aloha "Oooooee!"

So now that everyone has dropped their Hawaiian shirts at the cleaner's and have pulled their Huaraches out the back of the closet, it only makes sense to further tempt and tantalize in anticipation of the upcoming 5170 District Conference (Santa Clara Marriott April 25, 26, 27).

For many of us the centerpiece of the Conference will be the "Hospitality Hale" party competitions held Friday and Saturday late afternoons. You'll remember that these are cocktail party contests that Area Four is sure to win. For not only do we have the perfect scheme to snatch victory from perennial heavyweights Cupertino and Milpitas – but we have ...oop's, almost let the cat out of the bag ...Tiki bag that is)

Suffice to say that they are our ace in hole, that all but guarantee glorious victory for The Four.

With your help that is; please let Carol know how you would like to contribute to this effort if you haven't already . . .

So again, as if foo-foo drinks, friends old and new from all over 5170, Hawaiian shirts, "Tiny Bubbles", fabulous victory and prizes (no Art, not Jell-o wrestling . . .) weren't enough – hang on to your hula skirts – there is more:

Attendance at the HH's count as a **FREE** makeup meeting. And better yet, should you want to participate in the greater good of Rotary in a

somewhat more distinguished and, well perhaps meaningful way, there is the following schedule of "forums" to attend:

**Friday PM:** 1:45 – 2:45 Rotary's Global Legacy then from 3-4 Rotary Goes to Vietnam Followed by the HH 5:15 to 7PM. Lastly the Luau and Polynesian Review (\$50pp) from 7-11.

**Saturday PM:** 1:45 – 2:45 Meet the Rotarian Youth of Tomorrow / Youth Exchange and Interact then from 3 – 4 Best and the Brightest – Ambassadorial and Peace Scholars, 5:15 – 7 HH and last Banquet of the Alii – Honoring President's and Clubs (Black Tie optional- \$65 pp).

This, my friends, is going to be fun!

Your Club Service Team,  
Carol Ott , Club Service Director  
Jonathan Smith, Communication Liaison

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**For your use during the meeting**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

### MAY is "District Assembly Month"

**FRIDAY 5/2/03**

### One day to CABARET—

#### *Last minute headlines:*

\*La Chiquita goes bananas, buys a loud mumu evening gown and large hat with fruit on it.

\*Ronda Henstorf clones herself so she can get all her Rotary work done and also make a living

\*Steve Ainsworth hires Mexican banditos to kidnap Ron Hyde and extradite him back to his editor's chair, is overheard to exclaim, "Oy vai, I had no idea what I was getting myself into—you do this EVERY week and still have time to hang people?"

\*Alice Jones moves on to her toe nails

\*Iraqi people ask Colin Powell why GIs are walking around Baghdad wearing bronze sparkle lip gloss from Mary Kay

\*Jim Good finally snaps from sleep deprivation, runs away to Hollywood to become a Dan Akroyd "Blues Brothers" look-alike at swanky parties

#### AND FINALLY

\*The Fudd takes all his quarters to Reno, but gets lost in Circus Circus, ends up playing video games for 42 consecutive hours, wins large pink stuffed animal

## April Anniversaries

(Coming Soon –May's Anniversaries, followed not too long thereafter by June's!)

#### **Birthdays**

Dave Cherry 4/17  
Dominic Pepitone 4/7  
Wayne Yeaw 4/28

#### **Club Anniversaries**

Tom Davis 4/1 (12 years)  
Ron Hyde 4/1 (15 years)  
Vince McNamara 4/3 (11 years)

#### **Partner's Birthdays**

Keville Parker 4/25  
Jennifer Wheeler 4/30

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Mike Cloutier & Janet Ferraro 4/17 (10 years)

## Need to Make Up a Meeting?

Visit one of the Local Valley Clubs

Tuesday:

Livermore Valley Club  
7 a.m. @ Beebs

Dublin Club  
12:15 p.m. @ Dublin Park Hotel

Wednesday:

Livermore Club  
12:15 p.m. @ Hoiliday Inn

Thursday

Tri-Valley Rotary Club  
6 p.m. @ Girasole

Pleasanton Club  
12:15 p.m. @ Pleasanton Hotel

(Please submit critiques of any other club's meeting when you do a make-up, what you liked, what you didn't like, what they served, etc...A new Northwinds feature is brewing: Rotary Critics Corner. The only rule: tell the truth, at least for the most part)



Woody gives away some of '02 Cabaret's proceeds



*Why is this guy smiling? He's next!*



*Jerry Pentin prepares to apply the Vulcan Death Grip on an unsuspecting Jim Polis*

### ***All righty, then...***

Even though Darla @ Channel 30 CTV says she's "a natural," and looked great, La Chiquita is feeling enormously self-conscious about her recent taping of a Cabaret 2003 promo for community television.



Says Mz. DuPree, "I'm red-faced, but it wasn't my fault! Thanks to all the people who said no to my request to accompany me to the studio, I had to go on by myself." Apparently, when the committee was asked for volunteers to go on air, everyone except Susan took a quick step back—hey, it's a guy thing, we learned it in high school.

She did, however, fall asleep during the filming and also said that Bob Tucknott was a member of the San Leandro Rodeo.

SOOO... we are NOT supposed to watch or videotape or in any way reproduce this segment, which appears on Channel 30 at 2 p.m. Friday immediately following our regular meeting, as well as at 8:30 am, 4:30 and 8:30 pm on Saturday and Sunday, and a few other times—go to <http://www.ctv30.org> for more details

***"To listen closely and reply well is the highest perfection we are able to attain in the art of conversation."***

**François de la Rochefoucauld**

That's a -30—for Woody #34. Roll the presses, Yoda-san