



Words from the soon to be “out-ed” Gaylord



What I thought was going to be a slow meeting before a holiday weekend ended up being very well attended and a lot of fun. I guess I should spread that rumor more often that I am not going to be there (at least over the next three meetings).

We had our Foothill High Student of the month which is always fun to hear. The “rest of the story” that maybe everyone else did not hear is that our May Student of the month Grandparents are very much involved in Rotary in Columbia. Her mother was telling me that this was a particularly special honor for them based on all of her past experience with Rotary.

Don announced the new revised dates for the Panama wheel chair delivery trip. Wednesday October 8th through Monday October 13th. Compared to Bolivia and Argentina this is a much closer trip and an opportunity to see the Panama Canal. Of course you can extend or shorten the trip based on your own travel needs. The actual delivery days for the wheel chairs is Saturday and Sunday, the 11th and 12th.

This will be an excellent chance to get away and is right after our A Starry Night event. Speaking of A Starry Night, Frank did get up and give us an update. Does anybody remember what he said? I didn't think so.

Seriously, he announced that there will be a specific committee to gather donation items instead of the whole club at large going out gathering donation items for the live and silent auctions. I know you must be thinking to yourself “what can I do to chip in and help support this fine event?” and I know you are also thinking “I hope I can still get out into the community and talk to my friends, business associates and family about this fine event!”. Well, you are lucky on both counts. You have not only the opportunity but the responsibility to sell 20 raffle tickets at \$100 each for the car to be drawn for the night of the event. The more people you contact and sell tickets to the fewer tickets you will have to purchase yourself.

That's right, we are going to have a raffle drawing for a car. They are still putting some final touches on what kind of car. Patrick Wong is heading up this committee for the raffle along with Brian Damiani.

That's it for now, looking forward to a great June and our final meeting at the races on the 27th!

Yours in Rotary
Gaylord Focker



Our Guest Speaker—Ayn Wieskamp President of East Bay Regional Park District



Ayn Wieskamp (pronounced Anne Wees camp)

Ayn Wieskamp is currently the President of the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors. Prior to her being elected to the Park District Board in 1998, she served as a Councilmember for the City of Livermore for 18 years. Mrs. Wieskamp has also served as a Director of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, and the Alameda County Recycling Board. Mrs. Wieskamp received the 1998 California Association of Recreation and Park Districts Special Award for her development of special family events, and efforts to expand open space and trails. She represents Dublin, part of Fremont, Livermore, Newark, Pleasanton, Scott's Corner, and Sunol. Parks in her ward include: Ardenwood, Coyote Hills, Lake Del Valle, Mission Peak, Ohlone Wilderness, a portion of Pleasanton Ridge, Shadow Cliffs, Sunol, and Tassajara Creek.

Regional Parks Bond Measure Being Considered

The East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors is considering an extension of the District's 1988 Measure AA program through placement of a bond measure on the November 2008 ballot. The proposed \$500 million measure would not increase property owner's tax rates because the original bonds are now being retired and the extension measure can be funded within the historic tax rate of \$10 per \$100,000 of property value (assessed valuation) per year.

The Park District has drafted a project list for this measure and is making updates based on comments from the public. Draft projects in the Pleasanton area include acquiring parkland on scenic Pleasanton and Sunol ridges, Devaney Canyon, and constructing additional parking access, picnic facilities, and primitive camping. Regional projects also include completing Dublin Hills Regional Park, expanding Vargas Plateau, preserving Alameda Creek watershed and extending the Ridge Trail. In addition, over \$13 million is proposed for the Concord Naval Weapon Station to create a regional recreation area with picnic areas, trails, and camp sites. View the complete list at www.ebparcs.org or e-mail info@ebparcs.org.

The proposed bond measure allocates 25% of all monies to communities for their individual parks, ballfields, and community center projects. These funds are allocated based on population and would be a combined \$5.1 million for the Pleasanton and Dublin areas.

Community Service Helping Kids Have Bright Beginnings



Thank You PNR for Helping Kids Have Bright Beginnings!

On May 16th and 17th, PNR helped our outreach project reach more than 200 Bay Area families in need!! Words can't express how grateful we are for your volunteer service to help us make this event a reality. It truly would not have worked without you. Parents of children with autism and other delays came from as far away as Fresno, Stockton, Modesto and Santa Rosa seeking help for their child. They didn't know where to go or what to do. But for those who came to Bright Beginnings, the fears of where to go and what to do, all but went away. PNR's help allowed us to make sure that each family left with hope, the services they need, and a support network to bring out their child's potential.

Keith Seibert, we can't thank you enough for helping to organize help for our mission. PNR's support truly made a great difference.

Ron Hyde, your support means so much to us. Whether you were blowing up balloons for Bright Beginnings, or swinging a golf club to help us on our journey to having a permanent home, we are so very thankful for knowing you.

Jim Ott, your family is amazing. We are so grateful for all your support and for everything Pamela and your kids did to help with child-care. Be sure Pamela knows that our offer for a teaching position at School of Imagination still stands.

Dr. Susan DuPree, you jumped right and became such a wonderful part of our support team. What you did to help families was incredible and we thank you so much.

Helping Kids Have Bright Beginnings (Cont.)

Bob Lemmle, Cynthia Brown, Toby Brink, Richard Flanders and Frank Hanna- if not for you, we'd still be putting away tables and cleaning up after the event. You jumped in and did whatever was needed allowing us to focus on helping families. Thank you!!

Elie Kozanian and Jack Parker- Thanks for sweating it out on the Golf Course to support our program. We are so glad we didn't lose you to heat stroke. We appreciate all your support.

And to Herb Ritter; a special thank you for introducing us to what is truly the world's greatest Rotary Club.

To many more Bright Beginnings....

With Appreciation,

Charlene & Mitch Sigman

Founders

School of Imagination and Happy Talkers



As founder and director, Charlene Sigman has dedicated her life to help all children achieve their full potential.

Her programs serve more than 300 Bay Area children from ages 18 months to 12 years. The School of Imagination preschool program is cutting edge and prepares children for success in Kindergarten. The School of Imagination also features innovative programs to help develop children with conditions including autism, Down syndrome and speech delays, to reach their full potential.

Another Community Service project for PNR members

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