



PNR Christmas Party

PNR's Christmas Party is **this Sunday at 5 pm** at McNamara's Steak and Chop House! Come join the holiday cheer with you fellow Rotarians.

The cost is \$45.00 per person. McNamara's is located at 400 San Ramon Rd., Dublin

Make sure you get your payment and entree choices to Rhonda today.

Entrees:

-Alaskan Halibut

-Cranberry & Apple stuffed Pork Chop
-Vegetarian

Don't forget your present for the gift exchange. Bring an anonymous wrapped gifts around the \$25 price range.



Toys and Coats for Tri-Valley Children

In conjunction with the Christmas Party, we are doing a drive for toys and clothes as part of the 12/20 Christmas giveaway at Marilyn Ave School in Livermore.

This is a multi agency team working to give toys, clothes, and coats to the most neediest of families in our Tri-Valley. Ernie has put out feelers for the Girl Scouts to help with the jacket drive. Toys are also desperately needed as the donations are not coming in so quickly this year, probably due to the economy.

It would be great if we could go through our closets and give our adult and childrens' "gently worn" coats and jackets. If you don't have children at home, perhaps could ask your grown children for grandchildren's jackets they have out-grown. Last year there was almost 500 coats, unfortunately they ran out of school children size, which is the most needed. Marleen and Ernie are both working on this project, and if members could just bring coats to our meetings they will take them home, and wash them if needed.

Last year there were a few volunteers who spoke Spanish, and more could certainly be used if anyone has a few hours on the **morning of 12/20**. The day starts at about 0830 hrs and last year it was done by about 12:00 noon.

"I can't tell you how much I got out of this event last year. The parents come in without their children, and are escorted by a voluneer for their "shopping experience." Most of our families are Spanish speaking only, so you can see the need for translators." says Ernie.



Holiday Community Service Project—DVDs4Vets

Throughout the Bay Area, thousands of young men and women fill Military hospitals recovering from serious injuries suffered while serving our country. These selfless Americans will spend months, and often years, enduring grueling therapy with the hope of someday re-joining their families and regaining their independence.

The opportunity to watch a movie, maybe with their children, family or friends, is a rare chance to escape and experience some joy.

Please join Pleasanton North Rotary and School of Imagination this holiday season, in an effort to provide new and used DVDs for our veterans. We will be collecting the DVDs at various drop-off locations from now to mid December. It is our plan to make deliveries of the DVDs just before Christmas.

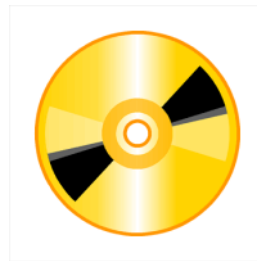
THEY WERE THERE FOR US. LET US BE THERE FOR THEM!!

PNR members can bring in new or used DVDs to our meetings. Ask you friends and neighbors to help in this worthwhile project.

We will have drop-off boxes at all Uncle Credit Union locations, all Livermore/Pleasanton Fire stations; the Pleasanton and Dublin Chamber of Commerce offices and Valley Community Bank.

If you have any questions you may contact Ron Hyde or Mitch Sigman. Our goal is 1000 DVDs4Vets.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



Youth Protection Awareness and Certification Training

This is your last reminder that I will be giving both the Youth Protection Awareness AND Youth Protection Certification Training to anyone who would like to attend on Tuesday, **December 9, 2008**. The Awareness module will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by the Certification Course from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The training is hosted by the Tri-Valley Rotary Club at Girasole Restaurant, 3180 Santa Rita Road (at W. Las Positas) in Pleasanton. Since this is the RC's program for the evening, each attendee is requested to purchase dinner for \$20.

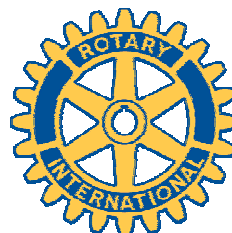
Please go the District 5170 website to register (the restaurant needs to prepare enough food!) OR you can e-mail me and let me know that you are coming (and for which session).

Please remember that most clubs have this training as a Blue Badge requirement! Also, all committee chairs should be fully certified.

Thanks!

Yours in Rotary service,

Lee Denlinger
Area 4 YP Trainer
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Interact Collections for Operation Iraqi Children

This is a notice about Operation Iraqi Children Drive (<http://operationiraqichildren.org/>), where Interactors will be collecting school supplies for children in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Djibouti. Items needed include:

- 1) blunt scissors
- 2) 12-inch rulers with metric markings
- 3) packages of 12 pencils with erasers on the end
- 4) small pencil sharpeners
- 5) large erasers
- 6) boxes of colored pencils (no crayons, please!)
- 7) packages of notebook paper
- 8) composition books
- 9) folders with inside pockets
- 10) zipped pencil bags
- 11) small toys, such as jump ropes, stuffed animals, yo-yos, etc.

Foothill is specifically collecting numbers 7, 8, and 11, but all items are welcomed. If you can donate any items, please bring them to a club meeting and I can collect them.

Rose Polis (rosepolis@yahoo.com)



Reno Train Trip

It is again time for the East-Bay Reno Rotary Train Trip. The dates are Sunday and Monday, January 25-26, 2009. The price is \$290.

It is a wonderful sightseeing trip for those of you who have never taken the train through the Sierras in winter. It is a great bonding experience for new members to spend quality time with members of the club. And for those who like to play poker for very small stakes, you will love the experience of pretending to know when to "hold em & when to fold em."

The cost of the trip this year will be \$290. This covers round trip train fare, lunch on the train, lunch with the Reno Rotary Club on Monday, and box dinner on the train coming home. Some of us fly home early afternoon on Mon., rather than losing the whole day on the train ride home.

Any one interested in this fantastic experience, please contact Bruce "Choo-Choo" Jones ASAP as we need to send our money to the Berkeley Club by early December. I can be reached at (925) 484-5505, or at bhjcpa@aol.com



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El Oasis Orphanage Christmas Trip

FOURTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY TRIP TO EL OASIS ORPHANAGE!!!

Get ready for our annual trip to El Oasis Orphanage in Baja California. This is an opportunity to really make a difference to 60 or 70 kids and their caregivers! This is always a very fun trip where we have a big impact for relatively little money, are able to contribute some sweat equity and enjoy some Rotary fellowship.

This year we plan to bring a pair of shoes and a Christmas gift for each child, build a soccer field, do a maintenance project and contribute funds for a high speed internet connection for the computer lab we provided last year. We will be providing more information on how you can help make this trip a success at each of our next several meetings.

In the meantime, we wanted to get you the travel details so you can make your plans. Please book your airline tickets ASAP as prices tend to escalate this time of year (\$69 each way as of today) . The recommended flights are as follows:

Saturday December 13th
Oakland - San Diego
Southwest 1260
8:30 am - 9:55 am

Monday December 15th
San Diego - Oakland
Southwest 270
4:45 pm - 6:15 pm

Remember that every person needs a passport

If you prefer to use a different airline please make sure you arrive in San Diego before 9:55 am on Saturday the 13th and depart San Diego after 4:45 pm on Monday the 15th. There will also be a small charge for ground transportation from San Diego into Mexico and return.

We will be spending Sunday night (14th) at the Orphanage (not the Ritz but the price is right!). For Saturday night (13th) please contact the Corona Hotel in Ensenada (011-52-646-176-0901 or reserv@hotelcorona.com.mx) and book your own room. Tell them you are with the "PNR Group" and you should get a rate of approx \$86 for a double including taxes.

We will need a few volunteers to help coordinate things on this end before we leave. If you would like to help please contact Don Routh.

THIS WILL BE A VERY REWARDING AND FUN TRIP - PLEASE JOIN US!!!



El Oasis Orphanage Donations

We all need to step up now and help. We are sending our delegation down to El Oasis Orphanage with gifts for ALL the children. Everyone should pick a child or donate money so we can buy the gifts that are needed. No child should be left out. Janet Welcome has volunteered to buy the gifts if you can't. Call her to arrange- (H) 510-582-9861 or (C) 510-599-9861. We are running out of time. Don't think someone else will do it. It takes us all to be successful. Please e-mail Don with your selected child. We are Pleasanton North Rotarians. GET IT DONE!!

