

THE WIND REPORT

Week of October 27, 2014

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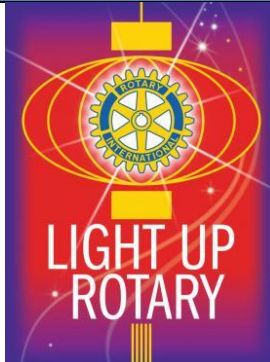
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ROTARY DISTRICT
5160,
CLUB NO. 30335



San Ramon Valley Rotary Club, Danville, CA, USA

Meeting Time: Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.,
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Why We Don't Want Rotary To Be Like Baseball

By David Postic - Rotaract Club of Norman, OK

Baseball is a sport so historically beloved in the United States that it is called "America's pastime." Yet few Americans I know actually watch baseball on a regular basis. Why? Because when you really look at the game, it can seem slow, boring, and it can get old pretty quickly. Most people love the idea of baseball; they just don't love watching it. Similarly, there are many young people out there (like me) who love the idea of Rotary. But when you really look at any given Rotary club it can seem, well, slow and boring.

I had the luxury of growing up around Rotarians, so when I see Rotary I see something groundbreaking, something transformational. Yet of all the Rotary meetings I have been to, never once have I heard someone say, "Did you know that, through Rotary, you can change the world?" That is Rotary's most powerful message, and it is the one young people need to hear. And if they do not hear it, I can guarantee you they will not be engaged in Rotary. The problem boils down to this: there can sometimes be a generational gap in Rotary clubs. There are older Rotarians who see it as a social club and younger people who see it as a retirement home. As a result many young people choose not to join those old clubs and instead form new ones. New clubs are by no means bad things, but when all the young people are creating new clubs the math says those old clubs will eventually die. How do we fix this problem? As a near expert on 22-year-olds, allow me to offer two pieces of advice for any Rotary club looking to recruit young people like me:

First, wake up. If your meetings or service projects are not more exciting than going to the mall, watching the latest episode of American Idol, or even spending an hour on Facebook, young people will not be engaged and they will not join. Get out into the community and serve. Develop innovative projects that truly make a difference. Writing checks is not enough to keep us interested.

Second, let go of your club. Give up control. People my age want to feel like they are making an impact. Give young members responsibilities. Listen to their ideas. Most importantly, make them the leaders and let them change things. If you make it a habit to continuously evolve as a club, you will continue to engage young people and flourish. And when clubs flourish, Rotary flourishes. It is as simple as that.

Birthdays This Month:

Traci Engle, 10/12
Greg McGuire, 10/12
Lily Lui, 10/30

Anniversaries This Month:

Gary & Dede Clarke, 10/3
Tim and Karen Alman, 10/26

Upcoming Greeters:

Sudhir Sahni, 10/29

TO ALL OUR RED BADGERS! To get your blue badge, you need to be a greeter at one of our meetings. It is your responsibility to sign up and pick a slot. Any questions, feel free to contact Rita Smith.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

Last week on October 22nd, we had even more fun and a few more awesome guests! Visiting our club were: **Siegfried Reichert** (guest of Traci Engle), **Kristina Plisik – visiting us for the second time** (guest of Valerie Munoz), and our speaker, **Barbara Hunt** of Rotacare.

Barbara Hunt gave us a very moving presentation about our Rotacare Free Clinic program. Started by a Rotarian doctor in 1989 with one free clinic in the Campbell area, we now have over 12 clinics throughout the Bay Area. Rotacare provides free medical care to those living below the poverty line who cannot afford health insurance, as well as those who are displaced due to job changes. If you know a doctor or healthcare professional who would like to donate their time to the clinic, because they could always use more help, get more information from their website at: www.rotacarebayarea.org. Thank you Barbara and Rotacare for all that you do!!

SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS: Bring a bottle of wine to auction off at our Evening with the Classics Event in January. Drop off your bottles with Neville Guard at the meeting.

As we were without our Club Photographer last week, I thought I'd share some great photos about the work Rotary does at the Rotacare Clinics.





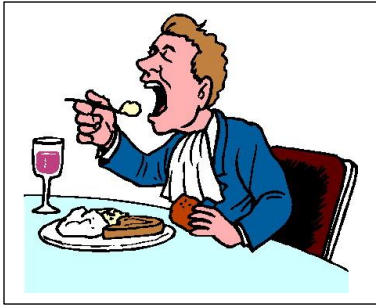
HOLY COW!!!

COMING UP AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON OCTOBER 29:

Our Speaker will be Nancy Labelle, Executive Director of the Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area.

Our Greeter will be Sudhir Sahni.

Make sure to bring your guests!



WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

It's a Surprise!

(New November menus are on the way!)

COMING ATTRACTIONS AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Monday, October 27, 2014 – SRVRC Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

October 31 to November 2, 2014: DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN RENO, NEVADA! Located at the Grand Sierra Resort, Reno

November 10 through January 14, 2015 – ONE WARM COAT DRIVE BEGINS.

Contact Traci Engle at (925) 890-3205
or see her at the meeting for details on how you
can volunteer to help.



Saturday, November 15, 2014 – 12:00 Noon. ROTARY DAY AT THE RACES AT GOLDEN GATE FIELDS. Sign-up sheets are going around. Come join the fun!!! More details to follow.

Saturday, November 22, 2014 – at 11:30 a.m. – LUNCH AND WINE TASTING at Garré Winery, located at 7986 Tesla Road, Livermore. Sign-up sheets are going around at the meeting – cost is \$5.00 per person for the wine and there will be food available for purchase.

Friday, December 5, 2014 – 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. – ONE WARM COAT BISHOP RANCH TREE LIGHTING. Holiday entertainment, Santa's Arrival and more will be featured.

In case you missed it

Need to Make Up a Missed Meeting?

Go to our club website and check out the list of neighboring clubs you can visit for more fun and fellowship. Just e-mail Valerie Munoz to let her know you made up the meeting and where.

Here's the link to the list of Clubs, dates, times and locations:

<http://www.sanramonvalleyrotary.com/index.cfm?display=sisterclubs&sub=e>

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL.
WORLD SERIES
— 20  14 —
FALL CLASSIC™



San Francisco Giants vs. the Kansas City Royals

Series Score: Giants 3, Royals 2

Let's Get 'Er Done Boys and Bring Home That Third Trophy!!!

Tuesday, October 28, 2014, San Francisco at Kansas City, 5:07 p.m. PST

Wednesday, October 29, 2014, San Francisco at Kansas City, 5:07 p.m. PST

GO GIANTS!!!

