

THE WIND REPORT

Week of February 9, 2015

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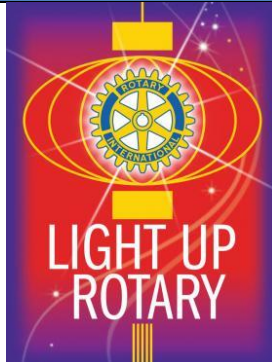
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**ROTARY DISTRICT
5160,
CLUB NO. 30335**



San Ramon Valley Rotary Club, Danville, CA, USA

Meeting Time: Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.,
Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Dr., Danville
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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Every February 14, across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint, and where did these traditions come from?

The history of Valentine's Day, and the story of its patron saint, is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. *Approximately 150 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged annually, making this day the second most popular card-sending holiday after Christmas.*

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured.

Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and romantic figure. Some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of his death or burial, and others claim the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine's Feast Day in the middle of February in an effort to "Christianize" the pagan celebration of Lupercalia, which was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture.

Valentine's greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages, though written valentines didn't begin to appear until after 1400. The oldest valentine still in existence today was a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt.

In addition to the United States, Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia.

Birthdays This Month:

Sudhir Sahni, 2/15

Anniversaries This Month:

Upcoming Greeters:

Kevin L'Hommedieu, 2/11

Alex Harris, 2/18

Henry Frazier, 2/25

TO ALL OUR RED BADGERS! To advance to wearing a blue badge, you will need to fulfill your service as a Greeter. What better way to get to know your fellow Rotarians! Sign up with Rita Smith at the meeting.

PRESENTING OUR VALLEY TEEN IDOL SEMI-FINALISTS

Maddie Bartolome, 16, Amador Valley High School
Audrey Butler, 16, Monte Vista High School
Christian Caliwag, 13, Castro Valley High School
Cassidy Cheong, 13, Los Ceros Middle School
Rebecca Clemmons, 16, Monte Vista High School
Georgia Cunningham, 14, Los Ceros Middle School
Brian Dandridge, 14, California High School
Maddy DeWalt, 16, San Ramon Valley High School
Tara Fay, 16, San Ramon Valley High School
Katie Finnerty, 18, Monte Vista High School
Emily Geisler, 17, Foothill High School
Thannie Graff, 14, Los Ceros Middle School
Olivia Howe, 15, Granada High School
Vaishnavi Melkote, 15, Dougherty Valley High School
Pearl Melone, 13, Diablo Vista Middle School
Luca Bella Mesa, 13, Charlotte Wood Middle School
Erika Nolan, 15, Monte Vista High School
Derin Orito, 17, Monte Vista High School
Kaylee Stout, 14, San Ramon Valley High School
Talia Stivender, 17, Monte Vista High School
Brianna Walters, 18, Foothill High School
Abby Watson, 16, Monte Vista High School
Jared Werlein, 14, San Ramon Valley High School
Rachel Wirtz, 17, Berean Christian High School

Bands and Groups

Connor Farley, 17, SRVHS; Maddelyn Bohland, 17, Livermore HS; Nathan Brandon, 18, SRVHS; Nick Alexanderian, 18, Venture (Band)

Ce-Lai Fong, 14, SRVHS; Cassie Mack, 14, SRVHS; Alden Tackett, 14, SRVHS; Selen Ozturk, 14, SRVHS (The Empty Set)

Jessie Keppler, 16, Campolindo HS; Claire Levinson, 14, Acalanes HS; Kirsten Stensland, 17, Acalanes Ind. Study; Dara Feller, 16, Acalanes HS (Quartet Audacity)

Isa Tariq, 15, Dougherty Valley HS; Musa Tariq, 15, Dougherty Valley HS; Akhil Varanasi, 15, Dougherty Valley HS; Liam Roh, 15, Dougherty Valley HS (Calif.)

Kyle Wooten, 14, Monte Vista HS; Weston Wittek, 15, Monte Vista HS; Ethan Spain, 14, Monte Vista HS (The Chosen)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR SEMI-FINALISTS!

**VALLEY TEEN IDOL SEMI-FINALS - February 22, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
Village Theater, Danville, CA**

**VALLEY TEEN IDOL FINALS - March 29, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
San Ramon Performing Arts Center, Dougherty Valley High School Campus**

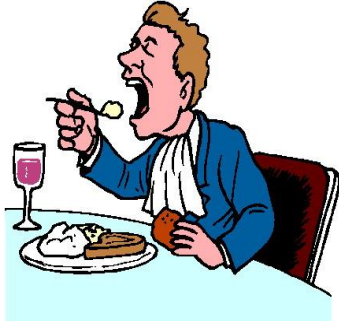
Want to submit an announcement for our newsletter? Just send Laura Montalvo an e-mail at winechickathome@gmail.com



COMING UP AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 11TH

Our Greeter will be **Kevin L'Hommedieu**.

Our Speaker will be **David Behring, Past President of the Danville Sycamore Rotary Club and Future Rotary International Director, who will speak on the Battle of the Bulge Anniversary.**



WHAT'S ON THE MENU AT BLACKHAWK COUNTRY CLUB

For Wednesday, February 11th, 2015:

Winter Salad; Lamb Shank (Chianti Rosemary Tomato Sauce, Chive Mashed Potatoes; Root Vegetables); New York Cheesecake for Dessert

COMING ATTRACTIONS AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

February 19, 2015: 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. – Steve Kasa Retirement Party, 18 Crow Canyon Court, Suite 390, San Ramon

February 22, 2015: 2:00 p.m. VALLEY TEEN IDOL SEMI-FINALS, at the Village Theater in Danville. Tickets can be purchased through our website: www.sanramonvalleyrotary.com

March 29, 2015: 2:00 p.m. VALLEY TEEN IDOL FINALS!! At the Dougherty Valley High School Performing Arts Center. We need sponsors and volunteers – See Jessica Braverman for more details.

Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill Presents: - ST. PATRICK'S NIGHT OF MERRIMENT
March 13, 2015

Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Drive
Food, Friendship and Fundraising

You can help out our fellow Pleasant Hill Rotarians by becoming a sponsor. See the attached flyer for more details!

*“Be more concerned with
your character than your
reputation, because your
character is what you
really are, while your
reputation is merely what
others think you are.”*

– John Wooden



Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill

We aren't special....what we do is!



St. Patrick's Night of Merriment

March 13, 2015

Pleasant Hill Community Center, 320 Civic Dr

Food, Friendship, and Fundraising!



Event Benefactor \$5,000

- Two tables for 10, four premium bottles of wine, and two bottles of premium champagne
- Name listed as Event Benefactor in the program and on all advertising
- Name featured as Event Benefactor on event tickets
- 40 drink tickets waiting for you at check-in
- Hang a banner near the stage at the event
- 4 VIP parking spaces
- Publish a business card size ad in the Rotary Club's weekly newsletter for one year. You may change the ad 4 times to keep it fresh.
- Provide your own personal "party favors" on each table
- Set up a table during the event in the silent auction/raffle area to promote your business or topic of your choice.
- Give the 3-minute opening thought before dinner if you'd like
- Enjoy advanced check-in and priority check-out

Pot of Gold Sponsor — \$2,500

- ◆ Two tables for 10 and four premium bottles of wine
- ◆ Name listed as Event Sponsor in the program and on all advertising
- ◆ 40 drink tickets waiting for you at check-in
- ◆ Hang a banner at the event
- ◆ 4 VIP parking spaces
- ◆ Publish a business card size ad in the Rotary Club's weekly newsletter for one year
- ◆ Provide your own personal "party favors" on each table

4-Leaf Clover Sponsor — \$1,800

- ◆ Table for 10 and two premium bottles of wine
- ◆ Name listed as Event Sponsor in the program and on all advertising
- ◆ 20 drink tickets waiting for you at check-in
- ◆ Hang a banner at the event
- ◆ 2 VIP parking spaces

Leprechaun Sponsor — \$1,200

- ◆ Table for 10 and two bottles of wine
- ◆ Name listed as Event Sponsor in the program and on all advertising
- ◆ 10 drink tickets waiting for you at check-in
- ◆ 2 VIP parking spaces

What have we funded in the past....?

Gazebo at the Pleasant Hill Community Center

Project Second Chance

Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education

Rodgers Ranch Urban Farm

Onstage Theatre

Christmas for Everyone

Bay Area Crisis Nursery

Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce

Irvin Deutscher Family YMCA

Adult Day Services Network

Pleasant Hill 4th of July Commission

Youth Homes

Salvation Army Toy & Joy and Bell Ringing

Ln4 Prosthetic Hands

Boy Scouts of America

And so much more!

Help us help our community by being a sponsor or donor!

All proceeds from this event will directly support the Rotary Club of Pleasant Hill Foundation and its many projects for the betterment of our community.

Pleasant Hill Rotary Foundation is a nonprofit service organization under the IRS tax code 501 (c) 3. Our Foundation Tax ID # is: 04-3708728. Contributions are tax deductible.