

THE WIND REPORT

August 25, 2014

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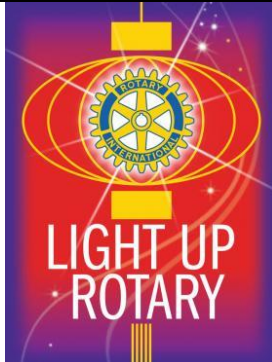
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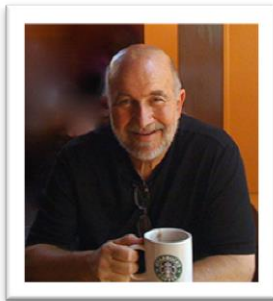
**ROTARY DISTRICT
5160,
CLUB NO. 30335**



San Ramon Valley Rotary Club, Danville, CA, USA

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ROTARY MOMENT

How Do You Invite Someone to Rotary?

Just Ask

*By Bill Wittich, Past President of Rotary Club of
Laguna Sunrise, Elk Grove, CA*

Those who know me call me the Starbucks Guy! That is because I spend way too much time and money in my local Starbucks. But the truth is Starbucks is my best location for attracting new Rotary members.

Let me give you an example of a recent Sunday. My wife, Ann, and I are both Rotarians and we enjoy our tall Skinny Mochas. So sitting there we watched a young woman arrive with her computer and she was dressed for business. Both of us asked the question, "Is she a possibility for Rotary?"

Well, she looked like a Rotarian. You know what that means. She was a young business woman and seemed friendly at that. I asked my wife which of us should talk to her about Rotary and she said that she found the last one, so it was my turn.

I simply approached her and asked "why are you not a Rotarian?" She smiled and said that she had heard of Rotary but really did not know exactly what they did or were. I gave her a copy of our club flyer and invited her to be our guest for breakfast at the country club next week. I asked her for her e-mail address and told her she would be receiving our club newsletter later that day. Basically, we were starting to build a slow, but friendly, relationship with her and simply invited her to breakfast. The next Wednesday morning, guess who showed up at our Rotary club meeting?

All we did was to be aware of who was enjoying our morning Starbucks with us and we just offered them an opportunity to network with the movers and shakers in our town. At the meeting, she heard about all those service projects that our club is doing, and her eyes lit up. Well the following week, we had a new excited Rotarian who told us that prior to our visit at Starbucks, she had never understood what Rotary was or did. I guess the key to membership is to **ask**.

Birthdays This Month:

Bob Schumacher, 8/2
Nish Gokli, 8/5
Dede Clarke 8/8
Sandy Merlot 8/10
Debbie Weiss 8/13
Lynn Eager, 8/18
Linda Murphy 8/18
Ana Castro 8/19
Svitlana McGuire 8/25
Jack Bailey 8/28
Dan Geraldi 8/30
Brian Roth 8/31
Jessica Braverman 8/31

Anniversaries This Month:

Larry Blair 8/14

Upcoming Greeters:

Dan Geraldi, 8/27

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.

"The only way to do great work is to love what you do." - Steve Jobs

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING

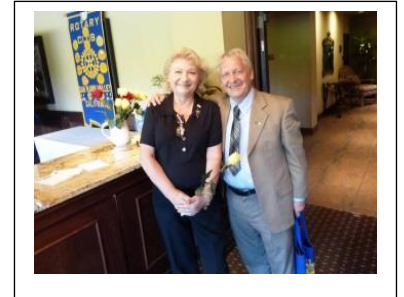
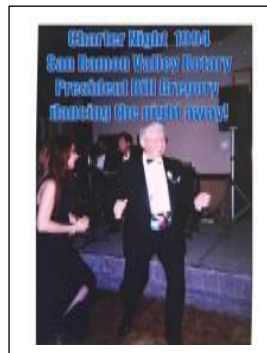
President Elect **Jessica Braverman** directed our meeting on August 20th, and she was AWESOME!!! Jessica was also our Secret Rotarian.

Gobind Anand, Matt Wilson and James Frazier each brought guests to our meeting and please accept apologies from the Wind Report Editor, she did not get their names. We were graced with a visit from Gobind's brother, a work associate of Matt Wilson's, and friends of James and Anita Frazier. Thank you Gobind, Matt and James for reaching out and sharing Rotary!

Our Speaker was **Cliff Buxton** from the American Red Cross, who spoke to us on emergency preparedness and disaster relief services. Cliff gave us some solid strategies on how to prepare ourselves in the event of a disaster such as an earthquake, and how appropriate given the recent emergency in South Napa. He stressed the importance of stocking supplies for the short term and the long term, including storing two weeks of water, plenty of batteries, food such as tuna, canned beans and noodles, and of course plenty of cash and toilet paper! Also make sure you always have plenty of gas in your car – a half a tank is now the new empty and it's always best to carry emergency equipment in your vehicle at all times. For more information, you can go to www.bereadysrv.org, www.ready.us.gov, and www.redcrossbayarea.org.

There will be an "Emergency Preparedness Fair" in San Ramon on September 13, from 9:00 a.m., to 2:00 p.m., at San Ramon Central Park, and will include a free BBQ lunch. Some of the things offered at the Fair will be child fingerprinting, kids' safety demos, military, fire and police demos, car seat inspections, Learn CPR/AED Home Safety Classes and the like. For details go to the www.bereadysrv.org site.

Unfortunately, we had no photographer at our meeting on August 20th, so posted below are more photos from our 20th Anniversary Party. Enjoy!



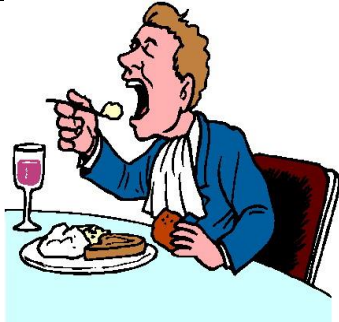
Want to submit an announcement for our newsletter? Just send Laura Montalvo an e-mail at lauramontalvo@ymail.com



COMING UP THIS WEEK – AUGUST 27th HAPPY HOUR AT 6:00, MEETING AT 7:00

Our Greeter will be **Dan Gerald**.

Our Speakers will be: **Gobind Anand, Neville Guard and yours truly, Laura Montalvo**, who will each give a short presentation about themselves and their vocation. Yes, Laura has already shared her vocation with us, but she now has a new business and would like to give us an update!



WHAT'S ON THE MENU AT BLACKHAWK COUNTRY CLUB

August 27, 2014:

Stone Fruit Composed Salad; Dijon Rib Eye Steak and Wild White Prawns, Apple Pie a la Mode for dessert.

COMING ATTRACTIONS AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday, September 14, 2014, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Our second annual Club picnic at The Ranch at Little Hills in San Ramon, located at 18013 Bollinger Canyon Road. Price per adult is \$27.50, kids ages 5 through 12 are \$25.00 each, and kids under 4 years of age are free. This will be a great family event with a pool and the food is fully catered. Please let us know if you're coming so we can get an accurate head-count. Contact Rita Smith for details.

October 17, 2014: In support of our fight against prescription drug abuse, our Club will be hosting a **Haunted House** at the Grange in Danville, 743 Diablo Road. The theme is "Count on Me to Stay Drug Free," and we are asking members to dress in costume and help with various activities, which will include collecting any unused prescription drugs for disposal. More details to follow, sign-up sheets will be passed around and for questions, see Jessica Braverman.

October 31 to November 2, 2014: DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN RENO, NEVADA! Located at the Grand Sierra Resort. District Governor Pam Gray has issued an attendance challenge. For the clubs with the highest number and largest percentage of attendees, special recognition will be given at the conference. **So far, 15 members of our club have registered and we are in contention for winning!** Let's get some big numbers at this conference! If you would like to attend this amazing weekend, give a shout to Valerie Munoz as she is the registrar for the entire event.

November 15, 2014 – Our Annual Scotch and Cigars Event at the Blackhawk Country Club. Sign-up sheets will be going around shortly for anyone who would like to volunteer to help with setting up the event, as well as attending the event. Stay tuned for further details.

DISTRICT 5160 PHOTO CONTEST 2014

TWO CONTESTS: CLUB PHOTO CONTEST AND RENO PHOTO CONTEST: For the Club Photo Contest, the deadline is October 27, 2014. Give the District your best three Club pictures of the most poignant, unusual or amazing story/people/things taken during the year with your Club (any avenue of service). Please include Club's name, photographer's name; avenue of service and description. Send pictures before Monday October 27th to Dany Gregory, District Photographer and Bill Randall, Chief Organizer – to photocontest@rotary5160.org.

For the Reno Photo Contest, give the District a photograph taken at the District Convention in Reno with the name, club and phone number. Bring your CD, SD, CF or USB to the Photo Contest Box at registration or email to photocontest@rotary5160.org. NO NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. Wonderful cash prizes will be awarded to our Club, and a very special prize awarded to the photographer.

AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP MONTH



August is Membership Month at Rotary. Rotary International has challenged us to change our profile photo on Facebook to this image and/or to pass around this image to our friends on social media to show our Rotary pride. Laura Montalvo, your Club PR Director, would like to challenge each of our members to take it a step further. Before the end of August, take a picture of yourself on your cell phone (yep, a "selfie") and post it on our San Ramon Valley Rotary Facebook page, then caption it, "Proud Rotary Member Since ____." If you don't have a Facebook account and aren't sure how any of that works – no problem. Just text Laura your picture at (925) 437-2445 or e-mail it to her at lauramontalvo@ymail.com, and she will take care of the rest!

SPECIAL LETTER FROM STEVE KASA, SRVRC CHARTER MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT

Steve could not attend our 20th Anniversary Party and wasn't able to share with us in person his thoughts and feelings about how much our Club has impacted him. He wrote a letter to the Club and we would like to share that here:

Congratulations San Ramon Valley Rotary Club for 20 Outstanding Years!

Some of the most enjoyable times of my life have been those involved with Rotary. From the very beginning, our club has excelled at all levels of Rotary in the District.

To all Past Presidents and to our Past District Governor, Laura Day:

To our current President Lynn Eager:

To all those who have served as Board Members and the Membership-at-large for all the time and effort Club Members have given over the years to make our Club to be the outstanding Club that it is:

I SALUT YOU!!!!

To the Membership: I thank you for the times we've spent together and the endearing friendships I've made along the way.

I wish each and every one of you health, happiness and continued enjoyment in Rotary.

In the Spirit of Rotary,

Steve Kasa

