

# THE WIND REPORT

Week of March 16, 2015

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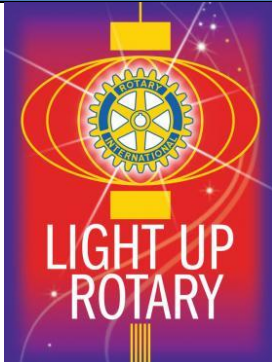
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ROTARY DISTRICT  
5160,  
CLUB NO. 30335



## 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  
[www.sanramonvalleyrotary.com](http://www.sanramonvalleyrotary.com)

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## *Happy St. Patrick's Day*

*And By the Way, Everything You Know About  
St. Patrick's Day is Wrong!*

Happy St. Patrick's Week! We typically associate this holiday with drinking, drinking and more drinking, and on being Irish and lots of green things. But according to an article in the Huffington Post, we've been living somewhat of a lie. Here are 10 brutally honest facts about St. Patrick's Day:

1. St. Patrick wasn't Irish – historians now believe he was born in what is now England, Scotland or Wales.
2. St. Patrick's color is blue.
3. St. Patrick's Day as we know it was invented in America. Really??!! Catholic University's Irish American Expert, Timothy Meagher, explains that St. Patrick's Day celebrations began in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century in American cities with large Irish American populations (like New York), and it became a way to honor the saint and to create ethnic identity and bonds of solidarity.
4. March 17<sup>th</sup> is actually the day St. Patrick died.
5. St. Patrick did not drive out all the snakes in Ireland because there isn't any credible evidence that snakes existed in Ireland at the time. The climate is just too chilly.
6. The shamrock isn't the symbol of Ireland – it's the harp.
7. St. Patrick's Day used to be a dry holiday. Before 1970, all the pubs in Ireland were closed in observance of the religious feast day.
8. Apparently, corned beef and cabbage isn't a traditional Irish dish. You're better off sticking with Guinness.
9. There are more Irish people living in the United States than there are in Ireland. Ireland contains about 4.2 million people, and the U.S. about 34 million with Irish descent.
10. Your odds of finding a four leaf clover are about 1 in 10,000.

But you'll have much better odds at winning the pot in the SRVRC raffle! So keep buying those tickets. Cheers!

## Birthdays This Month:

Jonathan Watts, 3/8  
Sharon Mace, 3/9

## Anniversaries This Month:

## Upcoming Greeters:

Greg Wilson, 3/4  
Laura Montalvo, 3/11  
Yasmin Kotval, 3/18  
4-Way Speech, 3/25

**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.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING

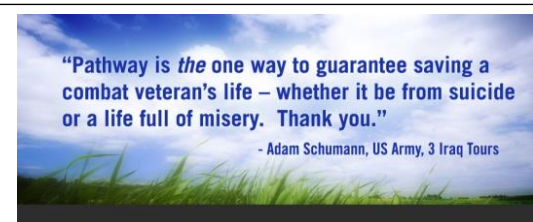
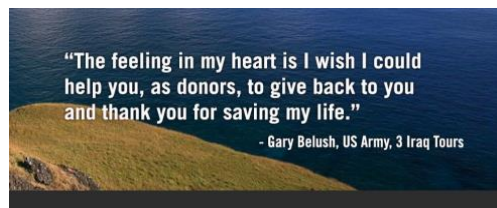
Last week, on March 11th, our greeter was **Laura Montalvo**. Thank you Laura – you're the Bomb, girl!

Guests visiting us were: **our speaker, Bruce McCall** with the Napa Rotary Club, who gave us an incredible presentation on programs helping homeless and suffering veterans.

Bruce spoke to us about his work with **The Pathway Home**, which is a true healing community where people band together to embrace and assist the military personnel who have served our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. These men have survived the stress of war, but find themselves having difficulty transitioning to civilian life because of the debilitating effects of Post Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury, or other post-combat mental health challenges.

Their mission is to provide the respect, guidance, and support that each individual needs to rebound from these difficult experiences. By integrating evidence-based treatment, Best Practice Models, and holistic, innovative methods, they are able to dramatically improve the quality of life that these men experience by providing them the tools they need to successfully complete educational programs, obtain employment, build and maintain healthy personal relationships, and successfully reintegrate into society.

For more information on The Pathway Home and how you can volunteer and/or donate, check out their website at: <http://thepathwayhome.org>.



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

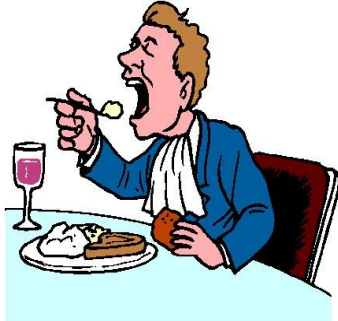


## COMING UP AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 18, 2015

Our Greeter will be **Yasmin Kotval**.

Our Speaker will be **Lucille Eichengreen, Holocaust Survivor**.

Feel free to bring guests and make sure to send an e-mail to James Frazier with the name of your guest.



## WHAT'S ON THE MENU AT BLACKHAWK COUNTRY CLUB

For Wednesday, March 18, 2015:

It will likely be a yummy surprise.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**March 23, 2015:** 6:30 p.m. – Board Meeting – 2010 Crow Canyon Place, San Ramon, CA

**March 25, 2015:** - Four Way Speech Contest

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

**April 1, 2015:** Club Assembly – No Guests!

**April 15, 2015:** Four Way Speech Area Contest

**May 13, 2015:** San Ramon Valley Rotary Club Mixer – **BRING GUESTS!!**

**March is also National Irish American Heritage Month.**





10th  
Anniversary

**SAN RAMON VALLEY ROTARY**

presents



## **FINAL COMPETITION**



Sunday



March 29th 2:00pm

San Ramon Performing Arts Theatre

10550 Albion Road, San Ramon

Tickets - \$25 Students \$35 Adults



**Judges**

**Derek Henry &  
Peter Govorchin**



**Master of Ceremonies  
Adam Gold**



**Judges**

**Stevie Rae Stephens &  
Debora Killeen**

Ticket Questions: Valerie Munoz [vamunoz@comcast.net](mailto:vamunoz@comcast.net) or 925-683-6310

Purchase tickets on line for the San Ramon Performing Arts at  
[www.sanramonperformingarts.com](http://www.sanramonperformingarts.com)

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