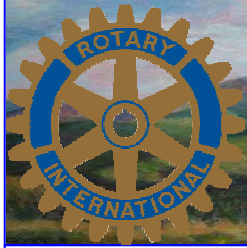
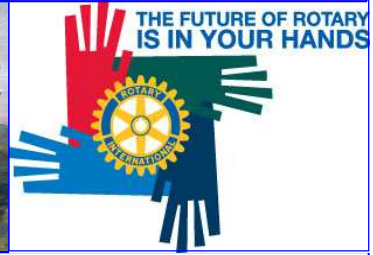


# The Valley Sun



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*Following are great sayings by police officers.*

What fun it was to be present at **Prez Barbara's** first ever meeting. Or was this really **Bill Selb's** reanointment? Think if we were to judge by number of words actually spoken, **Bill Selb** wins the prize. Anyway, even without the black box (I thought those were only on airliners), **Prez Barbara** did a great job trying to remember the order in which things happen.

*"You know stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."*

So the first thing we did was out of order – which was the pledge to our glorious flag. We'll give **Steve Weir** credit for leading us in the pledge. That was followed by the invocation which was delivered by **Clay Gardner**. Then just as we were about to sit down, came the NEW saying, "**The future of Rotary ... is in your hands.**" Now it's time to sit down.



*"Relax. The handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them awhile."*

At this point, **Prez Barbara** asked for the Mytery Greeter who happened to be our own **Bill Selb** and that's when **Prez Barbara** lost control of the

meeting. Wonder if that's a record? Or just normal for our club. One Rotarian who admitted to missing Bill said it was because the air kiss went right over his head. You had to be there.

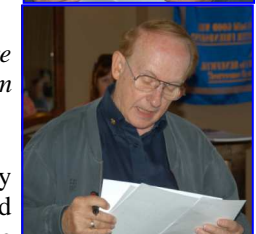
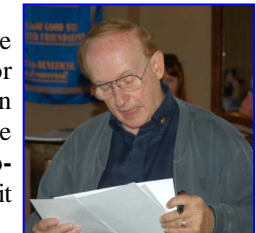
*"If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."*



The next two hours were spent discussing the matter of pancakes and how to make them even more perfect.

*"If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."*

Sad news of the day came from Las Vegas and the fact that our own **Past President Bob Roman** passed away this a.m. **Don Ouimet** will keep us informed of the schedule for the upcoming funeral.





*"Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."*

Now it's time for Happy AND Grumpy Bucks. I will let you guess what the initials HBs and GBs stand for. **Dr. Al Martin** started this off with \$20 for the fact that he will not be with us on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July because this is his and **Rene's** 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He pleaded poverty when it came to forking over the 40 bucks. Let's keep track of this and be sure to collect next Thursday.

*"You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"*

**Judge Steve Weir** gave an HB for a great Promo Demo party. That was followed by a happy IOU as learned by the State of California by **Ken Moon** for having 2 upcoming appointments with **Dr. Al** so he can then pay his \$40 anniversary bill. That was followed by **Johnny Morgan's** \$50 because he missed our party due to unexpectedly buying a boat. How does that happen? You're just walking along and you trip over a boat and trailer and say, "Hey, maybe I should buy that!"



*"Yes sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"*

**Richard Lueck** gave a GB just for the fact of being grumpy which was followed by **Clay Gardner** who had 4 HBs for something and the 1 GB that his wife received 2 calls before 4 a.m. from **Chuck Graham**. Like he said, "you give a guy a kidney and strange things happen."

*"Warning! You want a warning? Okay, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."*



**Chuck Graham** was 3 HBs that he, Fred and Richard were all called at 3:30 to man a canteen but then called again at 4 a.m. to "stand down." **Torsten Jacobsen** had some HBs for his mom celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and also for a trip to a Ronald McDonald house and giving some very deserving kids who have leukemia an outing in the forest.

*"The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"*

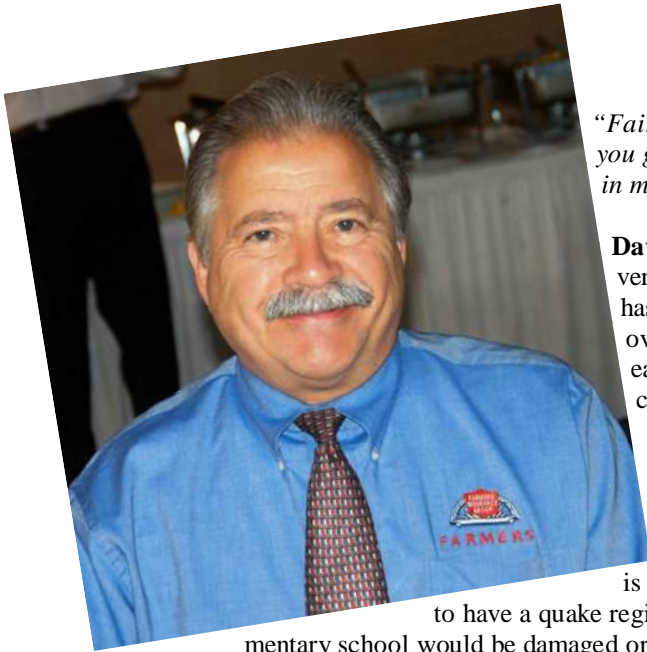


**Bill Reese** had some HBs for a great Alaskan cruise he just returned from. Also, **Fred Nelson** was happy to be back from Africa. He also shared with the Rotarian of the Year, **Torsten Jacobsen** the sign that was on the vehicle that took some of them to Mexico. That sign says, "Ask me about my Rotary club." It will look good on Torsten's motorcycle.

**THE FOUR WAY TEST**  
of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?





*“Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in moneky crap.”*

**Dave David** from Farmer’s Insurance in Pleasanton gave a very interesting presentation on Earthquake Preparedness. He has been to Golden, CO where they measure earthquakes all over the world. They do not have the capability to predict earthquakes, just tell you why you shook and to what you can attribute that to.

*“Yeah we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven.”*

He said the Hayward fault which runs along Highway 880 is the most dangerous in this area. If the Hayward fault were to have a quake registering 7 this would destroy 80,000 homes, 75% of all elementary school would be damaged or destroyed and countless people would be killed or injured. Other nearby potential disasters are the dikes in the Delta and walking the streets in San Francisco while the buildings around you still stand but the windows and “skins” of these buildings fall to the sidewalks.

*“How big were those ‘just two beers’ you say you had?”*

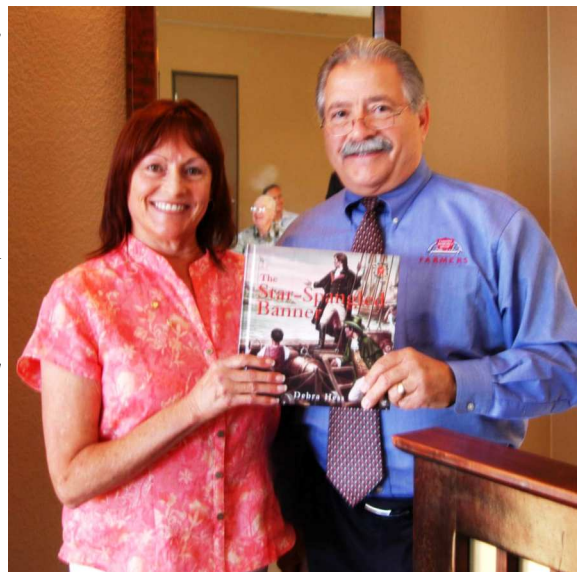
Mr. David said the biggest problem for most people will be going without water for possibly up to 2 weeks should/when an earthquake occurs. It is suggested each person in your household needs 1 gallon per day He also said the safest place to be is a single story family home and that everyone should have a disaster kit.

*“No sir, we don’t have quotas anymore. We used to but now we’re allowed to write as many tickets as we can.”*

12% of Californians carry earthquake insurance. Things changed in the earthquake insurance business after the Northridge earthquake. At that time insurers had \$2 billion accumulated from premiums. When this earthquake occurred, there was \$12 billion that was paid out and of that, 6 billion was paid for things other than repairing or replacing homes. Today, coverage is half of what it used to be.

*“I’m glad to hear that the Chief of police is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail.”*

What is the solution? Mr. David believes that EVERYONE who has homeowners insurance should have an added fee that goes into a pool to cover any disaster anywhere – floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc.



*“You didn’t think we give pretty women tickets? You’re right, we don’t. Sign here.”*

And the pot which is worth \$178 will be determined next week when **Davd Kennitz** gets to begin the meeting by drawing from the marble bag.

That’s all folks.



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