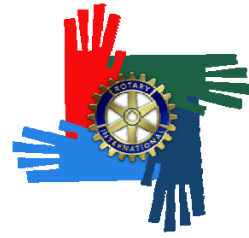


# The Valley Sun



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Following our usual "scrumptious" breakfast by the Oakhurst Chefs, **President Barbara** rang her magic bell and the 494<sup>th</sup> weekly meeting [someone *will surely debate this factoid*] of the Rotary Club of Clayton Valley/Concord Sunrise was off and running. **Past Pres Bill Selb** led us (via poetry) in the Thought for the Day, asking that we consider the plight and possibility of a young man



and the reasons he took his own life. Club service **Director Johnny Morgan** led us in our usual stirring rendition of the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and country.

**GUESTS OF ROTARIANS & VISITING ROTRAIANS** – **Ken Moon** presented **Rob Angstadt** of the U. S. Navy as his guest. **Rob** works at the Concord recruiting office.



**HAPPY BUCKS/GRUMPY BUCKS** – as usual were plentiful. "**Zoomie**" **Hanson** Former Navy Man, provided 2 because he had a great time on the firing range, and be **Paul McQuade** did such a great job with signage for The Black Widow ... **Julia Aquilar** did a grumpy because the IRS was auditing her, and a happy because the agent said he liked her ... **Johnny Morgan** was happy because while he was at **Dr. Al Martin's** home on a computer problem, **Al** noticed a tooth problem and fixed it for

**Johnny in his garage** (yikes!) ... **Dr Al** was happy because Johnny fixed his computer printer ... International Service **Director Torsten Jacobsen** was twice happy – 1 for the great work the San Felipe Cancer Clinic is doing, and 1 for the cell phone non-ticket on his was to the meeting ... Auction Chair and **Past Pres Larry Hutchings** was happy that our auctioneer, **Dennis McCormack**, survived a treadmill test that turned into a 4 stint operation ...





**Past Pres Art Kroeger** was happy because he filed his first *electronic* campaign financial statement ... **Bob Deiss** was 5 times happy after spending a week with the 5 grandkids in Chi Town ... Program Chair **John Wolfe**

was impressed with the City of Gilroy and their traffic control during his Garlic Festival visit ... **Irene Davids-Blair** celebrated her US Bank branch being the top one in the region ... a grumpy buck from Torsten because of the continuing high cost of medical care ... **Sgt-at-Arms Chris Ruzicka** was happy that **Dr Al** provide gentle dental care for his 6 yr old daughter – she actually liked it! ... and a final grumpy buck for Pres Barb because the tyranny went out on her pickup truck VERY early in the morning.



**G RATED JOKES** came from **Ken Moon** (something about Title 8, 9 & 10 and the federal government's way of doing business) ... **Bill Selb** (about a blond and a little guy) ... **Julia** (about a tea party) ... and Community service **Director Frank Westphall** (about the reason divorce costs

so much)



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES – John and Carol Wolfe** have been happily married for 43 years.



**TODAY WAS CLUB ASSEMBLY** (which we celebrate every 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday) – reports on our various activities and programs abounded ...

**ADOPT-A-BLOCK** happened to Clayton road in mid July with three hearty souls cleaning up all the junk – thanks **Dr. Al, Jorg and Frank**



**ANNUAL AUCTION OCTOBER 24 –** Acquisition Chair **Steve Weir** announced the procedure for getting items for our BIG fund-raiser. He noted that we had twice as many auction able items in 2007 than in 2008 and our net profit was almost twice as less – get the picture?

**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?





**Past Pres Bill Selb** mentioned how EASY it is to get auction able items – JUST ASK the restaurant, store, etc when you go there. **Past Pres & Auction Chair Larry Hutchings** told us that invitations to those who had previously attended would be going out soon. [Ed. note – have YOU reserved October 24<sup>th</sup>, and have you told friends to join you]



**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM** for our District is being recruited for a spring 2010 event. A Rotarian team leader will soon be chosen to lead the team to Monterey, Mexico. If you know of non-Rotarian business people who might be interested in being a part of the team let **Pres Barb** know

**DISTRICT FOUNDATION & MEMBERSHIP EXPO** – will be in Fairfield on Aug 15<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 1 ... a great opportunity to learn and be inspired about the RI Foundation and Membership Growth.

**PROGRAM CHAIR JOHN WOLFE** spoke of the need for speakers on Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, 2 dates in Sept and all of Oct – check the Club Calendar for exact dates. John relies heavily on recommendations from us – just tell him – he'll do the contacting.

**ROTARY ALL SKILLS GOLF CHALLENGE** – will be held Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at Diablo Creek Golf Course in Concord. Chairman **Past Pres Louie LeLaurin** (via committee member Past Pres Fred Nelson) reminded us all that this major fund raiser will require all of our “sweat” equity on the day of the event. You'll certainly be hearing more about how you can help. – but hold your Sept 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 5 in the afternoon.

**YOUTH EXCHANGE** possibility was present by **Torsten**. The Idea: we choose send a teen to San Felipe, MX and they send one to us – for two weeks. Several members supported the idea, having experienced the concept first-hand. Torsten will look into it and report back to the Board and Club.



**FOUNDATION AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIR Paul McQuade** reported that we were off on our Paul Harris contributions for 09, and that we should “give early and give often” so that each of us reaches our goal of “Double Sustainer - \$200” in 09-2010.



**THE CHARITABLE FUND** has set its budget for 09-2010 and all members will soon receive a report on the Fund's activities. **Rory Vander Heyden** is the Board's investment advisor and he's done a great job growing the fund this year (@ 9% gains) **Past President Bob Hooy** Chairs the Board for 09-2010.



**THE FOUR AVENUES OF CLUB SERVICE**  
**CLUB — VOCATIONAL & YOUTH — COMMUNITY — INTERNATIONAL**



The meeting is almost over I better get started on the newsletter... I better stop waiting for the speaker to start this is Club Assembly.

**FOOF BANK SORTING** is in the capable hands of **Past Pres Rich Lueck** and **VP Finance Jorg Westerheide**. ALL the food that is sorted each Tuesday goes to the Concord Salvation Army and helps the SA greatly by reducing the amount of food they must purchase each month for their food pantry. We sort almost every Tuesday, beginning at 7 am – usually ending at 9 or 9:30 and you can come anytime during that period. Many different hands make

this an easy service activity



**AND FINALLY, THE MARBLE DRAW ...** guest **Rob Angstadt** drew and called out the winning ticket... **VP Jorg Westerheide** had the ticket, stuck his hand in the bag **AND DREW THE BLUE MARBLE ...** a check for \$280 is



in the mail, **Jorg!** **Jorg** is now traveling in the month of August.



**Fred** is still collecting for the Mountain Mike's Pizza coupons or give you \$10 to Ken Nishimori at the next meeting. Many of us are enjoying the discount. **Dr. Al** says he is ready for pizza.

You may be relieved to know **Major Clay** is back and resuming control of the newsletter editing. Welcome back Major.



That's All, Folks!

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Go find some positive to do...

