

# The Valley Sun



Newsletter of the Rotary Club of  
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**President Barbara** began our festivities right at 7:15 am with a mild ringing of the Bell. No one seemed to notice. It was only when **Clayton Worsdell** was called upon to lead us in our pledge that the room came (somewhat) to order. The salute went without a hitch, which is a good sign for us.

Thereafter, **Pres. Barbara** called upon **Don Ouimet** for our invocation/inspirational thought.

For visitors, **George Brown** introduced our guest speaker, **Ron Wetter**. **Ken Moon** introduced **John Augstadt** (new member). **Irene Davids-Blair** introduced **Mary Stark** (RBC Life Science), and **Bill Selb** introduced **Clayton Worsdell**.

For visiting Rotarians, **Bill Guthreau** (Celtic spelling) of the Concord Friday Club was introduced. (**Bill's** a regular at our club and it was noted that he often changes the spelling of his name...)

**For Jokes**, we give you none other than **Jeff Rondini** who entertained us with a conversation between a (blond) passenger and a flight attendant. (Hint, First Class doesn't go to Phoenix, or where ever...)



Happy or grumpy?

**Larry Hutchings** told us about a woman's call to tech. support for her upgrade from Boy Friend 5.0 to Husband 1.0. (Really funny)

**For Happy/Grumpy Bucks**, **Steve Weir** told of his travels in August.

**Clayton Worsdell** mentioned that his step son is being elevated to Commander in the Coast Guard and that his formal "Frocking" ceremony will be in Washington D.C.



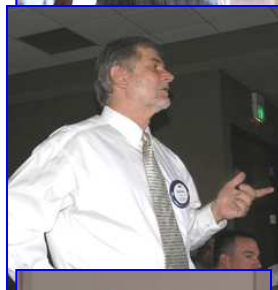
**Bob Hooy** contributed to the "new view of the world" **Chris Ruzicka** was able to provide him (via new glasses!) Seems that **Bob** asked **Dr. Chris** for the rose colored "The Economy is Booming" version, but even our Master Optometrist could only sharpen **Bob's** view of reality. (**Bob**, if you're near sighted, just take your glasses off and everything has a softer look...)

**Don Ouimet**, donated \$100 to his Paul Harris. Seems that a week ago, **Don** headed out to survey the local emergency room, which resulted in his seeing his cardiologist and “experiencing” an angioplasty. No time at all and **Don** was up on his feet!

I wonder if I could sue the A's for putting undue stress on my heart this season?



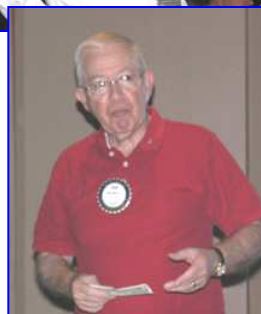
**Fred Nelson**, upon hearing of **Don's** “fun” asked if this was a case of “Take this stint and shove it?” Then, **Fred** donated for **Dave Kennitz'** intervention with this 10 year old Volvo. As it wouldn't start, **Dave** (D & H Automotive) told **Fred** about the “Silent Warranty” as offered by Volvo. **Fred** was under the impression that the Volvo was now safely housed at Volvo in Walnut Creek. A visit by yours truly to D & H Automotive that morning found **Fred's** Volvo still at D & H, parked on the street with a (Cash for Clunkers) sign...



New Member, **John Augstadt** donated for becoming a new member.



**Bob Deiss** donated to recognize his family vacation (no **Bob** did not ship his family off, he actually went along with them, novel idea!)



**John Wolfe** donated for his and **Carole's** two week vacation to visit his brother in Colorado and their son in Minneapolis.

**Louie LeLaurin** donated on the occasion of “School's Open”.

**Pres. Barbara** donated for “Bird Feathers”, don't ask.



For our Mystery Greeter, **Chris Ruzicka** announced it was **Bob Sundberg** and a few wallets came out.

**Larry Hutchings** reminded us of the October 24<sup>th</sup> Rotary Auction (Rotary Goes Hollywood) and that ticket prices remain the same this year, \$45 each or a table of 10 for \$400!.

**Steve Weir** announced that teams and packets for the even are on the web site AND that printed versions were available.



For our Six Skills Golf Challenge, **Louie** reminded us that it is September 19, 1 to 5 pm, at Diablo Creek, cost is \$25 as we're limited to 200 participants. Golfers will be run thru six golfing skills which take about one hour, total. First prize is \$250, Second prize is \$125, and Third prize is \$50. We'll need lots of volunteers to make this a successful event (and to launch it as a twice a year event). Forms are available on our web site.





**Irene** reminded us of Food Bank. She and **Richard Lueck** were the only ones available last Tuesday. She asked for a show of hands for those who could attend and several hands went up. She reminded us that the Salvation Army is our beneficiary. Come out and help.

**Pres. Barbara** told us that the Concord-Diablo Club has moved back to the Crown Plaza (Noon on Wednesdays). We also learned that the Diablo View Club was sponsoring a Pyramid Puzzle on October 10, and that you should bring a dog whereupon **John Moulthrop** offered to rent anyone a dog that needed one...

- 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?

We were also reminded of the District Conference in Tahoe. Seems we have **Barbara, Irene, Richard, Johnnie Morgan, and Don Ouimet** attending.

**Barbara** announced that the Reno Train Trip is scheduled for January 24/25, 2010. Single is \$299 and double is \$270.



For our Program, **Rick Hanson**, aka **Zoomie** introduced our program. **Ron Wetter** is the *Communications/Government Affairs Manager for Kaiser Permanente*. His topic, HR (House of Representatives Bill) 3500, Health Care Reform.

**Ron** read us a quote from Peter Drucker; “The best way to predict the future is to create it.” He then stated the corollary, “If you don’t create your own future, someone else will do it for you, and you may not like the outcome.”

He mentioned three areas for discussion: 1) How change will impact the current system; 2) How health care reform will impact Kaiser Permanente; and 3)

The single payer option.

**Ron** predicted **BIG CHANGES** to the way everyone will have health insurance in the future. He stated that under HR 3500, (and there seems to be 6 variations of this bill) insurance companies will have to insure people, regardless of pre-existing conditions. Our current system is built upon a fee for service (which is not tied to medical outcomes). He mentioned that there are some 18,000 medical billing codes used in the United States.

**Ron** mentioned that under universal health care, businesses will be required to offer insurance to their employees or pay into an insurance pool.



**THE FOUR AVENUES OF CLUB SERVICE**  
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He mentioned that although the current model of private insurance seems to be based upon a competition model, he said that, by-and-large, most major metropolitan areas are dominated by just two providers.

He told us that there is a belief that under a public option plan, the young and healthy will go to the less expensive option, leaving the more needy on plans that will cost more to operate.

Kaiser Permanente supports universal health care. He believes that the public option may lead to a single payer health plan option. He thinks that the Democrats favor the single payer option and that could result in the loss of private providers.

He believes that the Republicans believe in competition. In Calif. there are 6.5 million uninsured, nationwide, it's estimated to be 47 million. (Some discussion took place about how many of those 47 million could, but choose not to have coverage. Some think that number is 50%).

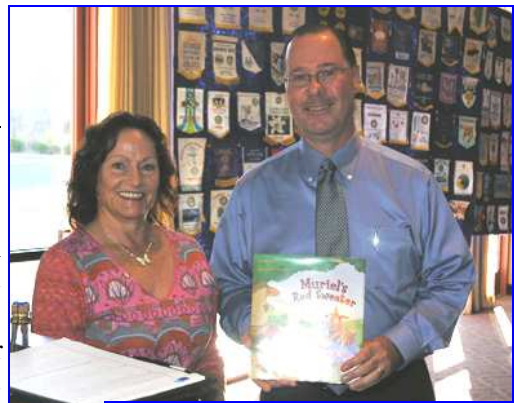
**Ron** stated that health care is a \$2.5 TRILLION business, or accounting for 16% of our economy. He shared that Kaiser Permanente is investing \$4 BILLION to make medical records all electronic.

There were lots of questions, and we ran out of time. **Ron** stayed to answer individual questions. The belief is that if there is tort reform, some "defensive medical" procedures can be avoided.

Our Guest Speaker was called upon to sign our book Muriel's Red Sweater which is now destined for the Clayton Library.

**Ron** was then asked to draw the winning ticker (#951467). When no one claimed that ticker, Ron checked his ticket and

found out that he had drawn his own ticket. Over his protests, he drew a marble, clerk and the \$142 pot lives to grow for another week.



All else having been accomplished, **Pres. Barbara** released up at 8:45 am.

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