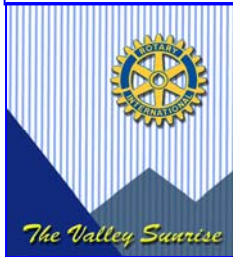
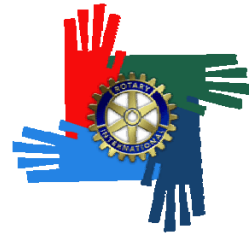


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President Barbara Reifschneider got our fun-fest launched with "The future of Rotary... (choirs) is in our hands."

Bob Sundberg led us in the pledge, and **Jorg Westerheide** gave us our inspirational thought about service telling us that service is an event where someone takes

responsibility for a positive outcome for someone else...

Visiting Rotarian, **Memory Woodard**, Insurance from the Concord Friday Club, joined us.

Merylin Wong, of the Battleship Iowa restoration project was introduced as our guest speaker, more to follow.

Immediately there after, **Pres. Barbara** christened the following perfect attendance:

One Year; **Chris Ruzicka & Irene Davids-Blair**
Two Years; **Jim Swanson***
Three Years; **Torsten Jacobsen, Bob Sundberg, Jorg Westerheide, Frank Westphall, & George Beckham**
Four Years; **George Brown**
Five Years; **Johnny Morgan**
Six Years; **Al Martin***
Eight Years; **Paul McQuade, John Moulthrop, Barbara Reifschneider, Ben Wentling***
Eleven Years; **Bob Hooy***
Twelve Years: **Rory Vander Heyden, Steve Weir**
Thirteen Years; **Richard Lueck***
Seventeen; **Larry Hutchings*, John Wolfe**
Twenty One; **Fred Nelson*, Don Ouimet**
Twenty Two; **Art Kroeger*, Bill Selb***
Twenty Seven; **Dick Peppin***
Twenty Eight; **Ken Nishimori**

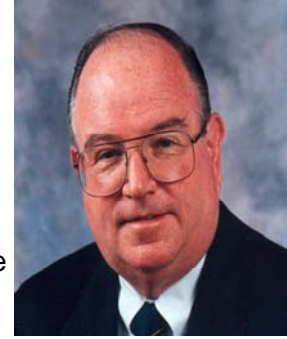




Thirty Eight; **Chuck Graham*** (That's perfect attendance since 1971!)
 * Past President

Congratulations to this group.

Torsten spoke about our projects in San Felipe, the Philippines, and the Concord Friday Club's Books for the literacy projects in those foreign lands.



Bob Deiss was recognized (and this cub reporter missed the message)



Lisa Truesdell & Jeff Rondini announced additional auction items.

Frank Westphall announced dictionaries for Highland and Mt. Diablo. In addition Adopt-A-Block master **Frank** reluctantly announced that only two Rotarians showed up for our scheduled clean up (not enough to execute this program.) Thus, **Jim Swanson & Ken Nishimori** went to breakfast and had a Rotary Fellowship (with syrup we assume).



Matt Thornton donated \$5 happy bucks for the help he has received from Rotarians over the years. Seems that **Matt's** expanding business is now in need of a commercial building, so everyone keep your eyes open.

Speaking of Rotarians helping Rotarians, **Bob Hooy** donated for our most recognized emergency first responder, **Frank Westphall** for coming thru in a pinch. (**Frank** should be voted the guy most likely to be called at home, after hours, in an emergency.)

Fred Nelson observed that as a first responder, **Frank** has been known to call out the BIG GUN, **Shane Letts**.

Either **Fred** or **Frank** was heard to comment: "A strait flush beats a full house any day."



Memory Woodard announced that she is the inbound coordinator for Rotary's Youth Exchange Program. The Concord Friday Club is hosting a student from Germany. She reminded us that she became excited about this program from observing our youth exchange program. (Noting one exception...). She asked us to consider reactivating our involvement. She also noted that on Friday, October 30, the Concord Rotary Club is hosting all of the exchange students in the area for recognition. We're all encouraged to attend.

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?



Pres. **Barbara** called upon **Chris Ruzicka** to announce our secret greeter, whereupon **Ben Wentling** stood up. **George Brown** and many others were busted...and, **Ben** knew every person who did not greet him...



For Food Bank, **Hugh Toloui** announced that **Irene, Richard, Torsten, and Jorg** joined him last Tuesday. **Hugh** reminded us that the need is great, and that we are scheduled to sort food every Tuesday, at 7 am. The Salvation Army benefits from our efforts. The food we sort no longer goes directly to the SA, but the fact that we are working on their behalf benefits them greatly through reduced charges. **Richard** observed that we have been sorting food for quite a while and that we seem to be re-trainable whenever the process changes. He also noted that the wall of shame contained food with significant expiration date. Seems that a jar of jelly came in last week with an expiration date of 1995. Some club members were heard to say "so"...



John Wolfe announced that the Basket of Wine for the Auction was present, and that 78 bottles had been donated which was a record for us. He thanked us for our efforts.

Bill Selb whined about the wine (which was served at the event last year) and it was announced that "the committee" had already addressed that whine.



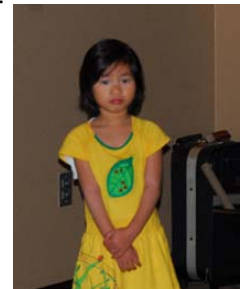
Larry announced that we had collected many great items and that it was time to fill the hall with attendees.



For the Program, **John Wolfe** introduced **Merylin Wong** who brought her daughter **Kimberly** to assist.

Merylin is President of the Battleship Iowa, Mare Island, Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square. Her organization is attempting to raise \$5 million to relocate and restore this historic and iconic battleship. Nearly three football fields in length, Big 61 is one of the longest ships in the Bay Area.

(When the Iowa was brought to the moth ball fleet, yours truly stood on the hills about the Carquinez straits to see this mighty ship accompanied by a flotilla of classic boats, including the Potomac, to its current and hopefully temporary, home. Very, very moving.)



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



She noted that San Francisco had snubbed housing the Iowa.

The Iowa, with a 58k ton displacement and teak decking, was the namesake for a class of battleships that included the Missouri, Wisconsin, and New Jersey. She noted that the Iowa was the only battleship to have a bath tub on board. Seems that the Iowa was President FDR's chosen "flag ship". The Bath tub was to accommodate FDR's disability.



She also noted that with FDR's death, the Iowa took second standing to President Truman's home state ship, the Missouri in hosting the surrender of Japan in Tokyo Bay.

When completed, the Iowa will host FDR's stateroom for viewing. This joins the Potomac, FDR's yacht anchored at Oakland's Jack London Square.

Merylin donated a print of the Iowa for our auction.

For more information about the Iowa, and it's destiny to become a historic site, visit:

<http://www.battleshipiowa.org/>



The meeting coming to a conclusion, **Frank Westphal's** ticket was drawn for the chance at \$248. The pot grows!

All said, we're adjourned.

