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“MAKE DREAMS REAL”

‘Rotary Theme for 2008-2009’

Twas the eighteen day of March in 2009. Must’ve been a Wednesday, because with bang of the bell, and another, and another (there must be a dent by now), Prez **John Fuller** called the A.M. meeting of Martinez Rotary to abrupt attention. **Tyler Ecoffey** led us in the Pledge to the Flag, **John Fuller** led us in prayer and Prez-elect **Janet Kennedy** didn’t even have to peek around **Paul Craig** – perfect in the four-way-test, she was.

GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

Dick Evans: looking forward to announcing that he’ll be a great grandfather. And let me guess – **Steve Leshner** is a USC alum. Randy Johnson couldn’t have thrown a five spot to the back of the room faster than did Steve – something about the Pac 10 basketball tournament, if memory serves. (yeah, mild upset over BC, but Michigan State??...)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pres Fuller: April 25th is the fundraiser for the Boy’s & Girls Club; May 9th is the Bocce ball tournament; April 11th is the District Conference. **Bruce Christensen:** the fastest and surest way to be appointed as next year’s chair of the Rotary International committee is to be the last in our club to make his/her annual contribution to the fund - \$200 is the magic number, folks. **Denny Horack/Russ Gorman/Tyler Ecoffey:** Topic – Annual Fundraiser. Recommendation – continue with raffle. Augment with on-line auction.

Spreadsheet distributed detailing possible items and “flavor” of auction. Thanks to the following for early contributions: **Dick Evans** – dinner for two at one of his favorite Martinez restaurants, **Denny Horack** – 30 days and 29 nights in the “Naked Room”, **Nancy Birenbaum** – the services of a clown at a children’s birthday party, **Steve Leshner** – tickets and a back-stage pass for Naomi Judd’s encore performance to the Leshner Speaker Series, **Tuong Troung** – use of the Boy’s & Girl’s club facilities for a fundraiser/event, Sheriff **Warren Rupf** – a tour of Star One, **Gary Hernandez** – his signed copy of the Declaration of Independence.

SPEAKER

Denny Horack introduced County Sheriff **Warren Rupf**. Sheriff Rupf has been Sheriff since 1992 You know, every time I type “Sheriff”, I think of the T.V. show Gunsmoke. “There’s some bad guys comin’ inta town boys, bettir git up a posse. Today, the department’s primary responsibilities are: covering 911 calls and overseeing a “constitutionally valid jail system”. Quoting Teddy Roosevelt “The best thing to do is the right thing, the next best is to do the wrong thing, and the last is to do nothing”. Sounds like Sheriff Rupf has a healthy skepticism for his own trade – rare, indeed.

Past Prez **Al Morris** had the lucky ticket, but the black pea continues to defy odds - \$151 simmers in the pot... And with a whack of the bell, off we went.....

CAUTION! DATES BELOW MAY BE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR.

Upcoming Dates:

April 4	Habitat for Humanity Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament at Grace Episcopal Church
April 11	District Assembly at Cal State University East Bay, Concord
April 25	Rotarians at Work Day
May 9	Multi – club Bocce Ball Tournament at Martinez Waterfront. Details to come . . .
June 20	Demotion Party at Pine Meadows
June 21-24, 2009	Rotary International Convention, Birmingham, UK
October 1 – 4	District Conference at South Shore Lake Tahoe

Upcoming Speakers and Programs:

March 25	Ofer Erez on Fitness Without Effort
April 1	Sue Mirkovich, Alhambra High School Principal
April 8	Charlie Meade, Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children
April 15	Steve Weir, County Clerk/Recorder
April 22	Administrative Professionals Day. Bring your office manager, secretary, administrative assistant. Craig McConnell from King's Jewlers, Walnut Creek will be speaking.
April 29	Linus Eukel, Executive Director Muir Heritage Land Trust
June 17	DARK! Martinez Rotarians prepare for the Demotion of Prez Fuller on June 20.

If you have or know of a speaker or program that you think Martinez Rotary would enjoy, please let Al Morris know so we can get it on the calendar.

The Rotary International web site is at <http://www.rotary.org>

The District 5160 web site is at <http://www.rotary5160.org>

Where nearby (and some not so nearby) Rotary Clubs meet:

Monday

Brentwood	Bunker's Grill	12:15 PM
Danville	Brass Door	12:00 N

Tuesday

<i>Benicia</i>	<i>Benicia Yacht Club</i>	<i>12:15 PM</i>
Diablo View	Havana, 1516 Bonanza St, W. C.	5:30 PM
El Sobrante	Joe's of El Sobrante	12:15 PM
Moraga	St. Mary's College	12:15 PM
Pittsburg	Zandonella's	12:10 PM
<i>Walnut Creek Sunrise</i>	<i>Scott's Seafood</i>	<i>7:00 AM</i>
Walnut Creek	Heather Farms Garden Ctr.	12:00 N

Wednesday

Alamo	Round Hill CC	12:15 PM
<i>Concord/Diablo</i>	<i>Marie Calendar's</i>	<i>12:15 PM</i>
Cordelia	Holiday Inn	12:15 PM
Delta/Antioch	Lone Tree Golf Course	7:00 AM
Fort Myers (FL) Sunrise	Hilton Garden Inn	7:30 AM
Orinda	Community Center	12:15 PM
Rossmoor/Walnut Creek	Hillside Club House	12:00 N
San Pablo	Casino San Pablo	12:15 PM
San Ramon Valley	Crow Canyon Country Club	7:00 PM
Ybor City (Tampa FL)	Columbia Restaurant	12:15 PM

Thursday

Antioch	Lone Tree Golf Course	12:15 PM
<i>Clayton Valley/ Concord Sunrise</i>	<i>Oakhurst Country Club</i>	<i>7:00 AM</i>
Lafayette	Oakwood Athletic Club	12:15 PM
<i>Pleasant Hill</i>	<i>Community Center</i>	<i>12:15 PM</i>
San Ramon	Crow Canyon Country Club	12:15 PM

Friday

<i>Concord</i>	<i>Concord Hilton</i>	<i>12:15 PM</i>
Lamorinda Sunrise	Postino's Restaurant	7:00 AM
Rio Vista	Point Restaurant	7:00 AM

Clubs shown in *Italics* are, along with our club, part of the "Diablo 7", clubs overseen by Assistant District Governor Steve Lack

You can also make up any day of the week 24/7 at www.rotaryclubone.org

If you make up at another club or on line, please tell us about it at our next meeting. We would like to know what you have learned.