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Wednesday, March 25, 2009
“MAKE DREAMS REAL”

‘Rotary Theme for 2008-2009’

Twasn’t the eighteen day of March in 2009 – instead the 25th it was. Agin’ a Wednesday morn’ (where are them Leprechauns anyway?), and with a couple-a bangs of da bell, Prez **John Fuller** called his band of somewhat civilized Martinez Rotarians to order. Marianne Clark led us in the Pledge to the Flag, Rev. **Jill Honodel eloquently** led us in prayer remembering the lives of the following Oakland Police Officers who were slain March 21st in the line of duty: Mark Dunikin, 40, Tracy....., Erv Romains, 43, Danville....., Daniel Sakai, 35, Castro Valley....., John Hege, 41, Concord.....

And not bad for a newbie: **Rami Muth** only peeked a little reciting the four way test.

Visiting Rotarian: **Angelo Constanza**.

GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

Al Morris: his daughter Andrea recently ran upwards of 26 miles and change completing a Marathon – venue: Rome, Italy. And oh-by-the-way raised over \$7000 supporting the leukemia and Lymphoma Society in the process; could a dad be more proud? **Frank Macan** must **not** be a USC Alum.....something about that basketball tournament we’re all watching. No tears from **Steve Leshner** though; at least SC got to the dance and got a “W”. And wasn’t this great to hear: we remember that **Jill Honodel**’s father – because of terminal illness - had been flown to Napa from North Carolina. Defying odds, his health has improved enough that he is now back home in N.C. **Dick Hallford**: recently returned from a trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico and a tour of the Manhattan project (hint, wouldn’t that be a terrific item for our auction?).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marianne Clark: Security Pacific Real Estate will be holding a Spring Cleaning Day – details to follow. **John Searles:** April 3rd at the church – 5 PM til 8 PM – LN4 prosthetic hand project – hands to be assembled with Alhambra’s Interactors leading the way (**ain’t dem kids great?!).** President Fuller: Martinez Young Lady of the Year has been awarded: Jordan Wright of Alhambra High School – also an Interactor. **Bruce Christensen’s** “incentive” regarding R.I.’s annual contribution seems to be achieving traction – checks are filling the pipeline. Fundraiser: auction looks promising as an ad to the raffle. So, now let’s think - a backstage pass to the Leshner Series can’t be “bought”, right? So, in the words of **Tyler Ecoffey**, what other “experience” events can we generate? Anybody know anybody that could get a kid either into a dugout or on to the sidelines? Anybody know anybody that could get a kid a ride on a fire engine (that would be me, hopefully)? Anybody know anybody that could get a kid a ride on the Goodyear blimp? Anybody know anybody that could get a tour of the John Muir house hosted by **Linus Eukel?** Hmm...

SPEAKER

Paul Krintz, from Meals on Wheels, was extremely gracious as he accepted our \$500 contribution to his organization. **Chris Ofstad** – a Los Medanos student and Roteract member – introduced a project named “Invisible Children” – the goal is to improve the life’s condition of children in Uganda. There will be fundraiser April 4th at the Los Medanos cafeteria benefiting the project.

Denny Horack introduced **Ofer Erez** speaking on “fitness without effort”. Ofer’s message, while not directly spoken, was – “Make up your mind and it will be done”. My neck still hurts, by the way...

Could lightning strike twice on the same fellow? Tis’ possible indeed - **Steve Leshner** walked into the morning glow with \$177 in his pockets.

And with a whack of the you-know-what, off we went.....

CAUTION! DATES BELOW MAY BE CLOSER THAN THEY APPEAR.

Upcoming Dates:

April 4	Rotaract dinner, raffle and auction at Los Medanos College
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 Golf Course
June 21-24, 2009	Rotary International Convention, Birmingham, UK
October 1 – 4	District Conference at South Shore Lake Tahoe

Upcoming Speakers and Programs:

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 Jewelers, 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.