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The Vallejo Rotary Club
A family of caring and
Energetic Rotarians

The club meets
12:15 to 1:30 p.m..
Every Thursday
at the
Zio Fraedos of Vallejo
23 Harbor Way



SERVICE Above Self

August 20, 2009

President Peterson started the meeting at 12:30 with the funkiest looking gavel type thing ever. It looked like something Lewis and Clark would have left on the trail. I know I'm going on about this, but I could not believe it. It was basically a small tree stump with a tiny branch for a handle. It actually had the words, "Yes, I paid for this." written on it. OK, moving on.

Flag Salute

John "Busty" Bustamante

Song

Tony Intintolli decided to dumb it down for us this week after the recent butchering of his old favorites, so he chose Row Row Row your boat. Not dumbed down enough apparently - we sang several rounds which were not so round until he begged us to stop.

Guests

Scott Peterson introduced Dick Peterson (his father) from Minneapolis. **Robert Briseno** exclaimed, "Now we know who to blame."



Jack Anthony introduced his driver, "Bob!!!" Could Bob's parents have ever imagined the fame to which he would one day ascend? No other palindrome could be so loved.



Announcements

Gary Salvadori - Vallejo Transit Rider Appreciation Day is September 10th - We have an opportunity to add marketing merchandise to their bags, - coupons & give aways. Give them to **Gary Salvadori**



Smitty - Start saving your money now, the Reno Train Trip will be January 24 - 25, 2010. Some people should also start getting some extra sleep in preparation (Walt).



Scott Peterson - The District Golf Tournament will be October 4

Birthdays

\$40 - **Debbie Egidio** spent her birthday In Del Mar, CA for the Horserace. She lost.



Anniversaries

\$50 - **Jerry Wilkerson** on the 18th of August. He says they stopped counting anniversaries after 36 years. They now count the years his wife has been cancer free. It has now been 11 years. He offered one dollar and let Scott talk him up to \$50



Club Anniversaries

\$25 - **Connie Howard**: 14 years, **Verna Mustico** was her sponsor



\$50 - **Clint Manalili**: The gorgeous, fantastically bad ass, **Ann Grove** was his sponsor. (**Clint**, I'm going to use that same description when I mention that you were my sponsor)

\$50 - **Rich Curtola** after 28 years, **Rich** says we are getting boring and **Hellen** has been recruiting him for Kiwanis. But, he is going out with a bang.



Happy Dollars

\$100 - **Hellen** Pierson for the support of the Rotarians and business community for the contract awarded to Medic Ambulance. There are still some final steps, but she is very thankful for all the support.



\$5 - **Smitty**: He just got another great great grandson. **Scott Peterson** asked boy or girl. Laughter ensued.

\$25 - **Viviana Loera**: The Solano Hispanic Chamber of Commerce 3rd Annual Awards and Recognition Dinner is October 10th. See **Viv** for info and tickets. She went tubing with Luis. She fell so hard her pants fell off! Her cloths were stolen by **Cera's** dog that swam away with them. Wow, how do you train a dog to steal a woman's cloths? I missed that episode of The Dog Whisperer.



\$20 - **Walt Newell's** summer is over and the girls are out of the house. He is celebrating by going away for 3 Days of Golf with the guys. (Wouldn't that have been better used while the girls were in the house?)



\$10 - **JD Miller**: He ran into me at Antiques Road Show. Oh, and a Franklin Roosevelt pin he has which was hand painted appraised for \$500.



\$10 - **Rich Curtola**: Went to a party celebrating Buck Kamphausen's bday. **John Bustamonte** serves the best wieners (and whiners). **Rich** says he was innocently sending email on the Rotary Computer and got a virus warning. Called **Clint** and he fixed the problem. **Clint** emphasized a bit too loudly that **Rich** was "*only sending email*". He was not doing anything else. (Sure **Rich**, whatever you say)



\$10 - **Scott Peterson**: Played at Hiddenbrooke with his Dad and his dad kicked his butt. Not only that, he par'ed two of the holes.

Program

Merylin Wong - is President and Director of Historic Ships Memorial at Pacific Square, the organization working to bring the USS Iowa to Mare Island. The organization is a 5013c. This is the last bid to save this ship. Their new office is on Mare Island. She is a native Californian with a background in banking. She was influenced by her father who was in the CIA (before it was the CIA).



A ship the size of the Iowa can take one to two decades to bring it to the condition necessary to be put on display. This will cost \$18 - \$20 million dollars.

The State Senate endorses this bid to save the ship and bring it here. It was decommissioned in 1990. They competed for a year and a half against other bidders. They are the winning bid.

The Napa, Marin, Sonoma, Contra Costa, and Solano County Offices of Education have all endorsed bringing the ship here as an educational asset for field trips.

They must produce a financial plan and feasibility study and a technical plan. They must also demonstrate that there is community support to bring the ship in. In 2006, the Vallejo City Council voted to support bringing the ship here. They are projecting 300,000 to 400,000 visitors per year.

The ship is currently in the Suisun Bay. It was towed here from Rhode Island. If you would like to see the ship now, you can join them on their cruises. Once a month, on the last weekend of the month, they do a cruise to see the ship at the reserve fleet.

The current plan is to dock the ship between dry docks one and two.

This is the only Navy ship with a bath tub. This is because it served as Air Force One during the second World War and FDR needed a bathtub.

In 1989, there was a gun turret explosion in which 47 people lost their lives.

The main missions of bringing the Iowa to Mare Island are: honoring veterans, educating the public and serving as a reserve ship.



When the World Trade Center was bombed, the emergency supplies were all there the emergency operations headquarters were moved to the Intrepid.

Q. Rich Curtola: The Iowa will float and can move. What is the solution to the dredging issue?

A. The Navy still owns the water site. The budget put together to bring the ship here, includes dredging. 300,000 cuyd will need to be removed to birth the ship here. The operating budget provides for the maintenance of the channel so that the ship can be towed back out to be used in the case of an emergency.

Q. Robert Briseno: Other than money, what else is needed?

A. Money is really the last issue. The engineering plan is in place. They also need the EPA agreement

Q. Bob Linville: Another project is moving forward with a bid to use the dry docks. What happens if they get it?

A. The organization believes the two uses are not compatible. A new site would need to be engineered.

Q. Tony Intintolli: Ships in established tourist markets are good. What lessons can we learn from Alameda and the Hornet?

A. Location, location, location. A survey was conducted to verify the financial feasibility of bringing the Iowa here. Accessibility is good here.

Q. Tony Intintolli: How much money has been raised?

A. They have raised about \$2 million since raising and spending \$3 to bring the ship to this coast. \$2.5 million is the estimated cost of maintenance.

Mystery Handshaker

Viviana Loera - Mike Diaz won. There was some question as to the validity, since he kissed her on the cheek instead of shaking her hand. Then, it was suggested that the money should be given to **Viviana**.

Car Wash

Freda Dill

Trivia Contest

Gary Salvadori - TV Trivia: **Gary** picked the # 7" MASH - what game did Hoolahan play in when she got the winning score against the Marines? **JD** helped with "Football" the correct answer was Bowling.

New Member Proposal

The following person, Mr. Rick Ernst, has been proposed for membership to Vallejo Rotary Club by **Tony Shannon**. Rick is currently a Compliance Officer with the Pipe Trades Association headquartered in Vallejo. He is a former Rotarian with East Oakland Rotary in the late 1970- early 1980's. Rick is a Benicia City Planning Commissioner, is active in the Benicia Yacht Club, father of four, world traveler and amateur comedian.

His classification would be *Circus Entertainer*. *Just checking to see if anyone reads this info*. His classification would fall under *Building Trades Council Representative* or the like.

If you have any questions or concerns about this proposed member or if you know some reason why he/she should not be invited to join Vallejo Rotary, please contact the President or Secretary immediately. Your comments will be kept confidential.