



# Propeller

**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**

**February 4, 2010**

President in waiting LaGuan Lea, who was substituting for current Scott Peterson, repeatedly called the February 4, 2010 meeting to order, after inquiring from Past Queen Connie Klimisch when it would be appropriate to start). We were slightly delayed in picking up on LaGuan's prompting to begin, due to sound difficulties. He was speaking into the flexible microphone holder attached to the podium, but there was no microphone in the holder!

Avery Greene lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and our own Doc Harrington lead us in a Super themed rendition of *When the Saints Go Marching In*.

***Our President's thought/joke for the day:***

See above re microphone. On second thought, maybe it was a secret invisible microphone that only LaGuan could see and operate.

***Friends and Guests of Rotarians:***

Jack Anthony introduced his trusted driver (drum roll, please), to a rousing club welcome of "BOB"!!!!

***Visiting Rotarians:***

Jerry Sullivan, a financial planner and estate planner from the Vacaville Club.

## **Reports and Announcements:**

### ***From The President-in-Waiting:***

From the way that he was enjoying his test drive at the controls of the podium, he's anxiously awaiting his anointing to the being the real president. And, he seems very poised to having a great time at it. LaGuan's smile and enthusiasm are truly infectious.

But before assuming the throne, he'd better get his invisible microphone fixed, or RI may just have to suffer the embarrassment of issuing a factory recall.

### ***From Members of The Congregation:***

Haitian Relief contributions.

Many members of the Club have responded positively to Rotary's request to support relief for earthquake ravaged Haiti with a suggested contribution of \$20:

Those who have contributed more than the basic contribution include:

- J.D. Miller \$40
- Helen Pierson \$25
- Paul Nannar \$50
- Avery Greene \$120
- Verna Mustico \$50

Others who have stepped up and participated include:

- Roberta Grubbe
- Scott Peterson
- Smitty Smith
- Ann Grove
- Mike Preovolos

Connie Howard announced that the applications for participants in the annual Camp Royale are available. Qualified candidates are high school juniors, and that all students from all public and private high schools are eligible.

Rich "*Jean Claude Killy*" Curtola's ski team is in serious training, and will be participating in the Winter Olympic Games beginning at the end of next week in Whistler, Canada. Just another run of the mill tune up race for our team members.

Doug Webster is the official photographer of portraits for the forthcoming Club Directory that LaGuan will be publishing in his year.

If you haven't had your photo taken, please make sure you visit Doug after a forthcoming meeting to take care of this item.

Rumor has it that LaGuan has already reserved the first page of the directory for his portrait, that his is a multi-fold sheet that Gary Salvadori is designing to unfold into a full sized autographed poster (suitable for framing, and display in a prominent location in your home). Additionally, museum quality editions will also be available for purchase.

Clint Manalili announced that 3/13/10 is the scheduled Rotary Night at the Golden State Warrior's Oracle Arena. He's putting a group together to attend. Nearly an estimated ¼ of the arena has been sold out for this event, so get your tickets reserved before they're gone.

Helen Pierson was noted to have a lovely and stylish hair-do.

LaGuan will be heading to NY in the near future for his son's graduation from culinary school.

And, finally, our District 5160 Governor, Earl Kilmer will be addressing our club at next week's February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.



Check out his link in our club's website.

Clint Manalili, for attending Derrick Karimian's recent musical show, and having a wonderful time, as well as participating in last week's meeting's gambling activities in lieu of the Reno train trip, \$20 for Derrick helping in the game "Catchphrase", Jeannie helping in the game "apples to apples", and Elizabeth for being the "hottest blackjack dealer ever...";

Dennis Garvey for undergoing successful weight loss surgery, \$20;

And Carmen Juarez for Hiddenbrooke's garnering a *Bride's Choice* 5 star rating as a site to host a wedding reception, \$20.

### **The Program:**

Derrick Karimian and Pula Strickland, who are members of the current class of *Leadership Vallejo*, gave a presentation of their project: Waterfront Improvement.

They chose the waterfront because it's a community treasure, the site of one's first impression of Vallejo, a venue for many activities and socializing, and because improvements can yield results that are immediately recognizable.

The mission of this project is to beautify this part of our city immediately, to make the waterfront family friendly, and to create a beautification medium that will be financially sustainable over future years.

Short-term and Long-term aspects of the project include:

- Physically cleaning of the area with paint and pressure washing, and decorating such as flags or banners;

Implementation of a Stars of Vallejo program designed to make the promenade resemble Hollywood's walk of fame to recognize donors to an endowment to finance annual maintenance;

- Creation of enhanced family picnic areas;
- Designation of fishing zones, so as to not pollute the whole area with the remnants of catch of the day or the bait to used to snare that catch;
- Designation of Dog walking areas complete with stations that will provide "clean-up" supplies picking after one's canine as well as a site for disposal of animal waste;
- Creation of concession or eating and beverage areas.

The goal is to make it easy for people visiting and using the waterfront to do the right thing when they frequent the area.

Funding will be obtained through annual memberships, grants and participating in the Stars of Vallejo, or Adopt the Waterfront program. My Vallejo Waterfront, a newly formed tax exempt organization that is qualified under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Marketing will soon be underway.

The organization has its own website, as well as a page on *Facebook*: checkout <http://www.myvallejowaterfront.com> for more information.

### ***Conclusion***

Gary Salvadori won this week's free car wash so generously donated by Jack Anthony.

Helen Pierson won the mystery handshake by shaking hands with Clint Manalili.

There was no big spin this week.

## ***Proposed New Members***

Mr. Tony Williams, has been proposed by Past President Rich Curtola. Tony is a long time resident of Vallejo. He is the Center Manager for UPS in Cordelia. He has been with UPS for almost 20 years and would like to get more involved in the Vallejo Community. His classification would be UPS Center Manager.

Michelle Wildermuth, has been proposed for membership by Doug Webster. Michelle is Director of Sales and Admissions at Springs Road Healthcare. She is interested in gaining additional visibility in the community and getting involved. Her classification would be Elder Healthcare Administration.

Natalie Markoff, has also been proposed for membership by Doug Webster. Natalie is a Senior Home Health Care Case Manager with ApexCare in Fairfield. She is originally from this area and services all of Solano County in her work. She is interested in reconnecting to this community. Her classification would be Senior Health Care Case Management.

If you have any questions or concerns about these proposed members or if you know some reason why any of them should not be invited to join Vallejo Rotary, please contact the President or Secretary immediately. Your comments will be kept confidential.