



# 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 25, 2010**

12:33pm Scott rang in the meeting with the "new" bell.

Derrick Karimian led in the pledge of allegiance.

Tony Intintoli led us "In the shade of the old apple tree"? Other patrons of the restaurant begged us to stop. - President Scott pointed out that we had achieved the Peter Principal in our singing efforts (We have risen to the level of our own incompetence)

**Green Tip**

It is time to plant your garden. The weather is good and the soil is soft. Take advantage of the great weather we have here (you're paying for it in your higher cost of living, so use it).

**Visiting Rotarians**

Ed Farewell (I think he is soon to be one of us - Mwua ha ha) - Brian Kendal

**Guests of Rotarians**

Derrick introduced Matt Gubser.

Jack introduced his driver, BOOOOOBBBBBBBB!!!!

## Reports and Announcements:

Rich Curtola

- Ski training is not going so well. We only have 3 "legit" skiers. Rich re-injured himself attempting a triple axel on skis. Walt mentioned that if he wasn't going to do the quad it was not a competition any more. This left the group in Walt's hands. Walt was last seen running the other way.

Mike Diaz

- Scholarships: There is about a month and a half left to get the applications in from the schools. Clint is also a contact for applications.

Clint Manalili

- Rotary Warrior Game: No Vallejo Rotarians have signed up so far. What the what? Verna is sponsoring 5 students to go to the game. If anyone else who could not make it would sponsor a student, they could all go. March 13th is the game. Tickets are still available. Contact Clint to sign-up or sponsor one of the Interact students.

Doug Webster

- We are working on a new directory for the club. If Doug has not yet taken your photo, please move quickly to Doug's location for your photo. Next year, we will be moving to computer scans for 3D modeling of each Rotarian. Smitty and LaGuan are heading up the technology development on this.

Roberta Grubbe

- Fishing in the city will be April 17th. Please contact Roberta to help. Due to their absence at today's meeting, Natalie Markham and Elizabeth Lew have volunteered to work in the booth gutting the fish caught by the kids.

Helen Pierson

- An Evening of Honor - Rotary Clubs of Solano County will honor the Firefighters of Solano County and present the award for the Firefighter of the year. Friday, March 19 Cocktails 6pm and Buffet Dinner at 7pm at the Fairfield Hilton Garden Inn - 5 more sponsored tix available.

Scott Peterson

- Every Member Every Year - Progress toward Paul Harris.  
Avery Green and Bob Ogan each bought a full board.  
The rules are way to long and complicated to type out here.  
Bob Linville won twice on the third board.

## Birthdays

Don Demmon – Birthday and Club Anniversary 75 years old and 21 years in Rotary. \$100

Doc Harrington – Birthday and Club Anniversary - Having dinner with wife in SF 52 years. 23 years in Rotary. Jimmy Jones was his sponsor. Pete mumbled under his breath, "I've never liked him". \$100

## Club Anniversary

Connie Klimisch – 16 Happy Years \$20

Brian Kendal – \$40

## Hallelujah

- Clint Manalili
  - \$10 For the Interact Club for their work at Christian Help Center and \$10 for the people who stepped up to sponsor the kids to the game. \$20
- Roberta Grubbe
  - Her exchange student had 2nd baby. \$5
- Rich Curtola
  - Rich is belly up on the slopes with an injury and there's his buddy Walt video taping the subsequent rescue on his cell phone. You can always count on your friends. \$10
- Tom Phillips
  - Because he is not sitting at Pete's table. \$5
- Lori Ann Palisi
  - She finally cut her lawn and broke her water pipe in the process. The upside is, now she knows how to turn off the water to the house. \$5
- Rick Ernst
  - Put out a request for busses to bring 3rd graders to the County Fair. Rotary provided busses for many of the kids but more are needed. \$20

## **The Program:**

Betty Figueiras Arthella Porter - Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

They mentor kids from 6 to 18 years of age.

What happens to a child that does not have a mentor? Many foster children have been on a waiting list for over a year for a mentor. Kids from Napa and Benicia get matched relatively quickly. Kids from Vallejo may sit on a list for a long time. Vallejo is where mentors can make a big difference in a child's life.

Many of the foster kids have abandonment issues. Not all the kids are foster kids. Some come from families who think the kids would benefit from having an adult to spend time with and talk to besides their parents.

They ask for one hour each week for a year.

There was a case where a 65 year old man mentored a young child. They were such a good match that now the former mentor is 90 and the former little brother takes him out for one hour each week.

The process of becoming a mentor is simple. There is a form to fill out and a one hour interview. They do an FBI check and run a Google check. After the background check comes back clean, you are on the list. Then they set up matches. After a match is made, you meet your little.

The match meetings usually go well. The littles are generally very excited.

There is support available once you become a big. There are meetings with other big/little pairs. BBBS makes suggestions on what to do with your little. They check in regularly to see how the relationship is going.

The Solano County office is in Fairfield, but they spend much of their time in the field.

Couples may mentor a single child together. Women can mentor boys or girls. Men can only mentor boys.

No overnight visits for a year.

For more information, please visit their web site at: [www.bbbsnorthbay.org](http://www.bbbsnorthbay.org)

## **Conclusion**

Hand Shake: Tom Phillips - Mike Prevost won.

Car Wash: Viviana Loera

Wheel of Destiny: Viviana Loera  
TV Commercials - If you heard "Call \_\_\_\_\_ and leave the driving to us" Greyhound. Anthony Shannon (me, hanging my head in tremendous shame) gave her the wrong answer - doh!

Meeting adjourned