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The Vallejo Rotary Club
A family of caring and
Energetic Rotarians

July 23, 2009

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



This weeks Program

Speaker

Vallejo Rotary Club

Meeting of July 23, 2009

Our spiritual guide, Sir Scott Peterson opened the meeting by wailing and gnashing of the teeth and wearing sack cloth and ashes, and was mumbling something about this being a somber day, only about 3 weeks into his year and the gavel has already vanished. The Club, or better said the Sanhedrin has

broken the 5th commandment of the Vallejo Rotary Club; “Thou shalt not steal the gavel of the club president”. It appears that the culprit could be excommunicated!! Even more notable is that it appears that this president has a longgggg way to go to get this group headed down the straight and narrow path.

Some trivia from our president, “this past week we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the first moon walk. Prior to the walk Buzz Aldrin, took the communion in a

private ceremony. So, the first food and drink on the moon was the sacrament.

Bob led us in the pledge of allegiance. We did not have a formal song leader, so the club broke out in "God Bless America".

We did not have any visiting Rotarians this week.

Guests of Rotarians:

Tony Shannon introduced Rick Ernst a labor compliance officer for the AFL-CIO (still don't know what that is).

The "spunky table" introduced Jack's driver Bob, with a hearty cheer.

J. D. Miller introduced Myrna Hayes, who also is today's speaker.

Announcements:

- Don Demon announced the fund raiser golf tournament for the foster children / adults. This is for those that turn 18 and are then dumped on the streets. It will be held on Sept. 20 at Hiddenbrooke. See Don for a **big discount**.
- The Rotary night at the Sacramento River Cats is August 9th in Sacramento. If you want to go the tickets are \$15, and another \$15 will allow you to eat all the healthy food typically available in fine ball parks near you.
- And of course the much anticipated, always looked forward to, hard to get tickets for, a must see event!!! The big one and only annual district Rotary conference. See Scott for details and to put your name on the waiting list. October 1st – 4th. (I'm gonna be out of town, you can take my place).
- Rich Curtola and Walter Newell tag teamed the club at this point in the

meeting. Walt's old man "rolled" some guy for some Cal jersey's with the name "Pelascinni" on the back of it. (Yeah, I've never heard of him either). These were sold for \$100 each. Our guest used "union dues" to buy one, and J. D. Miller who can't turn down a "double dog" dare, always buys when it comes to Cal paraphernalia. The big question is how much in commissions are Rich and Walt taking.

Fines & Recognitions

Wedding Anniversaries-

Walt Newell was asked to stand up. Yesterday was his wedding anniversary and Walt was muttering about not much went on, not a lot of action at his house, etc.. He was thinking of maybe \$25 - \$50. Then "Wild" Bill Vizzolini, stood up and declared that his anniversary was also yesterday, and that he has such a fantastic marriage he was donating \$100. After some shaming and repentance Walt reluctantly also matched Bill's \$100. The question is, Did he do it for the right reason? Was it reluctance? Did he do it for show? (He too shall have his reward in heaven). Would the \$50 been like the "widow's mite" if he had done it sincerely??? Those questions should be pondered for the next 30 seconds.

Club Anniversary

Paul Nannar had his 4 year club anniversary and donated \$50. He did this even though Mike Diaz was his sponsor.

Hallelujah Dollars!!

Doc Harrington – His daughter is in Tanzania, he is saving up his \$ for the ransom.

Peter Friesen- His years of "winoism" paid off as they came up with a double gold at moonshine contest at the Billy Bob county fair in s. e. Georgia. \$20

Paula Strickland- cancer free \$20

J. D. Miller- He spoke at the association of realtors \$50

Clint Manalililili- \$20 for the drunken brawl that he can't remember that was his birthday party.

Rich Curtola – Penance and restitution money for the story he and Walt made up about the shirts they conned people out of \$100 for. He pays a small \$20, after his commission on the shirts he still is in the black.

Tom Phillips- \$50, he is so embarrassed by the antics of our club members, and how they are disrespecting the “burning bush” that represents all that Rotary is about and all that!!!

Connie Klimisch- \$5 she now has Monday evenings off since her husband is on the planning commission (anyone interested in a good time, “when the mouse is away.....”)

Guest Speaker

Myrna Hayes, needs no introduction to this group. Myrna has lived in Vallejo since 1986, and is still trying to renovate the historic house that they moved into.

Myrna started out with her activism by serving on the Mare Island Ship Yards Restoration Committee. She has been serving there for \$15 years.

The environmental clean up has spent \$130 million from a grant from the Navy, Lenar and the City had a separate \$85 million from the Navy, and then the City received another \$53 million from the Navy. Over \$260 million spent on clean up and still not done.

Myrna has turned her love of the Island into an effort to promote and open the island to the public. She puts on several events each year. She puts on the S. F. Bay Flyway Festival each year on Mare Island. The Daffodil Tea Party to raise funds for the historic St. Peters Chapel. This year on October 11th there is a memorial event for all ships lost at sea, that had a relationship with Mare Island. This includes over 3,00 men and 52 ships.

Myrna's favorite project on Mare Island is the “Mare Island Shoreline Heritage Preserve”. The preserve is 215 acres located at the south end of the island. This formerly served as the U.S. Navy's first Naval Ammunition Depot and was founded in 1857.

Coincidentally, Don Demon's grand father was the first “Gunner” to over see the Depot and was personally appointed by Abraham Lincoln.

Come out and enjoy the Island at the “Mare Faire” to be held the second weekend in August from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mystery Hand shaker: Norberto Frost

Car Wash: Paula Strickland

The Holy Trivia: This was Tom Phillips and he had a 9th grade history question. The question was about “prohibition”, and of course with Tom being the “teetotaler” that he his, he knew that the answer to the question was “that prohibition was not allowing women to vote”! He won \$50 to be used as scholarship money to Solano Community College.

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Nearby Clubs for Make-Ups

Mon.	12:00 PM	Davis-Community Church
Tue.	7:15 AM	Vacaville Sunrise -Opera house
Tue.	12:10 PM	Benicia Yacht Club
Tue.	12:10 PM	Fairfield-Suisun Hilton
Wed	7:00 AM	Cordelia- Holiday Inn Select
Wed	12:15 PM	Napa- Elks Club
Wed	12:15 PM	Concord-Concord Sheraton
Thur	7:15 AM	Napa Sunrise- Silverado
Thur	12:15 PM	Vacaville- Opera house
Fri	6:50 AM	Davis Sunrise- Senior Center
Fri	12:15 PM	Concord- Concord Hilton

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