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The Vallejo Rotary Club
A family of caring and
Energetic Rotarians

July 30, 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 7/30/09

President Scott Peterson called his July 30, 2009 meeting to order by ringing his new tiny red bell with a distinctive bicycle chime flavor and called all 20 of us to service ... above self.

Jim Reeves lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and our own former mayor Tony Intintoli to lead us in a Rotary rendition of *Me and My Shadow*. The shadows sang better than we Rotarians did.

Our President's thought/joke for the day:

It seems that President Scott's brass bell, gavel, pen and even his fork had been stolen between the conclusion of last week's meeting and the beginning of this meeting. It seems that he's been the victim of one of his basic Commandments of not stealing, but some members feel like the joke's on him.

It turns out that is was a good thing that the Chamber of Commerce scheduled its annual golf tournament on today's date, thus forcing many conscientious Rotarians to

choose suffering on the golf course versus suffering the embarrassment of failing at correctly answering trivia questions about the Bible. Fewer than 20 members witnessed Scott's being caught without the trappings of his office.

Friends of Rotarians:

Jack "Driving Miss Daisy" Anthony introduced his trusted driver, to a rousing welcome of "BOB" (our very own version of Norm Petersen of Cheers Fame).

President Scott introduced Ben Gonzalez who works for Allen Simmons HVAC.

Visiting Rotarians:

Doug Webster introduced CMA's new Provost, Jerry Jacobowski (I probably didn't spell it correctly, but you get the idea) who's a native of Terra Haute Indiana.

Reports and Announcements:

From The President:

Rotary day at the Sacramento River Cats, Raley's Stadium is set for August 9, 2009. You need to have your money in by August 3, 2009.

From Members of The Congregation:

Doug Webster announced that due to budget cut-backs CMA can only sponsor one summer concert this year, and that will be on the evening of August 8 and the CMA campus.

Regular Recognitions:

Birthdays:

No one showed, all were out golfing.

Wedding Anniversaries:

No one showed, all were out golfing.

Club Anniversaries:

No one showed, all were out golfing.

Other Recognitions, Happy Dollars, Hallelujah and Other Announcements:

I'll just call them "Happilujah Dollars"

J.D. "Go Bears" Miller, for his brother-in-law's riding a sponsored ride in the annual Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Bike Ride, \$20.

Tony Shannon for attending last Saturday evening's *Sin, Zin and Gin* event at the Empress Theatre. Tony related that it was an outstanding event at a very reasonable price, and that had it been held in San Francisco, it would have sold out at triple the price charged locally. The next event will be a 50's style sock-hop, featuring the movie, *American Graffiti*.

The Program:

June Cummings of Emani, Inc. was our speaker.

Emanini is a 501(c) (3) organization, headquartered in Vallejo. Its mission is to assist women in recovering from drug and alcohol dependencies, especially those women who are suffering from depression, anxiety disorders, PTSD, or bi-polar disorders, sexual and physical abuse, all of which are commonly referred to as “co-occurring mental health and medical conditions.”

Emani prides itself on successfully treating the women who have failed at most other types of programs. Those who are accepted into the Emani program typically remain residents at the Emani facility home for 3-6 months. Emani emphasizes helping their residents in locating housing, finding employment, eliminating dependency on drugs and alcohol. This is all accomplished with Emani's unique brand of love and compassion for their residents.

June and her partner Monique Davis pride themselves in understanding the unique needs, physical and mental status of their residents, and have taken what they feel are the best aspects of similar treatment programs and combined them into a hybrid program that can boast a great many successes.

Emani's residents come from all walks of life, many are not the stereotypical street people who first come to one's mind, but rather many of them have come from working backgrounds who have lost jobs, been injured, been chronically ill, been victims of abuse, or just down on their luck.

Depression and anxiety often resulted from such misfortunes which then progressed to a dependency on alcohol, prescription drugs, or contraband.

June has been doing this kind of work for many years and since 2003 here in Vallejo. She has seen a definite migration of big city problems of this type migrate to Solano County over time, especially the last few years.

Emani's physical resources enable it to service about 36 to 48 residents per year, but June fears that government budgeting constraints will reduce Emani's funding in the near future. Right now it takes about \$350,000 to \$400,000 to operate their program.

Conclusion

Paula Diaz won this week's fee car wash so generously donated by Jack Anthony.

The mystery hand shaker was out golfing.

Bob Linville won this week's chance to spin the wheel to play trivia, and for the 3rd time in President's Scott's reign, a Bible Question came up. Scott was so taken aback, he let Bob off the hook by having Bob tell him “anything about the Bible” that Bob knew. Ever the erudite veterinarian, Dr. Linville seized on the opportunity to inform the Prez without phoning a friend, that the Bible is divided into an “Old Testament. Based on Judaism, and a New Testament based on the teachings of Jesus Christ, and promptly won enough to make good on his forthcoming Sunday donation.

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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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