



# Propeller

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The Vallejo Rotary Club  
A family of caring and  
Energetic Rotarians

September 10, 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 MEETING 9/10/09 – minutes

- Scott Peterson called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM by playing a rousing round of church bells on his tape player. The membership proceeded this recording with an ominous hum.
- LaGuan Lea lead us in the pledge of Allegiance
- After some confusion over the lack of a song leader, Rich Curtola jumped in

with ‘God Bless America.’” He apparently did not bless our voices.

- **Bell Update:** After realizing that his marriage to Annabell was a sham, Bell got out of dodge, and is currently hitching his way back to California.
- **Visiting Rotarians**
  - “Guy” from the Coast. No one at my table seemed to hear much else either.

- **Guests of Rotarians**

- Scott Peterson had 2 guests
  - His son, Tom Peterson, with the Richmond Police Dept.
  - Ben Gonzalez, with Allen Simmons Heating & Air
- Jack Anthony introduced our favorite guest: his driver, Bob!!!

- **Announcements**

- Luis Romero
  - If you have any boxes of dictionaries still sitting around, please bring them in as soon as possible
  - The tentative date set for dictionary handouts is November 17
- Jim Aquino
  - A special 501c3 has been formed so that your donations to Rotary can be Tax Deductible. Unless you use the envelopes that are provided, there is no deduction.
- Helen Pierson
  - Friday, September 18, 2009, there will be a **Night of Honor** in... well, in honor of Law Enforcement. It will be at the Fairfield Hilton and the cost is \$35 per person
- Shane McAfee
  - GVRD annual report is available upon request
  - Monthly family movies are still being screened inside Children's Wonderland.

- **Recognitions**

- Club Anniversaries
    - Kevin Rahill – 5 years (\$25)
    - Anne Grove – 21ish years (\$100)
  - Wedding Anniversaries
    - Pete Friesen celebrated his 11 year wedding anniversary up in Lake Tahoe. He played amazingly at golf, and spent a grand total of ten minutes with his beautiful bride, though, in this time he found himself flirting with some blonde! (\$50)
    - Rich Curtola (see *Birthdays*)
  - Birthdays
    - Freda Dill spent her birthday by losing WAY too much money at the casino. She made sure to hold onto \$51 to donate to the club.
    - Derrick Karimian spent his birthday in Reno with Clint Manalili. The rest is guarded by a clause of silence. (\$52)
    - Rich Curtola spent his birthday working and capped the day off shopping for ribs at Costco. For his 33<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary (9/11), he plans to finish cooking the aforementioned ribs for the soon to come House Boat Trip. NOW THAT'S ROMANCE! (\$100)
    - Robert Briseno's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday is a full week of celebration. Included in the festivities: wine tasting, coastal exploration, and a big bash by the pool at his home. (\$60)
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- **Hallelujah Dollars**

- Tony Shannon had five Hallelujah Dollars that Gary Salvadori was at the meeting and smiling. Apparently, Gary had been surprised by a golf ball to the kisser. Tony's son Max has one heck of an arm!
- Gary Salvadori had Hallelujah Dollars, but no one knew how much and what for, as his teeth had been knocked out.
- J.D. Miller had five Hallelujah Dollars in appreciation of Anne Grove's presence and her uncanny ability to bring back good memories.
- Clint Manalili had five Hallelujah Dollars for all of the free drinks that were given out at Video Poker in Reno over the weekend.
- Russ Barnes had ten Hallelujah Dollars for a having a good time out in the city.
- Jeanne Kilkenny-Turk had ten Hallelujah Dollars for the sudden opportunity she received to coach St. Basil's 5<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball Team. They've had two practices, and she was going into their first game that night. Good Luck!

- **Program**

- Joel McMaughn was our speaker. He was the head architect for Chevron before retiring five years ago. Today, he spends the bulk of his time with his family, and paragliding along Columbus Parkway by Blue Rock Springs. He seems like an all-around good guy, so if you see one of the para-gliders spiraling down, please do your best not to hit them.
- Joel's son recently graduated from College, and when confronted for a graduation gift, he opted to spend

time with his father by hiking the John Muir Trail. Their adventure began at Happy Valley; the vertical direction they were heading would have inferred otherwise. Their total journey was 220 miles over a 22 day period.

- The Highest Peak they hit was Mt. Whitney (tallest peak in the 48 states) at 14,495 feet.
- The club learned about hiking, hiking supplies, safety techniques, food, eating habits, shrinkage (why did I write that?), survival, and how to keep a bear entertained for hours... away from you and your supplies.

- **Conclusion**

- Luis Romero was the Mystery Handshaker. He intended on the tenth person to shake his hand to take the prize, but had only nine handshakes total. Concession went to the seventh, which was Derrick Karimian
- The coveted Carwash prize went to Clint Manalili
- Cera Ghavimi was the lucky winner of the Wheel of Destiny, and she landed a US History Question:

- In 1803, President Jefferson (illegally I'll add) made the Louisiana Purchase. He had chosen two explorers to map this land. Who were these explorers?

- Cera answered correctly with Lewis and Clark

- IN VALLEJO (with Connie Howard)
  - 9/10/09 Transit Appreciation
  - 9/12/09 Finding Nemo at Children's Wonderland
  - 9/13/09 Loma Vista Wine Tasting Fundraiser @ Babe's (aka The Cantina)
- Meeting adjourned at 1:31 PM.

**2009-10 Rotary International President**

John Kenney

**District 5160 Governor**

Earl Kilmer

**Vallejo Rotary Club Officers**

|                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Scott Peterson | President                |
| LaGuan Lea     | President-elect          |
| Connie Howard  | Immediate past President |
| Rich Curtola   | Secretary                |
|                | Treasurer                |
| Roberta Grubbe | Sgt. at Arms             |

**Vallejo Rotary Club Directors**

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Luis Romero   | Kevin Rahill   |
| Debbie Egidio | Helen Pierson  |
| Viviana Loera | Gordon McMahon |
| Tom Phillips  |                |

**Nearby Clubs for Make-Ups**

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|-------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 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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