



Propeller

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The Vallejo Rotary Club
A family of caring and
Energetic Rotarians

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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

Start time

Scott Peterson called our meeting to disorder at 12:29, by the in-between sound of yet another cowbell. By in-between, I mean it was not the true ring of the original bell and it was also not the little tinkley bell he had last week.

Travel Gavel

Cowbell: It appears the note takers are now getting email from the Cowbell's iPhone: Here is this weeks letter from the Cowbell: I got a text on my iPhone that the Gavel is looking for me. Last

year, the Gavel had months and months of time off for adventures, taking pictures and writing notes. Then, he comes back and pops out of a cake. This year, he takes off and not a word, until I start writing in about my adventures. And, he's upset about me taking the spotlight.

I can imagine Paul Harris and the other founding fathers over 100 years ago coming together, starting Rotary and looking into the future,

"One day, this organization will do more then just help our community. It will be international, together we will eradicate Polio, we will help impoverished nations with clean

water, health services and education, and if we are lucky, one day, our inanimate objects will disappear and send in photos and notes talking of their adventures around this great country of ours." Gavel, my friend, we've come a long way!
Cowbell

Flag Solute

Luis Romero

Song

Doc Harrington

We sang, "Take me out to the ball game". Seriously, I think we actually "sang" it this time.

Visiting Rotarians

Connie Howard

Gary Boyles - Assistant Governer Sessa Reddy - from the Hercules club

Tita Escalada - The San Pablo Area Membership Coordinator also from the Herclues club

Guests

Ben Gonsales

Jim Casper Tom (sorry Tom, I did not get your last name)

Jack Anthony Bob! (no last name needed)

John Comyns Dennis Bach Dennis Garvey

JD Miller Lovely wife - Tina

Announcements

Gary Boyles - Distric Conference is next week in South Lake Tahoe. Registration is free. Rooms are around \$99 - \$149. Registration is still available.

Scott Peterson Leguan will be the stand-in President next week. Everyone get ready.

Rick Ernst was inducted into our fold. He is the first to come in under Scott Peterson's reign of terror.

\$100 Doc Harrington

Recognition - An article on Jon's office was in the paper, above the fold. His office has been report as "germ free". He is having a great time at his all-male table at this meeting. Some off-color comments were made. Doug Webster finished out the dog and pony show when he said, "please make the bad man go away."

\$10 Tom Phillips

Needs a pin? He has one he borrowed, but will pay \$10 for one from Pres. Scott

\$100 Rick Ernst \$1 for 0 year anniversary, \$1 for mother's bday, \$1 for appointment to the Board of Directors of Solano County Fair then rounded up to \$100. (See the kind of quality inductees I bring to the table?)

Birthdays

\$100 Smitty It's today! We sang(?) "Happy Birthday". Doh, shoulda stuck to "Take Me Out to the Ball Game".

\$50 Mike Tastsides President Scott asked, "What did you do?" Leguan added, "and how long did you do it?" Woah! That look from Scott. Brrrrrr. Everyone else laughed anyway.

Club Anniversaries

\$15 Doug Webster 3 years. Bob Ogan brought him in. Plus \$5 hallelulia. Survived falling asleep while driving. Woke up on a cross-country trip in a no-tree area.

\$50 John Comyns Quick, over and done. See how easy it is Harrington?

\$25 Scott Peterson Jim Aquino brought him in.

Happy Dollars

\$10 Gary Salvadori Apologized for discriminate against women by making the "All male table" comments.

\$10 JD Miller Announcement for Chevy's promotion to raise money to cure Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

He is also proud to have Derek Karamian in the club.

\$5 Smitty said, "Club sang in sync today".
Robert suggested he change his hearing-aid batteries

\$50 Hellen Pierson AMR's appeal for contract for Ambulance service was denighed.

\$20 Walt Newell Mother-in-law maybe leaving after 7 years. She might be moving in with his father.

\$10 Clint Manalili Great football week Sad Cracker Jack prizes

\$10 Jeanne Kilkenny-Turk Having the time of her life coaching softball for 10 year old girls

\$10 JD Miller Grandparents again, grandson born Sunday 10lbs. Scott was able to stop himself from asking if it was a boy or girl.

Program

Bill Soto-Castenellos, born 1935 in SF. Went to his first professional game at 10. At 16 he was the bat boy for San Francisco Seals not the Oakland Oaks. This caused some discord among his family and friends. He is the 3rd batboy to write and publish a book about his experience in baseball.

In 1866, the first rival game between San Francisco City College and Oakland was played.

In the 1870's there was the Grand Centrals from Oakland and the San Francisco Baseball Club.

The Pacific Coast Leage was started in 1903. The 1906 destroyed the Seals ball park. Oakland invited the Seals to come play at their field. By 1908, the Seals had their own field again. The following year, they won the pennant.

Oakland built a new park on the site which is now Pixar Studios.

In 1915, the Seals built a new park which was considered one of the finest fields in the country. It was so foggy there, they had to call the season because they couldn't see the games. They abandoned the field and went back to their old one. The longest home run hit in organized baseball was hit by Roy Carlyle in Oakland. The ball went 618ft, out of the park and two blocks into town.

In the 1920's baseball cards began production. The Pacific Coast League was not recognized by the rest of the country. The best players from here left for the

eastern teams which were recognized, including Joe Dimaggio.

After WWII, fans came to games in droves, even though the league was still not recognized.

In 1947, the teams were given mascots. The Oaks had an acorn.

In 1949, the Oaks integrated afro-american players into their team. The Seals integrated their team in 1951.

In 1952 a riot broke out when one player knocked another player down running for home.

In 1955, the Oaks were moved to Vancouver and the Seals were also purchased and moved.

Q: Clint: do you own those baseball cards?

A: yes. He has a hard time attaching monatory value to any of the physical stuff because it happened to him.

The real punch of this program came from the great old photos and from the sincerity of Bill Soto-Castellanos himself. I'm sorry if you missed it. That stuff can not be translated.

Mystery Handshaker

Smitty Doug Webster won

Car Wash

Dennis - Guest

Trivia Contest

25 Mike Tastsides #17 - 9th Grade history The first large wave was in the 1940's. The Irish were the first large group to come. Potato famine. Split with Robert Briseno

The following person, Mr. Dennis Garvey, has been proposed for membership to Vallejo Rotary Club by Past President Dr. John Comyns. Dennis is a former Rotarian and recently started a new company locally, focusing on Internet Marketing Management Services. Dennis was a good member in the past and is eager to reconnect with Rotary. His classification would be Internet Marketing Management.

If you have any questions or concerns about this proposed member or if you know some reason why he/she should not be invited to join Vallejo Rotary, please contact the President or Secretary immediately. Your comments will be kept confidential.

The following person, Mr. Ben Gonzalez, has been proposed for membership to Vallejo Rotary Club by President Scott Peterson. Ben is the new owner of Allen-Simmons Heating and Air-Conditioning (formerly owned by PPres. Chuck Allen 61-62 who passed away in 1987). Ben is eager to become more involved in the Vallejo community. His classification would be Heating and Air-Conditioning. If you have any questions or concerns about this proposed member or if you know some reason why he/she should not be invited to join Vallejo Rotary, please contact the President or Secretary immediately. Your comments will be kept confidential.

2009-10 Rotary International President

John Kenney

District 5160 Governor

Earl Kilmer

Vallejo Rotary Club Officers

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	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

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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