

Our FIRST meeting of 2015. Happy New Year!

Vallejo Rotary



The Propeller

January 8th, 2015 Tony Shannon

President Robert started off the year exactly on time.

Greg Silva led us in our first Pledge of Allegiance of 2015

Doc Harrington led us in our first song of 2015. In a shocking twist, we sang, "God Bless America".

Announcements

Carol Larson is the incoming Chair of the Vallejo Chamber Board of Directors. We have a table at the installation dinner with some open seats.

Our next cocktail party is Saturday January 24th, 2015 at the home of Robert Briseño (The address will be sent out in an email blast to the club). Greg Silva has announced that he is keeping his perfect non-attendance of cocktail parties by missing this one as well. There will be a sitter at this event for children.

Our Texas Hold'em Party will be at Tony Shannon's house on Friday, February 20th. Cocktails at 6pm poker at 7pm. So, liquor first and poker after. There is no money involved. Experience is not necessary. Just come and have fun!

March Membership Madness is coming!

Fishing in the City will be April 11th 6am or 7am. The time will be firmed up as we get closer. We need all Rotarians to come out to this wonderful event. This is one of two events where we really get the face of Vallejo Rotary out in front of the Vallejo community.

We are planning to have a Rotary picnic at the Vallejo Children's Wonderland which we have tentatively set for June

6th from 11 am to 2 PM. More information to follow.

Camp Venture at the Maritime academy is Wednesday June 17 to Sunday June 21st. Our club normally does a BBQ at this event on the Saturday afternoon. Please see Constance Howard to sign up to help.

Camp Royal: Sunday June 21 to Saturday June 27th. Our club sends campers to this event every year. If would like to learn more click on the image above. Rotarian's can help out at the event and go and observe as well.

Walter Newell is NOW selling wine raffle tickets. Please see him to get yours. Also we are asking EVERY member to donate 2 bottles of wine for this as well. Please buy your tickets and bring your bottles in ASAP, thanks!!! Drawing date to be determined.

We are planning a Bocce Ball Event with a Tentative date of Saturday April 18th from 11 AM to 4 PM at Regents Park in Vallejo.

Our 2015 Golf Tournament is set for Wednesday May 20th at Hiddenbrooke Golf course from Noon until 9 PM. Please see Pete to let him know how you are planning to help make it successful

Our own Norbert Frost is heading up our annual Scholarship program please see him, call him 707-553-7356 or e-mail him at nuf@nfrostlaw.com if you are interested in helping select this years winners

January 20, the Giants will be in town. Contact GVRD to find out how to view the trophies. Jeanne bid \$40 for two VIP tickets to the viewing donated by Shane.

Doc Harrington was at the Vacaville Morning Club and met with our new incoming District Governor. He was impressed that the Governor nominee is making the rounds already. The first Saturday in March, the Vacaville Club is having a Jeopardy Board and they want smart people from neighboring clubs to come. Doc figures that out of our membership, we must have at least 4 smart people who should participate and represent our club. Also, the Vacaville club has a Trapshoot. This takes place on the first Saturday in May. Who wants to go shoot something?

Connie Howard gave us a recap of our donation for Christmas to four young people who have aged out of the Foster system. She and Ann Grove went shopping for requested items to make their Christmases more merry and their lives easier: Barbie dolls, dream houses, a vacuum, and gift cards. All in all, it was over \$250 worth of stuff.

Guests

None

Visiting Rotarians:

None, unless you count Roberta Grubbe who is a returning member. Roberta announced that she has not been billed for anything yet, but she is loving being in the Vallejo Rotary Club. (She would later come to regret her announcements. Read on)

Recognitions

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Roberta Grubbe: Birthday on September 20th, 2014 and Anniversary December 18th, 2014. Robert was reaching way back for this money. \$100 and she is still glad to be back.

Tony Shannon - Commitment anniversary - \$50 for the 30th year Anniversary (Formica, I think).

Gary Salvadori had a birthday (66th) on December 30, 2014 and his Club Anniversary is January 9th. He contributed \$100 toward his Paul Harris.

Avery's Club Anniversary from January 3rd, 1974. He seemed surprised. 41 years, wow! He pulled out his wallet and checked inside and found \$50.

Bob Linville - His Club Anniversary was January 4 from 1979 (36 years). He also wanted to recognize LaGuan who

was busting his butt helping Bob to sort out a rental property issue and after two years of renovation, Bob is finally moving into his mother's old house in Lafayette. He will still visit us and keep his practice here in V-town. \$100

Happy Dollars

Jack McArthur and Dr. Ramona Bishop are happy (designated so by Robert). These two are our newest members. They rose from their seats when called forth with the standard glassy-eyed "what did I do this time?" look and came to the front of the room for the first time since their induction into the club. Robert presented them with regular name badges. They are both now blue-badgers. They each donated the requisite \$5 for their badges.

Roberta Grubbe is happy. She is going to be a grandmother in June.

Tony Shannon is happy to be 30 lbs lighter than a year ago today \$5.

Jack McArthur \$15 for the 49ers football coach moving to his old alma mater.

Greg Silva is happy to say that he has perfect attendance in 2015 (this being our first meeting). \$10 He would not disclose how much lighter he is than last year on this date.

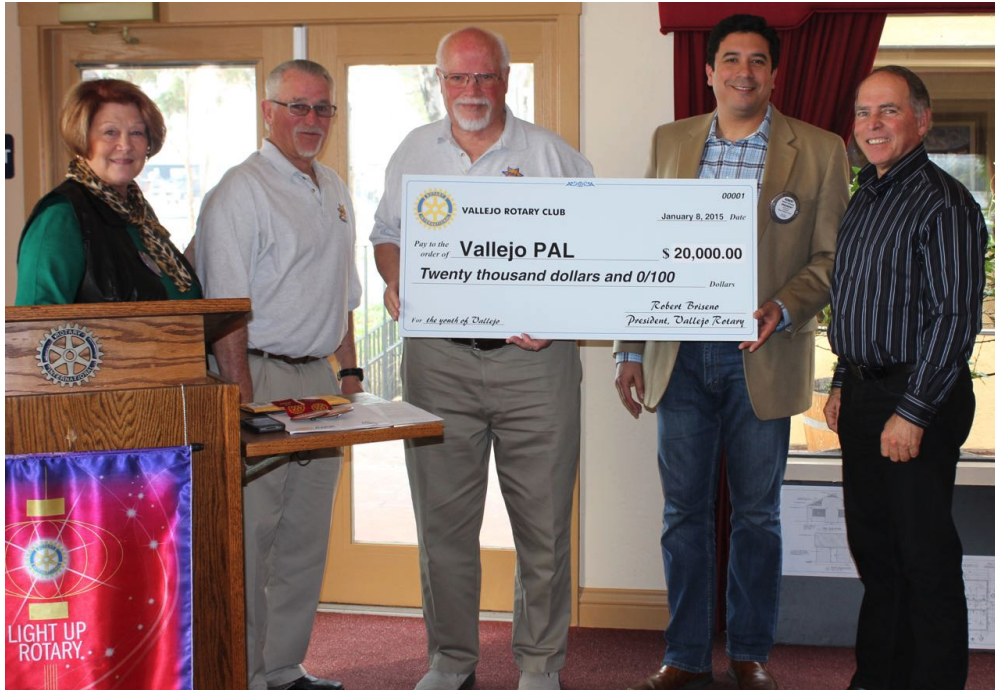
JD Miller is challenging himself for \$10. He and two former Rotarians had talked in the past about doing the Napa Marathon together. The former Rotarians have since passed. JD will be running the Napa Marathon this year in their memory.

Joke for the week:

Joke of the week was stalled while waiting for Connie Howard and Jeanne Kilkenny-Turk finished their discussion. (There was a round of laughter when someone who should remain nameless used a joke from the Reno Train Trip to get their attention).

A young couple woke from a night of sleeping and the wife turned to her husband and said, "Darling, I just had a wonderful dream that you gave me a diamond ring as a New Year's present. What do you think that means?" Her husband could not hide a smirk as he said, "I think you will understand more about the meaning of that dream tonight." Later that night, after a romantic dinner, the couple exchanged gifts. The wife opened the box her husband gave her with hands shaking with anticipation. Inside the box was a book on dream interpretation.

Program



Ron Richardson came to tell us about the progress on the PAL Park. He was joined by Mike Kollar (Executive Director of PAL and retired police officer) and Jim Lyon (PAL Board President and retired police officer).

In 2006, they set forth to put a restroom at the PAL Park which is attached to Franklin Middle School at the corner of Star and Wallace.

Last year they partnered with GVRD in the Participatory Budgeting program. Together, they received \$600,000 of which, PAL gets \$250,000. They are very excited to be moving forward.

Ron brought a detailed drawing of the planned ball fields and restroom and concession facilities. PAL has the right to develop and maintain the property. The School District agreed to supply water to the grounds. This will save the project \$20,000 in fees to the City.

The design for the restroom and concession facilities is done and they are finishing up some other related plans and they hope to get started in March and be done with the restrooms and concessions done by May of this year.

The other parts of the project, like the fields are put on hold for now as they will cost about \$2,000,000 to do correctly.

PAL pays for the electricity for the batting cages and the maintenance of the ball fields.

This is a great partnership for the City of Vallejo.

Mike thanked Ron for putting the project together. PAL about 8 different activities, boxing, T-ball, girls softball, track team, wrestling team, police cadets and explorers, the they have their golf tournament 9 days after ours. Mike mans the office with a couple of volunteers. They sponsor a Hall of Fame award. They will be inducting a new police officer into the Hall of Fame this year. Mike is looking forward to the project moving forward.

At this time, Connie Howard joined the PAL organizers and President Robert to present them with a \$20,000 check. The money for this check was set aside in Connie Howard and Connie Klimisch's years with an eye toward donating it to this project when it came to fruition. Our donation will fund the construction of the restroom/concession facilities for the PAL park.

LaGuan threw Jack McArthur under the bus when he was caught talking at the end of the meeting. Who know he was so strong.

Mystery Handshaker

It's a mystery.

Get to Know your Rotarian Drawing

Lou Caretti - He did this recently. He mentioned that his law firm came out as the Law Firm of the year. He mentioned that he was very proud to be in such good company and mentioned many of the Rotarian's businesses which had also won the Business of the Year awards in their categories: Minuteman Press, Mustico Realty, All Creatures Vet Hospital, Vallejo Insurance, Twin Chapels Mortuary, Hearing Aid Services, and LaGuan was runner up for Notary.

Gary Salvadori requested the Jack McArthur and Dr. Bishop come forward a few times a year to tell us what is new in their respective areas.

On a final note, there will be a LaGuan Lea Commemorative Toilet at the PAL Park.

Meeting adjourned at early.

Proposed Members

Kathleen Diohep - City of Vallejo - Economic Development (2)

Randy Larson - Transport Products Unlimited - Equipment Sales (2)

Vijay Patel - Regency Inn - Hotel Owner (2)

David Perry of SPSV. (2)

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