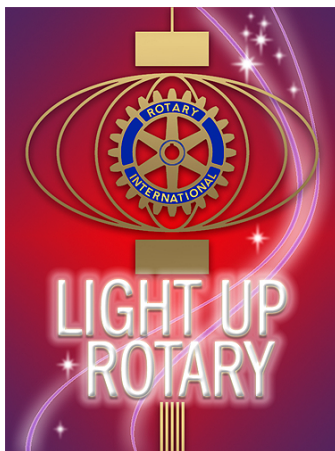


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# Vallejo Rotary



This is our shiny new Rotary International logo for the year. (It will look even better in December).

## The Propeller

July 3rd, 2014

Anthony Shannon

Robert Briseno's first meeting as President

The meeting started exactly on time at 12:30pm. Robert had that "New President" smell as he called upon Helen Pierson to lead us in the flag salute.

Tony Intintoli lead us in a song to celebrate the season, "In the Good Old Summertime." Tony lead, but only some of us were able to follow.

### Announcements

I should start the announcements with a correction request from former member, Wendy Jones. She was misquoted in the June 5th Propeller. I first want to stress that this is the first time, in the history of Vallejo Rotary, that any information that was less than 100% accurate was ever published in the Propeller. Okey Dokey, here we go. Wendy Jones was quoted as saying that, " the Omega Boys and Girls Club of Vallejo is donating \$250 to our club." The donor is actually The Omega Fraternity. Thank you Omega Fraternity!

August 1st - Vallejo Sunset Rotary and Benicia Rotary and Vallejo Rotary will attend a Vallejo Admirals baseball game together. We are calling it, "Rotary Night at the Park." This will be combined with a food drive.

September 13th - We will have a picnic with Vallejo Sunset Rotary.

President Robert Briseño - Membership has been declining. We are now down to 39 members. We should be a much bigger club. Robert wants us to return to our former glory days. We should have 100 members by 2022. This is our 100 year anniversary. I'm calling this the "100 by 100 Campaign". To this end, we will have cocktail parties.

Greg Silva enthusiastically committed to 100% attendance at the cocktail parties.

The Point System. Listen up! or rather read up! There will be points and spreadsheets, tracking and rewards. Each Rotarian will get one point for attendance at each meeting, event or board meeting. If you are on a committee, you get 10 points. You can get one point for turning in a name of a potential member, 1 point for bringing a potential member to a Vallejo Rotary meeting, and 10 points if that person becomes a member. All Mystery Handshaker and Drawing money will be given on June 18, 2015. You must be present to win.

## ***Guests***

President Briseño introduced Mary Hand from New Jersey, his mother-in-law (Regina's Mom)  
Kathe Chandler introduced a frequent visitor to our club, John Dwyer - Past President of the Benicia club.  
Elizabeth Lew introduced her son Dominic Anderson.

## ***Recognitions***

### ***Birthdays***

Lou Caretti on July 2nd - \$50

### ***Club Anniversaries***

Helen Pierson on July 3rd, 2008. She is very sure and very happy she is in Rotary. Also she had her 37th wedding anniversary with her husband Bill - \$100

### ***Happy Dollars***

Greg Silva - \$20 He is celebrating 100% attendance this year. Although, next week he will be in Maui.

Walt Newel - \$20 He came back safe from Israel. He spent 2 weeks there and one week in London.

JD Miller - \$10 - \$5 is for the A's and \$5 was for Walt leaving. He credits Walt's absence with the Giants losing streak (8 games).

Jon Dwyer - \$20 Thanks for the BBQ at Camp Venture

Verna Mustico - \$100 for her Club Anniversary. There seemed to be some confusion as to whether or not she had already been recognized by Past President Shane during his reign of terror. President Robert took her money without concern.

Helen (I missed the amount) - She is Italian from Tuscany. Her family (Manfredi) came from Luca. Luca is recognizing her family for its accomplishments in America.

Doc Harrington - \$5 for the Rotary Park. He made a cryptic remark about the park and Shane losing control. This was basically to goad Past President Shane into stepping up to give some happy dollars and explain what was happening with the park.

Shane took the bait - \$5 The Rotary Park is taking on partners. We are getting some help from Participatory Budgeting and the Veterans. We may also get some money from the mitigation of the old GE plant which is to begin production concrete.

Jeanne Kilkenny-Turk - \$5 for her vacation in the Mendocino forest. She ended with a shameless plug for Rocktoberfest (our 4th annual?).

Kevin "I think I know where I am" Rahill - \$5 he tried to explain the musical chairs of Vallejo Rotary official positions: Kevin is no longer Treasurer. He is now Sgt. At Arms. Connie Howard is now Secretary. Kathe is now Treasurer. Elizabeth Lew is now Bookkeeper. Tony Shannon is now VP of Marketing (a new position).

Shawna Gilroy - \$5 her promotion is now official. She is the new Advertising Manager of the Vallejo Times Herald.

JD Miller - \$5 The Vallejo Times Herald ran an article about Laughter Yoga.

## ***Program***

Laura Day - Past District Governor and Counselor at Camp Venture

There are people in Vallejo who want to be members of this club. They just don't know it yet.

"Rotary is the Recess of Your Life" Vallejo Rotary is one of the oldest Rotary clubs in the world. We are the 6th club to be established.

Our club can be great. We need to engage members - keep them happy. Secondly, we need to attract members, not recruit them.

Laura then had us list all the selfish reasons we are in Rotary: Fellowship, being in the know, solicitation "I gave at Rotary", to get away from the wife for two hours (Pete), the opportunity to perform for a captive audience, a built-in structure for serving the community, it's a job requirement, you don't have to think about what is for lunch one day a week, diversity of business friends, business connections, laughter and fun, a chance to improve your public speaking skills, and tax write-offs.

The above list has great value to all of us and to others. We should find people of value who want what we have to offer. The above list can be a great selling tool.

## ***Mystery Handshaker***

Pete Friesen won (sort of) he got a point.

## ***Drawing***

Doc Harrington won (not sure if he got a point). He got to stand up and tell us about himself for two minutes. We learned some new things about Doc, including that he was an Eagle Scout by the time he was 14 years old. Way to go, Doc!

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