



# THE HUB

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## Rotary Club of Belmont, California

### IN THE NEWS...

Leading off our All Hallow's Eve meeting, Bill Carlson led the Pledge followed by Bob Paulus' intonation (not to be confused with invocation) involving our local sports teams.

Guest Rotarians included Vern Heller (San Carlos) and Grant and Deidre Cobb from Coventry, England. The Cobbs are winding up their latest sojourn as participants in Rotary's International Travel & Hosting Fellowship (ITHF). To date, they've visited 66 countries – and acknowledged the world class hospitality offered this past week by Sandie and Wally Krutz (with assistance from Jean and Allan Cary).

Members gave an enthusiastic WELCOME BACK round of applause to our own Mary Lou South who graciously proclaimed the many cards, calls and emails from her fellow Rotarians as the 'sustaining force' behind her recovery.

#### Announcements:

Jean thanked Charles McDonald for stepping up to the plate during her recent absence. The President's Circle reception has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 12th from 3-5 p.m. at Jean's home.

Sharrie Kriger circulated a condolence card to be sent to Anton Denisov, one of our new Russian friends who lost his father in a freak accident just after returning home.

Vince Cirigliano shared notes from Matthew Low and his mother, both of whom were very appreciative of the Club's generosity in awarding the Walking for Ben scholarship to Matt. (Jim McGovern's only concern was that we selected a student whose grades might be too GOOD...thereby tarnishing the McGovern legacy.)

Jean reminded members of two upcoming holiday events: the District's dinner-dance on December 2nd at the San Francisco Yacht Club and Belmont Rotary's own holiday extravaganza on December 9th at Fred West's home. To get an idea of crowd size for Dave Hyman (who will be doing catering), Nadine circulated an early sign-up sheet.

To get us in the right mind-set, Sophia Barnes decorated each table today with Halloween candy. (Dentist Ross Stangeland would have smiled, but was inhibited following a weekend incident in which he and his mountain bike were 'gravity-challenged'.)

Two opportunities that YOU will have missed by the time you read this: Tom Lantos speaking at the Pacifica Rotary Club on Tuesday, Oct. 31st; and Long's Drug Store administering flu shots the same day. But not to worry: Brian Lynch reported that Mollie Stone's will be offering the vaccine soon. (No, Jean – NOT the e.coli vaccine!)

Jean urged members to identify and encourage any likely applicants to pursue the incredible (all expenses paid) Group Study Exchange headed toward Germany next spring. But do it quickly; the deadline is THIS WEEK.

#### Fine Master:

Jim McGovern raised money for five minutes followed by ten minutes of blarney. (Note to McGovern: Blarney with a punch line is still blarney.)

#### Exchange of Flags:

Grant Cobb presented a flag from Coventry, England – (and yes, Inquiring Minds will want to know that the flag does include the silhouette of Coventry's own Lady Godiva). Jean sent our flag home with Grant, and included Belmont-grown laurel bay leaves for Deidre to slip into her next kettle of soup. Grant and Jean both touted the terrific opportunities available through membership in Rotary's International Travel and Hosting Fellowship – the benefits of which are usable both at home and abroad.

Raffle: Ross Stangeland just can't catch a break this week.

#### President- Jean Cary

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and Dennis Pettinelli/John Pettinelli

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Attendance-Jim McGovern

Education-Gretchen Ross

Russian Exchange-Chris Middleton and

George Paulson

Club Recognition-Mikaela Good

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## Speakers Section...

The Topic du jour was MEMBERSHIP. John Rossetti and Hank Corriea challenged all present to invite at least one potential new member to join us during the month of November. It's a good idea to pre-qualify the guests – and to give them realistic information regarding costs and expected commitment. New members shared their tips for enhancing the 'new member experience' including: the value of 'mentoring in' new members; getting them involved early; encouraging them to attend a Board meeting; and finding ways to share specific information about the tangible good works and projects of the Club. Several ideas were generated, including: producing a video about the Club and its accomplishments; holding a networking and 'new member closure' strategy session; and revisiting the pros and cons of taking on more visible, hands-on service projects to benefit our community. We may be able to identify alternative sites and vehicles through which we could solicit new members, such as the new Belmont library, the Parks and Rec bulletins, a specially printed "invitation to lunch" business card, or an occasional newspaper insert.

Jean concluded by thanking Patrick Smailey and Vince Cirigliano for their exemplary efforts in providing high quality, substantive programs each week. She asked members for their help in identifying new service projects; and she challenged each of us to work hard during November to identify new members for the Club.



## Make Up Section...

### ***Monday***

Belmont--The Vans 815 Belmont Ave (12:15 pm)

Burlingame-Sheraton Gateway 600 Airport Blvd. (12:15 pm)

### ***Tuesday***

Millbrae--The Terrace Cafe--El Rancho Motel (12:15 pm)

Pacifica--Sharp Park Golf Course Restaraunt (12:15 pm)

Peninsula Sunrise--Pete's Harbor One Uccellie Boulevard (7:30 am)

Redwood City--Sequoia Club 1695 Broadway (12:15 pm)

San Francisco--Elks Lodge Kensington Park Hotel (12:00 pm)

SF Golden Gate--World Trade Club 1 Ferry Plaza (6:30 pm)

SF Greater Mission--Double Play Restaraunt 2401 16th st. (7:45 am)

### ***Wednesday***

Carlmont Interact--Carlmont High School, B6 (12:10 pm)

Daly City--Marie Calendar's 5B Serramonte Center (12:15 pm)

Foster City--Crown Plaza 1221 Select Drive (12:15 pm)

Menlo Park--Menlo Park Recreation Center 800 Alma (12:15 pm)

San Bruno--El Rancho Inn 1100 El Camino Real (12:15 pm)

San Francisco Airport--Firewood Cafe International Terminal (12:30 pm)

SF Bayview--Dago Mary's Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard (7:15 am)

SF West--South Seafood Village 1420 Irving st. (6:00 pm)

Woodside--Woodside Village Church 3154 Woodside Rd. (7:15 am)

### ***Thursday***

Half Moon Bay--United Methodist Church 777 Miramontes St. (12:00 pm)

SF Fisherman's Wharf--Franciscan Restaraunt Pier 43 1/2 (7:30 am)

San Mateo--Poplar Creek Golf Course, 17010 Coyote Point Drive (12:15 pm)

South San Francisco--Basque Cultural Center 599 Railroad Ave (12:15 pm)

### ***Friday***

San Carlos--The Van's 815 Belmont Avenue (12:15 pm)

San Mateo Sunrise--Poplar Creek Golf Course, Coyote Point (7:30 am)

