



THE HUB

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Rotary Club of Belmont, California

IN THE NEWS...

Ooh-la-la! The 'digs' were pretty fancy, as we were hosted by the Rotaract Club in the Ralston Ballroom on the NDNU campus.

Rueben and Juan Carlos led us in the Pledge of Allegiance (sans flag!), and President Oblack gave us a warm welcome on behalf of the University. We paused for a moment of silence in respect for the students and families who had experienced the horrific events earlier that day on the campus at Virginia Tech, and Dr. Oblack extended an invitation to join NDNU students later that day for a memorial service.

On a happier note, Dr. Oblack also acknowledged the contributions and mentorship of Maureen Freshchet in the Rotaract program, and he divulged the news that both Maureen and her daughter will be receiving degrees at commencement next month: she with an MBA and her daughter with an MPA. CONGRATULATIONS, Maureen!!

After a delicious Italian lunch ('Ciou, Baby!!' - or is it 'Chow, Baby?'), we learned that almost half of the current Rotaract club will graduate soon. What a neat bunch of kids, both leaving and staying. Special thanks went to Min Vu for his coordination of this event, and for agreeing to take on the challenges of Presidency of the group for the ensuing term. Maureen announced that Rueben and Juan Carlos will be recipients of a special City of Belmont Student Leadership Award, to be presented by the Mayor during Graduation ceremonies. After Jean and Maureen presented certificates of appreciation and Rotaract medallions to each graduating senior, Rueben and Juan Carlos returned the favor by presenting commemorative 'trophies' back to Jean and Maureen. (Question: if Jean is a wife and has a trophy, does that make her a Trophy Wife? Hmmm.)

A few ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jean thanked Fred for submitting a wonderful recap of the Crab Feed to the Redwood Shores PILOT. Party Planner Extraordinaire, Jon Pettinelli is working on our next social event which will be a bowling party sometime in May. His Dad was acknowledged for a recent generous donation of stocks to the Belmont Rotary Foundation. Thanks, Dennis! Tom Diridon will host the next Chamber Mixer at Carlmont Associates this Thursday from 4-7 pm. He's also looking for three Rotarians who would be willing to sacrifice a day of work to play golf in support of the NDNU athletic department's fundraising extravaganza on April 30th. See Tom if interested.

WOW! Great timing... Juli announced that at our Board meeting last week, we made a decision to donate \$2,000 to NDNU's Guadalajara, Mexico project. Dr. Bobby Vaughn graciously rushed up to accept the check from Juli.

To round out this nifty event, several lovely items were auctioned off to lucky Rotarians with all proceeds also going to support the Guadalajara trip this summer. As we exited, several Rotarians agreed that if these Rotaract kids are any example, our world will be in pretty good hands for a few more generations. THANKS, ROTARACT!!

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 - Russian Exchange-Chris Middleton and George Paulson
 - Club Recognition-Mikaela Good
 - President Belmont rotary Foundation-Renato Piombi

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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--Piacere--727 Laurel St. (12:15 pm)

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