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Monday December 8th, 2008



Queen Julianna rang the bell and we pledged like.....well we were exuberant. Then with a thought for the day, we were under way. I could at least rhyme that. Very light on guests today with the exception of

Jennifer Shroer, Manager for B of A at Carlmont. Jennifer was a guest of the Club and I think we were all reasonably well behaved. Well that was until **Jim McGovern** announced that last

week **The Guinea**" AKA **John Rossetti** reached the ripe old age of 69. **Jim** and **John** have been friends for some 45 years and in a true gesture of friendship **Jim** gave **John** a handsomely wrapped birthday present. Now last year I think Jim's **gift to** John was a rooster that **Jim** released behind **John**



& Gail's condo in Redwood City. Their neighbors and fellow residents were less than pleased to have this rooster crowing and clucking in the early hours of the morning. One other time I recall his gift was a cord of firewood neatly stacked at their front door. Problem was the only way into their condo was through the front door. **Jim** was not so intrusive this year and to **John's** (and everyone else's) surprise when he unwrapped the gift it was this white fur covered athletic support.



Back to more serious things **Jean Cary** reported that former Belmont Rotarian **Dave Grathwhol** was in Hospital at the **VA Hospital** in Menlo Park and he is not doing all that well. Cards, a phone call or a visit I am sure he would appreciate.

Jeannie also reported that she visits with Senior Veterans at the Hospital, here and her dog provide "pet therapy". **Jeannie** and her "hounds" has done this for years in various hospitals and from many years of observing this program throughout the country it has been found that pets have been amazing therapy for many patients. As well as that **Jeannie** is putting together some Christmas goodies for the vets and would welcome items to include in the "goodie bag". Call **Jeannie** at 650 593 9622, I am sure she would appreciate your help. She will be delivering them on the 18th so your early response would be appreciated.

There will be a Board Meeting at **Jim McGovern's** office on Wednesday.

Dave Bauer is having a Crab Feed Meeting at his place Tuesday evening and if I get this Newsletter out tonight, this information will be timely, otherwise it will be history. Both the meeting and the news.

The Rotary Club of Belmont

Chartered May 29, 1959

Meets every Monday 12:00pm at "The Vans", 815 Belmont Avenue, Belmont
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY



OUR MEETING TODAY

My apologies for having missed the last two Newsletters. I also missed the last two meetings and Joanna had a conflict as well. So I have to play "catch up" here.

Nadine was our Fine Mistress today and Christmas Trivia was her thing. **Hank, Fay, George, Ralph K** and **Bill** felt here "wrath" and are all a few dollars lighter in their pockets and we are all a lot smarter. Jingle Bells is actually a Thanksgiving Song. Who would have thought?

Ralph K won the raffle, well not really his ticket was picked and then he lost.

Jean Cary introduced our program today and back for a return bout was **Ed Gallagher** and **Genoa** his seeing eye dog, from **Genoa Connections**. **Ed** had spoken to us before about his idea and device to help sight impaired people "see". The device is a small camera that fits in a headband or can be mounted on top of a helmet. Through wireless technology and a computer the images are sent to a receiving computer using Skype which is an internet system for making phone calls anywhere in the world for no charge. The person on the receiving computer can then guide the blind or sight impaired person through certain instructions. **Ed** showed us a video of him riding a bike, sailing a boat, shopping in a Supermarket. All things that sighted people take for granted. We also saw a taped segment from the Today Show where **Ed** was interviewed and demonstrated the system and "sliiped in" a nice plug for Rotary . Our Club will be working with Genoa in collecting donations from contributors through the website <http://www.genoaconnectioons.org/> which is currently undergoing a "remodel". **Ed** explained that the technology for the device is growing daily and like many such things is obsolete the day it is released, notwithstanding Genoa is working to keep paces with technology. This is an exciting concept which we who are sighted probably cannot grasp the full significance of what it can do for those with vision problems like macro degeneration right down to total blindness. This will open a whole new life for them



Next Meeting: Monday December 15th at "The Vans"
Fines Next week: **Freschet** 12/22: **Good** 12/29: **Helin**
Program: **Belmont City Manager** will tell us all about Belmont

Coming Programs: 12/22: **Gang Task Force**
12/29: **Club Assembly - Crad Feed**



Christmas/Chanukka Party.....make sure you are there Dave Bauer

We will be having our holiday dinner at The Van's on Monday, December 15. The festivities will begin at 6PM with hors d' oeuvres, followed by a 4 course dinner with your choice of entree. Spouses/ partners/significant others are cordially invited to attend as well. Dinner will be \$40 per person.

As usual, we will do our annual white elephant gift exchange.

Please RSVP to Juli julib@biocentury.com or 650 595 5333 by Friday, December 12 with the number of guests attending so we can give Loring a head count.

Member News

Check out our Mickaela, she is quite an accomplished photographer and is having some of her works displayed at :

Gallery 2611

2611 Broadway

Redwood City, CA 94063

(650) 364-2611

Hours: Tuesday - Friday Noon - 6 pm Saturday 11 am - 4 pm or





EVENT CALENDAR -Dates and events for the coming Rotary Year



Interact at
Carlmont
High School

- December 10, 2008** Board Meeting at Jim McGovern's Office
- January 26th 2009** Australia Day, Paid Public Holiday for Australians only
- February 7th, 2009** Belmont Rotary Crab Feed, Twin Pines Senior Center, Belmont
- March 6-9, 2009** PETS-President's Elect Training Seminar
- March 28, 2009** District Assembly
- April 17-19 2009** District Conference-Portola Hotel & Spa, Monterey
- April 25, 2009** District Rotary at Work Day
- May 16, 2009** District Major Donor Celebration
- June 21-24, 2009** "Moon Over Birmingham" Rotary International Convention, Birmingham, England

PARTING SHOTS

A woman is standing nude looking in the bedroom mirror. She is not happy with what she sees and says to her husband, 'I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment.'

The husband replies, 'Your eyesight's damn near perfect.'

He never heard the shot....



Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity.

ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS

This is a networking opportunity for all Rotarians held every 1st Wednesday of the month. This is a chance to meet other Rotarians as well as give a two or three minute "quickie" presentation on your business and what you do. This is how Rotary started, businessmen "networking" to promote their business. Come and enjoy some great food and "a glass or two" \$10 cost 5:30pm to 7:00. RSVP dave@epcatering.com

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE APRIL 17-19 2009

Portola Hotel & Spa, Monterey

Sign up on the District Website <http://www.rotary5150.org/>

FINEMASTER SCHEDULE

December 15: Freschet December 22: Good December 29: Helin



MEMBER INFORMATION PAGE

"He Profits Most who Serves Best"

REMEMBER

Someone took the time to share Rotary with you, you are obligated to share Rotary with someone else.

Sponsor a new member

<i>Name</i>	<i>Classification</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Spouse S/O</i>	<i>Member Since</i>
Aho, Fay	Auto Body Repair	Superior Auto Body	Issa	2000
Balestrieri, Juli		BioCentury Publications		2004
Barnes, Sophia	Theraputic Massage	Sophia Barnes Theraputic Massage		2006
Bauer, Dave	Employee Benefits	Bauer Financial Services	Liz	1984
Carlson, Bill	Financial Planner	Carlson Financial Advisors	Jean	1995
Cary, Jean	Interior Decorator	Jean Cary Interiors	Allen	1994
Cirigliano, Vince	Mortgage Broker	Borel Financial Services	Marilyn	1996
Corriea, Hank	Window Coverings	Rossetti & Corriea	Mickie	1978
DeMartini, Loring	Food & Beverage	The Van's	Adele	1992
Diridon, Tom	Real Estate	Carlmont Associates	Eda	1983
Farhat, Nadine	Banking	Bank of the West	Jay	1997
Freschet, Maureen	University Administration	Notre Dame de Namur		2000
Gilbran-Hesse, Ellen	Attorney	Ellen Gilbran-Hessey, Attorney		2008
Good, Mickaela	Financial Planning	Carlson Financial Advisors	Cesar Osario	2006
Grover, Mark	Banking	Borel Bank		2008
Helin, Rudy	Real Estate	Cashin & Co	Joan	1971
Kirberg, Ralph	Foreign Auto Repair	Kirberg Associates	Lisa	1968
Krigger, Sharrie	Skilled Nursing	Carlmont Gardens		2006
Levan, Kerry	Building Contractor	Ward-Tek, Inc.	Carol	2007
Lynch, Brian	Retail Groceries	Mollie Stones	Laura	2001
Mattei, Don	Police Administration	Belmont Police Department		
McDonald, Charles	Dentistry	Charles McDonald DDS	Gina	1997
McGovern, Jim	Insurance	James E. McGovern, Inc.	Clare	1964
Paulsen, George	Accounting-CPA	Hood & Strong LLP	Janet Noeller	1988
Pettinelli, Dennis	Estate Planning	Dennis Pettinelli & Associates	Cindy	1984
Pettinelli, Jon	Marketing	Dennis Pettinelli & Associates		2006
Piombi, Renato	Wine Cellars		Lolly	1983
Reams, Joanna	Education	Merry Moppet-Belmont Oaks	Dennis	2007
Ross, Frank	Hardware	Retired	Gretchen	2001
Ross, Gretchen	School, Principal	Retired	Frank	1990
Rossetti, Gail	Real Estate Sales/Financing	Rossetti Realty	John	1994
Rossetti, Jim	Mortgage Broker		Sandra	2008
Rossetti, John	Window Coverings	Rossetti & Corriea	Gayle	1977
Ryan, Lily	Independant Marketing	The Wellness Company	Mike	2007
Singh, Barbara				
Smailey, Patrick	Property Management	Adventura, Inc	Barbara	1995
Sooy, Richard	Transportation/Other		Cherie	1990
South, Mary Lou	Long Term Care	Paradigm Health Care LP		1990
Stanculescu, Alec	Software Engineer	Fintronic, Inc		2001
Stangeland, Ross	Dentistry	Ross Stangeland DDS	Diane	1971
Telleen, Michael	Business Law	Carr, McLellan, Ingersoll	Christine	1978
Tiegel, Ralph	Equipment Manufacturing	Tiegel Manufacturing	Officer	1984
Tippakorn, Sirinee	Investments	Edward Jones	Ben Hsu	2006
Ungun, Olcay	Electronic Controls	Entek Controls	Zeynep	2007
Watts, Paul	Mortgage Broker	Winn Financial		2002
West, Fred	Marble & Stone Restoration	Marble West	Annette	1975
Won, Wes	Environmental Health & Safety	Gilead Sciences, Inc	Dorothy	2006
Zeigler, George	Dentist-Retired	Life member	Caroline	1959

Rotary Links.

Belmont Rotary <http://www.belmontrotary.com/>

District 5150 <http://www.rotary5150.org/>

Rotary International <http://www.rotary.org>



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DID YOU MISS OUR MEETING.....WE CERTAINLY MISSED YOU

Regular attendance at Rotary is important to you and us. By attending regularly you are able to participate and stay up with everything that is happening within your club as well as Rotary. Fellowship is one of the primary benefits of Rotary and regular attendance enables you to get the most of this benefit. If you miss a meeting you can “make up” at another Club and here again is another benefit of your Rotary membership. Making up at other clubs, especially those in other countries is a truly remarkable experience, again proving that in Rotary “there are no strangers, only friends you haven’t met. Apart from all that miss a Belmont meeting and you are at the peril of “The Griz”

MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

MONDAY	Burlingame	Sheraton Gateway, Burlingame
12:00 Noon	Central Marin San Rafael	Left Bank, Larkspur Sheraton Four Points Hotel, San Rafael
TUESDAY	Novato Sunrise	Moylan’s Brewery, Novato
7:15am	Pacifica Peninsula Sunrise SF Greater Mission San Rafael Harbor	Sharp Pak Golf Course, Pacifica Pete’s Harbor, Redwood City Double Play, San Francisco The Whistle Stop, San Rafael
12:00 Noon	Millbrae Mill Valley Redwood City San Francisco #2 Terra Linda	Terrace Cafe, El Rancho Inn, Millbrae Mill Valley Golf Club, Mill Valley Sequoia Yacht Club, Redwood City Olympic Club, San Francisco
6:00pm	Marin Evening	Sheraton Four Points Hotel, San Rafael McMinnis Park Golf Club, San Rafael
WEDNESDAY	Marin Sunrise	Corte Madera Inn, Corte Madera
7:15am	SF Bayview SF West Woodside Portola Valley	Bonanza Restaurant, San Francisco Lakeside Cafe, San Francisco Woodside Village Church, Woodside
12:00 Noon	West Marin Daly City Foster City Menlo Park Ross Valley San Bruno SF Chinatown Tiburon-Belvedere SFO	USCG Point Reyes Station, Point Reyes Marie Callendar’s, Daly City Crowne Plaza, Foster City Menlo Park Rec Center, Menlo Park Deer Park Villa, Fairfax Terrace Cafe, El Rancho Inn, Millbrae Tommy Toy’s San Francisco SF Yacht Club, Tiburon Firewood Cafe, International Terminal SFO
THURSDAY		Franciscan Restaurant, Fisherman’s Wharf
7:15am	SF Fisherman’s Wharf	
12:00 Noon	Half Moon Bay Ignacio Mission San Rafael San Mateo Sausalito South San Francisco	United Methodisr Chruch, Half Moon Bay Inn Marin, Ignacio San Rafael Joe’s, San Rafael Poplar Creek Golf Course, San Mateo Alta Mira Hotel, Sausalito Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco
6:00pm	SF Golden Gate Tiburon Sunset	Pachamamal Restaurant, San Francisco SF Yacht Club, Tiburon
FRIDAY	San Mateo Sunrise	Poplar Creek Golf Course, San Mateo
7:15am		
12:00 Noon	Novato San Carlos	Margaret Todd Senior Center, Novato Piaceri’s, San Carlos

MAKE UP NOTES
We don’t want to call them rules, how about “guidelines” ?

To qualify for a missed meeting makeup there are a number of situations that will work.

- Attend any Rotary Club meeting (anywhere in the world) within in 14 calendar days, either before or after your regular Club meeting.
- Attend your Club’s Board Meeting or any other Club related function such as Club Committee meeting, an Interact or Rotaract meeting and that does not necessarily mean your Club’s Interact or Rotaract, it could be any club’s.
- Attend a District function such as an Assembly, Conference, Seminar, Committee meeting.
- Attend an International Convention.
- Attend a community related function or meeting as a “principal” participant, such as a City Council Meeting as a member of the Council, City Manager, Police or Fire Chief, School Board Trustee or County Supervisor.
- Actively participate in a Club Community function as a “working” participant such as the Club’s Crab Feed, helping on an International Community Service project as in collating, loading, inventorying the medical supplies etc, that we periodically send to South America.
- Working on any Rotary related functions such as a GSE Team Leader, Polio Plus, Rotary Volunteers, Rotaplast, Rotavision.
- If a regular Club meeting is cancelled and no substitute event is scheduled in place of, such as the Installation Dinner or any other event designated by the Board of Directors, no make up is required.

CLUBS SHOWN IN BLUE DENOTE PENINSULA MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

Mail your MAKE UPS to P.O. Box 448, Belmont CA, 94002

Do not mess with this guy

