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Monday December 22nd, 2008

Sorry about the past few weeks of "no Hub" but things have been somewhat busy for me and on a personal note, thank you everyone for all your kind words and support. The long distance between here and Australia has made it challenging for our family to deal with and as many of you have been through this already, you all know how comforting friends and family are at a time such as this. I think I just heard my mother say "Shut up Fred and get on with it".



Queen Julianna rang the bell promptly at 12:15 and as **Dennis Pettinelli** was on time (for once) he got to lead the pledge. **Juli** gave us some "thoughts for the season" and introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. **Bill Carlson** had daughter **Sarah** with him and visiting from Foster City was **Greg Kuhl** who is still pissed off that Foster City did not get Club of the Year in 2003-04. Get over it **Greg** just because the then District Governor (who coincidentally was a Belmont Rotarian) used his "gubernatorial" powers to declare Belmont as Club of the Year you blokes in Foster City still have your pantyhose in a wad. I don't know why you all

get upset when I point out that there is a missing sequence in years in your **Club of the Year** banners that you so egotistically have hung all around the room. Speaking of **Greg** he presented **Maureen Freschet** with a **Paul Harris Fellow** and not without the comment that the Paul Harris Credit belonged to Foster City. Congratulations Maureen, your name will appear on our list of Paul Harris Fellows and we will not mention a word about Foster City. And **Greg**, so nice to see you today as always. **Greg** was one of my Assistant Governors and has been for many years one of the "driving forces" behind Foster City and in spite of the rhetoric that goes on back and forth one cannot deny what an incredible Club that Foster City has become. We can overlook the one year they were not **Club of the Year** and there is not a club in the District that has accomplished as many of these awards. Now that I have "sucked up" to them we will move on.



Jeannie and **Juli** delivered and distributed some Christmas gifts to the veterans at the VA Hospital in Menlo Park thanks in part to the generosity of **Renato Piombi**, **Jim McGovern**, **Rudy Helin** and **Patrick Smailey**. Nice work everyone.

Dave Bauer will be having a Crab Feed Meeting Tuesday 23 at 6:30 1027 Tahoe, Belmont Crab Feed Tickets will be available to all members for sale at our next meeting on January 4th.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON MONDAY 29TH. NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY 5TH.

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



Maureen reported that the **Rotaract Club** had once again raised money for the **Adopt-a-Family** and was presented with a check to Rotaract for \$250. This year they arranged for food and gifts for a family at **Shelter Network** in San Mateo.

Juli presented a gift to **Jim McGovern** in recognition for all of his work and generosity for Rotary. **Jim** was so happy as it turned out his gift was the famous or is it infamous fur covered "athletic support" (everyone has been referring it as a "jock strap") for once I am being politically correct. However you may recall that **Jim** presented this fine accessory to **John Rossetti** for his birthday. It then ended up in our White Elephant Gift Exchange at our party last week. Gee what a surprise. In spite of **Jim's** efforts he was unable to "retrieve" it and **Patrick Smailey** became the proud owner. **Patrick** told us

that **Barbara** said it was way to big for him and to get rid of it, hence it is now back in **Jim's** possession. I venture to say we have not seen the last of this yet.

Bill Carlson was our Finemaster for the day and worked everyone over with a whole lot of dumb questions for which he received dumb answers. Serves him right.



Bill Carlson, lays 'em away

Jim gets his "jock"



Next Meeting: Monday January 5th 2009 at "The Vans" **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
Fines Next week: 01/05: **Heller** 01/11: **LeVan** 01/19: **NO MEETING** 01/26: **Kirberg**
Program: **Florian Selch-Carnegie Mellon 'BACTERIA, WORMS AND FLIES IN SPACE'**

Coming Programs: 01/12: **Chris Hart, SAN FRANCISCO RAILROAD HISTORY**
01/19: **NO MEETING - Martin Luther King Holiday**
01/26 **Rabbi Jay Miller - PENINSULA CLERGY NETWORK**



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Chief Don introduced our program today. **Officer Mike Chicas** a 9 year veteran of Belmont Police Department and his dog **Nitro** talked about what a "dog's life" was like working in Law Enforcement. **Nitro** was an extremely handsome (I want the dog to like me) German Shepherd bred specifically for Police work. He comes from the Czech Republic (the dog that is) and is trained to a point where he is assigned a "human" as his handler. He is an extremely smart dog, speaks German fluently as all commands are issued in German. His initial cost is \$7500 and on arrival he was trained along with **Officer Chicas** at the Tyson Kennels in Menlo Park. He lives with **Officer Chikas** and his family however is anything but a pet in the household. **Mike** says that **Nitro** is very good at helping with the discipline around the house. Well not really and as the dog is trained for specific law enforcement tasks, playing "fetch" with the family would not be a good behavioral move. By the time **Nitro** was ready to hit the streets, so to speak, another \$21000 had been spent on training him and **Officer Chicas** for his slot with Belmont PD. He is trained for search, protection, tracking and utilizing his incredible sense of smell. Recently a suspect was apprehended and while the police had some idea they introduced **Nitro** to a swab taken from the suspect that enabled **Nitro** to follow a scent trail of the suspect to a place where he had left some of his clothing, including his wallet ("*we always catch the dumb ones*" remarked **Mike**) as well as his drug stash. **Nitro** is very closely monitored as for his health, his diet is strictly supervised and is fed on a special type of dog food that comes from Japan. Commercial dog food that we usually feed our dogs is never used. Police dogs generally have a "street life" of 5 to 6 years. **Nitro** is in his fourth year. On retirement he will be sold and **Officer Chicas** does have the option of having "first dibs" in acquiring him, if he so wishes.

Great program, very informative and entertaining, especially when **Nitro** as it turns out is very partial to fur covered athletic supports and immediately went for **Jim McGovern** as he suspected **Jim** was wearing it. Fortunately for **Jim**, **Officer Chicas** managed to pull **Nitro** up short before any permanent damage could occur to **Jim**

Many years ago Belmont Rotary did purchase a police dog that has long since retired and is living well of his 401K. Seems like a great community service project especially given the budget constraints facing Belmont





Christmas/Chanukka Party.....make sure you are there Dave Bauer (and he was)

Those of you who missed our party missed another great club event although we had some 43 plus attendees which given the time of year and all the other commitments we have, that was darn good. Loring put on a great meal for us and we enjoyed our traditional White Elephant Gift Exchange which always brings much laughter and ribbing. Gift of the evening was the aforementioned fur covered athletic support. Patrick Smailey fought off a number of attempts to have it "stolen" and took home the prized beauty which you can be sure will now develop a life of its own.



Gretchen, Clare, Annette and Barbara in the seasons festive colors

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 23, 2008** Crab Feed Meeting at Dave Bauer's
- 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

I JUST WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH EVERYONE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS, CHANUKKA, KWANZA OR WHATEVER IS YOUR HOLIDAY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. MAY WE ALL HAVE GREAT PEACE, LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP IN THE COMING YEAR

AND AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR KIND WORDS AND ENCOURAGEMENT THROUGH THIS SAD TIME IN MY AND MY FAMILY'S LIFE.

WE ARE ALL INDEED "THE FAMILY OF ROTARY"

Fred West



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

January 5: Heller January 12 : LeVan January 26: Kirberg



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

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