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Monday March 16, 2009



Queen Juliana whipped us promptly at 12:15 and following the pledge we thought we were going to get an "Irish Thought for the Day" given that Tuesday is St. Patrick's Day but oh nooooo. Our little "chubby" leprechaun, resplendent in his green sweater told this terrible joke about some woman and her husband in Starbucks and I will leave it there. I might add the Jim did pay for that later. No visiting Rotarians, guests though were **Doug Wong**, an Adjuster with Farmers Insurance introduced by **Kerry LeVan** and **Jean Cary** introduced her guests **Bill**



**Hobson** and his Guide Dog, **Fillipe**, who I might add every so often poked his nose out from under the table to check and see what "vittles" were available on top of the table. **Juli** reminded us of a number of upcoming events such as the Interact Fundraiser this Friday night at the Carlmont Gym. It will be a Basketball game with the Burlingame High School Interact and if anyone has any prizes they can donate for their raffle it would be appreciated. Let **Ralph Kirberg** know if you do or if you want tickets to attend. \$15 per head which includes Pizza and a Soda and you can't beat that now. All proceeds will be going to **Alliance for Smiles**. Let's give these young kids some support here, remember they are all future Rotarians. **District Assembly** is March 28<sup>th</sup> let **Juli** or I know if you will attend.



This is a great morning for you to gain a better insight into Rotary and our District as well as get a great lunch. Club picks up the tab so take a chance, get out for a morning and experience more of the Rotary World. Next week we will be hearing from **Natalie Nobles** who was the recipient of the **Walking for Ben Scholarship**. She will join us and tell us how things have been going for her with her College studies and perhaps campus life. Maybe won't get to hear all about College life, what she doesn't tell we can all imagine as most of us have been there. **Jean Cary** shared with us about her and **Allen's** visit with **Sandie and Wally Krutz** and their attending the Crab Feed put on by the Windsor Rotary Club. This event which had 250 attendees raised about \$60,000. **Jeannie** said that she picked up some good ideas on how they do theirs and will be sharing them with **Shari**. Speaking of the **Krutz's** not long after they moved to Windsor **Sirinee** tried to put a day together where we would all go up and have a pot luck BBQ with them. This will now be either the first or second weekend in June and **Sirinee** will get that date to us as soon as she and **Sandie** work it out.

**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**



## TODAY'S MEETING



We did not have a scheduled Finemaster for this week so yours truly took charge. First of all McGovern paid dearly for his "thought for the day". The rest of you were treated to an explanation of how Australians use the word "bastard" as an adjective, an adverb, a noun and a verb and seeing as I am about to turn 70, I would be known in Australia as "an old bastard". So to celebrate my forthcoming birthday, everyone paid \$5 with the exception of Tom Diridon who said he would pay next week. Tom claims he wanted to see if I would make it before he paid. Well Tom, want to go "double or nothing"?

As I mentioned today I will be 70 on the 21<sup>st</sup> and I guess DMV says no "automatic mail-in renewal" for us "old bastards". So I made an appointment for 9:30 Monday morning. I arrive at 9:10am to check in. I might add

that it was somewhat confusing as to where you checked in as it was not clearly "signed" as everything else seemed to be, and I emphasize the word "seemed". So I find the correct line, one was for those with appointments, the other for those who did not have an appointment. When I get to the clerk she tells me I am too early for my 9:30 and I will have to wait. I explained the reason I am here early is I am always early for appointments and that way I won't miss them. She tells me to come back in ten minutes and as it is "her ballgame" I slink away under the glares of derision of others in line. As instructed I duly reported to her ten minutes, actually I let it go to fifteen minutes being mindful of the old Aussie expression..."always have something up your sleeve, even if it is only your bloody arm". Bingo she checks me in, and thanks me for my understanding and tells me to "have a nice day". The last person who told me to "have a nice day" was quite pissed off at me, so I was somewhat apprehensive about that at the least. Hurry up and wait, at 9:50 the computer voice says "Now surviving F016 at station 19".

Great joy, F016 is my number so off I go in search of Station 19. All the positions or stations are clearly marked with large white letters on blue placards. Well all I find are those that only go up to station 16. After giving up and asking directions, something I do not often do, you know it's a man thing, I am pointed to a corridor and a doorway at the end where taped to the wall is an 8 x 10 sheet of paper with a sign in small letters saying Station 19, 20 and 21. By this time my attitude is suffering somewhat so mustering up my "charm" I hand my paperwork to the clerk who asks if all the information on the application is correct, you know, hair color, eye color, height, weight etc. I tell her yes and frankly could see no point in having them correct my weight as I was concerned they would send me to another window or some such thing for that. I then have my eyes checked and with another stamp and a signature and my parting with \$28 I am now instructed to go have my photo taken. Guess what? Another bloody line I have to stand in and there are only two clerks handling everyone and one of them taking care of the same customer I saw her with 20 minutes prior. Just then the other clerk has to go on his break. I mean good grief he has been at work since 8 and it is now 10 absolutely he needs a break from all his hard work.

Ten minutes later another clerk arrives and the line moves ever so slow and I finally get to the number one position. I am excited as I am next, well so I thought. The clerk then asked if anyone was there just for a photo and about half the line behind me surged forward, it is now 10:30 and the other clerk returns from his break. I get my photo taken, my thumb print and asked if I wanted to register to vote, which apparently all it takes is for you to check the "YES" box and you are registered regardless of citizenship so it would seem. I am now handed the written test and directed to a cubicle where above me is a sign "NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES PERMITTED", well there goes any idea of using my iPhone to go on the DMV website to check my answers. Then again that would fail the Four Way Test now, wouldn't it? So with one of my customers words "ringing in my ears"...."even the Village Idiot could pass the DMV test" undaunted I set about filling in the little boxes of the multiple choice questions. With the test done, I find I have to get on the line again which is once again a pretty good sized line. Finally I am the "next in line", my answers are checked and guess what?...I am the Village Genius with all questions correct. Now depending on the IQ of the village, that may not be all that great an accomplishment. Finally I am all done; my license is good to go and it is almost 11:00am. As I was leaving they had these brochures available that said "How Did We Do?" which is a questionnaire on your experience with them. What in heck were they thinking by leaving this in plain view of me? I just love filling these things out.



## TODAY'S PROGRAM



Mike Telleen introduced our program Bijal Shah of Tuition Funded Strategies who spoke to us about funding High School and College education. College education costs these days run anywhere from \$200,000 to \$400,000 for 4 years. Tuition costs are always after tax dollars and Bijal's company finds strategies for families to fund education with as little financial impact as possible upon the families. He said that currently there is some \$200 billion available for aid and "depending how you answer the questions" can greatly affect the amount of aid you can receive. Many people fail to qualify, some

for some very simple and avoidable reasons such as, Not Applying, Missing Deadlines, and Not Using Strategies. Bijal's company can guide you through all of this and develop strategies where you can obtain the best results. His fee is generally around \$1500 and can save about \$3000 per year. He stressed that if they did not think there was a way to save you money they would not take the case. Good thought there for those with education funding issues, especially as today all that tuitions costs will do is to rise. Bijal's ultimate goal is to eventually automate this unique knowledge and deliver it via the Internet service



The Rotary Foundation advised that there would be no more Matching Grant projects funded for this 2008-09 Rotary year. Evidently there has been quite a demand for the grants this year and that coupled with the current economic downturn has somewhat limited the funds. This is most unfortunate as we had two projects, one in Uruguay and the other in Costa Rica that the District had agreed to match our \$2500 contribution which with the other participating clubs and district in the recipient countries would have amounted to some \$40,000 in aid. Obviously the current conditions really have an effect on what the Foundation can do. First they rely on investing contributions to the Annual Fund for a period of three years. The income from these investments is what funds the running costs of the Foundation and as we spend all allocate 100 cents of every dollar contributed to the Annual Fund we are unable to "tap" into these contributions to fund our operating costs. Rotary is one of a handful of charitable organizations that operates this way. Many groups use anywhere for 20 to 70, sometimes 80 cents of every contributed dollar to fund and run their operations and as a result very little of the money that is contributed actually gets to the intended recipients or projects. Right there alone is a good reason for us to support the Foundation and to "promote" this as a means of securing outside contributions.

**Next Meeting:** Monday March 23rd 2009 at "The Vans"

**Fines Next week:** 03/23: **Pettinelli (d)** 03/30: **Pettinelli (J)** 04/06: **Piombi** 04/13: **Reams**

**Coming Programs:** 03/23: **Prof. David Rader - TEDDY ROOSEVELT, The first modern President**  
 03/30: **Bob Hortop-VP Strategic Deveopment MILLS PENINSULA HOSPITAL**  
 04/06: **Club Assembly**  
 03/13: **Mike Harvey-BurlingameAuto Dealer on thge AUTO INDUSTRY**



## EVENT CALENDAR -Dates and events for the coming Rotary Year

**March 28, 2009** District Assembly-Redwood High Scholl, Larkspur  
**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



Interact at  
 Carlmont  
 High School

### PARTING SHOTS

This blonde is married to a Cattle Farmer in Eastern Oregon and on this particular day he has to go into town and as he is leaving, says to his wife;

"While I am gone a man will be coming here to inseminate a cow and I want you to show him which one it is"

"How will I know which one to show him?" asks the wife;

"Easy" says the husband, "I have put a nail into a 2 x 4 over the head of the stall"

Off goes the husband and soon the fellow arrives, introduces himself and the wife beckons him and says; "Follow me and I will show you which cow"

This guy thinking the worst of a blonde woman is somewhat wary when she shows him the cow in the stall;

"Now are you sure this is the right cow?" he asks;

"Absolutely" she replies;

Still a little wary he says;

"How do you know for sure"

So she points to the nail and says;

"Well because there is a nail over the stall"

"Whats the nail for?" he asks;

As she turns away and heads out of the barn she smiles and says

"To hang your pants on I guess"

**IF SWIMMING IS SO GOOD FOR YOU....  
 HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN WHALES**

**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

Mar 23; Pettinelli (D) Mar 30: Pettinelli (J) Apr 6: Piombi Apr 13: Reams



## 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>



Belmont  
Rotaract at  
NDNU

**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**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Burlingame</b>	<b>Sheraton Gateway, Burlingame</b>
<b>12:00 Noon</b>	Central Marin San Rafael	Left Bank, Larkspur Sheraton Four Points Hotel, San Rafael
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Novato Sunrise</b>	<b>Moylan’s Brewery, Novato</b>
<b>7:15am</b>	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
<b>12:00 Noon</b>	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
<b>6:00pm</b>	Marin Evening	Sheraton Four Points Hotel, San Rafael McMinnis Park Golf Club, San Rafael
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Marin Sunrise</b>	<b>Corte Madera Inn, Corte Madera</b>
<b>7:15am</b>	SF Bayview SF West Woodside Portola Valley	Bonanza Restaurant, San Francisco Lakeside Cafe, San Francisco Woodside Village Church, Woodside
<b>12:00 Noon</b>	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
<b>THURSDAY</b>		<b>Franciscan Restaurant, Fisherman’s Wharf</b>
<b>7:15am</b>	SF Fisherman’s Wharf	
<b>12:00 Noon</b>	Half Moon Bay Ignacio Mission San Rafael San Mateo Sausalito South San Francisco	United Methodisr Chrch, 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
<b>6:00pm</b>	SF Golden Gate Tiburon Sunset	Pachamamal Restaurant, San Francisco SF Yacht Club, Tiburon
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>San Mateo Sunrise</b>	<b>Poplar Creek Golf Course, San Mateo</b>
<b>7:15am</b>		
<b>12:00 Noon</b>	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*

