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President's Message: This Last

weekend Joan and I along with Charlie, Laura, and A.C. had the opportunity to join the 60th annual Reno Train Trip put together by the Richmond Club. It was a mammoth job to get over 600 people on trains and into hotel rooms so we would all attend the Monday noon Reno meeting; and what a great job everyone did to make it all happen. We met so many great people who are so involved in great projects benefiting mankind around the world. I am sure Paul Harris would have been excited to see what he started. The train is comprised of 11 passenger cars and three locomotives, with some of the passenger cars having vista viewing and bars for serving those libations that get you excited enough to enjoy a few foolish moments with your friends! Our Lafayette group had the pleasure of enjoying such a car although I might say we were a little more reserved than our fellow passengers. If you ever get the time to take a train to Reno you will see a part of our state that still has open spaces and native forests that seem to have lasted an eternity, Its a slow ride, six hours each way but worth the time to enjoy a way of travel from yesteryear. By the way as opposed to airplanes they still do not have security and they still leave on time and arrive on time too, maybe even a little early!

TODAYS SPEAKER :
Warren Rupf

"THE LONE RANGER "

Our guests for this last Rotary meeting included the Soroptomist Club members of Lafayette who shared our meal and fellowship. Their Vice President Pat Van Horn also addressed our club and asked for our help with their fundraiser, a cruise to Mexico. I believe quite a few in our club bought tickets to show our support.

Policeman Dan Hoffman spoke for a few minutes about the need for a review of security in our business in light of four robberies in our town. He made a good point about the time it takes to get the police to respond because we are not making a direct connection to the authorities. We may first push a panic button which rings our alarm company who then calls us to check on the situation and then determines it's time to contact a local police department who then arrive as quickly as possible; time elapsed, approximately seven minutes!!!

Our new President of the Chamber of Commerce, Chris Lane was properly recognized for his election by buying back one of his precious new business cards for \$10.00.

New cars were also recognized as we start the new year with the Vice President Jay Lifson enjoying that recognition along with his new found status as the #1 manager in the company was asked for \$50.00. Milt Bruzzone the Cadillac Man said he bought a 1999 model so we felt that \$99.00 would cover!

Bud Multhrop, our greeter was not at the door but in his absence President Michael offered a wonderful bag of Nuts from the Nut Factory that Bud will be billed for at the low rate of \$20.00.

Our speaker was Sheryl Sacerdoti, the Executive Director of Contact Care in Lafayette. Contact Care is a telephone program designed to answer calls from people young and old that need help or someone to talk to and act as a referral service in the county. They have been an active service for over 30 years receiving calls 24 hours a day 365 days a year. At this time they are in need of volunteers to answer the phones. Our club presented Sheryl a check for \$1000.00.



Dates and upcoming events!

January 24th, 2002 Our District Governor, Susan Waite will be our guest! This is something we had originally planned in December!

January 25th, 2002 The Mayor's Concert featuring the Stanley Symphonic Band with Bob Athayde, Director! Stanley Middle School; 10:00-10:45 a.m.with refreshments to follow the performance.

February 3 2002 Warren Rupf will host his annual SUPERBOWL Beer & Brats fundraiser at Scott's Seafood Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Tickets are \$75.00 and the party goes on from 2p.m.to 6p.m.

February 5th, 2002 The intercity meeting at St. Mary's with the Lamorinda Clubs featuring the head of the F.B.I. in San Francisco. More info will follow as it is received!!

February 7th, 2002 We will finally meet the principle of Acalanes High School and make a presentation to the Student of the Month!

February 8th, 2002 ROTARY AT THE TOWN HALL THEATER! The play is " We'll tale Manhattan" and Ray Bland promises it's a great show!

May 17-19, 2002 The Rotary District Conference in Ashland Oregon. Now is the time to sign up as they still have some great theater tours available! Applications are available on line or see Prez Michael.

June 23-26 2002 The Rotary International 93rd Annual Convention in Barcelona, Spain. Join President elect A.C.Webb and his wife Sharon on a trip of a lifetime. Applications are available on line or in your Rotarian magazine or see Prez Michael.

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SCHEDULED GREETERS:

JANUARY 17	MEL NIELSEN - SENIOR ACTIVE
JANUARY 24	LAURA O'DONAGHUE - LIBRARIAN
JANUARY 31	PAUL PARKHURST - MANUFACTURING
FEBRUARY 7	CEASAR PERALES - ACCOUNTING C.P.A.

Birthdays

January 1	Jack Clarkson
January 16	Tom Courtwright
January 27	Douglas Johnson
January 5	Jay Lifson

Anniversaries Wedding & Club

January 29	Chris Lane
January 17	Indu Paul