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President's Message: Watching

the Olympics these last few days has taken away my free time, but what a thrill we all are having watching Americans grab so many gold medals. One thing I noticed however, is that the retail markets are suffering because people are staying out of restaurants and stores. Instead they are home in front of their televisions, like myself, watching the Olympics. The advertisers paid a fortune for their spots though, knowing we would be at home to get their messages. Not only are we watching more television, but we are getting together as a family, and that is a good thing. I hope the judging SNAFU'S have not prejudiced the American public against the Russians. The Russians have dominated skating for years, but we are now seeing skaters from other countries doing an outstanding job as well. It is unfortunate to have politics enter the sporting arena, but given the times, it is inevitable.

TODAYS SPEAKER :

John Coleman

East Bay Municipal Utilities District

"WATER WORKS"

Visiting Rotarians;

Tom Henry - Senior Active - San Francisco #2

Don Reichert - Forensic Engineer - Lamorinda Sunrise

Ibadulla Satybalov - Past President - Ekuteringburg, Russia

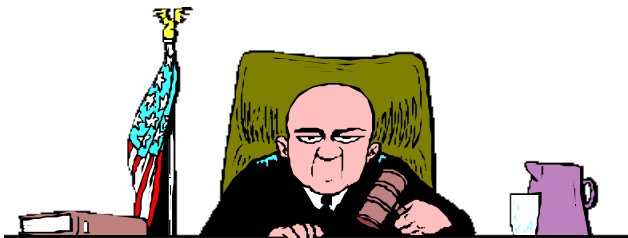
Guests of Rotarians;

Erinn Riley - Dispatcher C.C.C.S.O. - Dan Hoffman

Joel Golub - Judge, Contra Costa County - Dan Hoffman

Redmond O'Colonies - HOOPLA Productions - Speaker

Joe Golub spoke to us for a few minutes about his candidacy for Superior Court Judge. He is supported by the Sheriffs' Department and a host of public officials from our county.



I was wearing a yellow polo shirt to advertise the upcoming District Conference May 17-19 in Ashland, Oregon hosted by our District Governor Susan Wait. The theme is Share the Past, Share the Future. She has some terrific programs scheduled and I hope as many of you as possible sign up!

Alina's father Ibadulla, is visiting us from Russia and spent a few minutes speaking to our club about his club and their programs. He was also told us about his trip to Washington, D.C. and the meeting with Colin Powell to discuss the exchange of people and ideas through the programs such as with C.C.I. and Rotary in America. His quest in Washington was for an increase in federal funds to support more exchange programs.

Thank you Bob Underwood for inviting us to a wonderful crab fest with Meals on Wheels. We had 16 people there to enjoy a fantastic meal of pasta and crab and all for a great cause!

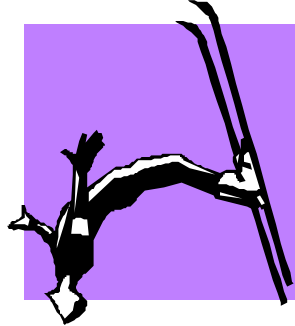
Our speaker, Redmond O'Colonies is the official Town Crier for the City of Martinez and the County of Contra Costa. He told us some humorous stories about his coming to America and how he came to reside in Martinez and become the "Official Crier!" He is quite the actor too doing special appearances at parties in very unusual roles!



Calendar of Upcoming Events!

February 25th Concert on the Rez committee meeting at the Park Hotel Bistro at 5:00 p.m.

March 1, 2002 Ron Wake will lead a team of our best skiers to a Rotary program that includes a day of skiing and meals. More details will be available at this weeks meeting!



March 7, 8, 9th Generations in Jazz Festival at the Town Hall Theater. March 7th Swing Night, March 8th "Fonky" Jazz Night, March 9th Brazilian/Latin Jazz Night. Our club is sponsoring March 8th.

March 30th Bunny Egg Scramble at Acalanes High School.



April 16th - 23rd The Russians are Coming! There will be a going away party April 20th at John Samman's Barn again!

April 20th District Leadership Training in Vacaville for all new members and all new Board Members.

May 17-19 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 se Prez Michael.

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SCHEDULED GREETERS:

FEBRUARY 21	MIKE ROBERTSON - BUSINESS INSURANCE
FEBRUARY 28	WARREN RUPF - COUNTY SHERIFF
MARCH 7	ED SEARBY - ENGINEERING
MARCH 14	BOB SHUSTA - AUTHOR

Birthdays

February 12 Barry Toomajian

February 6 A. C. Webb

Anniversaries Wedding & Club

February 11 Charles Vitale