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President's Message: This Past

Saturday at approximately 0900 our Bavarian Bash crew rendezvoused at Peet's Coffee in Lafayette. Located between Noah's Bagels and Jamba Juice, this has to be one of the best places in the East Bay to people watch, especially on a beautiful weekend morning. However,

Aguilar, Shusta and Webb, were not out to people watch...our goal was to entice some people into watching us. By 0915, we were observing the speed limit as we tooted up 680, enroute to Dixon. Upon arrival at the May Fairgrounds Bob & Bob reconnoitered the area like bloodhounds---looking for the ideal spot to park our aquamarine Z-3. By 1030, we were perfectly located just off the main walk through, and directly across from the hearty Bavarian Buffet. Our signs were displayed, the convertible top was down, credit card machine charged, and tickets at the ready. However, there was no escaping the scorching blast of heat from "ole Sol." We found some "gimme hats" to help shield the scalp,

TODAYS SPEAKER:

John Nickerson


"Principal Acalanes H.S."

but it was going to be a desert hot day. At first, our raffle sales were skimpy, the "A's" were losing, Cal losing, etc. But, as the accordions kicked it up a notch, the "mead" flowed faster, the "kazoo's hummed louder, and the Giants started winning, the crowd began to shift attention to our two "gregarious" Rotarians. As I left the Bavarian Bash around 1500, it was obvious that a significant portion of the female audience wanted to inhabit and/or have their photos taken behind the wheel of the Z-3. As I left the grounds, I tossed my yellow feathered, blue robin hood hat into the circular file, looked back at the crowd surrounding the two Bob's and the Z-3, and thought to myself...this was fun. Moreover, in the company of these two talented Rotarians...I would do it again tomorrow. Now, let us follow the guidance of president-elect Ron Wake, Chairman Tim McKinley and ticket mogul Larry Duson, and have some fun selling the remaining raffle tickets.

In addition, at last weeks meeting, PI Ron Whitney, gave us insights into a disturbing problem in society-frauds and personal abuse of the elderly. One of the strategies for abuse is to isolate the elderly person from her friends and other family members. So, if someone is telling you to forsake Rotary...
WATCH OUT.

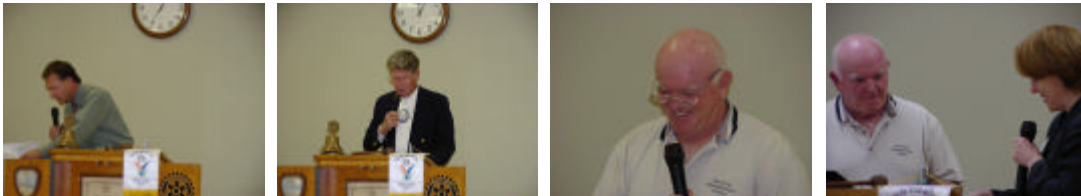
We had some serious recognition last week. Ed Searby had two "blown-up" photos of Tom Courtright sitting between the wheel of what appeared to be a seven ton, fully equipped, SUV. He was big and generous with a donation of 100 to the club. Another stunned member was Chris Lane. His recognition contribution was for a nice photo of Chris as a 11 year old receiving a scouting award. And, a photo of a smiling Ed Stokes created another 20 point contribution to the club. Ed was caught with a goblet of Angwin Mountain Zinfandel (one in each hand). Ed was relaxing after working the Lamorinda Rotary booth at the Art & Wine Festival. We thank of each of you and those that produced the goods.

Finally, recent handouts listing our members omitted Jesse Wellen. Jesse has not left us. In fact, he just stepped up and offered to wash our Z-3 anytime we drive up to the Lafayette Car Wash. Being the last named person on an alphabetical list has its downside. My apologies to Jesse.



Next Week: Gayle B. Uilkema, Chair, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. Gayle's footprint on Lafayette is more like a ditch than an impression. Five terms as Lafayette City Council member and four terms as Mayor. Her dedication to Public Service, wide popularity, and success with voters is an ongoing legacy. When acquaintances ask what you are doing for lunch on Thursday, October 17. Tell all you're having lunch with Gayle and invite them to join you for a real power lunch.

Sow the Seeds of Love. Past President Ed Stokes, our 2002/2003 Honorary President is celebrating his 80th birthday with a golf tournament on Wednesday, October 23rd at Roddy Ranch Golf Club, with dinner to follow on cowboy Jack Roddy's lawn. Jerry Jenson has carefully weighed handicaps, club manufacturers, hand/eye coordination and paired us up as follows: (1)Jensen, Jensen, McCabe, Mitchell)/// (2)Lifson, Vaisnor, Wake, McKinely)///(3)Holt, Bland, Johnson, Searby)/// (4)Webb Bernsen, Garrison, Shields). Ed requests that we carpool out to the golf course as parking will be very limited when we drive down to the ranch for dinner.



Upcoming Programs and Events:

- 10/17** E-Mail reports for 2002 Rotary Res Concert
(reports to Prez)
- 10/23** Stokes Invitational Golf @ Roddy Ranch (Prez)
- 11/02** World's greatest turtleneck party at Orchard
Nursery (Mitchell/Courtright/Lifson)
- 12/19** Christmas Party (Lifson)
- 01/12** Reno Train Trip (we need a volunteer to replace
Mike K. and coordinate this event)

