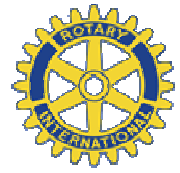




The Mendocino Rotary View



Weekly Meeting Reports

Aug 6: Bill Masterson is Chairperson of the Day with a Presentation by the Cancer Resource Center

"The important thing is not to stop questioning." --Albert Einstein

President Dean Watson started out the meeting by telling a word origin story relating to fertilizer and transportation. He then recognized visiting Rotarian **Sean Hogan** from Fort Bragg. **Bruce Lewis** pointed out that the latest *Rotarian* contains a handy discussion of Rotary basics. **Frank Engelhardt** reminded everyone of the District Foundation meeting on November 14 at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park. He also let those travelers know that a polio eradication trip to West Africa is planned for November 4-11. Finally, Frank reminded us how much the Rotary Foundation improves lives and depends on each us, and suggests we make out our checks early making them payable to "Rotary Foundation."

Sean Hogan announced that since his partner, **Brandt Stickel**, is the President-elect, then he should also strive to be a Paul Harris Fellow. Sean informed us that the Fort Bragg Rotary Club would provide funds to make up any remaining Foundation donations for allowing Brandt to qualify.

Regarding the golf tournament, **Ron Eich** announced that **Ericha Sevy** had stepped up to replace a member who could not participate and would now coordinate all donations for the tournament. The Tournament planning committee includes **Erich Schmid, Jack Zahniser, Ericha Sevy** and **Ron Eich**, but these four Rotarians will need the help and participation of all club members to make the tournament a success.

Jerry Karabensh reminded all that an evening to see the play *Picnic* on November 5 will replace the

regularly scheduled luncheon meeting that week. We have all 90 seats in the theatre.

The new annual Rotary booklet is out, and looking terrific—thanks go to **John Innes** for all of his hard work.

Bill Masterson served as Finemaster and then introduced our speakers for the day from the Cancer Resource Center: **Shelly Ovesen** and **Cindy Johnson**. The Center serves as an access point for support, counseling, and education to those with cancer or whose friends and loved ones have cancer. The work includes (1) information and education to help people understand the diagnosis and treatments; (2) planning and navigation to help patients prepare



for upcoming medical appointments; and (3) provide emotional support and

counseling. The Center is funded by donations and fundraising, as with the Big River Walk which was in June, and through Pure Mendocino, an upcoming organic food and wine celebration in Mendocino County.

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August 13: Roger Schwartz is Chairperson of the Day with Presentation on Habitat For Humanity

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." -- Benjamin Franklin

President Dean Watson opened the meeting, and recognized visiting Rotarians **Rick Newton** from the Chico club, **Reverend Fred Ball** from Lake Placid, Florida, who exchanged a flag with our club. He is here to attend a memorial for **Serena Ball**. **Nicolette Hudson** was a guest of **Pam Hudson, Ruth Sparks** was a guest of **Joe Sparks**, and **Beverly Engelhardt**

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was a guest of **Frank Engelhardt**. **Chuck Greenberg** was the guest of **Roger Schwartz**

Two Toms Tell of Trouble: Although **Tom Hudson** wore a badge and signed in, **Nicolette Hudson** observed that he was not wearing his own badge—Mr. Hudson dutifully paid his fine for wearing **Tom Horner's** badge and also checking in as Honer...

John Porter presented a lovely clock to **Ruth Sparks** for Citizen of the Year, recognizing all of her historical community work, and **Frank Engelhardt** also presented **Ruth Sparks** with a Paul Harris Fellowship Award for lifetime achievement.



John Porter presents Citizen of the Year award to Ruth Sparks

Roger Schwartz introduced **Chuck Greenberg** for the Fort Bragg Habitat for Humanity. Greenberg informed members that the mission of Habitat for Humanity of the Mendocino Coast is to bring people together in partnership to help low income families achieve the dream of home ownership. Working together, low-income working families are able to purchase, without interest, a home they have built with Habitat volunteers. Home-ownership allows these families to achieve greater participation in the life of Habitat and the community. The mortgage payment is used to purchase more land to develop additional houses. The current large



project is on McPherson Street in Fort Bragg. This project is a townhouse condominium of eight homes in four duplex units with common walls.

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August 20: John Porter is Chairperson of the Day with Visit to the Presbyterian Church

"It takes a long time to bring excellence to maturity." – Syrus, Publilius

The weekly meeting was opened by **President Dean Watson** at Preston Hall next to the Mendocino Presbyterian Church which is celebrating its 150th year. **President Dean's** challenge on the objectives of Rotary quickly was taken up by **Matt O'Halloran** who correctly identified one of the objectives of rotary as: "High ethical standards in business and professions," which continues with "the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society."

Rotarian guests were **Barbara Garcia**, guest of **Gary Garcia**; **Ginny Wade, Warren Wade, and Barbara Foote**, guests of **John Porter**; and **Gerry Lewis**, guest of **Bruce Lewis**, and **Quinn Alarcon**, guest of **Ray Alarcon**.

Our Youth Exchange Student, **Dori Mate** from Hungary has arrived [please see more out **Dori** elsewhere in the newsletter].

Bruce Lewis reported that our new website received approval, and we would soon see content being moved to the new site, with the end of October currently set as the completion date. **Frank Engelhardt** reminded us about the upcoming Foundation dinner on November 14th, with the keynote speaker being **Cliff Dockerman**.

Ron Eich reported on arrangements for the upcoming golf tournament. He noted that every Rotarian would be assessed \$10.00 for the costs of arrangements, and that signups were still needed.

President Dean reported that **Guenter Riegler** would be serving as our Rotary photographer, but was seeking a backup.

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The Chairperson of the Day, **John Porter**, introduced our speakers and tour guides: **Ginny Wade, Warren Wade** and **Barbara Foote**. Ginny Wade thanked our club for its generous support over the years for the Rainbow School and other activities. Warren Wade reported on plans for celebrating the Church's 150 year anniversary with a community barbecue of tri-tip, beans, cole slaw and cake set for September 13th. He indicated they needed a barbecue and help with serving and cooking, and hoped Rotary members might be able to assist.



Preston Hall Luncheon

At the end of the meeting, members were given a tour of the historic church.

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August 27: Brandt Stickel is Chairperson of the Day for a Report from the Redwood Coast Senior Center

"The universal brotherhood of man is our most precious possession." – Mark Twain

President Dean Watson opened the meeting, welcoming **Charles Bush** and **John Whatley**, guests of **Brandt Stickel**, and **Dori Mate**, our special Youth Exchange Student and guest of **John Cottle**. Dori said how lovely the area was, and that she hoped our Club members would help her in improving her English, which seemed excellent already. [See the special article about Dori elsewhere in the newsletter].

The Chairperson of the Day, **Brandt Stickel**, introduced **Charles Bush**, the Redwood Coast Senior Center Executive Director, who reported on the services provided by the Center, and how the state budget cuts have affected some of the programs. He ably discussed the value to the community of our local seniors. Bush informed us that the Center, located in Fort



Bragg on North Harold Street, provides activities and essential services for many seniors throughout the coastal area. All day transportation allows seniors 60 and over to be picked up and transported to their destination—over 600 telephone calls come in each month for seniors needing specific transportation. Regular routes to and from the Senior Center and around town are also planned for the near future. The Center provides a daily balanced lunch and is a provider of meals-on-wheels to seniors who can't get out to the Center—over 46,000 meals were served in the last 12 months. The high speed internet for seniors to use at the facility adds to the many social and educational programs available to all seniors at the Center. One of the key programs is the Alzheimer's Adult Day program, which among other activities offers an adult day activity respite program between 8:00 and 2:00.

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Upcoming Events

September

Golf Tournament at Little River Inn, Sunday, September 6. See Ron Eich for details.

October

2009 Rotary Zones 25/26 Institute to be held in Monterey, California, at the Hyatt Regency Monterey October 8-11, 2009. For details, visit: <http://www.rotaryzone2324.org/institute09/index.html>

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November

See the play Picnic on November 5 in lieu of the regular weekly meeting. See **Jerry Karabensh** for details regarding this enjoyable event.

A polio eradication trip to West Africa is planned for November 4-11. See **Frank Engelhardt** for details or visit http://www.rotary5130.org/pdfs/2009_west_africa_project_fair.pdf

The District Foundation meeting is on November 14th at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park, with the keynote speaker being Cliff Dockerman. See **Frank Engelhardt** for details or <http://www.rotary5130.org/trf-dinner-south.shtml>

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What did the triangle say to the circle? You're so pointless.

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Welcome Dori!



Our Youth Exchange Student, **Dora "Dori" Mate**, has arrived, sponsored by the Rotary Club Debrecen in Hungary. Dori is being hosted by the **Cottles**, and **Betty Cottle** and sons picked Dori up from San Francisco on the 19th. Dori has a strong interest in language, and has

studied English, German and is now pursuing Spanish. **President Dean Watson** writes that thanks "go to John, Betty and family for stepping up to take on such a important and needed role as host family in our youth exchange program."

What do you know about Dori's home city of Debrecen (approximately pronounced Deb-ret-sen)? The city is the second largest in Hungary after Budapest, and has a population of just over 200,000. During its history it was the capital of Hungary twice—in 1849 and in 1945. The first protected nature conservation area of Hungary is the 2673 acre Great Forest of Debrecen. Debrecen is located on the Romanian side of Hungary on its great plains, and is a railway and marketing center for a large farming area. Since 1989 the form of government in Hungary is a parliamentary republic. In the past decade, Hungary has become a popular tourist destination, ranking 15th in the world.

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September & October Schedule

The following members were listed as greeters and collection agents for the upcoming meetings. Remember that this year the list is proceeding alphabetically.

Date	Greeter	Collection Agent
9/3	John Porter ^a	Matt O'Halloran
9/10	Heather Paulson	John Porter
9/17	Guenter Riegler	Kathleen Rzeplinski
9/24	Erich Schmid	Lin Scott
10/1	Bill Scott	Ericha Sevy
10/8	Roger Schwartz	Paul Selchau
10/15	Joe Sparks	Brandt Stickel
10/22	Don Tucker	Wilma Tucker
10/29	Susan Warner	Dave Wasley

^a last minute revision—always check the weekly email to see the current assignments.

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Something you'd like to see in the newsletter? A photograph you'd like to share?

Just email the editor, Susan Warner, at warners9911@cs.com and make your suggestion.

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