



The Mendocino Rotary View



February 2010



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Weekly Meeting Reports

February 4: Tom Honer is Chairperson of the Day with a Veterinary Medicine Program

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."—Mahatma Gandhi

President Dean called the meeting to order, and **Roger Schwartz** told a story on wordplay ("shotgun wedding" means wife or death, and many others equally instructive word usages). President Dean called for introductions of visitors, who were many: **Beverly Engelhardt** was the guest of **Frank Engelhardt**, **Cathy Karabensh** was the guest

of **Jerry Karabensh**, **Julie Masterson** was the guest of **Jerry Karabensh**, **Dori Mate** was the guest of **Erich Schmid** (both shown at right with **Susan**



Weaver), **Ed Burke** was the guest of **John Innes**. **Karen Novak** (our speaker for the day) and **Dan Dixon** were the guests of Tom Honer.

Jerry Karabensh reminded everyone that tickets were still available for the March 4 Theatre Night.

Our Membership Chairmen, **Bruce Lewis**, encouraged all members to bring guests to our Rotary luncheon sessions and acquaint them with the good works of our Rotary club so that they might join as members.

Frank Engelhardt updated us on Rotary Foundation, asking that **Jerry Karabensh** give a quick update on relief efforts in Haiti. Frank also reminded us that this year's "Every Rotarian Every Year" is up at the end of June 2010.

President Dean and others reported on Charter night, which was held the week before at the Ledford House and was a great success—

everyone raved about the Acafellas!

Susan Weaver reported on Interact, informing us that the club had 30 new members, a new president and vice-president. The Club also has a new project in the works assisting other fundraising endeavors in the area, like the bingo bash for the Soroptomists.



Harold Hauck provided an update on the International Committee, informing us that the next meeting was to be that afternoon on the 4th. Topics included the Festival of Brotherhood and club response to the Haiti disaster. Harold also reminded club members that Ambassadorial scholarship applications are due by the end of February, and that this competitive scholarship awards up to \$23,000 to selected young adults wishing to study abroad.

Don Hill is in charge of reactivating the "Road Runners" program for our Rotary Club. The "Road Runners" are a group of volunteers that will drive members who are unable to drive themselves to Rotary meetings.

Tom Honer was Chairperson of the Day, and had fun animal questions to collect fines, and then introduced our newest Veterinarian in Mendocino Village, **Karen Novak**. Karen graduated from Humboldt College with a degree in wildlife



medicine and fisheries biology. In the early 1980s, she worked for the State Department of Fish and Game and as a medical technologist in a hospital. Karen then returned to school to obtain her degree in aquatic animal medicine at the University of Wisconsin. She had previously worked in a veterinarian laboratory, Sea World, Oregon Coast Aquarium and finally at the Mendocino Coast Animal Hospital for 15 years.

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Her specialties include alternative treatments such as acupuncture, chiropractic and herbal treatments as "complimentary medicine" to the Western methods of treatment.



Iris, who is a high school student here in Mendocino and participates in the vet assistant program through the high school assisted Dr. Novak in an acupuncture demonstration on Dr. Novak's dog "Flora." There is an acupuncture point between the eyes known as GV20 which is the starting acupuncture point that gives great relaxation.

[Thanks to Pamela Hudson for much of this article.]

February 11: Joe Sparks is Chairperson of the Day with a Program on Historic Preservation

"It is forbidden to disfigure external decorations on private buildings through modern additions, and to spoil historic buildings in an important town out of avarice and the desire to make money. "—Theodosius, Valentinianus, Arcadius [309 AD]

President Dean Watson opened the meeting, recognizing visiting Rotarians **Bryan Fairlee** (59 years as a member of the Fort Bragg Club), and **Jim Palmer**, past president of the Mendocino Rotary Club in 2002-2003, and now a member of the Minneapolis City of Lake Rotary Club. Our guests of Rotarians were **Marie Nelson** (our

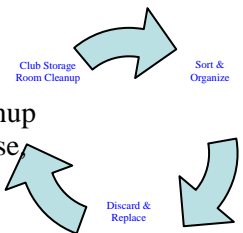
speaker for the day), **Dan Taylor** (Executive Director of the Woodlands), **Allison Glassey**, and **Ruth Sparks**, all guests of **Joe Sparks**.

Jerry Karabensh renewed his request of Rotarians for participating in Theatre Night—non participants will be fined \$5.00 for missing this alternative to the regular luncheon meeting. The Club is sponsoring a portion of the cost, so tickets are only \$25.00 apiece, which includes hors d'oeuvres, wine, coffee and dessert. He also reminded us of the need to provide a ride to or from the airport for **Dori Mate** on her upcoming trip. He reported that the Kauai Rotary Club was having a raffle to win a stay at the 4-star Grand Hyatt Hotel in Kauai, and tickets were \$30.00. If our club sold at least 12 tickets, we kept a percentage of the sale proceeds.

President Dean announced that the cleanup continues of our storage area at Hill House and volunteers were still needed.

Harold Hauck reported on the International Committee, indicating that we were sponsoring three shelter boxes at \$1000 apiece. He also reported that Dr. Jane Jenna at the Mendocino Coast District Hospital would be spending 11 days in Haiti, and our Club was contributing \$1000 toward her supplies. Another doctor will be going in March, and we will also be working on assisting them. Harold also reported that we would be attending the Festival of Brotherhood in Mexico. He noted also that we would soon see an announcement in the paper regarding the upcoming Ambassadorial Scholarship applications, which are due by the end of February. Successful competitors can receive awards up to \$23,000 to study abroad.

Frank Engelhardt observed that on February 23rd, Rotary will be celebrating its 105th year anniversary.



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Marie Nelson, is a State Historian with the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) within the California State Parks Department in Sacramento. Ms. Nelson is the Historic Resources Survey Coordinator for the State of California and provides historic guidance to consultants and land use planners. Her office of Local Government Assistance provides technical assistance to California's city and county governments to aid them in developing and implementing historic preservation programs within the broader context of overall community planning and development. One of their programs is the Certified Local Government Program, a national program designed to encourage the direct participation of a local government in the identification, registration, and preservation of historic properties located



within the jurisdiction of the local government. A local government may become a CLG by developing and implementing a comprehensive local historic preservation program based on federal and state standards. OHP distributes at least 10% of its annual federal Historic Preservation Fund allocation to

CLG through a competitive grant program to assist CLGs in achieving their historic preservation goals.

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February 18: Jerry Karabensh is Chairperson of the Day with a Program on the Local Parks

"The beauty and charm of the wilderness are his for the asking, for the edges of the wilderness lie close beside the beaten roads of the present travel."—Theodore Roosevelt, who established the first National Park in 1901.

President Dean welcomed Rotarians to their weekly meeting, recognizing our visitors.

Brandt Stickel introduced **Jerry Metcalf** of the Fort Bragg Club. Other guests were **Marilyn Murphy**, our guest speaker arranged by **Bruce Lewis**, and **Ed Burke**, guest of **John Innes**, who was attending his second meeting. Our meeting was lightly attended, with only 51% of the membership participating.

Joe Sparks described the “black hole” of our storage area which had been cleaned up by Rotarians. Although in their zeal, some forms were “cleaned out” and will need to be replaced, the cleanup crew deserves a large thanks for many trips to the dumpster getting rid of large amounts of materials which are no longer needed, and replacing our weekly supply paper boxes with clear plastic containers. Joe indicated that they still needed another day to label and sort through the material.

Jerry Karabensh reminded people that Theatre Night was rapidly approaching, and seats were still available. He also reminded members of the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for the Kauai, Hawaii club.

Susan Warner was recognized for her work on our monthly newsletter, receiving a club service pin.



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Jerry Karabensh introduced **Marilyn Murphy**, Mendocino District Parks Superintendent shown below, who spoke about the economics of the local parks, and brought members up to date on the current fiscal situation. The Mendocino District had received a 25% cut in personnel—this was accomplished with vacancies wherever possible. One result was the crossover of work for remaining personnel, as everyone on staff pitches in to work on our Parks. Reducing trash



containers which tended to receive household garbage was one of many steps taken to implement a 50% cut in operation funds. The “pack-it-in, pack-it-out” approach for trash is being implemented wherever possible. Some parks have closed seasonally, and some seasonal closure periods have been extended.

Murphy described the complexities and expenses of operating water and wastewater treatment plants, maintaining lift stations, and other similar difficulties with running small “communities” at our parks. She let us know that the Department is attempting to avoid using the state General Fund for any funding, which is one reason why camping rates are going up and proposals are moving forward to add a surcharge on automobile license fees directed toward parks.

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February 25: Harold Hauck is Chairperson of the day with update on the Mendocino Coast Children’s Fund.

“Children are the hands by which we take hold of heaven.”—Henry Ward Beecher

President Dean welcomed **LaDonna McDonald**, visiting from Hawaii, back to our weekly meeting. Twenty-four members were present at this luncheon, which hosted visitor and speaker Gloria Liner, guest of Harold Hauck.

Jerry Karabensh suggested members may wish to invite friends to participate in Theatre Night next week, and anyone interested could just email Jerry to buy the \$25 tickets at the door. There also still was time to purchase raffle tickets from the Kauai Rotary Club to win a stay at the 4-star Grand Hyatt Hotel in Kauai. Tickets are \$30.00, and our club gets to keep a percentage of the sale proceeds.

Harold Hauck announced that the Whale Festival is approaching, and the Point Cabrillo Lighthouse is looking for help, especially with parking on March 7th and 7th. Please see Harold to offer help with this community service effort.

President Dean called **Bruce Lewis** to the podium and recognized Bruce’s

great work in developing our new web site, which has now gone “live.” The website has much information for members, and will simplify information dissemination for our club. This will include: club, board and committee meetings. We will have an online living calendar of events and meetings. Our Newsletter will now be available on the website and we will have password protected member contact information. The



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website will also provide links to additional Rotary resources, such as District and International links as well as current topics and efforts from our organization. And, this is only the beginning! There will also be internal page links that will detail our major community events, i.e. Art Auction, Golf Tournament and 4th of July Community Celebration. You can see the useful new tool at mendocinorotary.org, and please provide comments back to anyone on the Website Committee (**Bruce Lewis, Harold Hauck, and Susan Warner**).



Harold introduced **Gloria Liner**, our guest speaker, talking about the Mendocino Coast Children's Fund (MCCF). The MCCF is an all volunteer 501(3)(c) non-profit organization which provides 100% of its donations toward clothing, food, and other needed items to children from Rockport to Gualala and inland to Comptche. The MCCF has found that child protective agencies, schools and clinics often lack the resources or ability to help these children. Working with the staff in these agencies, the MCHF has developed a network of support. Every day, the agencies now refer infants, toddlers, children and teens to the MCCF. The organization provides emergency food vouchers, diapers and baby food, a warm jacket, a cozy sleeping bag, along with encouragement: "simple acts of kindness can make all the difference for community children when times are tough." Their website is

www.mccf.info, and online donations are accepted.

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Special Happenings

Upcoming Theatre Night March 4

The Mendocino Rotary Club is holding a Theater Night for the play *Deathtrap* on March 4th.

Club Assembly March 25th

The session on March 25th is to continue the planning activities from last January 13, when the Club held a Visioning session. The intent of the vision session was to focus club members on upcoming projects, while recognizing that some projects are bigger and take longer than an annual plan can describe. A multi-year plan is needed to accomplish these larger or longer-term projects, and the Club Assembly is one of the next steps in the planning process.

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Update on The Art Auction

Jerry Karabensh is the Chairman of the Art Auction Committee for the year. The Auction will be held on Saturday, October 9 this year at the Mendocino Art Center (MAC). The Art will



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be hung in the Main Gallery at the MAC with space in the Nichols Gallery available for both the Raffle Art and additional Auction Art. The hours for the Preview will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from October 2nd through October 9th. We have not yet determined if we will have an Artist's Reception on the night of Friday October 8th. After the close of Preview hours on Saturday October 9th we will participate in the free Second Saturday Art Gallery Event that takes place in Mendocino every second Saturday of the month. The MAC serves snacks and wine while visitors view art hanging in the galleries. The hours are usually from 5:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. but maybe modified for this date. During this time refreshments and wine will be available at the MAC, and our Club will share in the expenses of this event on Auction Day.



Many Club members have been attending the several Art Auction Planning Committee meetings. Other members are still needed to assist, and please let Jerry or one of the following sub-committee chairs know where you are willing to help:

- Art Selection – Susan Warner
- Raffle Art Selection – Jerry Karabensh
- Non-Art (art related) Auction Items – Pete Rose
- Raffle Ticket Sales Committee – John Innes
- Marketing Committee – Bruce Lewis
- MAC Liaison Committee – Ron Eich
- Art Hanging Committee – Janis Porter
- Food & Refreshment Committee – Jamie Buckner
- Logistics Committee – Ron Ensign
- Budget Committee – Jerry Karabensh



The Art Selection Committee will collect art as in the past and discussions for conducting a Juried Show have been tabled until after this next Auction. The format of the Auction will be a “Live Auction” with the ability of individuals to put in a Pre-Bid prior to the start of the live auction.

This is our major fundraiser and Club participation by all members is needed to make the event successful.

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Rotary Delivers Help After Disasters Across the World

Once again, disaster in the form of an earthquake has occurred, this time in Chile. For those clubs wishing to respond to Chilean pleas for assistance, Shelterbox remains one of the best options (a ShelterBox Team is already on its way to Chile), and one which can be provided through the usual International Service channels. Just as in Haiti, Rotary's built-in infrastructure with over 1.2 million members worldwide makes us able to respond quickly to disasters across the world—while our motto “service above self” captures the hard work members across the world perform when disasters strike.

Rotarians continue to provide extensive relief in the earthquake-damaged Haiti, where extensive humanitarian needs remain. Information on Rotarian work in Haiti can be found at: <http://www.rotarypartnershipforhaiti.org/>

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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.

Like the Photographs? Most of the images are by Guenter Riegler, who deserves a big thank you!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March — “Literacy Month”

March 4: Theatre Night, *Deathtrap*

March 8-14: World Rotaract Week

March 25: Club Assembly on Visioning

April—“Magazine Month”

April 15: District Governors must report to Rotary International on which of their districts' clubs qualify for the [Presidential Citation award](#)

April 15: Deadline for clubs to submit submission forms to district governors for the [RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives - MDI award](#)

April 25-30: [Council on Legislation](#) (Chicago, Illinois, USA)

May—(planning for the future)

May 15: District governors may begin to submit recognition forms for the [RI Membership Development and Extension Award - MDEA](#)

May 15: Deadline for district governors to submit submission forms for the [RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives - MDI](#)

May 15: Deadline to submit nomination forms for [The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service](#)

June—“Fellowship Month”

June 20-23: 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Quebec, RI President John Kenny says, "It has been said many times that you cannot truly appreciate the internationality of Rotary until you attend a convention. In Montréal this June, we expect to welcome Rotarians from more than 100 countries."

Q. What did the baby corn say to mama corn?

A. Where's popcorn?

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Date	Chairman	Speaker
March 4	Lunch DARK	Evening Theatre Night
11	Ray Alarcon	Debra Degraw
18	Matt O'Halloran	Eva Brown
25	Jerry Karabensh	CLUB ASSEMBLY
April 1	Harold Hauck	Coast Guard Auxiliary
8	John Cottle	Barbara Rice
15	Erich Schmid	in progress
22	Frank Engelhardt	in progress
29	Roger Schwartz	Friends of Hospice

March & April Schedule*

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

Date	Greeter	Collection Agent
3/4	DARK for Theatre Night	
3/11	Lin Scott	Bill Scott
3/18	Ericha Sevy	Roger Schwartz
3/25	Paul Selchau	Joe Sparks
4/1	Brandt Stickel	Jody Stickels
4/8	Don Tucker	Wilma Tucker
4/15	Susan Warner	Joni Barhight
4/22	Susan Weaver	Jack Zahnhiser
4/29	Jamie Buckner	Ray Alarcon

*Always check the weekly email to see the current assignments as people may switch due to conflicts. If you cannot make the date shown, you are responsible for finding a replacement and notifying President Dean.

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