



# THE MENDOCINO ROTARY VIEW



## JANUARY 2011



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## Weekly Meeting Highlights

### **January 6: Rich Brandes is Chairperson of the Day for a Program on Climate Change (Part I)**

*"Our generation has inherited an incredibly beautiful world from our parents and they from their parents. It is in our hands whether our children and their children inherit the same world." ~ Richard Branson (pledging \$3 billion to combat global warming by helping to develop alternative energy technologies).*

**President Guenter Riegler** opened the luncheon meeting, held for the first time in the Mendocino Hotel. We found the new location of our flag, and commenced



business as usual with the Pledge, followed by a song and a thought for the day. Our President welcomed visitors **Julie Masterson**, guest of **Bill Masterson**; **Evan Mills**, our

guest speaker; **LaDonna MacDonald**, guest of **Wilma Tucker**; **John Cinnamon**, visiting Rotarian from the Fort Bragg Club; and **Sue Makovkin**, guest of **John Cinnamon**.

**Susan Weaver** gave an update on two of our past exchange students, and **Susan Warner** reported on the planning efforts underway for the Art Auction and Raffle.

**Frank Engelhardt** presented a Foundation Moment, indicating we were \$2700 short of our goal for the year, and indicating checks should be made payable to the Rotary Foundation.

**President Guenter** gave a report on Rotary International, emphasizing the good works that the Rotary Foundation does across the world.

**Pete Rose** suggested that now is the time to begin planning ways to emphasize our community to Rotarians and other visitors who will come to San Francisco for the 2012 America's Cup yacht race.

Dispensing with questions for the day, Chairperson **Rich Brandes** introduced Nobel Peace Prize Laureate **Evan Mills**, who as a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) shared the 2007 Award



with Albert (Al) Gore Jr. for "their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change." Dr. Mills, with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory,

has broad expertise in the economic implications, risk-management, and planning/policy implications climate change.

Dr. Mills presented the results from his Panel's report which summarizes the science and the impacts of climate change on the United States, now and in the future. The report was available to Club members in its entirety as well as in a shorter summary, and focuses on climate change impacts in different regions of the U.S. Various aspects of society and the economy such as energy, water, agriculture, and health are evaluated with implications from climate change in this plain language report.

In addition to discussing the impacts of climate change in the U.S., the report also highlights the choices facing us, and presented information impacts in the United States which are already occurring and are projected to increase in the future, particularly if the concentration of heat-trapping greenhouse gases in the atmosphere continues to rise. The report provides many of the scientific underpinnings for decision-making at the national and at the regional level.



Part II of the presentation will be scheduled in a few weeks.

### **January 13: John Innes is Chairman of the Day for Program on the Senior Center**

*"Learning acquired in youth arrests the evil of old age; and if you understand that old age has wisdom for its food, you will so conduct yourself in youth that your old age will not lack for nourishment." ~ Leonardo da Vinci*

**President Guenter** welcomed guest Rotarians **Tom Bosma** and **John Cinnamon**, visiting from the Fort Bragg club; and **Ruth Sparks**, guest of **Joe Sparks**.

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**Joe Sparks** relayed a story for the day regarding his delivery of dictionaries some years ago to the third grade in the Albion school. He asked if the students knew about “Rotarians” and one youngster said he did: “They’re the guys that ride the bulls.” The dictionaries were no doubt put to good use almost immediately.

**Bruce Lewis** presented a Membership Moment, reminding club members to consider who they might bring to a meeting as possible future Rotarians. **Dean Watson** followed up with a description of the new membership process, and handed out a flyer we could use for reference about the process.

**John Innes** introduced our guest speaker, **Charles Bush**, who gave club members a comprehensive update on the senior center. The Redwood Coast Senior Center provides stimulating activities and essential services for active elders to support wellness and healthy aging. Transportation services, meals, social gathering, internet access and other services are among the offerings of the Center, which receives about 1/3 of its funding from the federal government. The Center has changed operations to avoid decreasing or eliminating any service, without layoffs, and still serve a growing population of seniors.



Bush also summarized his career, exhibiting his personal energy and dedication to “giving back” as so many seniors do. He illustrated the positive impact of the Center through actual stories of some of the seniors who utilize and benefit from the services and people who work and gather at the Center.

**January 21: Bill Masterson is Chairman of the Day with a Program by Sheriff Tom Allman**

*“Every society gets the kind of criminal it deserves. What is equally true is that every community gets the kind of law enforcement it insists on.”*  
 ~ Robert Kennedy

**President Guenter** welcomed guest speaker **Sheriff Tom Allman** and visiting Rotarian **Sue McKinney** from the Oakland Sunrise club (via Vietnam).

Frank Engelhardt presented a Foundation Moment, recognizing **Bruce Lewis**, who was presented with a pin and a certificate as a **Paul Harris Fellow**.

Our Group Study Exchange this year will include hosting students from Japan in April.

**Sue McKinney** indicated she had spent the past 15 years in Vietnam, and she had been in charge of a GSE from that country, which was a rewarding experience.



**Bill Masterson** introduced **Tom Allman**, our current Sheriff, Allman, re-elected in 2010, had served as a deputy in Mendocino County, where he held a gamut of positions prior to becoming Sheriff. He also is a Rotarian.

Allman updated us on the marijuana initiative going forward with multiple agencies in the Mendocino National Forest. Tourists are avoiding the forest due to the violence of growers. He responded to many questions, from concealed weapons to the dismal budget for the coming fiscal year.



**January 27th: DARK**

No meeting is scheduled for the 27th, because **Charter Night** is the 28th.

**District 5130 News: “Heart of Rotary” District Assembly Is Coming Up April 1-2**

With the “Heart of Rotary” District Assembly coming on April 2nd, Maureen Merrill, District Governor Elect, believes the Assembly will be a valuable way to spend a day—learn not only club operations and management, but also develop your talents, leadership skills and untapped potential while gaining insights that help in your other endeavors. Maureen states that “This assembly will energize and inform you and your club members, increasing our effectiveness, success and enthusiasm in all of our activities.” Learn more at:

<http://www.theheartofrotary.org>

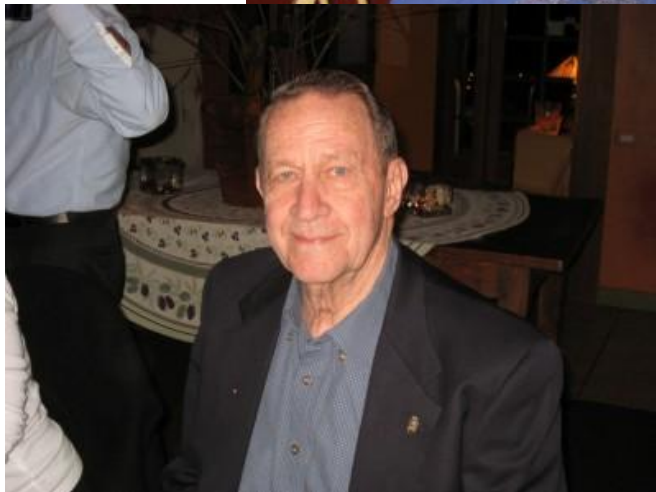
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## CHARTER NIGHT!

Good music, good fun, good food! The Ledford House was full of Rotarians and guests paying tribute to Bill Scott and Don Tucker, recognizing our accomplishments, and enjoying the fellowship of others.



# More Charter Night Photos!



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Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson were going camping. They pitched their tent under the stars and went to sleep. Sometime in the middle of the night Holmes woke Watson up and said: "Watson, look up at the stars, and tell me what you see."

Watson replied: "I see millions and millions of stars."

Holmes said: "and what do you deduce from that?"

Watson replied: "Well, if there are millions of stars, and if even a few of those have planets, it's quite likely there are some planets like earth out there. And if there are a few planets like earth out there, there might also be life."

And Holmes said: "Watson, you idiot, it means that somebody stole our tent."

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### Like the Photographs?

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8th—Board Meeting. All are welcome.

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April 2nd—"Heart of Rotary" District Assembly

## MONTHLY CLUB ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Greeter	Collection Agent	Chairman of the Day	Speaker	Topic
2/3/2011	Bart Grimes	Frank Engelhardt	Bruce Lewis	Maureen Merrill	33% Solution - A Program Proven to Boost Club Membership
2/10/2011	Don Hill	Erich Schmid	Tom Honer	Christopher Brown	Air Pollution Control District Issues
2/17/2011	Tom Hudson	Harold Hauck	John Porter	John Turnbull	Rebuilding Haiti
2/24/2011	John Innes	Tom Honer	Rich Brandes	Evan Mills, PhD	Climatology Issues II Lawrence Berkeley Nat'l Lab
3/3/2011	Mike Kelley	Pam Hudson	Susan Warner	Susan Warner	Water Quality Protection in California
3/10/2011	Bill Masterson	Jerry Karabensh	Dean Watson	TBA	TBA
3/17/2011	Matt O'Halloran	Bruce Lewis	TBA	TBA	TBA
3/24/2011	Dark	Dark	DARK	Mendocino Theatre Night	
3/31/2011	Erich Schmid	John Porter	Dean Watson	TBA	TBA

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