



The Mendocino Rotary View

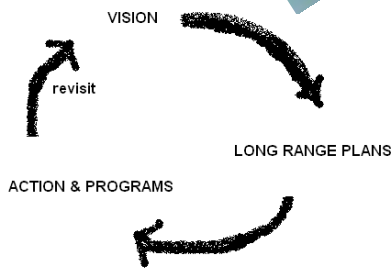


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Special Report

It was announced today that Mendocino has been selected by The Jocus Foundation to be a pilot community for a multi-million dollar grant to adapt the town to be a complete Green Transportation Node. The \$36 million grant will fund solar electric walkways, wind-powered taxis, and fog-powered hydrogen cells for delivering electricity to businesses and residences. The Mendocino Rotary Club will be assisting project developers to meet the requirements of the Mendocino Historical Review Board for installing period replicas of hitching rails and posts, as green-powered horses will be used throughout the town to deliver



goods and people to destinations within the village. Members wishing to work on this important project should contact

Dean Watson for further information. Members able to provide horses are particularly needed, as the horses will need to be converted to use a green fuel source. Saddle cloths will be provided with our emblem for each green-powered horse to wear.

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Weekly Meeting Reports

March 4: Dark for Theatre Night

"I didn't send back any of the royalty checks."—Ira Levin, playwright (author of *Deathtrap*)

[See article elsewhere in this newsletter.]

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March 11: Ray Alarcon is Chairperson of the Day with a Program on The Mendocino County Film Office

"I believe that there is one story in the world, and only one. . . . Humans are caught—in their lives, in their thoughts, in their hungers and ambitions, in their avarice and cruelty, and in their kindness and generosity too—in a net of good and evil. . . . There is no other story. A man, after he has

brushed off the dust and chips of his life, will have left only the hard, clean questions: Was it good or was it evil? Have I done well—or ill?" —John Steinbeck (*East of Eden*)

President Dean Watson opened the meeting, recognizing visitors **Debra DeGraw**, guest of **Ray Alarcon**, and **Julie Masterson**, guest of **Bill Masterson**.

Susan Weaver gave us an update on the Interact Club, informing us of the highlights of the Club's local and international work. The Club is working with Seeds of Learning, considering a grant for Haiti relief, and also is considering building a school in Africa. Susan told us about the club's ongoing project at the High School where they are providing funds so student photographs can be installed above lockers. **Zora Bowman**, who is going to India, will be leaving soon and asked for donations of old photographic equipment to use with the students in India. **Dean Watson, Joe Sparks**, and **Susan Weaver** were all presented with a T-shirt from the club. Susan also informed us that Vince Longo is the Interact President this year.



Guenter Riegler reported that he had attended a Rotary training session in San Jose, and found it to be one of the most productive and well prepared sessions that he had ever attended. He has a CD of the session should anyone wish to borrow it.

President Dean brought **Pete Rose, Joni Barhight**, and **Jody Stickels** back to the podium to present these newer members with their Club visors, which had been previously overlooked.

President Dean also recognized **Jerry Karabensh** for his organization of our Theatre Night, and also **Jamie Buckner** and her crew for the delicious appetizers. "Jerry really embraced the fellowship spirit of the club," President Dean said.

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Jerry Karabensh reported on the results from the nominating committee (consisting of our Past President, current President, and President-Elect, **John Innes**, and **Susan Weaver**): President Nominee—**Rich Brandes**, Secretary—**Joni Barhight**, Treasurer—**Roger Schwartz**. Elections will be held at the next meeting, at which time nominations from the floor will entertained.

Ray Alarcon, our Chairperson of the Day, introduced the topic of the Mendocino Film Office by asking members questions about



movies that had been filmed in or near Mendocino. His questions touched on many of the movies filmed on the Coast, including the silent movie "The Promise" in the early 1900's, "East of Eden," to TV Shows like "Murder, She

Wrote." He then introduced **Debra DeGraw** of the Mendocino County Film Office housed within the Chamber of Commerce. Debra reiterated how Mendocino County has played host to the film industry for many decades, and the Mendocino Coast has been home to a variety



of movies and TV series. She informed members about the recent legislation that allows for tax credits to encourage filmmakers to use California for their filming of commercials, television shows, and movies.

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March 18: Matt O'Halloran is Chairperson of the Day with a Program on Fitness

"Lack of activity destroys the good condition of every human being, while movement and methodical physical exercise save it and preserve it." ~Plato

President Dean welcomed Rotarians to their weekly meeting, recognizing our visitors, including **Rachel Murray** of the Census Bureau, and **Eva Brown**, guest of **Matt O'Halloran**.

Rich Brandes contributed some Happy Dollars in recognition of his enjoyable time sailing off Mexico, where they set a new record, and he also learned how to make a new margarita.

President Dean gave a Foundation Moment to remind everyone that the annual; deadline of members giving \$125 was coming up. **President Dean** also let the members know that the program for next week would be a special club assembly



which will be a follow-up to our earlier visioning session. Speakers would include **Jerry Karabensh**, **Ron Eich**, **Guenter Riegler**, **Jack Zahnhiser**, **Harold Hauck**, and **Dean Watson**.

Jerry Karabensh introduced the election of officers. From the nominating Committee, proposed officers were: President Nominee—**Rich Brandes**, Secretary—**Joni Barhight**, Treasurer—**Roger Schwartz**. No nominations were received from the floor, and the vote was unanimous for the slate. Congratulations to all.

Rachel Murray of the Census Bureau gave a brief report on the status of the census on the

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coast, and said census workers were still needed, especially in the town of Mendocino.

President Dean indicated he had picked up **Dori Mate**, our exchange student, from the airport, and she reported that her trip to Hawaii with 42 other students was enlightening and enjoyable. **President Dean** also reported that the District Assembly was April 10th in Ukiah, and that the club would sponsor attendance.

Lin Scott was called to the podium, and was recognized for chairing the Committee for the upcoming 4th of July barbecue and parade. Lin will be looking for club members to support the effort.

Chairman of the Day **Matt O'Halloran** asked some questions on physical fitness, then introduced **Eva Brown**, a personal trainer, who used Matt as a demonstration for easy, low cost exercises (two shown in the pictures that follow) that can be done at home with soup cans and a simple stretch band.



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March 25: Club Assembly

If you don't know where you are going, you will wind up somewhere else. -Yogi Bera

President Dean welcomed the club to a special Assembly meeting. Before the session started, however, **Wilma Tucker** enthralled her audience with a gothic tale from a dark-and-stormy-night in Transylvania, when Bob and Betty Hill had an auto accident and encountered a strange duo, who tried to assist them to no avail—the Hills passed away. But wait, there's more! Soon we learned that Igor observed faint finger tapping to a tune, and reported that “the Hills are alive with the sound of music.”



Greeter Paul Selchau welcomes Guenter Riegler

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The Happy Dollars were plentiful, including one from **Pete Rose** who recognized his daughter had received her Master's degree, had a job offer, and took it. **Lin Scott** observed that her name had not been in the "box" for a year, so she had never been called upon to answer a question. And **Ron Eich** was happy about marking in the right place on the sign-in sheet.

As Foundation chair, **Frank Engelhardt** recognized **Guenter Riegler** as a new Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations, Guenter!

President Dean also noted that the District Assembly was coming up on April 10th in Ukiah. Any member wishing to attend might be sponsored by the Club, so contact Dean for further details.

Harold Hauck reported that our Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team was coming in from India, and required housing. The GSE program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. Five members of the Indian team will hold an event in cooperation with our Club and the Fort Bragg Rotary, and some assistance will be needed. [A complete article on the GSE program appears elsewhere in this newsletter.]

Jamie Buckner recognized **President Dean's** birthday as well as **Chef Robert's** by presenting the Club with three cakes.



They were lovely and delicious!

The Club Assembly unfolded with Powerpoint presentations by **Jack Zahnhiser, Dean Watson, Harold Hauck, and Ron Eich**. The results from the January Visioning session were presented, and the next steps outlined:

- Receive input from today's Assembly meeting
- Formulate a proposed set of goals for the next 5 years
- Review these with this year's and next year's Board
- Bring the goals back to the Club for adoption
- Recommend that the Administrative Committee work with tracking and encouragement over the next 5 years to ensure achievement.

The intent is to ensure that a plan guides the club as the makeup of the Board changes, as committee chairs change, and membership changes over the five years through the three C's: Continuity, Consistency, and Consensus.



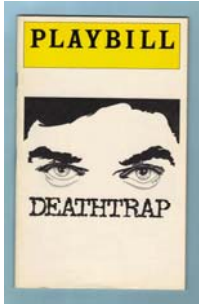
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Special Happenings

Theatre Night March 4

The Mendocino Rotary Club held a Theater Night for the play *Deathtrap* on March 4th. This lovely evening of club fellowship was underwritten by our club, so the cost of the theatre tickets, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and coffee were all held to a manageable price. Many attended, and an enjoyable time was had by all. Director Bob Cohen provided insightful comments on the Ira Levin play.



Club Assembly March 25th

The session on March 25th continued 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 October 9th in the evening at the Mendocino Art Center in conjunction with the Center's Second Saturday. The Auction is our main fundraiser, and Club participation by all members is needed to make the event successful.

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Status of Polio Plus Challenge Grant

As of February 28th, Rotarians have raised about \$114.5 million for Rotary's US' \$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. It's not too late—donate now.

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Group Study Exchange

Our Club has an opportunity to interact with Rotary's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program very soon—our GSE team originates from India. The GSE provides travel grants for teams of participants to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. Team members can come from corporations, small businesses, community organizations, medical and educational facilities, government offices, and nonprofit agencies.

Individuals who participate in this rewarding, once-in-a-lifetime experience will return home

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with a broadened cultural perspective and new understanding of a nation's history, language, commerce, and government. GSE offers a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills, work on team building, and increase self-confidence. The program is designed to have an invaluable impact on the career of a young professional in the increasingly global workplace by creating networking opportunities and lifelong friendships.



GSE enhances the international perspective of the next generation of young leaders that will help advance companies into the future. GSE participants return with new communication and facilitation skills that promote tolerance and collaboration with professional people of other cultures. GSE fosters a creative approach to problem solving by expanding the participant's skill set, exposure to alternate methodologies, and preparation for addressing community needs. In addition, GSE provides a great public relations opportunity to promote awareness of a sponsoring business or organization, as local and international media may feature interviews, photos, and articles about the exchange.

GSE team member applicants must:

- Be between the ages of 25 and 40
- Be fully employed with at least two years of work experience in their chosen field
- Be in the early stages of their careers or professions
- Reside in or be employed in the sending Rotary district and also be citizens of the country in which they reside
- Be proficient in the language of the country being visited

- Be personable, articulate, cooperative, motivated team players, and enthusiastic about their vocations
- Seek to gain a maximum educational value from the program, as well as be able to fulfill the rigorous demands of international travel and active participation in an extensive itinerary

Teams are composed of 4-6 non-Rotarian team members, usually of various business and professional backgrounds, and one Rotarian team leader. The GSE experience spans 4-6 weeks. During the exchange, teams will visit local businesses, government offices, and community organizations in the host district, tour historical and cultural sites, stay with Rotarian host families, and make presentations about their home countries and professions. Team members receive orientation and cultural preparation from the sponsoring Rotary district before their departure. This may include language training, practice of oral presentations, visits to Rotary clubs, and background about Rotary International's mission and the programs of its Foundation. The host country is determined before a team member's application and selection.

For each team member, The Rotary Foundation provides the most economical round-trip air ticket between the home and host countries. **Local Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel in their district—help will be needed soon for our Indian Team.** Each team member is responsible for all personal and incidental expenses incurred before, during, and after the study tour, including any personal travel arranged after the exchange.

[most of this article came from the GSE program brochure.]

There was a man who entered a local paper's pun contest. He sent in ten different puns, in the hope that at least one of the puns would win. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

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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 **Gunter Riegler**, who deserves a big thank you! Thanks also to **Joni Barhight** for her great photos from the exercise session March 18.

This issue and past issues of the newsletter can be found at <http://www.mendocinorotary.org/newsletters/>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April—“Magazine Month”

April 10th: District Assembly in Ukiah. Please see Dean Watson for further details.

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Date	Chairman	Speaker
April 1	Harold Hauck	Coast Guard Auxiliary
8	John Cottle	Barbara Rice
15	Erich Schmid	Navarro by the Sea
22	Frank Engelhardt	Ry Southard MCBG
29	Roger Schwartz	Friends of Hospice
May 6	Kathleen Rzeplinski	Meredith Lintott, DA
13	Don Hill	in progress
20	Susan Weaver	Interact
27	Rich Brandes	Festival of Brotherhood

April & May 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
4/1	Brandt Stickel	Jody Stickels
4/8	Don Tucker	Wilma Tucker
4/15	Susan Warner	Joni Barhight
4/22	Susan Weaver	Jack Zahniser
4/29	Jamie Buckner	Ray Alarcon
5/6	John Cottle	Rich Brandes
5/13	Susan Cimmiyotti	Frank Engelhardt
5/20	Ron Eich	Gary Garcia
5/27	Ron Ensign	Harold Hauck

*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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