



The Mendocino Rotary View



May 2010



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Weekly Meeting Highlights

May 6: Joe Sparks is Chairman of the Day for Program on Heritage Days

"History is the witness that testifies to the passing of time; it illuminates reality, vitalizes memory, provides guidance in daily life, and brings us tidings of antiquity." ~Cicero

President Dean Watson opened the meeting, welcoming **Rod Jones** guest of **Harold Hauck**, **Nancy Freeze** and **Ruth Sparks**, guests of **Joe Sparks**, and **Dori Mate**, our exchange student and guest of **Susan Weaver**. Happy dollars were abundant, with **Brandt Stickel** happy to have captured a vegetarian meal and **Paul Selchau** happy regarding his 91-year old sister's recent good surgery results. **President Dean** reminded us that May 20th was an opportunity to share time with our Interact Club members and the June 3rd luncheon would provide for an after-lunch dessert and coffee at the Kelley House to view the Colton Map which has now been framed and hung. Also, the Kelley House reports that the furnace really made a difference—our Rotary Club funded both the map framing and the furnace.

Rod Jones did a quick overview of the "abalone watch" program, showing the gauges used and indicating the organization could use volunteers for 3-hour shifts per month. He reports that just a visible presence when being out-and-about deters poachers while educating the public and assisting the Department of Fish and Game.



President Dean recognized the contributions of **Harold Hauck** and **Tom Honer** during last month's hosting of our GSE Team.

Joe Sparks had a series of questions about the heritage of Mendocino and then introduced **Ruth Sparks** who spoke on Heritage Days, which runs for the entire month of May. First started in 2004, Heritage Days worked to become an event



which would promote Mendocino and combine with Preservation Week. Ruth indicated that the business community embraced the Heritage Days month, and slowly the complete package was marketed for a month-long celebration. This year the event has been expanded to be county-wide. Ruth introduced **Nancy Freeze** (both shown above), of the Kelley House, who gave more information on the history and current activities of Heritage Days. The Mendocino Chamber of Commerce and the Mendocino County Lodging Association are among the sponsors of Heritage Days.

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May 13: Kathleen Rzeplinski is Chairperson of the Day for program on Miasa.

"Behold the sea ...the citizens of Mendocino and Miasa, Japan dedicate this plaque to the peaceful pursuits of the peoples of the Pacific Basin and to the protection of its environment that all living things there-in may exist in perpetual harmony." ~Paul Sutterley

President Dean Watson opened the meeting, recognizing our guest Rotarian, **La Donna McDonald** from Kapolei Sunset Club, and also

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our guest speaker, **Dave Gross**, guest of **Kathleen Rzeplinski**.

Miasa is located on Japan's main island of Honshu in Nagano Prefecture, about 150 miles northwest of Tokyo (pointed out on a map by **Dave Gross**, below). Miasa is very small, and is set in a small mountain valley. In 1954, **Bill and Jenny Zacha** went to Japan where Bill made the acquaintance of woodblock artist, **Toshi Yoshida**. In 1971 Yoshida came to Mendocino, where he lived and taught printmaking at the Zacha-founded Mendocino Art Center. After returning to Japan the following year, Toshi Yoshida began to create a Mendocino-style art



center in an abandoned turn-of-the-century school house in the little village of Miasa. Some years later, in 1980, Miasa and Mendocino formalized their sister-city relationship. On July 4, 1982, a Peace Plaque solemnizing the Sister City tie was placed on the Headlands and an identical one was placed at the Miasa School. In 1992, the Mendocino Sister Cities Association (MSCA) became part of the national organization, Sister Cities International, and a

year later received non-profit status. A former Rotarian, the late **John McConathey**, was instrumental in working with MSCA to formally become a non-profit entity. MSCA donated \$10,000 to the building/creation of Friendship Park, with members even bringing bags of dirt. The name Miasa means *Beautiful Hemp* in Japanese, and the name comes from the village's 2000-year tradition of growing hemp. Mendocino Middle School students go to Japan every other year, with Japanese students coming to Mendocino on the other years. In May of 2010 the third Art Exchange Show from Miasa is taking place at the Mendocino Art Center. In late June of 2011 the MSCA will return to Miasa with a group of Mendocino middle school students and during that same two week period an art exhibit is being planned in Miasa-Omachi for participating Mendocino artists.

(Many thanks to **Ericha Sevy** for taking notes in the editor's absence).

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May 20: Interact Presides over Club Meeting

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has" ~Margaret Mead

President Dean quickly turned the meeting over to Interact Vice-President **Matt Winslow**, who started off with a lighthearted joke about golfing, and then presided over the remainder of the meeting. Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 14 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but the



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Interact clubs are self-governing and self-supporting.

Vice-President Matt then recognized guest **Gail Dickerson** (Interact coordinator).

Each Rotarian introduced the Interact student he or she sponsored for the luncheon, and we all learned a little about each of the Interact students, including:

- **Xochil Goretsky** spends her summers in Northern Mexico and enjoys writing.
- **Sam Fish** is a junior who participates in circus acts, including aerial silks, and hopes to have a career in computerized graphic imagery.
- **Iris Perry** is a senior bound for UCSD
- **Billy Jones** is a junior and active in baseball.
- **Chloe Grinberg** is a former Interact President and senior, bound for UC-Davis
- **Matt Winslow**, vice-president filling in for ill Interact President Vince Longo, is a junior who likes to play soccer, basketball and lacrosse
- **Emily Bloom** is interning with Dr. Novak
- **Warren Lewis** is a senior bound for San Francisco State University
- **Margie Muto** is a senior who plays soccer and hopes to do service to the community
- **Jerry Young** is a senior who enjoys basketball and is bound for college just outside of Portland Oregon.
- **Justin Garcia** enjoys tennis, golf, soccer and video games.



Vice-President Matt recognized **Dean Watson** who reported on his attendance at the district conference, where the club did well, earning awards for our website, vocational service, club bulletin, Public Relations, and Club Service. Further club discussions ensued on the time of day for our upcoming annual Art Auction, which would be more fully addressed at the next meeting.

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May 27: Rich Brandes is Chairperson for a program on the Festival of Brotherhood

“The spirit of brotherhood recognizes of necessity both the need of self-help and also the need of helping others in the only way which ever ultimately does great good, that is, of helping them to help themselves.”. ~Theodore Roosevelt

President Dean welcomed members and guests to our weekly luncheon: **Bruce Campbell**, our guest speaker; **Gloria Liner** guest of **Harold Hauck**; **Christina Rzeplinski**, guest of **Kathleen Rzeplinski**; and Fort Bragg Rotarian **Jerry Metcalf**.



The Happy Dollars flowed, including recognitions by **Kathleen Rzeplinski** of her daughter **Emily** making the Dean’s List, and her youngest daughter, **Christina** (shown above with her mother Kathleen and sitting between **Erich Schmid** and **Tom Honer**, joining **Jody Stickels** at the table), becoming a pilot.

John Innes reminded club members of the benefit of having a Rotary shirt, available at

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HIDDEN TREASURES, when working summer community events.

Jerry Karabensh updated the club on the Art Auction, indicating that it would be held on the 9th of October at the Art Center, with a reception starting at 11:00 a.m., followed by the auction at 1:00 p.m. Also, when possible, the auctioned art would remain hanging until 7:00 (to allow the Art Center's Second Saturday visitors to view it). Jerry also informed us that **Bob Rhoades** would be available to provide art commentary on each piece as it came to auction.

Saturday, June 26th is the scheduled debunking, which will be held as a picnic at **Tom Honer's** place.



Rich Brandes, shown above, stumped many Rotarians with questions from the latest issue of *The Rotarian*, then welcomed **Bruce Campbell** (pictured upper right) to begin the talk on the Festival of Brotherhood. Bruce is our past District Governor, and explained how money from our club is leveraged for additional funds that have great impact in Mexico. Rich and

Bruce discussed the many projects our club and others have promoted, helping fund safe drinking water, computers for junior high school students, assistance to blind and deaf children at a school in Guadalajara, and other projects. The next Festival of Brotherhood is coming up this Fall, with registration due by June 1.



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Update on The Art Auction

Jerry Karabensh is the Chairman of the Art Auction Committee for the year. A preview week will be held at the Mendocino Art Center between October 2nd and 9th, with an Artist's Reception the evening of October 8th. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be offered on the day of the auction starting at 11:00 a.m., with the auction itself starting at 1:00 p.m.



The Auction is our main fundraiser, and Club participation by all members is needed to make the event successful.

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A flea and fly in a flue,
Were imprisoned so what could they do?
Said the flea let us fly.
Said the fly let us flee.
So they flew through a flaw in the flue.
—Paul Ogden

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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

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warners9911@cs.com and make your suggestion.

Like the Photographs?

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

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

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PIN CHECK

Remember to wear your Rotary membership pin—only one month to go to have all Rotarians wearing their pins at the luncheon meeting and capture \$50.00 for the club from **President Dean**.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June—“Fellowship Month”

- June 1 A deposit of \$150 per person (non-refundable) is due no later than June 1, 2010 to reserve attendance at the 2010 Festival of Brotherhood, Mexico. See Rich Brandes for further information.
- June 20-23: 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Quebec
- June 26th, Debunking picnic, 1:00-5:00 p.m., 44250 Springpond Farm, Gordon lane

July

- New Rotary officers begin their year of service

UPCOMING MEETING ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Greeter	Collection Agent	Chairman of the Day	Speaker
6/3/2010	Bart Grimes	Don Hill	Guenter Riegler	Anna Kvinsland, Art in Mendocino County
6/10/2010	Tom Honer	Pam Hudson	Susan Warner	Jeri Erickson, Mendocino Coast Hospital Foundation
6/17/2010	Tom Hudson	John Innes	Guenter Riegler	State of the Club Address
6/24/2010	DARK	DARK	DARK	DARK
7/1/2010	Bill Masterson	Heather Paulsen	pending	pending
7/8/2010	Matt O'Halloran	John Porter	pending	pending
7/15/2010	Kathleen Rzeplinski	Roger Schwartz	pending	pending
7/22/2010	Erich Schmid	Bill Scott	pending	pending
7/29/2010	Lin Scott	Roger Schwartz	pending	pending



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