



THE MENDOCINO ROTARY VIEW



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Weekly Meeting Highlights

May 5: Bruce Lewis is Chairman of the Day for Tour of the new MCDH Diagnostic Imaging Center.

"In the Radiation Laboratory we count it a privilege to do everything we can to assist our medical colleagues in the application of these new tools to the problems of human suffering." ~ Ernest Lawrence (1901-1958)

President Guenter Riegler opened the luncheon meeting, welcoming several guests: **Ray Hino, Helena Coello, Roni McDermott** (also a visiting Rotarian from the Fort Bragg Club), **Linda Dutcher**, and **Gus Killian** (all of the MCDH); **Bruce Fournier**, guest of **Tom Hudson**; **Ruth Sparks**, guest of **Joe Sparks**, **Giese Ly**, guest of **Brandt Stickel**; **Mark Bohannon**, guest of **Wilma Tucker**; **Terese Kelley**, guest of **Mike Kelley**; **Sean Hogan**, visiting Rotarian from the Fort Bragg Club; and **Travis Rzeplinski**, guest of **Kathleen Rzeplinski**.

Many thanks were extended to **Chef Curt Gore** for the delicious luncheon provided by the Hospital's Food Services.

Bruce Lewis introduced **Ray Hino**, CEO of the Mendocino Coast District Hospital, and other members of the Hospital Staff. Hino and **Helene Coello** recapped the process leading up to the con-



struction of the Diagnostic Imaging Center (DI Center). The new DI Center provides advanced medical equipment for the region, and was constructed in modular sections that helped speed-up the construction process. It was funded in part by a

\$5 million investment from UnitedHealth Group, which purchased the hospital's tax-exempt revenue bonds through the California Health Care Investment Program. Other supporters include individual donors, Mendocino Cast Hospital Foundation, and Toshiba. The state-of-the-art DI Center is an 8,000-square-foot facility that will provide the most ad-



vanced equipment in the region for CT scans, MRIs, bone density testing and mammography. The start of patient care in the Center is pending final state inspections expected before mid-June. Our walking tour of the DI Center took us to the new parking area for the Center, into the waiting room, and through the various imaging stations within the large building.



May 12: Rotarians Listen to Author Ginny Rorby

"A writer is a person who cares what words mean, what they say, how they say it. Writers know words are their way towards truth and freedom, and so they use them with care, with thought, with fear, with delight. By using words well they strengthen their souls. Story-tellers and poets spend their lives learning that skill and art of using words well. And their words make the souls of their readers stronger, brighter, deeper." ~ Ursula K. LeGuin

President-Elect Tom Honer convened the meeting, then welcomed his guests, **Gus Killean** and **Gary Hopper**, going on to also welcome guest Rotarian **Ladonna McDonald** from the Kapolei Sunset Club; **Ginny Rorby**, guest speaker; and **Bruce Fournier**, guest of Tom Hudson.



Bruce introduced new member **Kevin Williams** to the club, presenting him with his membership badge and pin. Kevin thanked his sponsor **Harold Hauck** for drawing him into the club.

President-Elect Tom announced that we were returning to the Hill House at the end of the month, and thanked

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Jamie Buckner for all of her work in providing a venue for our meetings.

Frank Englehardt presented a two-sapphire Paul Harris Fellow pin to **Tom Honer**. Frank indicated he would be sending out an email to every Rotarian on whether they had made their annual donation to the Foundation.



Author **Ginny Robby** was then introduced, and she told an entertaining story of her first efforts at becoming a writer. Ginny grew up in Winter Park, Florida, and became a stewardess with National Airlines, based in Miami. She ended that career many years later, deciding to work while returning to school, and graduated from the University of Miami with a dual major in Biology and English. She wrote her first story after finding a starving dog in London, so badly off that the veterinarian

needed to euthanize the animal. Her story written about that dog, *We Found Your Dog*, was published as an editorial in the newspaper in 1982, and that began her writing career. She knew she should be writing about animals, and her first novel was *Dolphin Sky*, released to much critical praise. In 1991, she received a Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from Florida International University. She then moved to the north coast of California where she has served as the president of the Mendocino Coast Audubon Society, president of the Point Cabrillo Lightkeepers Association, and a co-director of the annual Mendocino Coast Writers Conference. Her novels include *Dolphin Sky*, *Lost in the River of Grass*, *Hurt Go Happy*, and *Outside of a Horse*.



May 19: Susan Warner is Chairperson of the Day for a Program on Solar Energy

"And Lord, we're especially thankful for nuclear power, the cleanest safest energy source there is. Except for solar, which is just a pipe dream." ~ Homer Simpson

President Guenter welcomed members to our weekly luncheon and introduced our guests: **Fran Tucker**, guest of **Wilma**

Tucker; **Mei Lin Jackson**, guest of **Susan Weaver**; **Gary Hopper**, guest of **Tom Honer**; **Jennifer Bosma**, guest of **Tom Honer**; **Bruce Erickson**, guest speaker; and visting Rotarian **LaDonna McDonald**, from the Kapolei Sunset Club.

Bruce Lewis provided a membership moment, indicating five new members had been approved. He also pointed out that many of these newer members bring the energy and vitality of a new generation to our club. This comment segued into the new Fifth Avenue of Service, "New Generations" which was added by Rotary International one year ago. The Avenue of New Generations recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities,



community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

Susan Weaver introduced **Mei Lin Jackson**, our outbound Rotary exchange student heading for Argentina's District 4920. Mei Lin related her enjoyment of attending the recent District 5130 Convention in Reno, especially attending the Governor's Ball, where the GSE Team performed another rendition of the song, Suki-yaki, which was so poignantly sung at our joint meeting in Fort Bragg. She also enjoyed the community service project performed during the conference, painting walls and installing plumbing.

Other announcements included the good news that our District has raised \$144,000 since last year for a grand total of over \$400,000 towards the Gates Challenge for Polio Plus. We are in the top 6% of the world in terms of funding for polio eradication.

Brandt Stckel passed around the sign-up sheet for 2011-2012 speakers, and asked people to select a slot, even if they do not currently have a topic.

Ron Eich provided an update on the Art Auction and Raffle, and thanked people for signing up to

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work this important fundraiser for our club. The Auction will be held on October 1st at the Mendocino Art Center starting at 3:00. A reception will begin at 2:00. An invitation-only reception will be held the night before, and the preview week will begin Tuesday, September 27th.

Chairperson of the Day **Susan Warner** introduced **Bruce Erickson** of Mendocino Solar Service. Bruce's talk on solar energy explained that the shift to renewable energy is underway because (1) population growth, (2) depletion of historical energy supplies, and (3) pollution by historical energy.



Erickson provided some historical perspectives, telling us about the research into solar energy back in the 1800s. The earliest known record of the direct conversion of solar radiation into mechanical power belongs to Auguste Mouchout, a mathematics instructor at the Lyce de Tours. Mouchout began his solar work in 1860 after expressing grave concerns about his country's dependence on coal. "It would be prudent and wise not to fall asleep regarding this quasi-security," he wrote. "Eventually industry will no longer find in Europe the resources to satisfy its prodigious expansion. Coal will undoubtedly be used up. What will industry do then?" By the following year he was granted the first patent for a motor running on solar power and continued to improve his design until about 1880. Thomas Edison was also a believer in solar energy, and remarked to Henry Ford in 1931 that "I'd put my money on solar energy...I hope we don't have to wait till oil and coal run out before we tackle that."

The solar energy industry worldwide is worth billions of dollars, Erickson informed us. In the United States, California has about 40% of the solar market. The costs of solar energy and return on the investment, he said, vary being dependent on each individual's energy use—



people whose PG&E bills are in the hundreds of dollars per month see a much more rapid recovery of the investment than those whose energy use is already small. He passed around a newer, more efficient solar cell.

May 26: Tom Becker is Chairperson of the Day for program on the Wheelchair Project.

"It was physically difficult, adjusting to wheelchair life, but I remember a great relief and happiness that I was finally getting somewhere..." ~ Robert Wyatt

President Guenter Riegler convened the meeting, welcoming: **Jennifer Bosma** and **Gary Hopper**, guest of **Tom Honer**; **Bruce Fournier**, guest of **Tom Hudson**; and visiting Rotarian **LaDonna McDonald** of the Kapolei Sunset Club.

Susan Weaver read a letter from **Jone Lemos**, mother of Outbound Exchange Student, **Mei Lin Jackson**, thanking the club for the kindness and generosity and advising us that Mei Lin will be a great ambassador.

LaDonna McDonald reported that **Wilma Tucker** had a blood sugar problem when her pump malfunctioned. She fell and has a fracture of a disc. She will be taking visitors, but not phone calls yet.

Dean Watson presented the club with the new Paul Harris Fellow Banner with all badges matching.



There were several announcements. **President Guenter** announced that Festival of Brotherhood will be in October this year. Those interested must get their paperwork in soon. Members were informed in a Foundation moment that statements and personal contact will go out to those who have not yet donated this year to the Foundation. **Tom Honer** reminded us of the Board Retreat at his home June 4th from 2-4 PM. He handed out a list of Board Members and Committee Chairs for the 2011-2012 club year. **Brandt Stickel** announced that he is Program Chair for next year and needs sign ups.



Happy Dollars rolled in from **John Cottle** (going on 1/2 time retirement), **Tom Honer**, **Heather Paulson** and **Rich Brandis**. Speaker & Fine Master **Tom Becker** collected \$1.00 from each member, before beginning his presentation.

Tom Becker told us about The Wheel Chair Foundation. Wheel chairs are

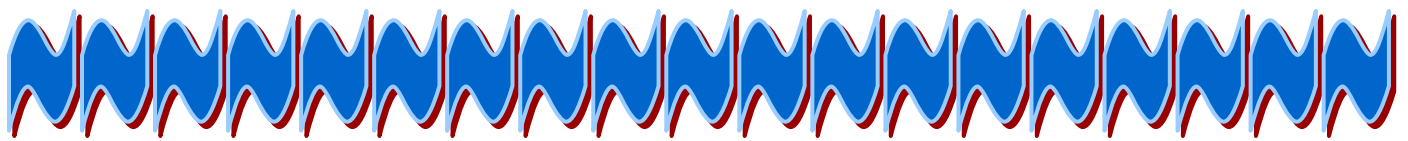
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purchased and delivered to those in need in the US and other countries. When the wheel chair is given to a handicapped person, a picture and brochure is provided to the doner. Various Rotary Clubs have participated in this program. There was a problem with the slide projector, but our resident “Rocket Scientist” **President Guenter** fixed it. Tom has personally given to The Wheel Chair Foundation himself. The benefit is immediately felt by the recipient as soon as the wheel chair is delivered, restoring mobility, a basic right. The Wheel Chair Foundation can be reached via their web site at www.wheelchairfoundation.org

[many thanks to Susan Weaver for the contents of this week’s luncheon summary]

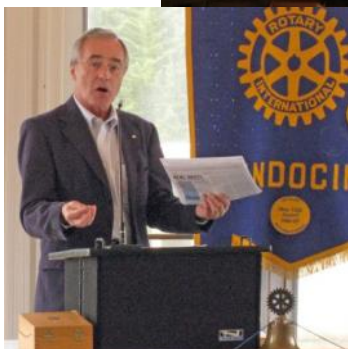
Did you know?

College of the Redwoods established a \$1000 Bernard Osher Foundation Scholarship for Mendocino Campus CR students, and is seeking contributions for another scholarship. Each dollar donated will be matched by the Osher Foundation, thus doubling the value. The donation will be helping our CRMC students today and in perpetuity. The deadline to reach the second goal is June 30th in order to give two scholarships per year. Contact **Barbara Rice** at 964-1410 or **Giesce Ly** at 962-2661 for information on how to contribute.



Debunking is rapidly approaching! Email your reservation and entrée choice to Dean Watson

(watsondmw@comcast.net)



Independence Day is Coming!
Join us for President Guenters’s Debunking

Tuesday, June 21st at the Ledford House
6pm with dinner served at 7pm

Tony and Lisa Greer are offering the culinary choices of:

- Filet Mignon with Cherry Zinfandel Sauce*
- Grilled Swordfish with Roast Pepernota*
- Eggplant Wellington*

Our evening will be an exclusive event at the Ledford House. If you have not signed up, please email your entire choice and the number of guests. Wine and appetizers will be included in the evening festivities. \$35 per person.

The End Is Near!

President Guenter is about to embark on his final mission

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Something you'd like to see in the newsletter? Just email the editor at warners9911cs.com and let her know.

Like the Photographs?

Most of the images are by **Guenter Riegler or Paul Selchau**, both of whom deserve a big thank you for all of the pictures over the years!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 21—Debunking at the Ledford House
- July 12—First Board meeting of the New Fiscal Year
- July-September: Raffle Tickets go on Sale
- August 28—Annual Golf Tournament at Little River Inn
- September 27-Sept 30—Art Auction Preview at the Mendocino Art Center
- October 1—Art Auction & Raffle at the Mendocino Art Center

A guy tells his psychiatrist, “I always have this weird dream at night. I am locked in a room with a door on which there is a sign. I try to push it with all my strength, but no matter how hard I try, it won’t budge.” The psychiatrist muses, “Interesting. But tell me what does the sign on the door say?” The guy replies, “It says ‘Pull’...”

HELP WANTED: NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED FOR THE COMING YEAR. THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE FOR MEMBERS TO HONE THEIR COMPUTER SKILLS WITH IMAGES AND LAYOUT. LET SUSAN WARNER OR TOM HONER KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED! MENTORING AVAILABLE.

MONTHLY CLUB ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Greeter	Collection Agent	Chairman of the Day	Speaker	Topic
June 2, 2011	Pam Hudson	Jerry Karabensh	Dean Watson	Barbara Rice Utpal Goswami Giesce Ly	College of the Rdwoods
June 9, 2011	Bruce Lewis	Matt O'Halloran	Guenter Riegler	Nancy Kleiber	Mendocino Music Festival
June 16, 2011	Heather Paulsen	Bill Masterson	Tom Honer	Tom Honer	State of the Club Address
June 23, 2011	DARK	DARK	DARK		Debunking – Tuesday June 21
June 30, 2011	Susan Waever	Erich Schmid	Dean Watson	Carolyn Cathey	Mendocino Area Parks Association

NEW ASSIGNMENTS COMING JULY 1ST!

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