



THE MENDOCINO ROTARY VIEW



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Weekly Meeting Highlights

October 7: District Governor Jim Flamson Visits Club

"Let the slogan this year be Make Rotary Effective. Where it exists, make its influence felt. Where it does not exist, if possible, extend it. Let courtesy abound, widen acquaintance, intensify friendships, and put the program over in every club." ~Harry H. Rogers, a lawyer from the Rotary Club of San Antonio, Texas, who served as Rotary International's 16th President, Address to 1927 Rotary Convention, Ostend, Belgium

President Guenter Riegler opened the meeting and welcomed many guests including **Earl Meyers** of the Willits Club, **Kathy and Jim Flamson** (District Governor) of the Calistoga Club, **Frank Ortiz** of the Santa Maria Breakfast Club, and **Robert Muro** guest of **Tom Hudson**.



President Guenter introduced **Tom Hudson**, who presented the "Who Am I?" segment, informing us that he was between 40 and 100, and was born in Illinois, where he told us he was reared as a "citified farm boy" in Champaign near Urbana, then

moving to San Bernardino. After attending college and law school in Northern California, he returned to San Bernardino, where he practiced law for many years. He also practiced law in Ontario and Santa Barbara, before moving to the Mendocino area. He married **Pam Hudson** in 1985, and between them they have six children.

Everyone was wearing their Rotary pin, and **President Guenter** happily paid \$50, after which Happy Dollars flowed furiously.

Susan Warner and **Ron Eich** gave a brief update on the Art Auction plans for the upcoming weekend.



President Guenter turned the meeting over to **Earl Myers**, Rotarian and Past President of the Willits Club, and assistant District Governor. Earl introduced District Governor **Jim Flam-**

Earl Myers, Willits Club

son. Both DG Jim and his wife Kathy are past presidents of the Calistoga Club. DG Jim talked about the training he had taken where the students recognized "generators" (or those with energy to move projects forward) among themselves. He then indicated he wanted to present a pin symbolic of being a similar generator within the Mendocino Club and presented a lightning bolt pin to **Susan Warner** for her work in the Club. He explained more about the training District Governor-elect's receive, and spoke of his enjoyment in meeting with Rotary President Ray Klingensmith (and his wife Judy) who challenged the DGs to make the clubs bigger, better, and bolder. Toward that end, DG Jim told us about the Calistoga Club's Green Plus program, which is introduced on their website as follows: *"With the complete eradication of polio in clear view, we believe that GreenPlusSM should replace Polio Plus as Rotary International's next big world challenge. Of all of the world's significant challenges, the rising level of CO2 emissions and its impact on climate change is, indeed, the world's most serious problem of all—and one that we can do something about!"*



What governments can't seem to do, a million Rotarians in 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries can work at the grass-roots level in their own homes, clubs and communities to achieve. This simply must happen, and who better than Rotary International to be among the leaders in the world in this effort."

DG Jim encouraged our club members to find our own way to make our club bigger, better and bolder.

October 14: Roger Schwartz is Chairman of the Day for Program with Connie Korbel, Reporter

"I became a journalist to come as close as possible to the heart of the world." ~ Henry R. Luce, 1898-1967

Acting-President (and Past President) Dean Watson filled in for absent Guenter Riegler, and welcomed club members to the weekly luncheon, and introduced guests: **Shirley Watson**, guest of **Dean Watson**; **John Cinnamon**, visiting Rotarian from Fort Bragg and his bride **Susan Makovkin**; **Ruth Sparks** guest of **Joe Sparks**; **Chris Reeve** guest of visiting Rotarian **Peter Reeve** from

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an Australian club east of Melbourne; **Wheatley Allen**, guest of **Tom Honer**; and **Al Statz**, visiting Rotarian from the Sunrise Club of Petaluma.

Pam Hudson presented the “Who Am I” segment for the day, telling us of her passion as an equestrian, achieving the riding level just below Grand Prix. In her career, Pam has been a court recorder, then mortgage broker, now real estate agent, and happily spoke of being a mother and grandmother.



Tom Horner displayed the exquisite bronze curlew statue remaining from the Art Auction, donated by noted artist **H. Wheatley Allen** who graciously dropped the opening bid to \$1000 to help our Rotary club, and **Bill Masterson** snapped up the beautiful artwork. We are very thankful to Wheatley for his tremendous generosity, as the bronze had recently sold for over \$7000.

Frank Engelhardt provided a Foundation Moment. He reported that we had raised \$1000 for the Foundation for Polio Plus at our Art Auction in the fund-for-polio eradication special bidding. He also recognized **Susan Cimmiyotti**, a generous Rotarian whose Panache Gallery had donated the exquisite “Purple Swordfish” glass piece and the lovely gold bracelet as raffle pieces, plus allowed twelve artworks from her gallery to be in the auction.

Ruth Sparks informed Rotarians that the rocks off our coastline had been designated as a National Monument, and asked us to tell her our favorite spot to view these beautiful National treasures.

Roger Schwartz introduced **Connie Korbel**, reporter for the *Mendocino Beacon* and related papers, who told us about being a reporter and serving as the eyes and ears for the public. She lamented the rudeness now evident in the public process, but relished her role researching the facts, tracing down “ugly rumors,” and nudging government to be more open. She detailed several stories where her reporter’s digging of the facts had revealed fraud or misuse of the public processes, and encouraged everyone to “pay attention.”



October 21: Tom Hudson is Chairman of the Day on Mendocino Schools

“Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.” ~ Chinese Proverb



President Guenter opened the meeting, welcoming members in attendance, and introduced **John Cinnamon** from the Fort Bragg Club, and **Dave Miller** our guest speaker.

Bruce Lewis was featured in the “Who Am I” segment, informing us that he had an unusual early family life. He covered police and fire in public relations in his early career, and enjoys photography and backpacking, while currently doing public relations for the Hospital and Chamber of Commerce, among others.

Roger Schwartz presented an update on the proceeds from our annual auction, indicating that last year our net had been \$22,350, and this year our preliminary net was \$24,800, despite the economy but mainly due to the effort in reducing expenses.

Tom Hudson introduced our guest speaker, **Dave Miller** who replaced **Catherine Stone** as the Superintendent of the Mendocino Unified School District. Miller provided handouts on the areas of expenditures and cutbacks for the school district, and emphasized that the high school students are well prepared for 4-year colleges. He also indicated that good teachers are doing good things across the school, including early intervention with students who may be struggling. He indicated that the solar panels on the new school are producing, and that these plus the weather station will be used as a teaching tool.



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October 28: Interact Club Runs Meeting

"Take the attitude of a student, never be too big to ask questions, never know too much to learn something new." ~ Og Mandino quotes, 1923-1996

President Guenter welcomed Rotarians to their weekly meeting then turned the meeting over to Interact **President Vince Longo**, who introduced the remaining guests including **Elise Boyle, Gail Dickerson**, club guests; **Ruth Sparks** guest of **Joe Sparks**; **Elizabeth Warner**, guest of **Susan Warner**.



Fun Times with Interact Students and Guests

After a story by **Joe Sparks** involving engineering tests and chickens (thawed and unthawed), each Rotarian sponsor introduced the Interact student attending for the day:

Vince Longo, Interact President, who is interested in sports and sportscasting.

Matt Winslow, Interact Vice President, interested in environmental studies and hoping to attend college in Southern California.

Fiona Fleming, interested in psychology and currently Junior Class Secretary.

Shannon Dobbins, who has spent time in Hawaii.

Kristin Hock, bowls, and is interested in travelling.

Paul Hollister, lifelong resident of Comptche who is interested in math and engineering.

Billy Jones, plays soccer and hopes to attend college in Oregon to specialize in physical therapy

Nathan Miktnick, who has lived in Costa Rica and is fluent in Spanish.

Justin Garcia, Interact Treasurer who is interested



Rotarians enjoyed conversations with Interactors above and below



in a medical career

Drew Duncan, who swims, plays basketball, and is an avid reader.

Sam Fish, who is interested in computer generated graphics and hopes to attend college at San Jose State or in San Francisco.

Giacomo Zacchia, is a senior, and plans on attending college after graduation.

Mei Lin Jackson, who is a writer and athlete, and currently President of the Sophomore Class.

Jacob Garcia, is currently a sophomore

Haley Lacey, attends Mendocino High School

Lilia Zacchia, attends Mendocino High School and enjoys choir.

In a Foundation Moment, **Frank Engelhardt** updated the club on our outstanding Polio Plus contributions. He

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also informed us that Interact has almost 200,000 students involved worldwide.

The questions the Interact Officers, shown below, gave our members were tough ones, and all had a good time struggling with the answers.



Interact: 20,000 strong and growing!

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E. John Robinson Art Auction and Raffle Annual Event is a Success

Preview week for the 39th annual Art Auction and Raffle began October 2nd at the Mendocino Art Center, and everyone who passed through the gallery was impressed with the lovely art works skillfully hung under the direction of Janis Porter. In addition to the seven raffle artworks displayed, sixty-three other art pieces were effectively displayed, including five by this year's featured artist, George Rohrer. His donated *Moonlit Sea*, which ultimately would become the year's highest bid winner, was beautifully displayed and lit, causing many to stop and admire the lovely work.



At the auction, Jerry Karabensh, left, again served as our jaunty auctioneer, aided on the stage by Bob Rhoades (shown below describing Daniel Barrett's *Blush Before Dawn*) whose insightful information about each art piece

was greatly appreciated by the audience. Attendees frequently remarked that they learned a great deal listening to Rhoades, and his knowledge was easily conveyed to both those who knowledgeable about art as well as those who were novices. With over sixty pieces of art to



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describe, Rhoades was exemplary.

The economy affected both raffle ticket and auction art sales without question. Fewer raffle tickets were sold this year compared to last. Although wonderful art was consigned as well as donated, about 44% of the art did not sell, with less than 10% selling if it was priced over \$1000 as the opening bid. The bulk of the sold art was where the opening bid was less than \$500



None-the-less, the proceeds from raffle and art sales were welcome. The raffle sales were slightly under last year's effort: \$20533 this year compared to \$21664 last year. Auction sales were \$18393 this year compared to \$26650 last year. These figures are all preliminary, and minor refinements are expected, but the good news is that our net was slightly better than last year due to reduced expenses (which include printing, advertising, and artists' commissions). Our net this year is about \$25000, about \$1500 more than last year, including \$1000 raised for Polio Plus alone.



Many thanks to Jerry Karabensh, Ron Eich, Susan Warner, John Porter (and Janis), Don Hill, Guenter Riegler, Dean Watson, Roger Schwartz, Erich Schmid, Ericha Sevy, Frank Engelhardt, Bill Masterson, Susan Weaver, Jaime Buckner, Susan Cimmiyotti, Tom Honer, Pam Hudson, Tom Becker, Tom Hudson, Mike Kelley, John Cottle, Rich Brandes, John Innes, Matt O'Hallaron, Kathleen Rzeplinski, Erich Schmid, and other Rotarians who helped out so much before and during the art raffle and auction event (and forgive any omissions of names). Of course, special thanks to the staff of the Mendocino Art Center!

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District Governor Attends Joint Fort Bragg-Mendocino Rotary Club Dinner at the Aquatic Center n October 6th



On October 6, the Fort Bragg and Mendocino Rotary Clubs held a joint dinner event with the Rotary District 5130 Governor Jim Flamson, whose Calistoga Club is “Going green” (pictured at right from an early event describing the club’s program). The joint dinner was held at the Starr Aquatic Center in Fort Bragg, and the event was well attended by both clubs.



Website Monthly Reminder

Check out www.mendocinorotary.org. Our newsletters (past and current) are posted on the site, as is information about upcoming events and activities. Our new web site is full of useful information, from the club roster of members with telephone numbers and email addresses (password protected), to the schedule of greeters and collection agents, and more. See who is speaking this week at our Club. Find out when upcoming events are scheduled.

Need help? Just ask Bruce Lewis or Susan Warner for an easy tutorial.



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Don't forget your Annual Program Fund contribution of FY 2010-2011. The mission of the Annual Programs Fund mirrors that of The Rotary Foundation: to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty

What did the nuclear physicist have for lunch?

Fission chips.

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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 or Paul Selchau**, both of whom deserve a big thank you!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 13, 2010—Foundation Dinner, North, In-gomar Club, Eureka

May 6-8, 2011—District 5130 Conference in Reno

May 21-25, 2011—Rotary International Conference in New Orleans

Puzzle of the Month:

Mark says, "The horse is not Black."
 Sam says, "The horse is either Brown or Grey."
 Andy says, "The horse is Brown."

At least one is telling truth and at least one is lying.

Can you tell the color of the horse?

[Analysis upside down in next column]

The color of the horse can be any color other than Black and Brown. If the color of the horse is Black - all are lying. If the color of the horse is Brown - all are telling truth. Thus, the horse is neither Black nor Brown. If the color of the horse is Grey - Mark and Sam are telling truth whereas Andy is lying. If the color of the horse is other than Black, Brown and Grey - Mark is telling truth whereas Sam and Andy are lying. You must have noticed that for the given conditions, Mark is always telling truth whereas Andy is always lying.

UPCOMING CLUB ASSIGNMENTS

Date	Chairperson of the Day	Speaker
11/4/2010	Jerry Karabensh	Karabensh: Immunizations & Your Health
11/11/2010	Mike Kelley	Kelley: Mendocino Community Services District
11/18/2010	Bruce Lewis	Dave Turner: Making Millions Online—Flobeds Founder and FB Rotarian Tells
11/25/2010	DARK	DARK
12/2/2010	Bruce Lewis	Dr. Neil Nathan M.D. : Are you sick and tired of being sick and tired?
12/9/2010	Pending	Pending
12/16/2010	Pending	Christmas Program
12/23/2010	DARK	DARK
12/30/2010	DARK	DARK

Note: The Greeter and Collection Agent schedule was unavailable at the time of publication and a separate posting will be prepared.

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