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ROTARY MEETING GSE TEAM FROM ICELAND 2002

Greeter: Chris Sellers
Invocation: Carl Reinhardt
Flag Salute: Del Foster

Special thanks to Wayne Goulding for ordering the cake and to Bob Samaniego and Bob Fisher for doing the we care anniversaries and birthdays.

Visiting Rotarians:

Watsonville
David Haibryton

Gilroy:
Chris Vanni
Larry Connell

Guests:

Deborah Baker, Ann Brogan, Kathleen Masner,
James Brogan, Tracy Newquist, Nancy Foster; Lange Bach,
Dr. Michael Lacerda

BOARD MEETING

Board meeting scheduled for April 18 at 7:00 a.m. at Al Chew's place.

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations goes to Rebecca Brogan of El Toro School. She is a sixth grader who enjoys being captain of the student patrol; playing the flute, piano, and, of course, a variety of sports. She is a budding magician as well.

As she thanked everyone, including the large crowd of family and teacher supporters, she reminded us that "we were causing a honor student to miss science!"

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Community Service
Relay for Life!

Community Service:

Run for Life Campaign - Ken Fels is having a committee contact each member for a donation to the Cancer Society Relay event to be held on April 27 & 28.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please send corrections or new ones attention to Del Foster. This way you'll receive this newsletter in a timely fashion—which means whenever the newsletter team can get it out!

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE

You are all invited to attend this special meeting of the District 5170 World Community Service committee.

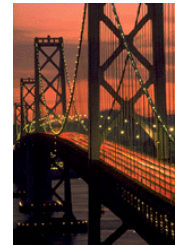
Date: May 10th

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Golden Oak Restaurant

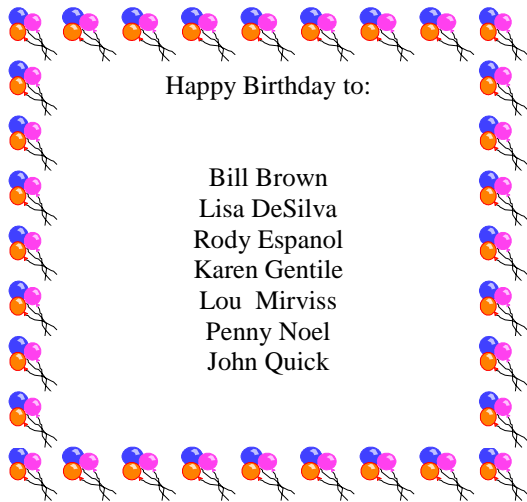
Cost: \$25 apx

RSVP: Peter Anderson, World Community Service Area Director



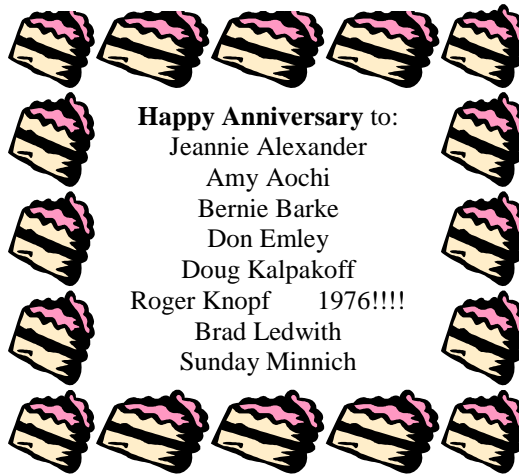
Service: Building Bridges for our future...

BIRTHDAYS AND CLUB ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Birthday to:

- Bill Brown
- Lisa DeSilva
- Rody Espanol
- Karen Gentile
- Lou Mirviss
- Penny Noel
- John Quick



Happy Anniversary to:

- Jeannie Alexander
- Amy Aochi
- Bernie Barke
- Don Emley
- Doug Kalpakoff
- Roger Knopf 1976!!!!
- Brad Ledwith
- Sunday Minnich

Announcements

Steve Tate has called a Golf Tournament meeting following the regular meeting on April 24, 2002. Everyone is invited!



Golf Tournament Meeting immediately following regular meeting of 4/24

PROGRAM: GSE TEAM FROM ICELAND 2002

Bob Samaniego introduced the Group Study Exchange team from Iceland who treated the full house to a wonderful show that gave us a taste of life in Iceland. Sigrun Palsdottir, Eyrun Ingadottir, Hlin Kristin Thorkelsdottir, Ragna Hreinsdottir, and Brynja Sigridur Blomsterberg all provided wonderful insights into their world.

Combined, the five ladies have 8 children, seven of which are girls. Cards were distributed that provided a group photo with some personal information on the other side. An interesting fact we found out quickly is with the names. Palsdottir: *Pals* is the father's name, and *Dottir* means daughter of. Listed in the phone book by first name!

Iceland likes to consider itself a modern European country and is the second largest island in Europe. Think of it in terms of the size of Kentucky! 280,000 population. Mountain interior and many glaciers. Home of the most active volcanoes in the world. Also has its share of earthquakes.

The weather consists of lots of rain, and sometimes changes every 5 minutes. Some days there is only 3-5 hours of daylight and many enjoy the midnight sun in the summertime.

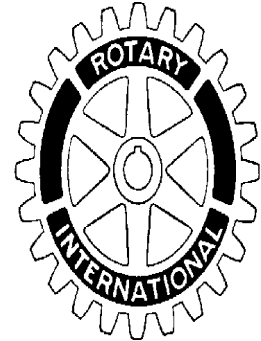
The heritage of the country stems from the

Vikings, from which they say brought the most beautiful women! 1944 the country became a republic. Service and industry are their biggest economic areas but the whales are becoming a popular tourist attraction, especially with the arrival of Free Willy aka Keiko. They are finding that he is not adapting well to the wild and may have to live permanently in captivity. Last year they had 300,000 tourists, more than the current population.

Iceland is a big supporter of hydro/geothermal energy and rely on natural resources. They have no oil or gas, but lots of water, as you can imagine. Pools are located outdoors (heated), with spas as popular meeting spots.

Iceland's health system is funded through the state so there are no hospital bills to worry about. But you do have to worry about elves. Rocks are untouched in the middle of roads and paths because it is believed that these are the homes of the local elves.

Special thanks to Wayne Goulding for contributing to this article.



SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS GARY RICHARDS, MR ROADSHOW

Gary was the second program of the day and followed the five ladies in roadstride! He has been writing the column for 11 years and still loves it.

He used to be a sports writer in Iowa before coming to the San Jose Mercury News family. The idea for the column started with attending a few public transportation meetings and reporting on them. Next was the brave step to open phone lines, which the editor anticipated would die out in a month.

On the first day, 80 calls were received and it hasn't slowed since, except now email is the preferred communication tool. He opened his email last week and had 1,732 emails waiting for his attention!

101 used to be the hot topic prior to 680 opening up. But now the commute is creeping up again

A 34% increase over the prior year.

Did you know that 87 is sinking? Motorists are complaining about bumping their heads and there are no speed bumps. The current repair bill is \$21 million.

Local sales tax has been the lifeblood of providing funds to move some of the transportation projects forward. In 1996 local voters approved a sales tax to widen 101, which we are finally seeing construction taking place. This will include the first carpool ramp.

Next controversy? The idea floating around to make Santa Teresa an expressway for commuters— Gilroy says yes, Morgan Hill says no.

Gary opened his email last week and had 1,732 emails relating to transportation issues.