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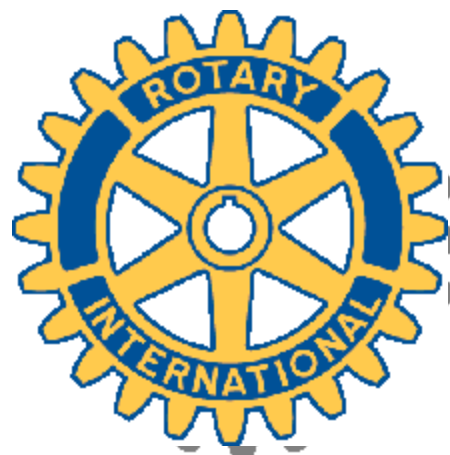
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MORGAN HILL ROTARIAN



Rotary Meeting August 13, 2003

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Steve Tate Thanks Wayne Goulding:

Wayne Goulding was the past editor of this fine newsletter and Steve thanked Wayne for his time and stepping up to the plate some month's ago giving Julie Spier a break from her great job as original designer and editor of the newsletter. Thank you both!

Announcements:

Lou Mirviss:

Announced two more sponsors for the Golf Tournament, they are Erica Gabor and Scott Smith.

Dennis Kennedy:

Save this day, August 23rd for the ground breaking ceremony of Morgan Hills new Aquatic Center. Times are 11 AM to 7 PM.

Carl Reinhart:

Rotary Motorcycle Club is having an outing on September 5, 6,

7th, call Carl for details. I didn't know Morgan Hill Rotary had a motorcycle club!!!!

Peter Anderson:

Awarded Steve Tate with a banner from Peter's brother who was the past president in Massachusetts.

Suggestions & Comments:

Please email any suggestions or comments to the Editor or Elise Alexander, reporter.

Visiting Rotarians:

Rick Gillis

Guests of Rotarians:

Dana Ditmore (Jerry Pyle)
Scott Smith (Lou Mirviss)
Sofia Lacerda (Mike Lacerda)
Heather Lacerda (Mike Lacerda)
Brendan Quick (John Quick)

Greeter:

Chris Sellers

Editors Note:

I am looking for one or two more reporters. The job is not difficult, it entails taking notes on one aspect of the Rotary meeting. For example; Announcements, or Fines, or Greeter, Guests, Flag Salute and Thought for the Day, or Program Highlight. Then take as much inspiring notes as possible and email them to me within a couple of days at the most. Many hands make wonderful deeds. If interested, please email or call me. Gino Borgioli

President Steve says “all members need to be engaged, active and happy..”

“Serve with a Smile”

Rotary International President Jonathan Majiyagbe’s Theme is

“LEND A HAND”

Sheriff Ramona Fines for trivia questions!

Mindy Cabral missed the trivia question and paid \$10

and still was fined \$10

Dell Foster missed the trivia question and paid \$10 for missing the colors on Campbell Soups cans.

David Bischoff missed the trivia question and paid \$10, he didn’t know one of the snow white dwarfs.

Lee Olson missed the trivia question and paid \$10 for missing how many matches are in a match book.

Dennis Kennedy, our great Mayor, couldn’t answer what numbers on a telephone that do not appear, he was fined \$10.

Dick Peterson answered the question about the top color of the American Flag but ruthless Ramona fined him \$10 anyway

Eric Hilding missed the trivia question and paid \$10 for not knowing what letters are on telephone.

Al Chew answered correctly how many Hot Dog Buns are in a bag

Russ Danielson also was fined along with our new member.

Be nice to Ramona!!



World Community Service Update by Peter Anderson

Projects that are underway currently are Polio Eradication (\$24K), Bolivian, and Medical Equipment Projects. Also school supplies valued at \$2500 for children of Calete Olivia.

Anderson reported that community Service is the rewarding experience of Rotarians. That your ability to visit other clubs here and abroad is unforgettable just ask Bernie Barke.

Anderson also introduced his team: Bob Foster, Elizabeth Perrier, Arlene Greenberg, Russ Danielson, Lou Mirviss, Sherry Hemmingway, Bob Brentnall and David Bischoff

This Weeks Programs Highlight

Russ Danielson introduces Dr. Michel Rondeau, CEO and President of VALDOR Fiber Optics.

In 1969, Dr. Rondeau came to the U.S.A. and earned his B.A. and M.A. in Science (Math) and worked at Bell Labs in New Jersey.

Russ spoke on being on the Cutting Edge of Technology is U.S. mainstay and Dr. Rondeau is the edge. In 1969, Dr. Rondeau came to San Jose and in 1971 got married to Becky his wife. On their honeymoon, I believe he said that he caught a 400lb. Blue Marlin.

Dr. Rondeau has a daughter who went to Cupertino Schools and Berkeley College and she is presently working at Google, the search engine co.

Dr. Rondeau taught as a graduate student at SJSU and Michigan State. In 1970 he started working at Bell Labs in the newly formed Fiber Optics group specializing in under water optics which was very challenging at that time. Although Fiber Optics are small the Repeaters where too large.

Dr. Rondeau came up with a breakthrough which has to do with pressure in pipes. Dr. Rondeau feels that a background in Science forces one to think things out!

Dr. Rondeau spent the next 10 years designing systems then decided to go back to California. He moved into his first home, a 1000 sq. ft. home. Dr. Rondeau feels the advantages of fiber and light optics that the signal goes farther for longer periods of time than with wire. But one challenge was the connector on the Fiber Optics was glued on and caused problems. Dr. Rondeau developed a tool to attach Fiber Optics to the connector without glue and with high quality. After this breakthrough, Dr. Rondeau went to Venture Capital to procure funding. The Military even had a need for field repair so Dr. Rondeau developed a partnership with the VC firm. Dr. Rondeau also realized the need to outsource internationally to keep up with demand and product.

Instead of borrowing more money from the VC firm, he went public and raised money that way. The IPO stock price went from \$.30 to \$14.00. Dr. Rondeau decided to buy another company and then in 2001, after 911 especially, his company went from 1.5 billion to 500 million. He survived the rough years and was able to reduce the cost of Fiber technology by 66%.

Thank you Dr. Rondeau for an insight to technology from a master.