

MORGAN HILL ROTARY ROTARIAN

2004 Club Newsletter

Week of February 18, 2004



Looking Ahead:

Up-coming key dates:

- March 6th is workday at the Buddhist Temple.
- Nonperishable foods are needed by March 3rd. Bring your donations to the meetings by this date.
- March 16th through the 18th is the District Conference at the Double Tree Inn in San Jose.

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How you can help!

- Bring a guest to the Rotary meeting. Two free guest lunches per year per Rotarian!
- Arlene Greenberg announced a potluck on 2/21. This event is hosted by members in their homes, and the attending members and spouses/significant others bring the food. We need your HOMES!!
- Bob Fischer needs stories, I know you all can tell about how Rotary affected you, give Bob a call!
- Save your White Elephant Items for the Auction on May 12th, Call Bob Moulthrop for info.

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. (Preferably within a day).

Many hands make wonderful deeds.

If interested, please email or sign up at our meetings.

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



Sheriff Bob Fisher fines for Rules for Men!!

All fines are \$10.00 unless noted differently!

- Carol Spence Carr.—leave the toilet seat up
- Susan S.—for Sunday sports day
- Laura P.—shopping is not a sport
- Lou M.—crying is blackmail
- Sunday M.—just ask for what you want
- Marilyn L.—yes and no answers are acceptable
- Janie K.—come to us to solve problems

Announcements:

SAVE THIS DATE!

- Bob Moulthrop announced the White Elephant auction 5/12 in the evening at the Jackson Oaks Club House for Rotarians and spouses/significant others. We'll be dark that day, allowing everyone to attend the Chamber business expo at lunch time! Bob needs help organizing the event, so give him a call and start thinking about what "treasures" you can bear to part with.
- Arlene Greenberg announced a potluck on 2/21. This event is hosted by members in their homes, and the attending members and spouses/significant others bring the food. This has been a tremendously fun event in the past so really encourage you to get signed up, immediate need is for host locations so let Arlene know if you can host!
- If you signed up for the Holiday Party (whether or not you attended), you need to pay Ken if you haven't already.
- Bob Fischer needs the story I know you all can tell about how Rotary affected you, give Bob a call! PLEASE!!!!

Last Weeks Programs

PROGRAM:

There are four local issues, three of which are presented for discussion today.

- Measure A Countywide xxx problem.
- Measure B Library continuation tax
- Measure C Update Morgan Hill Growth Control Initiative
- Measure E Gavilan College Facilities Bond

Measure B, Library Continuation Tax, presented by Melinda Cervantes

Importance of the Library:

You know of the child who cannot wait, Of the Student who is thirsty for knowledge, The Adult who is going back to school, Of the Older Adult who is free to read and travel. The Public Library is important and need your help to keep the library open.

Measure B is a continuation of the Parcel Tax.

As a homeowner, you are currently paying approximately \$33.60 per year. This new Measure would increase this tax by \$8.34 per year to about \$42 per year. (This amount differs with over -40-acre parcels of property; and some other exceptions. For details, contact Santa Clara County Library on their web site.) This Measure expires in 7 years. Measure B requires 2/3 passage.

The money we would receive comes back directly to our local community, not to other libraries in the county.

Morgan Hill Times and the Dispatch support Measure B. The money received would be spent on Operating Budget only – not on buildings, construction. The money would be used for books, technology, strong programs and services, retaining knowledgeable staff.

Santa Clara County Library system has received the highest ratings in the last 3 years. The criteria for rating is based upon the books on the shelves, the efficiency of the technology in place, the strength of local services and programs, and the knowledge of the staff. This rating is a reflection of the support our local communities have provided. Measure B asks for continued support.

Measure C, Growth Control Initiative presented by Dave Bischoff

Growth Control started in MH in 1977, Measure E Extended, modified by Measure P in 1990. In effect until 2010.

Measure C would update/modify Measure P and extends growth control until 2020.

Identified a need to update the growth control initiative:

- The City's General Plan has recently been updated to 2020;
- The City's Downtown Plan recommends more housing than current Measure P;
- The east west split needs to be addressed;
- The calculation of the number of homes built in one year needs to be addressed.

So, a 16-member committee was formed. Some of our Rotarians served on this committee – Steve Tate, Chair, Scott Schilling, Charles Weston.

Last Weeks Program continued:

Committee met for 9 months, evaluating each of the amendments, surveying the community, holding community workshops.

The result of this committee's work is embodied in the 7 amendments in Measure C.

The MH Times, Dispatch, Pinnacle, San Jose Mercury News support Measure C.

The 7 amendments are:

- Extend residential growth from 2010 to 2020.
- Eliminate the required distribution of permits, but encourage residential development downtown.
- Encourage Downtown development.
- Facilitate mixed-use projects: business on bottom floor, housing on top floor(s).
- Encourage development in central "core" of City.
- Eliminate obstacles to annexation of areas currently receiving city services.
- Revise the formula for the number of new homes that can be built annually, intended to permit a more steady growth and avoid spurts of growth.
- Strengthen requirement of property owners to provide improvements as a condition of being included within the Urban Service Area.
- Modify the point system to reflect the community's goals and needs – increase number of points required for Safety and Security, reduce incentive to develop environmentally sensitive properties, encourage infill development, proximity to transit, pedestrian use, mixed use.
- Comply with recent changes in State law – prohibiting the City from adopting a moratorium based on inadequate school facilities.

Increase the minimum passing score for permit eligibility from 125 to 150 points.

Measure E, Gavilan College Facilities Bond, presented by Steve Kinsela , President Gavilan College

Classrooms over 35 years old, Labs, lecture halls overcrowded, Local demand continues to rise.

Solution: renovation of the main campus, Replace pipes and power lines, Improve outdated library, Replace boilers, Wiring, Plumbing, Install fire safety equipment, Provide disabled access

Measure intended to address the most urgent Student safety needs.

In preparation, need campus planning work, held community advisory groups. The conclusion was to expand capacity of current campus. Future is to address expansion off-campus in Morgan Hill, San Benito County. (1972 – 1200 students/ Today – 6000+ students!)

Why Now?

Last Weeks Program continued:

Facility problems are getting worse to the point of intolerable. Had three major infrastructure problems just within the last year. It will be more expensive in the future.

Measure requires 55% voter approval.

Provides \$108M, which includes an Oversight Committee to monitor expenses. This is a facilities bond, which cannot be used for salaries or anything else. Only capital projects. All dollars stay locally.

Benefits:

Local residents receive quality, affordable education and job training.

Gavilan trains nurses and police officers who go to work in our community.

The State University system now has capped enrollment and their costs are rising. The Community College is excellent choice.

Want to Help?

Volunteer for the phone banks, Obtain and display a lawn sign, Donate to the campaign, Vote on 3/2. Yes on Measure E.

News and Views

The Lunch Program

At our January 21st meeting, a new program was announced that will allow you to bring a couple of guests to lunch during the year without charging you for their lunch. So there is such a thing as a free lunch!

This program is meant to encourage you to expose friends and acquaintances to the Morgan Hill Rotary Club. By exposing them to our Club, we hope to generate interest that could lead to their joining our Club as members. It is not being billed as a "potential member" program because there should not be any pressure put on them or felt by you that we are pressing for new members. If they come and enjoy the experience and express interest, we would like you to follow through – either by volunteering to sponsor them yourself or by referring their interest to the Membership Committee to pursue.

The program is to expose people to Morgan Hill Rotary who are unfamiliar with it, so bringing family members, visiting or past Rotarians, or others that you already know are not able to even consider membership at this time is inappropriate. Please make sure you use this program in the intended spirit.

You are also encouraged to bring people who are supportive of Morgan Hill Rotary to lunch as "guests of the Club". You do not have to use the lunch program to reward supporters who deserve our recognition and acknowledgement. You are asked to secure the Club president's approval for "guests of the Club" that you would like to host.

One last note on the lunch program, we want all of you to use the program over the next several months. There will be some that will exhaust "a couple" of lunches and still have people they would like to bring, and that will be supported, just clear it with the Club president. Thanks for your support!

Looking Ahead # 2

Mark Your Calendar

Mar. 6 – Work Day: Buddhist Temple Beautification

April 21 – District Conference, San Jose Doubletree

May 12 – White Elephant Auction– Clean out the attic

May 22 – Family picnic with Gilroy, Hollister & San Juan Bautista Rotaries

May 26 – Work Day: Morgan Hill Beautification

Tid Bit from or about Rotarians

- **Note: To get a Tid Bit about your favorite Rotarian in this newsletter, Email to the following: James.Borgioli@E-HPS.COM (In Confidence of Course)**

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President-elect: John Tarvin
Past President: Scott Schilling
Secretary: Kevin McGinty
Treasurer: Ken Fels
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Wayne Goulding

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Youth Service Vocational Services:
Carl Reinhardt/Chris Sellers

International Service: Peter Anderson

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Board President: Dan Gregg

District 5170 Governor

Don Allen

Assistant District Governor Area 6

Ric Heinzen (Gilroy)

Websites:

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Comments from our President:

- Challenging Invitation, May 22nd at 3PM, a picnic hosted by the Gilroy Club.
- May 22nd, Relay for Life
- Thank you to Custom Creations for the great job on our group picture! All proceeds from the sale of the pictures goes to Polio Plus!
- We received our COG Grant funds of \$1283 to support Hometown Holidays.
- **NOTE:** Feb. 11th's newsletter did not go out, sorry for any inconvenience!

Coming Up in February

Feb. 25 – Program: Hoover Institution

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Topics for January meetings :

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Mar. 6 – Work Day: Buddhist Temple Beautification

March 3 - Laura Perry - "Climbing Argentina's Aconcagua Mountain"

March 10 - Area 6 Speech Contest - Finalists from Morgan Hill, Gilroy, Hollister and San Juan Bautista

March 17
Metcalf Plant: Air Pollution Potential, Part 2
Michael Argentine, Calpine Corporation

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Visiting Rotarians:

Sean Simonsen (Cedar Park, TX)

Cris Jalinson (San Jose East)

Charlene Tsao (Milpitas)

Olivia Halley (Hollister)

Thought of the day:

Bill B.

Flag Salute:

Doug K.

Greeter:

Jim J.

Guests of Rotarians:

Bruce Cumming (Steve Schwab)

Marilyn Kesh (Carol Spence Carr)

Yasaman Khadivi (The Club)