

# MORGAN HILL ROTARY ROTARIAN

2004 Club Newsletter

Week of August 04, 2004



## Looking Ahead:

### Up-coming key dates/ Key information:

- August 14th is Day at the A's as sponsored by the District. Please see Jane Morrison or Arlene Greenberg for tickets and information.
- Our annual Golf event in October. Flyers were given out at the meeting. Sponsorships available. See Gino, Ramona, Lou or Kevin.
- Movie night, Sept 14th.
- Fellowship Event - Friday, August 20th San Jose Giants vs. Visalia Oaks. San Jose Municipal Stadium. \$15 including BBQ dinner. Dinner at 6pm. Game at 7pm. See Marilyn Librers to sign up.
- Access the web site and find out under 'What's New' all the great new things Rotary has in store for you.

## How you can help!

- Bring a guest to the Rotary meeting. Two free guest lunches per year per Rotarian!
- Call any board member to get more involved or give suggestions.
- Email Gino Borgioli with information on Rotarians or up and coming events and Gino will get them into our newsletter!
- Sign up early for our Golf event and sponsor any of our many opportunities.
- Go to the Ball Games and party!
- Plan on Movie night in September!
- Remember, it's all about B.S.

**Sheriff Doug Kalpakoff fines for not turning in pledge cards!!**

**Editors Note:**

If interested in helping with the newsletter, please email or sign up at our meetings.

If you would like any special mentions or articles of interest to share with other Rotarians, again, please call or email Gino.

Gino Borgioli

All fines where 5 dollars unless noted differently!

Sorry, I don't have a complete list of names but 'you' know who you are!!!!

**Announcements: SAVE THESE DATE!**

We were happy to have Elise Brentnall-Alexander's uncle-in-law (David Alexander, a Rotarian) visit us all the way from Melbourne, Australia.

I had one long time Rotarian mention to me a few weeks ago that they missed the blessing. Two other relatively new Rotarians didn't know that doing a blessing instead of a thought-for-the-day was allowed. It is allowed. Just do whichever you are most comfortable doing. If you are so moved, bless away. I can certainly use it.

Lou Mirviss is looking for sponsors for the golf tournament. She's already signed up Saint Louise Regional Hospital for the team photos again this year. Thanks Rita G.

Marco Renella from the Gilroy Club announced their Casino Night (2nd Annual) to be held Saturday, October 9th. We'll get more information to you.

Instead of starting the meeting at 12:15, then breaking until 12:30, I'll pick up my extra four minutes that I'm after by starting around 12:26. I apologize for not thinking of this approach sooner. I'm not the sharpest tack in the box.

A nice Certificate of Appreciation was given the club by the City of Morgan Hill. It will be posted by the display board for the next couple of weeks.

The August board meeting is next Tuesday, August 10th at 7:15 a.m. at Dan Newquist's Office (Café Dan). All club members welcome!

Robin Wise has kindly agreed to help with the We Care program. After two or three absences, you might get a call from Robin. Not fussing about your absences, but just wanting to be sure that you're OK.

Arlene and Roger K. are offering some of the custom bottled, custom labeled District 5170 Rotary Centennial wine from their case purchases. A nice selection of types and vintages at \$20 or \$25 per bottle. See Roger or Arlene at a future meeting.

My thought-for-the-day: Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach that person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks.

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Rotary”*

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## **Last Weeks Programs**

### **PROGRAM:**

Marilyn Librers introduced:

Erik Holland, Director Communications & Marketing, San Jose Giants. Erik reminded us the Rotary night at the game is August 20<sup>th</sup>. The ribs alone are worth the evening!

The San Jose Giants were formed in 1988. They play in a stadium that was built in 1942. Perhaps one of their most famous alumni is George Brett from the 1970's. The San Jose Giants started as a business when a group of high school friends from Palo Alto bought the minor league team. They worked to become affiliated with the San Francisco Giants in 1988. There were many benefits of affiliation, one of which was being able to use the "Giants" name.

Since 1988, about 75 of their players have made it to the major league. Noel Lowry, for example, pitched a near no-hitter last night!

How many make it to the major league? Erik explained that of the approximate 45 players on the roster today, perhaps up to 5 would appear in a major game. And, of that, perhaps 2-3 may go on to become a name you recognize.

"Not a luxurious lifestyle!" Erik announced. One of the features that works well for the San Jose Giants is that they work to provide host families for each player. These players are quite young, early twenties, often their first time living away from home. In addition, they only make about \$1200 a month – not a good salary for the Bay Area. So, the San Jose Giants organization makes arrangements for the players to live with host families providing a small payment to them. And then there are food expenses!

Erik noted that this model of host families is working so well that the San Francisco Giants have adopted it as their model for the other minor leagues that feed in to them.

Erik expressed great pride in the operations of the San Jose Giants. The games and players are accessible to their fans; prices are kept low so that all can find the experience affordable. Parking, for example, is only \$5 (as opposed to SF/Oakland at \$15-\$20).

Be sure to note that the BBQ is available every day, every game. The BBQ starts at 5:30 pm. The food helps attract large groups who come to eat and see the game.

And don't forget the "Beer Batter"! The Giants will designate a player on the opposing team as the Beer Batter. If this batter strikes out before the 7<sup>th</sup> inning, every time he strikes out – the crowd gets beer 2 for the price of 1! Erik described the fun the fans have booing the player if he strikes out after the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. They shout, "What good does that do me now???" !!! The Players love San Jose. They comment on the fine weather, the best atmosphere and the involved fans. The games are designed for lots of fun – on-field promotions, gifts, audience participation, and kids get to run the bases and more. Famous Alumni from the San Jose Giants include: Bill Muller, 3<sup>rd</sup> base now in Boston, Keith Faulk, Russ Ortiz pitcher in World Series, Jerome Williams from Hawaii. Young players who appear to be on their way include Merken Valdez and Matt Cane.

Q&A period:

O In the past, the Rotary President got to pitch out the first ball. Will we get to do this again this year? Erik's response? "Well, now that you've mentioned it in front of this group, the answer is "Of course!"

O Do you play southern California teams? Yes, one time during the regular season, then again during the playoffs, and then again during the Championship rounds.

What is the nature of the affiliation with San Francisco? SF provides the lineup of players that make up this minor league team. SF pays their salaries. San Jose works them, markets them and gives them up when needed.

### **Other Key Announcements**

District Governor coming Aug. 18th, we committed to say "All it takes is a little B.S."

### **Special Mention**

## News and Views

If you would like an article about a subject matter that is of interest to you or you have some specific information that you feel would be beneficial to our fellow Rotarians, please contact Gino Borgioli to have this published in our newsletter.

### Spotlight

Rosy Bergin presented a personal and delightful spotlight on her life. Rosy was raised in Los Angeles, one of eight children! She has 5 sisters and 2 brothers. We laughed enjoying hearing about how her mother bought only one class ring and each got to wear the same ring during their senior year. And we cried along with her hearing that her mom passed away at the young age of 46 from breast cancer.

Rosy shared that she is a graduate of a liberal catholic girls school, Santa Clara University and holds an MBA as well. She talked about her being an athlete, being one of the first women to receive an athletic scholarship under the new (at the time) Title 9. She played volleyball and beach volleyball winning trophies and accolades wherever she played.

And, as life goes, she met her spouse during their volleyball romance. They have been married for over 20 years and have two fine sons. What a pleasure it was to get to know Rosy better.

### Second Program Presentation

What a great job Doug Downer did in telling us about his life. We learned he moved here to Morgan Hill with his family in 1936 when they purchased the 21-Mile House. In 1943 they moved to a 30-acre parcel on Main Avenue.

He was telling us he was in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade when WWII broke out. And at that time, they had a system set up so that people could report the sighting of planes. "Sugar-9-4" was the code name they used when a plane was spotted. He and his friend would take turns on the look out and call in the reports.

Doug graduated from Live Oak High. He was one of a class of 55 students that year. After graduating he worked for an insulation company for about 18 months. He declared the work was far too itchy and wouldn't recommend it. He then worked for a local Hardware Company where the owner sent him to school to learn to repair appliances. In 1958 he worked for Doug P. Fuller Paint; then went to work in Appliances 1959-1973.

Doug was a pilot too. He recalled an incident with Bob Johnson, Rotarian. Bob asked him to fly his plane and land at the Fairgrounds – an effort to do something spectacular to introduce the new hometown Queen. Sure enough, Bob got him the clearance and he flew right into the fairgrounds.

In 1960 Doug joined the Monterey Bay Officials Association and was proud to serve as the President of that Association in 1967. We ran out of time so Doug has been invited back to tell us more. What a good job he did telling us about his years of service, work and fun.

### 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](mailto:James.Borgioli@E-HPS.COM) (In Confidence of Course)**

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### **Comments from our President:**

### **Topics for future meetings :**

Aug. 11 - Larry Brewster  
- Wine Education 101 and Tasting

Aug. 18 - Annual visit and presentation from our direct Gov. Ron Sekkel

Aug. 25 - Dorothy McNett - On line marketing to the world from Hollister

#### Board of Directors

Club Service I: Amy Aochi  
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#### Publicity Chair

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### **Welcome new Blue Badger:**

#### Endowment

Board President: Dan Gregg

#### **District 5170 Governor**

Ron Sekkel

### **Other:**

Assistant District Governor Area 6

Bary Bowe (Gilroy)

#### Websites:

.Rotary5170.Org

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### **Guests of Rotarians:**

Laurie Cox - Mike Cox

Daughter-in-law James Alexander - Elise Brentnall Alexander

Victoria Battison - Robin Wise

Jeff Lundy - Laura Lundy

### **Toast of the Day:**

#### **Visiting Rotarians:**

Ken Hulick- Hollister

Marco Renella - Gilroy

David Alexander - Australia

### **Reporter:**

Rita Garcia

### **Thought of the day:**

**Gino Borgioli**

### **Flag Salute:**

**David de la Cuesta**

### **Greeter:**

**Mike Cox**