

# MORGAN HILL ROTARY ROTARIAN

2004 Club Newsletter

Week of August 11, 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 is October 1. Flyers were given out at the meeting. Sponsorships available. See Gino, Ramona, Lou or Kevin.
- Movie night, Sept 4th.
- Fellowship Event - Friday, August 20th San Jose Giants vs. Visalia Oaks at 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.
- October 21st (just before our Poker Tournament!) is the annual Avenues of Service meeting in Hayward. These are very informative for all committees and directors. Cliff Dochtermann will be keynote speaker. He's really good. We'll carpool from the Golden Oak.

## How you can help!

- Bring a guest to the Rotary meeting. Two free guest lunches per year per Rotarian! It's Free!
- 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!
- Support your club on receiving the Gavilan College Spirit Award for 2004. It's a real honor and the award will be presented at the Sept 2nd Chamber of Commerce breakfast right here at the Golden Oak. It would be really cool if lots of Rotarians were there!
- Remember, all it takes is a little B.S.

### Sheriff Brian Martin fines for famous last words!!

#### Editors Note:

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

The reporting process is easy, take notes on the program speaker/ presenter and the Sheriff. Announcements, President John sends to me, so no need to take notes. Put your notes into a word document or just email it to me by end of business on Thursday. It's that simple.

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

*“Celebrate  
Rotary”*



All fines where 5, 8 and 10 dollars!

Mike J. for sihn at Johnson Lumber, Walt G. for being Brian’s sponsor, Kevin Mc foe Joe Henry Greens last words, Bob F for Richard Hallaburton’s last words, Laura P for Leave the shower curtain on the inside, Jane M for burned at the stake, Carl R for baked apple and John T for French Fry!

#### **Announcements: SAVE THESE DATE!**

Lou Mirviss is looking for sponsors for the golf tournament. Please contact Lou, Gino, Jim or Ramona.

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.

Our first club assembly for this year will be 9/29. **No guests**, please.

Corrected error on Craig van Keulen's perfect attendance. Craig actually has 22 years (not 20). Perfect attendance since he joined!

Board donated \$500 to ChildSpree to make up for an anonymous donation previously given by Ken Tougas. Our donation is NOT anonymous.

Board accepted several resignations and terminated one member for non-attendance and failure to pay dues.

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One of my best moves was to ask Steve Tate to be our Publicity Chair. Steve's first Rotary column in the MH Times was outstanding. He's going to help me realize one of my visions.....a club that is recognized in the community for its good works.

You have the opportunity to donate to help with the fire in Asuncion, Paraguay that burned 123 children. They are being treated by the Coaniquem burn centers. Funds will help with transportation and treatment. See Arlene Greenberg if you wish to contribute.

Dana Ditmore returned from his trip with a "banner" from a Rotary Club in Central London.

Hear Prez John make his radio debut on "In the Public Interest", KEZR 106.5FM on your dial at 7:00 or 7:30 a.m. this Sunday morn, August 15.

Many thanks to the creative Roger Knopf for designing and building the "crate" for our gift to the District Governor. We will present same to DG

Our club has been selected as the organization to receive the Gavilan College Spirit Award for 2004. The award will be presented at the Sept 2nd Chamber of Commerce breakfast right here at the Golden Oak. It would be really cool if lots of Rotarians were there!

If you noticed a bit more room at your table today, you've been upgraded to business class. Rather than reduce the number of tables, the lovely Lou Mirviss suggested reducing the number of settings at each table. Way to go, Lou!!!!

## **Last Weeks Programs**

### **PROGRAM:**

Pat Brewster from DeRose Winery in Hollister was introduced by Rosy Bergin:

Pat gave an understanding of the history of wine and the roots by which wine came from. Pat started by telling us that the fermented juices of fruits, berries and honey is one of the oldest things 'Man' had and probably stumbled across. At some point in time, a Neanderthal or a Homo Sapiens dared to taste the fermented juices of one of those mentioned above, especially after it spoiled in some container. Can you imagine the effect that the alcohol must have had on them? Any wonder why we call it 'spirits'.

Wine results from a natural process and the chemical elements of wine are all contained within or on the skin of the grape. The flesh or pulp contains the water, sugar and a gelatinous acid called pectin. The skins provide the tannins and the wild yeast. So when the two of these come in contact with one another a chemical reaction occurs and eventually the juices begins to ferment converting the sugars into alcohol and carbon dioxide and whalla, it becomes 'WINE'.

We've found evidence of cultivation for producing wines dating back to Neolithic period and that's between 6 and 10,000 years ago. From archaeological dig sites in Zagros Mountains of western Iran and in the Caucasus Mountains between the Caspian Sea and the Black Sea, over into the Taurus Mountains between the Mediterranean Sea, back up to the Black Sea, which is in Turkey, Syria and Iraq. Clay jars with wine residue have been dug up dating back to around 5400 B.C. and older.

From a single Eurasian grape species called 'Vitis Vinifera' that grew wild throughout the temperature zones of Asia and Europe, North America, this one grape among about 100 other species of grapes that also grew wild there, is the source of '99 percent' of the worlds wine industry today. We owe the seemingly infinite range of color, sweetness, body, acidity, taste and aroma from this one grape species.

The Neolithic period was a time when we began to cultivate the crops and to farm animals which tended to have humans live in a larger group and make tools and other items for hunting. We were literally coming out of the stone age and wine began to be an integral part of our lives and our diet. It was recognized for having important medicinal properties plus it was nutritious. At times, it even was a cleaner and safer to drink than water. It was also a period when we began to develop a means of conserving the wine, IE: pottery vessels. As we began to migrate and spread out and trade, so did our vines.

Plato wrote, "Man didn't become civilized until he learned to cultivate the vine". It has had such a profound and permanent effect on our lives that it has become special and even sacred to us.

We have used it to begin or end religious rites and ceremonies. We present it as a gift of good will and offerings for peace and to accompany our foods. We close deals with it over lunch and even launch ships and vessels with it. Wine has been a means to bring caves together, clans together and people together. It has established boundaries and regions within countries and even the primary source of a Nations economy.

Every glass of wine we taste is like drinking a part of our own history, tasting a part of our world and enjoying the simplicity of nature and a tribute to our ingenuity as a species on this Earth. Cheers!!!!

DeRose winery is in Hollister and is one of the oldest wineries in SCV. They've opened a Nostalgic Antique Car Museum with vehicles owned by Eddie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds. They have won many medals including double Golds. Thanks Pat for an inspiring talk on the history of grapes and wine and especially for the tasting!

### **Other Key Announcements**

District Governor coming Aug. 18th, we committed to saying "All it takes is a little B.S." Please practice this during the next week, President John wants us to get it right!

### **Special Mention**

Rotarian dues are due!!! Please send these in as soon as possible.

## 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

None this week.

### Other interesting Facts and Trivia

Thanks to those 23 who took time to complete the July Program Survey and those who gave us ideas for additional programs. Results of the 23 surveys turned in are as follows based on a scale of 1 to 5:

7/7, Mike Langberg, 4.2

7/14, John Tarvin, 4.3

7/21, Abel Maldonado, 3.8

7/28, Brian Richardson & Lynn Gautschi, 4.1

### 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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**Guests of Rotarians:**

Steve Cox    Mike Cox  
Mustapha Belcaoli    Ken Hulick  
Debra Cupp    Steve Tate  
Paul Alexander    Elise Alexander

**Comments from our President:**

Many thanks to the creative Roger Knopf for designing and building the "crate" for our gift to the District Governor. We will present same to DG Ron next week. It goes from our club to the San Juan Bautista Sunrise club.

The box/ crate mentioned above that has Tasmanian on it is 'Darling'!!!!!! Our President's exact words!

**Topics for future meetings :**

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

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

**Welcome new Blue Badger:**

**Other:**

**Toast of the Day: Rosy B**

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Ken Hulick-Hollister

**Reporter:**

**Thought of the day:**

Brian M

**Flag Salute:**

Mike Cox

**Greeter:**

Kevin Mc