

MORGAN HILL ROTARY ROTARIAN

2004 Club Newsletter

Week of September 22, 2004



Looking Ahead:

Up-coming key dates/ Key information:

- Our annual Golf event is October 1st. Flyers were given out at the meeting. Sponsorships available. See Lou or Kevin.
- 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 Potluck & 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.
- October 23rd, Fellowship, Potluck, Games and Texas Holdem Poker. See details in NewsLetter!

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. October 1st!!!
- Remember, all it takes is a little B.S.

Sheriff: No Sheriff this week!

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.

Announcements: SAVE THESE DATE!

- 1) Our designated wino's are Wodger Knopf and Arwene Gweenberg! If you'd like to purchase some of the Centennial Wine (produced right here in Morgan Hill at Guglielmo's), see either of those two while there's still some left!
- 2) I saw several of you signing up for the Avenues of Service. It really promises to be even more fun this year. Contact Jane Morrison via phone or email to sign up.
- 3) Plans are starting to firm up for the potluck, poker tournament and game night on 10/23. My Linda is in charge of the Mexican Jumping Bean race and the Knopfs will be instructing and playing Mexican Choo Choo Train (a domino game...lots of fun). We have the Grange Hall reserved, so we're good to go.
- 4) This Friday, October 1st is our annual Golf Tournament, if you haven't signed up as a player, please sign up to help. See Dan Newquist for details.

Opportunity knocks but once:

Marilyn Librers is putting together a Morgan Hill Rotary Club Bridge Group. She will have a sign up sheet and other information, please contact Marilyn for details.

Texas Holdem Classes:

There will be two classes available (maybe more if needed)

First has been relocated to John & Linda Tarvin's on Wednesday 10/6/04 starting around 5:30pm. Snacks and beverages will be served. Should last about 2 hours. Three attending this class so far. Call 778-3635 or email John to sign up.

The second class will be held on Saturday evening, 10/9/04 at David and Sandy de la Cuesta's house (1210 Appian Way) starting at 6:00pm. Bring some food to share and we'll have a mini-potluck. Contact David or Sandy (779-0076) to sign up. We should be done by between 8:00 and 8:30.

Shuffle up and deal!

*“Celebrate
Rotary”*



Last Weeks Programs

Variety can be the spice in a Rotarian diet. Instead of our standard buffet line at the Golden Oak, this week's meeting took us on a "field trip" and picnic at one of Morgan Hill's newest attractions: Ann Sobrato High School.

We were hosted by principal Rich Knapp and vice principal Tomasine Stewart. Student crossing guards were simply not enough for our arrival - Rich himself directed Rotarians to proper parking areas.

After being welcomed, we were divided up into small groups and then lead through the campus by student guides Emily Tewes, Scott Balog, Amy Murphy, and Estella Banuelos. One Rotarian was relieved to be told that only Freshmen and Sophomores are currently enrolled there; after all, they look sooooo much younger than when he was in high school.

This is an exceptional high school, because it seems to be functioning perfectly although not entirely completed. The students are bustling about the paths between their conventional classrooms, but not yet allowed into the hazardous construction zone areas where special facilities are still being worked on.

Rotarians, however, appear to be judged a lower risk, because we were guided past the orange security fencing, over treacherous trip hazards, around concrete forms, and exposed re-bar, electrical conduits, Simpson tie-downs, etc., to be given a first-hand view of wall framing, fiberglass insulation, shear-wall paneling, ceiling tiles, etc. – neat educational things we were never shown when we were students! But from beneath our hard hats and through our protective eye-wear, we were privileged to see the emergence of some wonderful facilities, including the library, amphitheatre, computer lab, and the spectacular Performing Arts Center.

One Rotarian asked whether the glass between a classroom and adjoining teacher prep room might be a one-way window... Another remarked that the chairs in the science lecture room are uncomfortably hard... Yet another found the chairs in the teachers' room to be perfectly shaped to enable rocking and leaning... This reporter believes those Rotarians all to be high school graduates, but has some doubts.

Rotarians were shown a science lab packed with \$100k worth of equipment that allows students to perform compression tests on concrete, build and operate a robot, make CAD drawings ("computer-assisted drafting"), do ground water modeling, and other hands-on things that might have kept several of our members from sleeping through their high school science class.

During our picnic lunch behind the administration building, Rich Knapp, Tomasine Stewart, and several teachers described many of the wonderful attributes of this emerging school, and how they compare with Live Oak. It is hoped that construction will be complete by January, and that when the on-going remodeling at Live Oak is also finished, the two schools will be of equivalent quality.

In the front office alongside an image of the Sobrato bulldog mascot, Rich Knapp shows his community spirit by proudly displaying a nicely framed sample of Poppy Jasper, the official Morgan Hill City Rock.

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We were certainly able to catch the enthusiasm of both students and faculty, perhaps inspired by their new facilities. In spite of the noisy distraction of hammers and skill saws, the environment seems to nurture learning. One lovely student calling herself simply "Josephine" proclaimed, "I love this school!" Although short enough to be either a Freshman or Sophomore, she is frequently seen in the downtown area, and this reporter seems to remember her as a long-time local business owner. Perhaps she had been recruited for the school lacrosse team.

It appears the sheriff spent our meeting in the detention room, because he/she was nowhere to be found.

Dear Rotarians,

The following is an email from our outbound Rotary Youth Exchange student Yasaman Khadivi. Peter Anderson wanted to share it with you.

Hello Morgan Hill! How are you Mr. Anderson? I hope well, I'm doing great. I'm loving every minute of Brazil! I've been here for a month now, wow!

Everything is great, except I have trouble using the Internet, my house is the only house in the city with a computer, other than the mayor's house. We have Internet access, but I have very limited time to be on line. I just recently had my e-mail set up, I've been so busy, I'm sure you understand. My sister forwarded your e-mail, so I was able to read it. Thank you.

My flight was so long, but I sat next to a nice Brazilian couple who spoke English, and told me some things about Brazil, that was a treat! Immigration and customs was a breeze. My Host family was happy to see me, as I was to see them. I have two brothers, Alexandre, he is 17 years old (the same age as me). He actually left for Malaysia Sept. 8th, as his student exchange. I miss him, because I really got to know him well in three weeks. My other brother is Fabricio, and he's 16 years old. I have one sister, Ludimella, and she is 14 years old. We get along very well. They live with their grandparents, Marisa and Joao Nascimento. Their parents are divorced, their father lives in Brasilia, and their mother lives in Franca, Sao Paulo, which is about thirty minutes away from my city. So I have a host grandma and grandpa, they're terrific people, I can't imagine leaving them in a year. They're now my family. After my 13 hour flight we got in the car for our 6 hour drive home! I was so tired, but they wanted to talk so much. I didn't understand anything that they were saying, which was fine because that is part of the experience. Everything so far, has been such a different experience. When we arrived at home, I just wanted to sleep, but they had dinner plans for me. They invited my other three host families to come over and see me. We all had dinner. They were all so nice and welcoming. Then I finally got to sleep. I didn't get up until three in the afternoon the next day. The city I live in is Jeriquara, Sao Paulo. It is such a small city, in one month of being here, I know everyone. But it's really nice, I like walking out the door, and knowing everyone, and them knowing me. Also it's a nice place to live, completely safe, with no violence and it's only 15 minutes away from all the other big cities in Sao Paulo that have lots of shopping, restaurants, movies, etc. The house that I live in is so beautiful! It's a huge gated home, with five bedrooms, and four bathrooms, and a HUGE backyard. Yes, I have my own room, it's very nice. A king size bed. We have two maids, who do everything, I try to help out in every way that I can, but they don't let me. So I haven't had to clean or wash one thing. I don't even make my bed! I love school, it starts at 1:00 pm, and ends at 5:40 pm, I get to sleep in! I walk to school with my brother and sister, which is about a two minute walk. All my classes are fine, the teachers all love me, and I've made friends with everyone in school. I'm a celebrity here, everywhere I go they call me. "yasaman!" "yasaman!" "yasaman!" My first week I had to sign so many autographs. It's so different. I'm in the third level, which is the senior class. There are only 14 students in my class! Brazilian food is great! It's so good. I've been to several Rotary club meetings, the Rotary club is in Ituverava, which is about 10 minutes from Jeriquara. The Rotarians have been very welcoming also. Everything in Brazil is so different, but the Rotary meetings are exactly the like the ones I've been to in Morgan Hill, the only difference is that they speak Portuguese. Speaking of Portuguese, I've actually learned a lot. People here are impressed by how much I can understand. I would say that the only difficulty I'm having here, is not speaking the language, but that shouldn't be a problem in a couple of months. At one meeting I spoke with other exchange students that were spread out in Sao Paulo, they came from different parts of the world, most of them were homesick, I'm not homesick at all, in a way I'm already homesick for Brazil, because I have to leave this beautiful place in 11 months! I send lots of love to the United States, and especially to Morgan Hill! Theau!

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Guests of Rotarians:

None

Comments from our President:

Can't physically do a makeup? Go online to www.rotaryclubone.org and do it there. I promise you will LEARN a lot about Rotary. And, if you are so inclined, you can have a bottle of beer and bowl of peanuts right there with you to enjoy while you do your makeup!

Topics for future meetings :

September Calendar:
29-Club Assembly, no guests please!

WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW MEMBERS!!! Debbie Cupp and Ken Hulick

Toast of the Day:

Visiting Rotarians:

Jaylene Kent - Bob Brentnall
Lorraine Barke-Bernie Barke
Nancy Foster- Bob Foster
Gary Winzeler- Mike Johnson

Reporter:

Peter Anderson

Thought of the day:

Flag Salute:

Greeter: