Happy New Year!

By Mike Withrow

Welcome to 2011! This promises to be a bang up year and it started with the *Shake, Rattle and Roll* party at Rosy’s!

You may have noticed that you did not receive a December issue of our Newsletter. That’s because we were busy helping Santa get ready for Christmas. But now we’re back and this issue contains all the news that would have been in the December issue along with lots of new stuff. So, you’re in for a nice long read!

We’ve got lots of news, tons of pictures and just a whole lot of fun.

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The El Toro Party is What Christmas & Rotary is All About!

By Sherry Quick

In so many ways, this year’s Rotary Christmas party for the children at the El Toro Youth Center on Dec. 16 was a huge success:

- **90 children received a special gift** from their wish list from our Rotarians. Each child wrote out a wish list and youth director Alban, along with me and a couple of Santa’s helpers went shopping with Rotarian donations to purchase a special gift, so every child got something they really wanted.

- **112 Christmas cards** were made by the children and Rotarians and then distributed to the senior citizens in Pacific Hills Convalescent Home in Morgan Hill who are not able to go home for Christmas. The cards were especially spectacular this year. The children and Rotarians put a lot of effort into creating the "perfect" card for those less fortunate than us.

- **A delicious, home-cooked dinner** was prepared by the parents of the El Toro children, a wonderful gift to Rotarians.

- **Santa appeared right on time**, roaring in on his motorcycle along with Santa’s (Carl Reinhardt’s) new "elf" (Jordan Newquist).

This event exemplifies the Christmas spirit. Rotarians show their generosity and caring by
supporting the youth and families of the El Toro Center; the children in turn offer another level of community service outreach by bringing happiness to lot of seniors in local convalescent homes; and the parents served all of us by cooking a meal with loving care.

This event is what Christmas – and Rotary - is really all about!

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**Club again gives the gift of Gallery of Trees for the holidays**

*By Sherry Hemingway*

The annual exhibit and decorating contest for Rotary Club of Morgan Hill’s annual Gallery of Trees kicked off in the amphitheater of the Morgan Hill Community Center Dec. 4.

First place winner, selected from among teams from 13 area schools and one youth organization on Dec. 4, was the Charter School of Morgan Hill. Students took their $350 award back to the school for the purchase of school supplies.

San Martin 4-H Club placed second and earned a $250 award and Sobrato High School placed third for a $150 award. Honorable mentions and $50 cash awards went to Britton Middle School, Live Oak High School and Stratford School.

The public was invited to stop by the amphitheater grounds, day or night, through Dec. 18 to see the glittering trees the students created.

This year’s theme for the Gallery of Trees, now in its seventh year, was “Global Goodwill and Friendship.” Contest winners were announced at the Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony that followed the Holiday Lights Parade.

The annual contest is presented by the Club with sponsorships from local businesses. This year’s co-chairs were Tracy Newquist and Jackie Starkovich. Many Rotarians and Interactors volunteered to set up the trees and string lights.

Our esteemed panel of judges included: Steve Tate, Chris Giusiana, Mike Davenport, Leonette Stafford and Davlyn Quick.
Here are some pictures of the setup by Rotary volunteers and all the participants. If you weren’t there this year be sure to make a note to volunteer to help next year.
Check Out Our New Web Site

By Steve Schwab

Our web site has taken on a new look with a new banner by Tracy Newquist. But beauty is not just skin deep and many more features are available to members when they are logged in.

In addition to the new look, we have tried to make things easier to find and there are new tools to use for members and non members alike. Our Club has subscribed to Clubrunner, an integrated Club database system which was adopted by the District last summer. This system integrates many Club functions which are currently separate into a single database system to reduce duplication and errors between lists. This system is rich in behind-the-scenes functions with a single member database, Club email, web site maintenance, integrated invoicing for dues and fees, and electronic reporting to the District and Rotary International.

In addition to the new web site format, a few of the new features being implemented immediately include:

- An enhanced single member database.
- Members can manage and update their member profile and even upload their desired self portrait for the directory in one location.
- Automatic attendance reporting to the District & RI.
- Members can more easily produce member directories in several formats, locate Club documents, and all sorts of other new goodies.
- Committee chairs will be able to communicate directly with their members via grouped email.

In the near future, we will hopefully be able to produce our newsletter, enhance our calendar functions, and increase communication tools within our various committees using this shared database system. Our system will have all the essentials to get started for right now. We will continue tweaking our new system and implement new features as we go along, but be patient; the features will continue to grow.
Mac & Cheese Please!

Food of the Month is a new Club service project for 2011 developed by new members as part of their club orientation. Headed by Samia Reichel and Janene Towner, this project is designed to supply Reach Out, a local south county food bank, with food items that they cannot normally procure from Second Harvest Food Bank in San Jose. Reach Out then distributes the food to those who are hungry and in need. The Food of the Month for January is Macaroni and Cheese. More than 50 boxes of Macaroni and Cheese were collected from Club members in the first week of January alone. This is such a simple project with such great impact.

Here is how it works. Each month a food item that Reach Out can use is selected. Club members are then asked to pick up a couple of the items when they do their normal grocery shopping and bring them to our Club meeting. The items are collected and delivered to Reach Out, where they will be put to good use. Simple - Easy - Effective.

This project will continue throughout 2011. The Food of the Month items are:

- January - Macaroni and Cheese
- February - Top Ramen/Cup of Noodles
- March - Canned Tuna Fish
- April - Canned Soup
- May - Tomato Products (sauce, diced tomatoes, spaghetti)
- June - Baby Food (no jars please)
- July - Canned Pork & Beans
- August - Canned Spaghetti or Ravioli
- September - Cake or Cookie Mix
- October - Corn Muffin or Biscuit Mix
- November - Pancake Mix
- December - Jam or Jelly
The MH Ski Team Hits the Slopes

By Janie Knopf

MH Rotary Ski Team 3/1994 at the Truckee Rotary Club’s Annual Ski Races won two trophy’s......both last place turtles!!!


Merry Christmas from Mr & Mrs. Claus
Cowgirl Arlene Rides Again

By Bob Moulthrop

"When all were in attendance, Teri Schindler was able to get everyone's attention. The District dignitaries, including Rotary International President, Ray Klinginsmith, all had their picture taken, on or around the Bull. No one actually rode the Bull, just pictures. Then there was Arlene! She was apprehensive at first, then got the "hang on" of it, and they couldn't get her off! I personally helped her dismount. After her "Wild Ride", the District shut down the Bull, because they were concerned about "liability". And that's the Truth!

You can see more pictures at our website; http://morganhillrotary.org/galleries/2011_End_Polio_Now/index.htm
Shake, Rattle and Rotary

By Mike Withrow

It was a festive – to say the least – celebration at Rosy’s on Jan 8, 2011 as more that 75 Rotarians and guests gathered for our annual New Year kickoff party. This year the theme of the party, “Shake, Rattle and Rotary” was different but the revelry was the same as usual. Here are some images from that night.

You can see more pictures at our website, http://morganhillrotary.org/galleries/2011_Rotary_Rock_&_Roll_Party/index.htm

Important Club Information

The Club Roster will be updated once a month (on about the 10th) and put on the Club Website in the “Members Only” section under the “Document Archive” category.

The document title begins with “Club Roster”. It is available in two formats, 8 ½ x 11: standard size, prints on two pages with small type; or 8 ½ x 14: legal size, prints on three pages with medium type.

You can update your own roster entry by going to your record in the “Information About Club Members” category of the “Members Only” section. Alternatively, you can e-mail changes to stevetate@charter.net. You can also e-mail Steve to request printed...
copies of the roster if you are unable to print it.

**Anniversaries**

- Roger Malech 01-19-1985
- Arlene Greenberg 01-19-1990
- Dennis Kennedy 01-15-2003
- David Lister 01-15-2003
- Teri Nelson 01-29-2003
- Carol Carr 01-29-2003
- Stu Carson 01-05-2005
- Theresa Kiernan 01-20-2007
- Jorge Briones 01-21-2009
- Jackie Starkovich 01-06-2010
- Brian Jackson 01-20-2010

**Happy Birthday!**

- Steve Tate 01-03
- Kevin McGinty 01-06
- Jorge Briones 01-11
- Mike Cox 01-11
- Gary Winzeler 01-17
- Wes Smith 01-19
- Bernie Barke 01-20
- Janet Filice-Thompson 01-22
- Roger Knopf 01-24

**We Care**

Please remember to let Lisa and Rosy know any “We Care” news that you are aware of: illnesses, deaths, births, marriages, etc. – any causes for assistance or celebration among our membership. Thanks!
Dec-Jan Programs – 12:15, Wednesdays
MH Community & Cultural Center

Jan 5 - McAfee and cyber security. Guests welcome.

Jan 12 - Club Assembly. Inappropriate for guests.

Jan 19 - Outstanding Students Awards. This time we will honor Live Oak Gr. 9-12, Sobrato Gr. 9-12, Central Gr. 10-12, Central adult school, Oakwood Country School Gr. 8-12. Guests welcome.

Jan 26 - Alice Smith from Red Cross will talk about disaster Preparedness. Guests welcome.


Upcoming Events ~ Get your calendar out!

January 8 – Club Shake Rattle and Roll Party
Lets shake things up a little for the New Year! Get ready for the Club social that will lift your spirits! Rosy’s at the Beach.

Wednesday, Feb. 9 – Club Speech Contest
Regular meeting. Chair: Danny Wan

Saturday, Mar. 12 – Harvey Barrett Senior Appreciation Dinner
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Morgan Hill Buddhist Community Center, 16450 Murphy Ave. Co-chairs: Janice Crosier & Brian Jackson

Saturday, April 9 – District 5170 Assembly

May 6-8 District 5170 Conference, Santa Clara Marriott

May 21-25 Rotary International Convention in New Orleans

Wednesday, June 29 - Debunking
5:30-8:30 p.m., regular noon meeting dark. Chair: Del Foster
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