

Good evening once again..... whoooo ra!

We had our **Board Meeting** today, so tomorrow will be an Assembly... BUT, we also have a **wonderful member that was sort of 'transferred'** out of the area. Come tomorrow and have the opportunity to **say good by...** as this member will be leaving VERY soon! 😞 sniff sniff...waa... **Who is it??**, you ask? hmmm, come to the meeting and find out!

What else can I tell you to tickle you into coming tomorrow... oh, I know, our **member Neil Shah** is going to give his **'craft talk'**, so come and learn all about this **two timer** (hehe, Neil has joined us twice!! wink wink).

As well, We are going to have a LOT of information passed on from our Chairs in regards to:

International: the Generator...Great news! AND Micro Loans... how are they coming along?

Community, now called **Local:** find out about the Career Talks coming up at the Rancho Cotati high school, and the Jr. Achievement program at Evergreen... BOTH starting soon. These are fun and rewarding programs!

Friends of Rotary: becoming VERY active, hear the latest!!

Youth: WILL we have an out-bound someone to sponsor for the Youth Exchange this year??? maybe!! Come and see what's up with that!??

Foundation & Polio: Some new ways to support these desperately needed programs....

District Conference (finally) we'll get some juicy information on the when & where etc etc..

Fundraiser: Non event, or what???

DATES TO REMEMBER:

JAN 21, Thurs, 7-9pm: SOCIAL: Italian Night, Member Vera Blanquie's house.. please bring an appetiser and a bottle of wine to share.. our 'mother' club is invited as well. 😊

JAN 28, Thurs, 6-9pm: SCARC: RC of Sonoma Valley at the Sonoma Community Center, 276 E. Napa Street, Sonoma. **More info: Morrill Dunn: 938-8560**

FEB 6, 5:30pm & 7:30pm: SOCIAL: Stating at Mary's Pizza, and continuing at SSU: **Basketball Game!** See **Member Vera Blanquie.** More info to come.

MARCH 25, Thurs: OUR CLUB'S "SCARC" MEETING... ALL MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO COME... IT WILL BE FUN! More info to come

NOTES FROM LAST WEEK:

Members Richard Rackerby led us in the Salute to the Flag, Bill Fusco gave us the Thought for the Day, and Bill Thompson gave his Rotary Minute (using the word minute loosley)! hehe ... **Thank all you members** who give us pause to think before getting into our meeting. AND one of the ideas that was mentioned by Bill is a reminder to WEAR our Rotary pins as often as we can; not just at

Rotary meetings! You'll sometimes be surprised at who you might meet, just because of the little tiny pin on your lapel or blouse! hmmm...

Member Richard FINALLY (after more than 2.5 years!) gave his **Craft Talk**. It was a very enlightening talk too... I really do learn things I would never have guessed about our members during these craft talks... very interesting, and I am so glad that we all will have the opportunity to do one, and then start all over again for those that were not here the first time, and for those who, hmmm.. forgot what was said the first time! who me???? yeaaa, bet I forget a thing or two from time to time.... 🤔 (but only a thing or TWO, and that's all!!)

We had a number of **guests**, including Tony Claus, Alex Urbano, Maria Lemus and Erin Farley... Way to go Members!

Or Program Speaker **PAST District Gov Mike Fish**, from Novato, gave such a good talk, that he is invited to come back to our club to do another program... Thanks Mike!! Remember... **"old Joe" and the little sick boy in the 'rough' side of Houston.....** and a little note: did you know that there are 201 countries that host **31,000** ROTARY clubs! WOW.....

In last week's **'Rotary Tomorrow'**, I listed our **new** Board and Directors; last meeting, **Pres Mary Graves** re introduced the current Board, with one or two of the 'new' Board tossed in the mix.

Member Patrick Lynch, WELCOME back! (his office moved from Healdsburg, and is now located right at the Sonoma Mt. Business Center, so he will be attending all the meetings again! yippy!).... Patrick gave a little update on the **Kitwii Water Project**. We are REALLY doing a great job over there. We **started out** with the intention of one huge water tank to hold a bunch of water to gravitate down to a couple of water stations for the villagers to get their water, and are **now** digging at least 7 to perhaps 12 wells with hand pumps scattered all around the area. Much more convenient, less dependant on generated electricity and other factors that can go wrong with the initial project idea, and now choices for the villagers to walk to the closest well! And it all started in our **FIRST** year! What a great club we all belong too! and that is just part of what we do.... Thanks again, Patrick, for bringing us up to date!

Oh yes, and thank you **Member Yatin Shah** for doing an article in the **Community Voice** on our **Kitwii Water Project**!! clap clap clap... :-)

Our Chef Gerard announced that the lunch menu this meeting was the idea of our **Member Herlinda Heras**, and Gerard made a donation to our club to thank her. **Thank YOU BOTH!** it WAS yummy.

Oh yes, and guess who did **NOT** draw the the **blue** marble **two weeks ago..** ..yep! **Member Mr. Bill Thomas**... so he did **NOT** walk away with **\$194**

smackers.... as I reported in my last '**Rotary Tomorrow**' ... shame shame on me... BUT, remember, I did follow that message with: "if my memory serves me right! (hmmm???) " .. Guess this was the one of two things that I may forget sometimes, as mentioned earlier on in this email... 😊 wink wink...

BUT, **what else does that mean**... well, **Member Bill Fusco** won the right to draw last week, and he also drew a WHITE marble... so what all this means is that there is a **bunch of moola** in the pot (or sock, or bucket, or jar, whichever....), SO, Bring your **dollar bills** and test your luck tomorrow! yippy \$\$\$\$

Talking about tomorrow, if I don't quit this soon, it will BE tomorrow! yawn yawn... guess its:
"Good night ladies, lalala, Good night gentlemen, lalala.... yawn... yea, okay, **lights off!!**

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