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Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati

For the meeting of:

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

President Mike brought the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Peggy Wyman and the thought of the day was given by LeVell Holmes.

Guests & Visiting Rotarians:

- 2 Interact visitors (*I missed their names due to my late arrival*)
- Ken McCoy Visitor (*I missed that name as well*) Please email them over and I'll get it into the next issue as a correction. Thanks!

Presentation: Kathy Vandervennett of the Rohnert Park Youth & Family Services
Topic: Diversionary Program



Announcements & Reports:

- Paula Reinhold: Needs club volunteers to help with the Mountain Shadows Interact club. Please contact Paula if you are interested.
- Dale Knight: District Simplified Grant update ~ We received \$1,500 for the Rohnert Park / Cotati Meals on Wheels program.
- President Mike: There are three openings for the Board of Directors for the Club Foundation. All nominations including self-nominations should be emailed to Mike.
- Dale Knight: Dale will be leaving for Guana on Oct. 10th and needs donations of school supplies (no paper please – too heavy). This is the fill the “extra suitcase” for local donations. Please call or email Dale if you can provide anything.
- Bob Stewart: Received a call from the Food Bank and they would like clubs like ours to commit to volunteer bagging food etc. The commitment would be 2 months out of the year, non-consecutive each Thursday from 4 PM to 6:30.
- Wulff Reinhold: The Ed Foundation Chili cook-off has been cancelled this year due to lack of cooks.
- Ken McCoy: President Mike & Ken are setting dates & forming the Golf Tournament comities. Please see Ken or Mike for a committee assignment. Golf and Fireworks are the two major fundraises so hopefully we can get all hands involved.
- Dave Fisher: November 19th is the Foundation dinner. Tickets are \$35.00ea so please see Dave if you are planning to attend.



Announcements Continued...

- Ted Sakai: The Doubletree Hotel is helping with the Teach Kids to Care program and donating 2k cookies. They are looking for a host classroom / student organization to sell the cookies. Please contact Ted if you know of one or can assist.
- Festival of Brotherhood coming up in November 4th through the 11th, in Mexico. John and Dale have attended and encourage members to go along. The Festival is held in conjunction with sister District 4150 in Mexico's interior. Beyond identifying projects worthy of sponsoring members build great relationships with Rotary members from District 4150.
- Paula Reinhold: Career Days: Please see Paula to get on the schedule. This is a great opportunity to help kids decide what to do when they grow up!

Mt. Shadows Schedule

Speaker 1- 5 minutes brief overview of current job

Speaker 2- 5 minutes same as above

Speaker 1- 10 minutes past careers, career dream as a child and education needed for career

Speaker 2- 10 minutes-same as above

Speaker 1 & 2- 15 minutes answer questions from students

Creekside Schedule

Speaker 1-10 minutes overview of current job, all past careers, career dreams as a child and education needed for career

Speaker 2- same as above

Speaker 1 & 2 -10 minutes answer questions from students

Tech High Schedule

Same as Mt. Shadows due to number of minutes available



RI Update by Dale Knight:

RI President Carl Wilhelm spoke about moving Rotary forward in our second century. He spoke about new ideas and new ways. He spoke about membership. In the US we are down 30,000 members in the last year. Without women, we'd be down 84,000.

All the nations in Rotary on the Pacific are 60% of Rotary's members.

Next year he expects Russia to be one District instead of being divided between Europe and the US.

He spoke about China which has 2 provisional clubs: Shangahi and Beijing. Both will be chartered this year. With the Olympics coming to China, Rotary will expand. He said Rotary cannot ignore 25% of the world's population.

He talked about Cuba. He wants to re-charter the RC of Havana. But, given the attitude of the US Government to Cuba, he does not want to endanger the annual \$1.2 billion given to the CDC to forward to WHO for polio eradication.

He has work groups focused on water, literacy, and health. He wants us all to support the Millennium Goals of the United Nations. (Rotary is the only service organization with a permanent seat at the UN).

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

- Greg Beedon celebrated his first club anniversary!
- Linda Fisher celebrated a birthday.
- Joe & Nanette Lindland celebrated a wedding anniversary.



Recognition:

LeVell H: 😊 to spend time with his guests & won some \$\$ at the casino.	John H: 😊 that his harvest was much more than expected .
Wulff R: 😊 for his son joining the Air Society within the ROTC and volunteered helping the hospital get ready to handle hurricane Katrina patients.	Bill D: 😊 that he had a great dinner at the Doubletree and saw Ted S in action. Also 😊 that he will be performing massages now from the Doubletree.
Ken M: 😊 golf tournaments in Truckee, Reno & Sacramento and couldn't lose at the casino.	Nancy T: 😊 was also in Reno to celebrate her late brother's birthday with family that has become a tradition.

Corrections:

Websites:

Rotary Club of Rohnert Park – Cotati: <http://www.rotaryrpc.org>
Rotary Events: <http://www.rotaryevents.org>
District 5130 www.rotary5130.org.