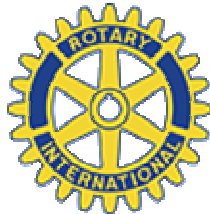


## Rotary Club of Rohnert Park - Cotati



*For the meeting of:*

**Tuesday, August 22, 2006**

President Tim brought the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by John Hackenburg and the thought of the day was given by Lavelle Holmes.

### **Guests & Visiting Rotarians:**

Mike Pastryk from Liberty Valley Door

Katarina and Isabelle, daughters of Gerard Giudice, owner of Sally Tomato

Loetta Miller, sister to Louise and Luanne

Phyllis and Steve from Santa Rosa West Rotary Club

Diana, guest of Nannette, retired from Education and has a Winery Botique

Chris Bertoli, Supervisor of Cotati's Narcotics Unit

Chris Kaupe, Canine Unit and his dog, Jango

### **Announcements & Reports:**

1. SF Giants vs. Boston Red Socks is schedule for August 25<sup>th</sup>, look for Tim's email. District 5130 has obtained 150 tickets on-line, through the following link: <http://canofcorn.sfgiants.com/gi/f08rpb.htm> Tickets are \$25.00 each, plus a \$1.00 per ticket service charge and a \$3.50 mailing charge regardless of the # of tickets ordered.
2. August 26th is the start of the Scavenger's Hunt-Progressive Dinner. See Nanette for details and to sign up for teams. Cost is \$5.00.

**ACTION NEEDED: Tim has sent everyone an "evite" and needs everyone attending to respond for a head count. We may have to reschedule the event if not well responded to.**

3. SCARC -Sonoma County Association of Rotary Clubs dinner is on August 31<sup>st</sup>, by Sonoma Valley.

**ACTION NEEDED: Everyone, let Tim know if you want to go so he can give a head count.**

4. Food Bank sign-up sheet for September was passed around. We are in charge of September. The food bank is held on Wednesdays afternoons.

**ACTION NEEDED: Three opportunities to volunteer: 1) Shopping on Tuesdays, 2) Wednesday, noon, truck unload, 3) Two shifts on Wednesday's, 2:30-4:30 and 4:30-6:30 to set up give-away bags and hand out.**

5. Bob Stewart is submitting a grant for an additional \$1,500 to the club to further NOAH. This is in addition to the already scheduled \$1,000 in the budget.
- 6) Vida Jones thanked everyone that helped move the fabric to it's new storage unit home. Vida is ready for the quilt building this fall.
- 7) Nancy Thompson announced that our goal is to have every Rotarian give \$40.00 to the Club Foundation this year.

**ACTION NEEDED: Write that check for \$40.00, mark it "Club Foundation"**

- 8) Tim announced that we need a fourth Interact counselor for Mountain Shadow Middle School in addition to people willing to substitute.

**ACTION NEEDED: Check your schedule! Can you re-arrange your schedule to accommodate this need?**

- 9) John Hackenburg announced that his furniture give away has been completed
- 10) Dale Knight suggested that, when packing for the Festival of Brotherhood, you pack two suit cases. One suitcase with clothes and one with items to give away (ex. Back-to-school items such as pens, pencils, and markers). No paper- it's too heavy.
- 11) Dave Fisher talked about Paul Harris points. For new members who contribute \$50 the club will match \$50 to the Club Foundation. If you have your Paul Harris points you can donate point for other Rotarians. Remember, If you donate \$100 the club matches dollar for dollar. Talk to Dave for details.

**ACTION NEEDED: Call Nancy, see where you are with your Foundation dollars, take appropriate action.**

- 12) Dave Fisher also spoke about the tickets for the Foundation Raffle and Dinner scheduled for Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Each Rotarian will be given 5 tickets at \$20 each. You are responsible for selling or buying all 5. The event will be held at the Sheraton in Petaluma. Our club is responsible for donating two raffle items worth \$50 or above so if you have something to donate let Dave know.

**ACTION NEEDED: Buy/Sell your tickets, plan to attend! Do you have a raffle item to donate?**

**Other Announcements:**

Rotary Membership Moments: Dale Knight

Consider hosting an Exchange student from a different country. This is a wonderful opportunity for a Rotarian family to have a young student in their home sharing cultures. If we involve our families in Rotary they will come to understand the opportunities that Rotary has to offer and they will understand your commitment to the organization. Education and involvement will make us better Rotarians and will want to share in this unique organization.

**What better way to world peace and understanding?**

**RECOGNITION:**

**Anniversaries: Member present and acknowledged**

Aug 10th – Cheryl McCoy's Birthday

**Anniversaries: Member NOT present OR acknowledged**

**NONE**

**Travel: Member present and acknowledged**

Tim Miller went to Reno, he and Pat took the kids to the water slide there.

Tom and Debby Miller went to Cloverdale and to the "Wings Over Wine Country Air Show"

Greg Beedon was acknowledged for his ad on the side of a Romanian built Yak 3U which was photographed and displayed in the newspaper. "Sign-A-Rama of Rohnert Park"

**Travel: Member NOT present OR acknowledged**

Bob and Ann Barbaro return from Paris August 27

**Rotary Win and Spin Wheel of Misfortune, as well as speaker stands and Rotary Bell are on the "missing" list with the Double Tree Hotel.**

**Happy Dollars were shared by:**

**Nick, Nancy, Vida, Bill, Lavelle, Patty, Andre, Ken, Mike, and John**

**Program:**

Bob Stewart introduced Guest Speaker Chris Bertoli, Supervisor of the Narcotics Unit at Cotati Police Department and Chris Kaupe, Canine handler of Jango (a beautiful black/brown German Sheppard).

Chris Bertoli reviewed the history of Methamphetamine, which was invented in WWII by the Nazi's to keep their troops "up". California produces so much "meth" that is considered the "Columbia" for methamphetamines. One pound of meth can bring as much as \$8,000 on the street. A meth lab can produce 75-100 lbs in a weekend, it taking 3 days to "cook" that much meth. Sonoma County has been targeted as the distribution point for meth.

The group that uses most is the white male adult age 25-40. They tend to be the busy person in the neighborhood who gets nothing done. They can be paranoid and dangerous.

Meth is mentally addictive, the user seeks the high but there are no physical dependencies as there is with heroine or alcohol. Crystal meth is smoked but it can be used as a powder and put into coffee, soda, or other drinks. Meth is considered the "poor man's" cocaine giving the user a 1-2 hour high as opposed to cocaine's 30-40 minute high. Meth users have a hard time kicking the habit because their social structure supports it. There is a visible physical downward trend within a year of sustained use.

Labs can be anywhere from a portable lad in an igloo cooler to a house or hotel room.

Chris Kaupe brought in Jango and demonstrated the search for drugs with this beautiful dog. Then Chris Bertoli was kind enough to put on the "bite" suit and allow Jango to demonstrate how he bites the arms of people who present a threat. Kaupe shared that Jango is trained to be approachable and gentle when not on search or attack mode.

**Future Speakers:** Tim Miller Club Budget other items

**Next Week's Thought of the Day:** Marilyn Eskew

**Corrections:**

Websites:

Rotary Club of Rohnert Park – Cotati: <http://www.rotaryrpc.org>

Rotary Events: <http://www.rotaryevents.org>

District 5130 [www.rotary5130.org](http://www.rotary5130.org).