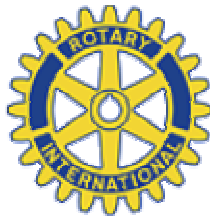


Rotary Club of Rohnert Park - Cotati



For the meeting of:

Tuesday, September 5, 2006

President Tim Miller welcomed members, guests and visiting Rotarians and brought the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Jerry Piland and the thought of the day was given by Dave Fisher.

Guests & Visiting Rotarians:

Erin Armstrong from Cougar Ambassadors of Rancho Cotate High School

Steve Olson from Santa Rosa Rotary Club

J. Dietrich Stroeh, author of the "Man Who Made it Rain"

Suzanne Dunwell, producer for J. Dietrich Stroeh

Lawrence Edwards

Announcements & Reports:

1. NOAH 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.

2. Bob Stewart reminded us that NOAH is requesting donations of refrigerators/freezers.
3. Vida Jones announced that quilt building will start September 23rd.
4. Reminder: 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"

5. Interact counselors are still needed.

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

6. Friday, September 15th from 6-7 p.m. will be the Grand Opening and Dedication of the Cotati Room, RSVP 792-4600, ext 640.

7. **Puttin' on the Ritz for Foundation** event is black-tie optional, Saturday, October 14, 6-7 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. Dinner and recognition, at the Sheraton in Petaluma. Dave Fisher also spoke about the tickets for the Foundation Raffle and Each Rotarian was given 5 tickets at \$20 each. You are responsible for selling or buying all 5. Our club is responsible for donating two raffle items worth \$50 or above so if you have something to donate let Dave know.

RSVP BY OCTOBER 7TH - \$60.00 PER PERSON.

ACTION NEEDED: Buy/Sell your tickets, plan to attend! Do you have a raffle item to donate? DON'T FORGET TO RSVP

8. September 18th, Guy Fieri, The newest Food Network Star, will be coming to the Santa Rosa West Rotary Club, at Noon, \$20.00 per person at Vintner's Inn, 4350 River Road, Santa Rosa, **RSVP: Janet at 576-0416 or Chris at 544-3004.** Or email at Janet@scanitjanet.com or ParrEvents@aol.com.

9. Rocky Mountain Rendezvous will be held, June 17-20, 2007. The 2007 Rotary International Convention will be in Salt Lake City, Utah. Rooms run \$51.00 per night to \$209.00 per night for a 2 bedroom suite. Book you hotel room and register for the convention and purchase tickets for activities at www.rotary.org/events. The affordability of the convention is excellent. Most convention activities are within a few blocks of the venue – including the world famous Mormon Tabernacle choir performing in an impressive 21,000 seat auditorium.

10. The Cajun Festival will be held Sat. September 9 in Sebastopol, tickets are \$20.00 each.

Other Announcements:

Rotary Membership Moments: Vida Jones

Past Rotary International President, Glen Kinross, said the following: "Rotary is a miracle because in an increasingly violent world, where intolerance is rampant and narrow allegiances to ethnic, political or religious creed have become of paramount importance, Rotarians offer friendships and opportunities to people of all races and persuasions. Rotary is a miracle because it offers glimpses of a better world. Rotary works towards the possible and achievable society that will one day conquer the absence of peace, a society that will provide opportunities and equality for all."

Believe in the miracle: We are Rotarians

Cougar Ambassadors:

Erin Armstrong of the Cougar Ambassadors, from Rancho Cotate High School spoke briefly about building more positive school spirit throughout the community. She talked about the 9-phase school improvement projects that are planned. These include a new gym, new performing arts center, quad cover, and the incorporation of school tours. **If you have a business in the district, be sure to proudly display a school sticker.**

RECOGNITION:

Anniversaries:

1st Tom Patterson's club anniversary (1991)

3rd Tom and Debby Miller's wedding anniversary

5th Carl and Gail Leivo's wedding anniversary (34 years!)

25th Kathy Sidjakov's birthday

Travel:

Ken McCoy was in Ruth for the weekend and endured the vacation from the fiery pits!

Tom and Debby Miller were also in Ruth for their anniversary

Happy Dollars

Program:

Ken McCoy introduced the speaker:

J. Dietrich Stroeh, nickname: ("Diet" pronounced "Deet")

J. Dietrich Stroeh is an expert on water issues and a founding partner of CSW Stuber/Stroeh Engineering Group. He spent 20 years with the Marin Municipal Water District, the last six as the General Manager who solved the 25-month Marin drought of 1976-77. A novel by Marin author Michael McCarthy, titled *The Man Who Made it Rain* is about Diet's experiences during the drought, climatic change and the future of water. Diet is married with five children and seven grandchildren. He lives in Novato, CA.

Mr. Stroeh's program presented some history of water issues, the drought of 76-77, the implementation of an immediate rationing program, and the laying of 61/2 miles of 24" pipeline from the East Bay to Marin County. He shared stories of people jumping fences and stealing their neighbors water, of people going to great lengths to avoid the horrific increases in their water bills and how the drought effected 24 western states.

He went back to Washington, D.C. to ask for money to fund the pipeline project. He asked for \$650 million they countered at \$350 million and what he ended up needing was actually only \$10 million.

In about 20-25 years the population of CA will exceed the current water supply. We need to start preparing for this. We need to conserve, reduce the water for lawns as it adds up to about 60-70% of water usage.

Some old water conservation slogans:

“Save water- shower with a friend.”

“Did you vote for water when you had a chance?”

“If it’s yellow, let it mellow, if it’s brown, flush it down.”

Mr. Stroeh had the book, *The Man Who Made It Rain*, available for signing.

Future Speakers: Charlie Cochrane, Ken McCoy to introduce

Next Week’s Thought of the Day: Nanette Francois

Corrections:

Websites:

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

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

District 5130 www.rotary5130.org.