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The **Four-Way Test** of things we think, say or do:

Is it the **Truth**?

Is it **Fair** to all concerned?

Will it build **Goodwill** and better **Friendships**?

Will it be **Beneficial** to all concerned?

## OPENING

President **Frank Sites** rang the opening bell at 7:30 a.m.

The flag salute was led by **Ron Nicholson**.



**President Frank**

explained Dutch Lichliter and Gary Pickering were present to do a live webcast of the raffle drawing. The meeting would be totally out of order so specific parts of the meeting would take place when the live video streaming started at 7:45.



**HAPPY DOLLARS**  
**Paula Schnelle** just



outstanding job **John Derby** did organizing the cold calls made last week to finish up the raffle.



Speaking of which **John D.** gave because he is happy the raffle is over and 792 tickets were sold.

## BIRTHDAYS

**Jim Carty** celebrated his birthday with **Pat Randall** at the Kenwood



Inn. **Dan Grow's** son took him to lunch at the Swiss Hotel in Sonoma and **Francine Dorshkind** and her granddaughter



returned from a fabulous trip to Thailand and Vietnam. **Gordon Freedman** is celebrating terrific results from his annual physical and **Jim Spangler** gave to recognized the



celebrated both of their birthday's together. Francine's gift was a 10 year old Golden Retriever Rescue dog named Misty.

## SPEAKER SYSTEM

**President Frank** explained some of the feedback we were hearing from the mics was a result of two mics being too close to one another.



At 7:45 the webcast started and Dutch reported 18 people were online watching.

**President Frank** acknowledged the online audience and called on **Dan Grow** to report on the Veteran's luncheon to be held at the Santa Rosa Veteran's building on November 8. Dan gave a brief bio of the scheduled guest speaker, Former Secretary of the Air Force, Thomas C. Reed.

**Valerie Hulse**y announced the SCARC dinner is next Thursday at Keller Estates. She encouraged members to try to attend more SCARC dinners as it's a great way to meet fellow Rotarians from other clubs.



**Gay Weir** read a thank you note from Mr. Castagnola, Principal at Douglas Whited Elementary School.

**John Heilbronner** asked for more volunteers to go to Flowery School with him on Thursday's. Give



John and call and he will pick you up and have you home by 11:00 AM.

**Pat Gooler** reported the



next Bunco game is on Wednesday, October 26 at 6:00 PM at the East Rec. and the price is \$22. This includes drinks, dinner and lots of fun. This is the last

game of the year, so to keep it from being cancelled, sign up and come play.



**Caroline** and George Keller were married 54 years ago on October 19. They will celebrate by having lunch at the Sierra Nevada Brewery.

## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Our Sgt-at-Arms, **Jerry Dion** was pleased to have a plethora of guests today. He introduced Will Haymaker from the Santa Rosa "Mother Club"! Will told us the Ambassadorial Scholar was selected from a submission by their club and she is attending the London School of Hygiene and plans to work with orphans and children with AIDS in Africa. He is also on the



Board of Directors for Project Amigo and thanked us for our continued support of that project.



**Randy Ruark** introduced her guest Myrna (Mimi) Jones. Mimi (left) has lived in

Oakmont for 10 months and was pleased to attend our meeting.

**Bill Shaver** introduced his wife, Marilyn, and mentioned that on November 7 they will be



celebrating their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Maria Lopez, Director of the Sierra Youth Center joined us

today and will draw the winning Raffle ticket.

Our speakers will be Krista McAtee and her daughter Victoria McAtee Pierson and last but not least Dutch and Gary (our webcasters) were introduced.



**Gay Weir** played piano and **Fred Adair** led us in the singing of "My Blue Heaven".

### VACATION RAFFLE DRAWING

Maria Lopez was asked to give a brief overview of the Sierra Youth Center. Maria explained Sierra is a residential treatment facility as part of the Sonoma County Probation Department. The girls in residence are between the ages of 12 and 18 and serve 6 to 12 months. While they are in the program they are helped to address the many issues that got them into the Juvenile Justice System. We are all very proud of the fact that



Sierra has a 97% success rate for graduates of their programs.

Maria then drew

the winning raffle ticket that was held by Michael Canar. He purchased his ticket from our Honorary Member, Dennis Cronin.

Second prize of \$1,000 went to Benjamin Taylor who bought his ticket from **John Heilbronner** and the \$500 third prize went to **Jeppe Juhl**.

### "OUR LITTLE RAFFLE"

The webcast ended and **Paula Schnelle** asked our speaker, Krista, to draw the winning raffle ticket for our "in house" raffle – only \$34.50 today but **John Heilbronner** did not draw the joker so the prize will increase next week.

### HALLOWEEN

**President Frank** announced we will celebrate Halloween at our meeting next week. A free breakfast will be awarded to the two members wearing the best costumes.

### GUEST SPEAKER



Ron Nicholson introduced our speakers Krista McAtee (left) and her daughter Vicky (below) who, along with her other two children, spent two weeks in El Salvador working with "ESNA Village Networks". ESNA stands for El

Salvador & North America and Village Networks is what they are working to create: improved livelihoods for the rural families in El Salvador and to promote peace through understanding via cross-cultural exchanges.



Krista explained about the Ecocina Stoves that are being made to replace the wood burning stoves currently used. These stoves will reduce

the deforestation and more importantly improve the health of the villagers because of the reduction in the smoke they are forced to breathe while cooking with wood. The stoves cost \$50 to make and the villagers are asked for \$15 - \$20 so they will have an investment in it.



Each year eight groups of volunteers travel to El Salvador for projects. The cost of the trip is \$2,000. 1/3 is airfare, 1/3 food and lodging and 1/3 is for concrete

and materials.

The project for this year was building classrooms and everyone helps, children, parents and volunteers. All the work is manual as there is no construction equipment. The villagers are very grateful for the help and support and everyone works together.

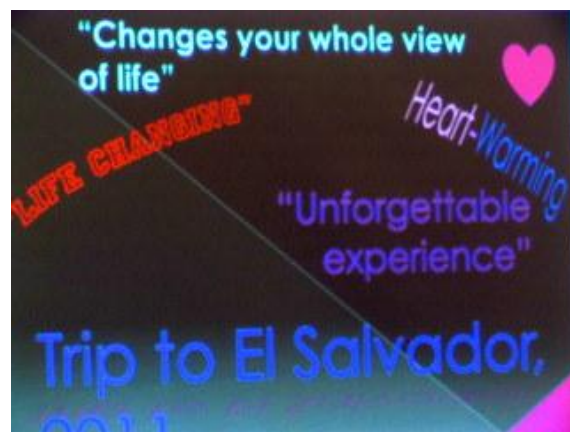
Vicky is 15 and attends Maria Carrillo High School and she and her siblings agree this was a life changing and heart warming experience.



After seeing how other children are forced to live in stick and metal houses they came away with a better understanding of how much they have to be thankful for here in America.

We all enjoyed a wonderful slide show put together by Krista's other daughter and beautifully narrated by Vicky.

ESNA believes one person can and does make a



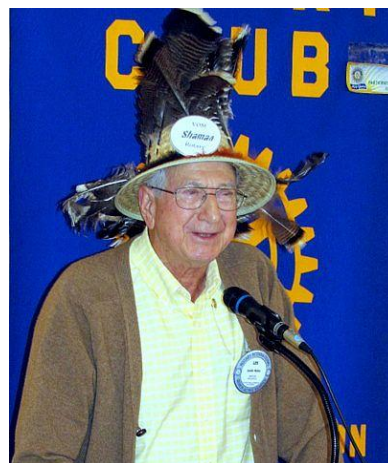
difference in the lives of others, but a team bringing together knowledge, skills, capital and experience for a single purpose or vision provides a synergy that is more powerful than the sum of the parts. By joining hands with organizations holding common values and like visions, ESNA can help the world change, one village at a time.

Vicky chose a book to be donated to the Douglas Whited School library in Krista and Vicky's names.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Les Holve gave two Thoughts for the Day:

If you put the Federal Government in charge of the Sahara Desert, in five years there'd be a shortage of sand. *Milton Friedman-Economist*



Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up interest wrinkles the soul. You are as young as your

faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your

hope, and as old as your despair. *Douglas MacArthur*

Les than donned his Shaman hat and for the very first time gave himself a Turkey Feather. It seems he put his Shaman hat on top of his car and then forgot and drove off with it there. Thank goodness for Oakmonters as it was “rescued” and returned.

### Closing

Frank rang the bell at 8:45

### MEMBERSHIP

First posting for membership for Suzanne Waxman sponsored by Todd VanDenburg.

**Share Rotary with your friends.** We should invite business friends and neighbors to a meeting. Who do we do business with, what neighbors do we know, what former Rotarians could be asked to join us? **Clip and save the invitation below to give to a friend, neighbor, or business associate. Please tell or email Todd VanDenburg if you are bringing a guest.**

Guests and potential Rotarians are invited twice at the Club’s expense.

**MANY PEOPLE SAID THEY WOULD HAVE JOINED ROTARY HAD SOMEONE ASKED THEM!**

**Cut and put in your wallet**

You are invited as a guest of \_\_\_\_\_ to attend a breakfast meeting of Valley of the Moon Rotary. The Club meets Friday mornings at 7:00 a.m. at the Quail Inn Restaurant 7035 Oakmont Drive in Oakmont.

Anyone interested in joining Rotary is encouraged to contact our Membership Director, Todd VanDenburg at [todd@thevandenburgs.com](mailto:todd@thevandenburgs.com) for information

### FUTURE CALENDAR EVENTS

10/28 – Barbara Spangler – “Rotoplast 2011, Venezuela”

11/4 – Brig. General Keith Kerr – “Service Members’ Legal Defense Network”

11/11 – DARK due to 11/8 Veterans Day luncheon on 11/8

11/18 – George MacLeod – “Final Report on 2011 Grape Harvest”

11/25 – DARK due to Thanksgiving

12/8 – District Governor’s Reception, Saddle Club

12/9 – District Governor’s Official Visit

12/16 – Club Holiday Dinner at Quail Inn

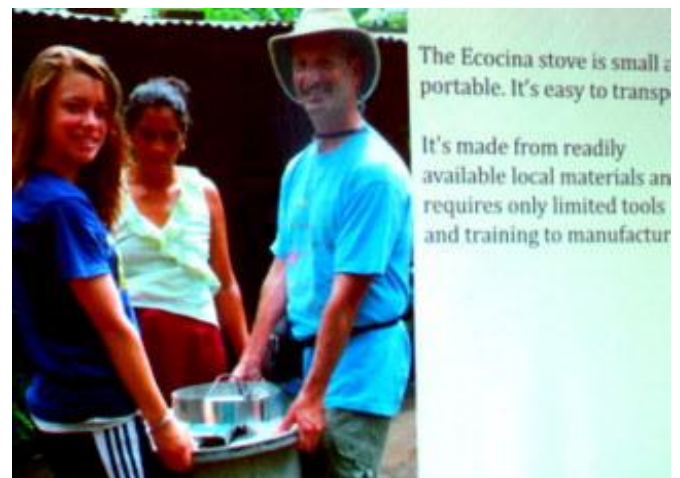
12/23 – DARK – Happy Holidays

12/30 – DARK – Happy Holidays

### ERRORS & OMISSIONS

*Apologies to last week’s speaker. We somehow turned Molly Murphy MacGregor into Mary Murphy MacGregor and we do apologize.*

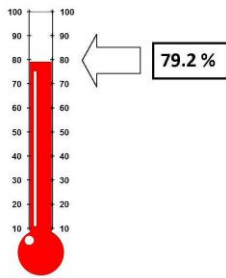
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Secretary: Valerie Hulsey; Treasurer: Arnie Lamb  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Jerry Dion**

## RAFFLE III - Ticket Sales

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**FINAL**



**The Raffle Winners!!**

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