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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**?

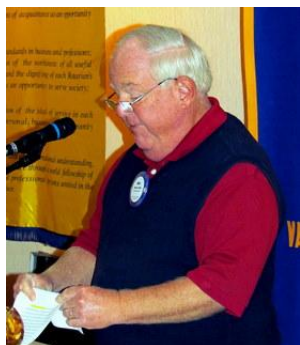
Will it be **Beneficial** to all concerned?

OPENING

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

The flag salute was led by **Dennis DeSousa**.

Mike Isola gave the Thought for the Day:
A well-known author



and poet was working and vacationing on the southern coast of Spain. One early morning, he was walking along the beach – the sun was rising, the rain had ended, the rainbows were magnificent, the sea was calm. While

enjoying the beauty around him, he glanced down the beach and saw a long figure dancing about. Fascinated by this person celebrating the new day, he moved closer. As he drew nearer, he realized that the person was not dancing, but in one graceful motion was picking up objects from the beach and tossing them into the sea. He approached the young man and saw the objects were starfish. “Why in the world are you throwing starfish into the water?” “If the starfish stay on the beach, when the tide goes out and the sun rises higher, they will die,” replied the young man as he continued tossing them out to sea. “That’s ridiculous! There are thousands of miles of beach and millions of starfish. You can’t really believe that what you are doing can possibly make a difference!” The young man picked up another starfish, and tossing it into the waves, said, “It makes a difference to this one.”

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Our Sgt-at-Arms, **Jerry Dion** introduced two visiting Rotarians, Gary Edwards and Jon Diederich from the Sonoma Valley Club.

Visitors and potential Rotarians Suzanne Waxman, Bob Jackson and Mimi Jones were introduced.



Dan Grow urged everyone to buy their tickets for the Veteran’s luncheon to be held at the Santa Rosa Veteran’s building on November 8. Great

speaker planned.

John Derby recorded the raffle on his I phone and posted it on You Tube. Click on the following link to view it.



http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-cwIAP4FadA&feature=youtube_gdata



Ron & Ro Nicholson were playing golf on their anniversary last week and one of the people playing behind them accused them of cutting in front of them and he actually attacked Ron. Ron was limping a bit today and has a cracked rib but they were able to go out to dinner after their terrible experience.

Les Holve had the unenviable task of reporting the cost of breakfast at the Quail Inn is increasing and we will now pay \$15 at each meeting. This is the first increase in over four years and we are fortunate to be able to store our equipment here at no additional charge so no complaining allowed.



Ron Nicholson asked **President Frank** to read a thank you letter from Ted Rose and Susan Hill on behalf of Project Amigo.

Membership Director, **Todd VanDenburg**, presented **Cynthia Macariola-Brooks** with her Blue Badge.



HALLOWEEN

Jim Carty (right) emceed our "Cheap Mask Challenge" celebrating Halloween. **Ron Motta** and **Dennis Schroeder** were the "official judges" and the following members were asked to stand:



Gordon Freedman – Fisherman
John Derby – Dr. Seuss
Barb Lowell – Pregnant Bride
Lois Kelly –



Wicked Witch
Valerie Hulsey – Spiderweb Woman
Ron Nicholson – Charlie



Chaplin Karen Sites – Pajama Lady



After several rounds of applause **Lois** and **Barb** tied as the winners of the contest. They shared \$10 worth of morning raffle tickets. Everyone had a good laugh at some really clever



costumes.



BIRTHDAYS

Only one Birthday today, **Harry Hufford** celebrated with lots of rounds of golf.

& LOTS of HAPPY DOLLARS

Valerie Hulsey gave happy dollars as a thank you to **Jim Spangler** for being such a fabulous Foundation Director during her term as President.

Gay Weir gave as a thank you to **Fred Adair** for supplying a piano lamp so she can see the music when the club sings and also for **Arnie Lamb's** 20 month old granddaughter Maisie who watched our live feed last week and after the song said "MORE".

Rich Irwin won \$10 at Bunco and was so happy to win he donated the money back to the club.



Jeppe Juhl gave because he is thankful his daughter is recovering, and **Cynthia** is doing a great job on the Friendship Alliance and most of all for winning 3rd Prize in the vacation raffle.

Karen Sites donated to thank **Pat Gooler** and **Lois Kelly** for all the work they do to put on Bunco every month and **Francine Dorshkind** added her thanks.



Phil Wigen gave to thank **John Derby** for making our club look so sophisticated with the live webcast video.

Pat Gooler ratted out **Fred Adair** as a big Bunco winner so Fred donated too!



Todd VanDenburg won the morning raffle a few weeks ago so **President Frank** presented him with



a check for \$307.

RAFFLE

Paula Schnelle asked one of our visiting Rotarians to draw the winning raffle ticket. **Mary Brodie** held the ticket did not

draw the joker so the prize will increase next week.

GUEST SPEAKER



Our speaker today was our President elect **Barb Spangler** who was born and raised in the Boston area. She studied Medical Technology as an

undergraduate and is currently attending graduate school for her MBA. Barb retired from GE Healthcare as a Clinical Research Manager in Interventional Cardiology in 2009.

Barb was selected to work as the Medical Records person on a Rotaplast Mission to Cumana, Venezuela from September 18 – 30.

The Mechanics		
Medical	Non-Medical	Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Plastic Surgeons • 4 Anesthesiologists • 2 Pediatricians • 6 Nurses • 2 Dentist/Oral Surgeons • Speech Pathologist • Genetics Team (4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission Director • Medical Records • Photojournalist • Quartermaster • Sterilizer • Ward Coordinator • OR Technician 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotary Hosts – U.S. • Rotary Hosts – Cumanagoto • Rotaplast HQ • Toyota Venezuela • Chevron Venezuela • Regional Governor • Hospital Administration • Local Social Services
• Total: 22	• Total: 7	

Rotaplast is committed to Saving Smiles and Changing Lives through free plastic

and reconstructive surgery. Every three weeks a mission leaves for a new destination.

The team consists of 22 Medical Personnel, 7 Non Medical and a Support Staff which includes volunteers from Rotary Hosts in the US and Cumana, Rotaplast HQ, Toyota Venezuela and

Chevron Venezuela give support and financial aid, the regional Government, Hospital Administration and local Social Services. Since it is critical that all of the equipment works effectively most of it is brought from the US in the 36 boxes of supplies that were sent.

Barb left SFO on Sunday around 2:00 PM and approximately 24 hours later arrived in Cumana



where the team was warmly greeted with dancing and good cheer. They

immediately went to work checking the facilities they would be using and deciding the best was to set up the various stations for processing the next day.



At 8:00 AM the triage of 240 children began. Each child was seen by the medical personnel and a

file folder was created with their names and



other information and a picture of the patient and their parent was attached for positive identification.

Every child is triaged but then the tough decisions of who will receive surgery on this mission



must be made.

21 – 22 surgeries are performed each day and the Rotaplast medical personnel work with the local medical teams so they can follow up with each patient.

After surgery the children have what is called a



No-No put on their arms so they cannot bend their elbows and touch their faces. The children are scared and then

angry and confused but they are given lots of love and tender care and they begin to heal quickly. Their parent(s) stay with them once they are out of surgery so they do not feel so alone.

Since Barb was in charge of medical records it was her responsibility to see that every patient had a chart and every procedure and everything that related to the patient was recorded. She was responsible for having the chart of the next patient at her fingertips when the surgeon requested it.



Out of the 240 patients triaged 115 of them received surgery. Reasons for not receiving

surgery ranged from dental work, speech therapy or some other procedure rather than surgery was



required or the health of the child was such that surgery would have been a risk at that time.

Every child is rechecked on the

day of the team's departure and a follow up plan is left with the local team.

Venezuela's President Chavez supplied a C130 troop transport plane to fly them back to Caracas and Barb returned home late on September 30.

Note: In the US a child is born with Cleft Lip or Cleft Palate 1 in 1000 births but due to genetics and poor dietary conditions in countries such as Venezuela that figure jumps to 1 in 400.

Needless to say the members of the Valley of the Moon Rotary club are extremely proud of Barb and probably a bit envious of her experience.

THANKS BARB!

Closing

Frank rang the bell at 8:45

MEMBERSHIP

Second 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 for information

FUTURE CALENDAR EVENTS

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

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