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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?

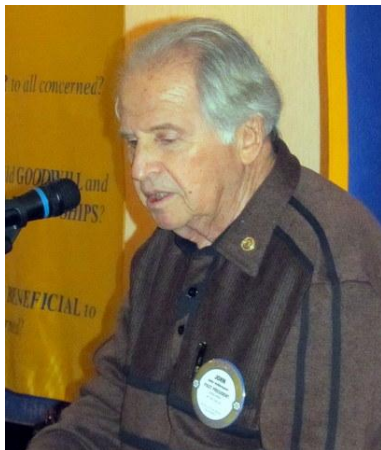
OPENING

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

The flag salute was led by Santa Rosa East's **Jim Wieschendorff**. With **Jack Monahan** at piano, **John Derby** led us in song with Red Sails in the Sunset.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

John Heilbronner told us the following inspirational story.



A farmer put out a sign "Puppies for Sale". Shortly a small boy came along and said he wanted one of the puppies. "Well", said the farmer, "They cost a good deal of money."

The boy reached into his pocket, pulling out some change – only 39 cents. "Is this enough to take a look", he asked the farmer.

"Sure" said the farmer and he called "Here Dolly". Out from the barn came Dolly followed by 4 little pups. The boy was so happy and excited. Then a 5th, but smaller pup, came out moving very slowly and limping.

"I want that one", said the boy pointing to the last pup, whose tail was wagging all this time. The farmer knelt down, pointing to the pup and said "Son, you do not want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you as the others."

The boy stepped back and pulled up his pant leg, revealing a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attached to a special shoe. The boy looked up at the farmer and said "You see, sir, I don't run too well myself and he will need someone who understands."

As we at Rotary know so well, the world is full of people who need someone who understands.

VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

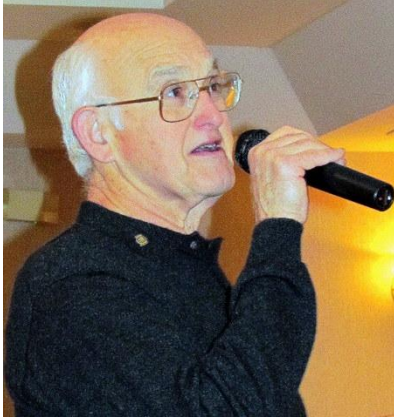
Sgt-at-Arms **Jerry Dion** introduced Rotarians **Jim Wieschendorff** of Santa Rosa East; **Pete Wallace**

of Sanger, CA, and his wife Judy; **Troy Carrington**, of Santa Rosa; and **Chris Parr-Feldman**, (right) Santa Rosa West and District Membership Chair. Guests were Bob Jackson



& Mimi Jones (for the last time); our speaker Dr. Stephen Herrington; Mimi Jones' guest Pat Allen; and Bob Jackson's wife, Mitzi Jackson.

DIRECTOR REPORTS TREASURER



Arnie Lamb reported that he only got the dues notices out at 6 p.m. Thursday night and already had a fistful of checks. Thanks to all for being so prompt. Those

of you who owe – PAY UP!

FUND RAISER

Crab Feed

Val Hulse reported that money for 125 tickets was brought in. Next Friday 1/27 at 12:00 noon is the deadline for turning in your money and getting your allotted tickets. If you do not pay by Friday your allotted tickets will be given to the people on the waiting list. Also, if you didn't do so today, remember to bring in a good bottle of wine for the auction and check your name off on the sign-up sheet.



Val also read a thank-you note from **Dale Knight** of the Rohnert Park/Cotati club thanking us for our generous donations of \$400 toward their Uganda project, plus we are thanked on their Facebook page.

OTHER REPORTS

John Heilbronner asked for more volunteers to sign up for Flowery School. It's an easy job and fun.



Pat Gooler let us know that the next Bunco game is Wednesday, January 25th, 6 p.m. at East Rec. We have 24 signed up, but another table can be added. The cost is \$22 for dinner and an evening of fun and the chance to win

a few bucks.

PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frank welcomed **Keri Anderson** back after a brief illness.

Frank called **Chris Parr-Feldman** to the front to conduct the induction of Bob Jackson and Mimi Jones into our club. Both were being sponsored by **Randy Ruark**, however **Randy** explained that she didn't really go out and find Mimi. Mimi had stuck her head in the door of one of our meetings, as her husband had been a



member of a Lake County Rotary club. At that point, Randy grabbed her ('Atta

girl, Randy). Many family members were present.

First, however, she announced a District luncheon to celebrate 25 years of



Women in Rotary. The Silver Hearts Celebration Lunch will be Friday, March 16 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Vintners Inn Event Center. You can register on-line for \$50 at www.rotary5130.org.

To continue on with the induction, she welcomed our new members to Rotary and, with her usual enthusiasm, told them that, in Rotary, we take ideals and turn them into action. They will be obligated to attend weekly meetings and share duties in the club and community service. Rotary's ideal of friendship is to receive yet give and to be a source of strength to our club.

Bob's brother-in-law, **Pete Wallace**, a long-time Rotarian told us that when Bob said he wanted to join our club, he checked us out first and we passed muster.



Pete pinned Bob with Bob's own father's Rotary pin.

Both were pinned by **Val** and **Chris**.

Welcome **Bob** and **Mimi**.

Birthday Recognition

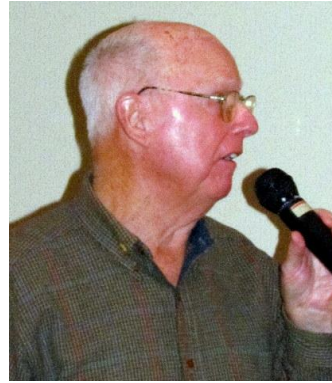
Jack Monahan and his lovely wife Corinne celebrated their 27th Anniversary by going out to lunch and shopping (her favorite thing to do).

Arnie Lamb had a birthday on January 16th and thinks it's nice that it's now a National Holiday! He was visited by his 2 year old granddaughter and her parents for a week. Had fun, but glad to see them off.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Mary Brodie told us the heart-wrenching story of her daughter with Stage 4 Melanoma, who went on to have 2 children. The second child, a girl, was born with neurological damage. Mary spends weekends helping out with her little

granddaughter and is happy to report that she is making great progress.



Jim Spangler had dinner at Frank & Karen's (better than any 5 star restaurant).

RAFFLE

Paula Schnelle had **Troy Carrington** draw the ticket for the \$307 pot. The winning ticket holder was **Dennis DeSousa** who didn't draw the Joker, but gets a free breakfast.



GUEST SPEAKER

Caroline Keller took pleasure in introducing Dr. Stephen Herrington, Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools. Our education programs for New Generations, Sierra Youth Center and R-House are under the supervision of the Office of Education.



Dr. Herrington gave a PowerPoint presentation and I'll try to give you the main gist of it.

Our County

Office of Education is a State agency that represents 40 school districts with 177 school sites. Sonoma County is the 3rd largest school district in the State of CA with over



72,000 students. Education has lost 25% of their revenue since 2007, with the State owing us \$18 billion.

Ten years ago, our schools were represented by 68% Anglo and 22% Latino. Now, we have 49% Anglo, 39% Latino and the rest others. So now we're dealing with more languages. Over 40% of the students are under the poverty level and dependent on State programs. Still, Sonoma County schools receive the highest academic ratings in the State.

Volunteers are very important as 1-on-1 dealings with students makes a difference, especially dealing with much ethnic and



racial diversity. Ten Sonoma County schools have earned National Blue Ribbon School recognition and 76 schools have been named California Distinguished Schools (one being Douglas Whited Elementary).

In 2009, Sonoma County graduated 80% of their students with 80% of them going on to higher education. However, less than 24% of them

graduate from college due to lack of finances and cutting back of necessary classes. Sonoma County has an acute problem regarding the low number of Hispanic students graduating and the programs that were implemented to correct this problem with great success rate have been cut from the budget.

Helpful are the ROP (Regional Occupation Programs) are still intact and some high schools have been doing mentorship programs.

Rotary's work in education is greatly appreciated and valued. It's our job to educate the next generation.

Closing

Frank thanked Dr. Herrington for an enlightening presentation and asked him to choose a book to be donated to Douglas Whited Elementary School in his name.

The closing bell was rung at 8:45 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP

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 Frank or Paula if you are bringing a guest.**

When introducing your guest at a meeting please do not introduce them as a prospective member. No one can be a prospective member until the Board votes on their application. Just introduce them as my friend or neighbor or whatever is appropriate.

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.

FUTURE CALENDAR EVENTS

1/27/12 – Wheelchair Foundation (Jeff Bering)

2/03/12 – The NEW Sutter Hospital under construction, (Mike Purvis CAO)

2/10/12 – Redwood Empire Food Bank, (David Goodman)

2/17/12 – “Points of Life” – The Elder Ed Players

2/24/12 – DARK due to Crab Feed on 2/25/12

3/02/12 – Women’s Recovery Services, (Mike Neering & Kim Simoni)

3/16/12 – Making Our Mind Our Mentor – (Steven Campbell)

4/13/12 – East Meets West – Clean Water, (John Hieu Nguyen)

4/20/12 – Cardinal Newman Interact President in Uganda, (Jay Zimmer)

4/27/12 – Income for Life & Legacy Planning (Franklin-Templeton)

5/11/12 – The Significance of Memorial Day (Marine Col. Bucky Peterson)

5/18/12 – Roots of Peace (Land Mine Removal) (Heidi Kuhn)

5/25/12 – DARK, Memorial Day

6/01/12 – Scholarship Presentations, (Caroline Keller)

6/08/12 – Community Service Awards, (Phil Wigen)

6/29/12 – Dinner Meeting, President’s Debunking

ERRORS & OMISSIONS

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