



# The Alamo Oak

*Rotary Club of Alamo*

*February 25, 2009*

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## ROUND HILL PROGRAM CALENDAR:

Date	Program	Greeter
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Polcyn Dave Mueller, South India School Project	Gledhill
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Gledhill Beverly Lane, Director, East Bay Parks	Hansen

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Six Club Dinner @ Round Hill CC
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Board Meeting @ Jim Schuppert's home
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Monte Vista @ Glide Memorial
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Speaker: Cliff Dochterman

## TODAY'S GUESTS:

Mark Curtis, Speaker  
Todd Bales  
Nardy Silverman  
John McGovern  
Jim Byrnes

## **February 25, 2009 Announcements**

We received a note regarding **Nancy Hicks**: she has successfully completed her 9<sup>th</sup> major surgery since her accident and is on the road to recovery. If you would like to contact Nancy, please email her at [azhicks@earhlink.net](mailto:azhicks@earhlink.net).

### **Beth Randall:**

Bill informs us that Beth is doing better every day, thanks in part to his nursing skills. He shared a laundry list of virtues (too numerous to mention) that a man must have to care for his wife when she is ill.. Interestingly, the understated virtue of a man being able to be seen and not heard was nowhere on Bill's list.

### **YouthAct at Stone Valley:**

YouthAct is coordinating a food drive for the Monument Crisis Center. All core classes are competing to see which class brings in the most food donations. The winning class will be treated to a pizza party courtesy of Alamo Rotary.

### **Monte Vista/ Glide Memorial:**

Bill Randall will be accompanying 20 or more Monte Vista Interact Students on March 14<sup>th</sup> to serve lunch at Glide Memorial Homeless Kitchen. Beth and Bill have done this several times in the past and always find it a rewarding and "heart-warming" experience. This is one of the most popular activities for our Interact Club and is repeated several times each year. It is really quite a humbling experience in many ways, and Bill invites you to join him on this particular outing. Please RSVP Bill ASAP if you can help out on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Rossmoor St. Patrick's Day Celebration:**

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:30 Fireside Room at Gateway Clubhouse, \$23pp Fundraiser to support the various community, youth and international projects sponsored by the Rossmoor Rotary Club. Contact Steven Chagrin at 925-945-7326 for more information.

### **District Assembly:**

All members, especially new members and incoming officers and incoming board members please take note and plan to attend this one day, no-cost workshop in Concord from 8am -2pm on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Cal State University East Bay, Concord Campus, 4700 Ygnacio Rd. Please RSVP Bill Randall ASAP to reserve a spot!



## Reminders:

**March 11<sup>th</sup>: Double Header ...** Our speaker at lunch on the 11<sup>th</sup>, arranged by Bart Gledhill, will be Beverly Lane, Board member and Treasurer of East Bay Regional Parks. Six Club Dinner meeting at Round Hill Country Club will feature Jeff Tedford as our speaker, talking about Cal Football. Prepaid reservations required, \$40 pp. Contact Jim Schuppert.

**March 18<sup>th</sup>:** Thanks to John Hansen, our guest speaker will be Cliff Dochterman, 1992-1993 RI President and member of the Moraga Club. It is an excellent opportunity to bring guests, particularly prospective members. Sign up sheet will be circulated at upcoming meetings.

**Oakland Rotary Centennial Golf Tournament:** Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Sequoyah Country Club in Oakland. Lunch on the course, shotgun start at 11am followed by dinner. \$250 per player. Dinner only is \$50. Contact Jim Schuppert for details if you are interested in a foursome.

**Bocce Ball Tourney:** May 9th at Martinez Bocce Ball Federation, noon to 6PM. Contact Bill Ferguson or Mark Kahn if interested.

## Fines/Recognitions:

Ken Soult was fined for his Hawaiian golf vacation and the Thiessens were each fined for their recent trip to Cambodia. Karen McPherson was fined for her birthday and trip to Newport Beach. Diane Barley was fined for helping Karen celebrate! Chuck Ortmeyer was fined...Rotary Anniversary?

## **Our Program:**

Mark Curtis was our speaker this week, thanks to Joe Combs. Mark covered the entire 2008 Presidential campaign, traveling the country with all of the candidates as a blogger and freelance political analyst. He shared interesting anecdotes and a first hand account of the campaign. In the midst of the campaign, he decided to publish his experiences, as a blog and as a book. His new book, "Age of Obama: A Reporter's Journey with Clinton, McCain and Obama in the Making of the President 2008" is published by Nimble Books, Inc.

Mark Curtis is a 30 year professional in Radio and TV broadcasting. Mark is well known from his many years with KTVU, from 1993 to January 2008. He was first, the Capitol Correspondent in the Washington, D.C. bureau, for all Cox Television stations, including KTVU. In January 1999, he moved to Oakland, to become Co-Anchor of the "KTVU Morning News," which became the # 1 local early morning newscast in the Bay Area for the past 6 years. Mark left KTVU in January 2008, to start his own freelance news reporting, public relations and political analysis agency: [www.MarkCurtisMedia.com](http://www.MarkCurtisMedia.com). His profile can be found on Twitter, FriendFeed, LinkedIn, Yelp, YouTube and Facebook.

**Raffle:** Mike Gallagher had the lucky number, but pulled out the black marble.