



The Alamo Oak

Rotary Club of Alamo

March 4, 2009

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ROUND HILL PROGRAM CALENDAR:

Date	Program	Greeter
March 11 th	Gledhill Beverly Lane, Director, East Bay Parks	Hansen
March 18 th	Hansen Cliff Dochterman	Humphrey

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

TODAY'S GUESTS:

Dave Mueller, Speaker
Nardy Silverman
Judy Lewis

March 4, 2009 Announcements/Reminders

Congratulations to Bill Randall for receiving his Paul Harris Recognition!

Bill Ferguson put in a plug for the **Blackhawk Chorus**. They will be performing at Dean Leshar on Sunday, May 17th at 3pm. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Easter Egg Hunt: Thanks to Chuck Ortmeyer, who is once again leading the planning for the Easter Egg hunt ... planned for **Saturday morning, April 4th**. He'll need volunteers to help stuff the eggs prior to the event and to help hide the eggs at Livorna Park that morning. If you haven't gone to this before, take the time as it is great fun to see the kids enjoy the hunt...and the Easter Bunny!!

Livermore Film Festival:

Judy Lewis recommends checking out the festival, which will be held from April 16-April 19th. She says she's been to Sundance and this is just as good!

We're wishing **Mark Kahn** a speedy recovery from his cataract surgery.

March 11th: Double Header ... Our speaker, arranged by Bart Gledhill, will be Beverly Lane, Director of the East Bay Regional Park District. Beverly has an extensive record of public service. She is a published author and curator of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. The East Bay Regional Park District marks its 75th anniversary this year. Park Director Beverly Lane will present a power point supported talk describing the challenges and achievements of the district at next week's program.

That same evening, the Six Club Dinner meeting at Round Hill Country Club will feature Jeff Tedford as our speaker, discussing Cal Football.

Prepaid reservations required, \$40 per person. Contact Jim Schuppert.

Monte Vista Interact – Glide Memorial: Reminder that Bill Randall will be accompanying members of the Monte Vista Interact on **Saturday, March 14th** to serve lunch at Glide Memorial Homeless kitchen. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Bill Randall!



March 18th: Our guest speaker will be Cliff Dochterman, 1992-1993 Rotary International 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 23rd 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 organizing a foursome.

District Assembly Workshop: All members, especially new members and incoming officers/board members ... please take note and plan to attend this six hour (8AM to 2PM) Rotary workshop on **Saturday morning, April 11th**. It is at Cal State University East Bay, Concord Campus, 4700 Ygnacio Valley Road. Please contact Bill Randall to reserve a spot. Headcount is important as they do provide a box lunch ... want to be sure no one goes away hungry!

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

Fines/Recognitions:

Jim Brandt was recognized for his new job...he now makes money the old fashioned way..(Smith Barney). Jim Schuppert was fined for his trip to Boston to see his 1 year old granddaughter. Fined for their spouse's birthdays were Gerry Filice and Al Fahrenkrog. Brian Thiessen just returned from his travels to Nicaragua and Cartagenas, Colombia, working with the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians. Bill Randall was fined \$5, just because Father Bill said so.

Our Program:

Dave Mueller was our speaker today. Dave presented on the School project that the Board of the Alamo Rotary has recently approved. Steve Polcyn, who is Dave's friend and a supporter of the school, originally brought this project to the attention of the International Committee.

Dave has been involved with the project for about ten years, ever since he was working for Chevron in Singapore. At this time, Dave contributes to the school in a unique manner. He does renovations of bathrooms, decks etc. and instead of charging for labor, he requests his clients to donate the money to the school. Since the charity is registered as a 501(c) corporation, the clients receive a deduction for their charitable donation.

“Srividyasram” or the “Swami’s Village School” was started by V. Swaminathan (Swami) in Chennai, India. Swami worked as CFO and Director and former Chevron employee, working for Dave Mueller. The School was founded in 2001 and opened in 2002 with 47 students, Grades Pre-K and K. Today, 403 students attend Grades Pre-K to 6. One grade is added per year and the average class size is 25 students per class. The School is located in Aduthurai, (Chennai) where the average family income is \$270/year. The **Annual** Operating Cost per Student is \$95. Each family is required to contribute \$55USD.

The focus of the school is on Academics, motivation and preparation for University. Everything is provided for the students: Teachers, books, supplies, uniforms, noon meal, computer access, & field trips. The physical plant includes 20 classrooms, dining hall, AV Room, auditorium, library & computer lab. The School has achieved remarkable Standard Achievement Test Scores.

The wish list for the school is the following:

- _HS Lab Furnishings - \$3500
- HS Classroom Furnishings - \$5600
- Computers - \$5400
- Audio Visual Equipment - \$2500
- Mini Bus - \$18,200
- Books & Supplies - \$4200

Alamo Rotary has pledged \$3500 for the 2008 Rotary year. An additional \$2000 has been included by Jim Schuppert, who is having Dave handle some home renovations. This \$5500 will be processed via a Matching Grant, totaling \$21,000. It will be used to provide computers, books and supplies/ furnishings for the new high school classroom.

For more information regarding this project, please contact Alan Fahrenkrog.

Raffle: JP pulled out the black marble, leaving \$75 for next week.