



# The Alamo Oak

*Rotary Club of Alamo*

*March 11, 2009*

**Alamorotary.org**

## ROUND HILL PROGRAM CALENDAR:

Date	Program	Greeter
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hansen Cliff Dochterman	Humphrey
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Carolyn Thiessen Music Awards Meeting	Ferguson

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 14<sup>th</sup> Monte Vista Interact @ Glide Memorial
- March 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting @ Jim Schuppert's home

## TODAY'S GUESTS:

Carol Johnson, Speaker  
Joseph Hearst  
Lynne Leach  
Terence Newman  
Nardy Silverman  
John Grunteli  
Ira Hillyer, WC Rotary

## March 11, 2009 Announcements/Reminders

**March 12<sup>th</sup>: 2009 Alamo Wine and Music Festival Committee** is holding an organizational meeting at Richard's meeting room, noon to 1PM

**PE Bill Randall** is back from PETS and energized for his presidency! He said it was an intense weekend, with great seminars and excellent speakers. He relayed RI Pres. Elect John Kenny's theme for the 2009-10 Rotary year: The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands...

**Monte Vista Interact – Glide Memorial:** A reminder that Bill Randall will be accompanying members of the Monte Vista Interact on **Sat. March 14<sup>th</sup>** to serve lunch at Glide Memorial Homeless kitchen. If you're interested in joining the group, please contact Bill Randall!

**March 18<sup>th</sup>:** 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. Please contact Jim Schuppert ASAP to add/delete guests from the list.

**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 if you are interested in organizing a foursome.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Thanks to Chuck Ortmeyer, who is once again leading the planning for the Easter Egg hunt ... planned for **Saturday morning, April 4<sup>th</sup>**. He'll need volunteers to help stuff the eggs prior to the event and to help hide 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!!

**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 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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 Tourney: May 9<sup>th</sup>** at Martinez Bocce Ball Federation, 12 to 6PM. Contact Bill Ferguson or Mark Kahn if interested.



## Our Program:

Carol Johnson was our speaker today. She is the Community Relations Manager at the East Bay Regional Park District. She was filling in for our scheduled speaker, Beverly Lane. The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009. EBRPD began with a vision of far-sighted civic leaders seeking to preserve excess watershed land in the Oakland and Berkeley hills. Their goal was to create a park district as part of the community, one that retained a balance of recreation opportunities and wilderness features, ideas unheard of at the time. Members of a grassroots land preservation movement placed a measure on the ballot. During the Great Depression, it passed by a surprising 71% and created the [first](#) regional park agency in the nation: the East Bay Regional Park District.

EBRPD manages:

over 98,000 acres

65 regional parks, recreation areas, wilderness, shorelines and preserves

29 regional inter-park trails/1,150 miles of trails within parklands

11 freshwater swimming areas, boating and/or stocked fishing lakes and lagoons and a disabled-accessible swimming pool

40 fishing docks; 3 bay fishing piers

235 family campsites; 42 youth camping areas

2 golf courses

2,082 family picnic tables/1,707 reservable group picnic tables

9 interpretive and education centers

18 childrens' play areas and wedding, meeting and banquet facilities.

Thanks to the support of residents throughout the past seven-and-a-half decades, the East Bay Regional Park District now encompasses all of Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

Spanning more than 98,000 acres with 65 parks and over 1,100 miles of trails, [EBRPD is the largest regional park district in the nation.](#)

**Raffle:** Lynne Leach pulled out the black marble, leaving \$90 for next week.