



The Alamo Oak

Rotary Club of Alamo

April 15, 2009

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ROUND HILL PROGRAM CALENDAR:

Date	Program	Greeter
April 22nd	To be announced...	Kiper
April 29 th	Kiper Rick Buxton presents "When are you going to die?" (His title, not mine!!)	Polcyn
May 6 th	Carolyn Thiessen Education Awards Meeting	

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 16th AMF Committee meeting, noon at Richard's
- April 20th Board Meeting @ Jim Schuppert's home.
- April 25th Rotarians at Work Day

GUESTS:

Sophia Bekele, Speaker

Nardy Silverman, Polson Rotary Club

April 15, 2009 Announcements/Reminders

Thank you to the seven members who participated in the District Assembly. It was a good opportunity to learn about the many aspects of Rotary.

Thank you to all Alamo Rotarians who brought food donations to benefit the Monument Crisis Center.

Alamo Wine and Music Festival: Committee meeting is planned for tomorrow, Thursday April 16th, noon at Richard's.

Work is underway. **Save the Date – Saturday, September 12th** to work at the Festival! Suggestions are welcome regarding potential sources of wine, and for potential prizes for our lucky draw. For wine, contact John Hansen. For the raffle, contact Chuck Ortmeier. And for sponsors ... contact Don Morton. Suggestions on potential major donors, contact Jack Thompson. Thanks!

Steve Polcyn will be taking pictures for the website profiles on 4/22 and 4/29.

Rotary Center for International Studies: Sunday, April 26th – The Annual Spring Seminar is an opportunity for you to learn more about the Rotary Peace Fellow program at UC Berkeley. After an introduction of the Fellows, they will divide up for panel presentations and interaction with Rotarians Luncheon at noon will feature a speaker on peace and conflict resolution followed by more panel presentations. It will be at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant in Berkeley. Registration fee of \$40 includes lunch. Contact Jim Schuppert if you are interested in reserving a spot for this event.

Bocce Ball Tournery: **May 9th** at Martinez Bocce Ball Federation, noon to 6PM. It looks like we'll field three teams at this fun event. You are welcome to come and cheer our teams on if you don't want the pressure of competition! Contact Bill Ferguson or Mark Kahn if interested.

Diablo View Club Fund Raiser: The newly formed Diablo View Rotary Club is having a special event: a poker tournament on Saturday May 16th, 11am to 3pm at Pyramid Ale House in Walnut Creek. Tickets are available at \$50 per player. See Brian for more information and tickets!

FINES/RECOGNITIONS:

Jim Schuppert did the honors since Father Bill was otherwise occupied. Jim confessed to his Boston trip over Easter to visit his granddaughter. I was fined \$25 for my trip to NJ and my Rotary Anniversary. Jim Brandt is returning from Tulsa. He was attending the Dedication and Memorial of the Oklahoma Centennial Gardens in his father's honor. Bill Humphrey was fined \$20 for his recent trip to Woodland. John Jones was fined \$20 for his wedding anniversary, which was a small price to pay considering the alternative!! A round of applause for Ken Soult, who is celebrating his 35th year of Rotary service!

OUR PROGRAM:

Our speaker was Sophia Bekele, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Ms. Bekele is a business and corporate executive and writer. She is the founder and CEO of CBS International, a private Walnut Creek, CA based firm engaged in technology transfer to emerging economies, and SbCommunications Network, an Ethiopian IT company. Ms. Bekele was also an elected member of the ICANN Council of the GNSO (Generic Names Supporting Organization), which advises on global internet policy. She has served on United Nations-sponsored committees, such as the UNECA-sponsored African Information Society Initiative (AISII), where she represents the private sector in discussions about the economic development of Africa.

Sophia shared how Rotary values, especially the Four Way test, have impacted her entrepreneurial and humanitarian works. She presented on her home club's current projects involving Solar Cooking and the Hunger Project. Our thanks to Brian Thiessen and Clark Johnson for coordinating today's program.

RAFFLE:

Carolyn's number was picked but she didn't take home the \$60.