



# The Alamo Oak

Rotary Club of Alamo

April 22, 2009

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## ROUND HILL PROGRAM CALENDAR:

Date	Program	Greeter
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Kiper Rick Buxton presents "When are you going to die?" (His title, not mine!!)	Polcyn
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Carolyn Thiessen Education Awards Meeting	

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 25<sup>th</sup> Rotarians at Work Day..Stone Valley Middle School  
(Repainting of the USA map and lite clean up)
- April 25<sup>th</sup> Interact Dessert Buffet and talent Night

### April 22, 2009 Announcements/Reminders

**Thank you** to Beth Randall for organizing the food drive and to all the members who contributed over 1800 pounds of food to the effort initiated by the Monte Vista Interact Club!

Interact is also hosting a Dessert Buffet and Talent Night to benefit LN-4. It will be held this Saturday at 7pm at Dougherty Valley HS. Tickets are \$20.

**Bill Randall** announced that our Board has approved funds to support the newly formed Youth Act Club at Stone Valley. Additionally, our Rotarians at Work Day project will be held at Stone Valley this Saturday from 9-11am.

**Greg Schuyler** has some openings for the “Day on the Bay” cruise this Sunday! For more info, see [CelebrationsontheBay.com](http://CelebrationsontheBay.com).

**Alamo Wine and Music Festival:** The Committee had a good meeting last Thursday. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at Richard’s. The Taylor Foundation has committed to make a donation again this year, the amount is to be determined. Morgan Stanley also has committed a \$1,000 donation.

**Save the Date – Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** 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 lucky draw, contact Chuck Ortmeyer. And for sponsors ... contact Don Morton.

Suggestions on potential major donors, contact Jack Thompson. Thanks!

**Club and Foundation Board Meetings:** Over the past two meetings several member and board related items have been approved. The board approved a request for a six-month leave of absence for Elmer Glasser and a request from Al Makely for a leave of absence ‘til the start of the new Rotary year in July. Also several changes in the Board for 2009-2010 have been approved. Al Fahrenkrog has asked to step down from his position as President elect and will serve as an at-large board member. Steve Polcyn has agreed to step up from his Vice President position to President elect. Chris Suter has agreed to be Vice President. Replacing Chris as head of Club and Vocational Service is Mark Kahn. And last but not least, JP Furber has asked to resign from his board position as Chair of Community Service which will be taken up by Greg Schuyler

**Rotary Center for International Studies:** Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> –

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 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 Tourney: May 9<sup>th</sup>** at Martinez Bocce Ball Federation, noon to 6PM. 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 fined \$10 to each member who was at the A's game last week. Bill Ferguson fined Jim S. \$20 for his trip to Boston to visit his granddaughter. We'll be passing the hat around in September for Jim's newest grandkid! Mike Gallagher was fined for his birthday, and Dick Olsen was fined for his wedding anniversary. JP Furber was fined for his trip to Sun Valley over Spring Break. Rick Buxton was fined for Gayle's recent birthday. Rick will be our speaker at next week's meeting...no, it's not Foundation Month already 😊

### **OUR PROGRAM:**

Thank you to Jim Brandt for engaging Rod Santos as our guest speaker.

Rod is a self-proclaimed wine (and beer!) geek. Since 2001, he and his wife Lisa have owned Grapes & Grains, a small "part-time" company dedicated to educating consumers on the pleasures of fine wine and beer appreciation.

In 2004, Rod left his career of 15 years in the pharmaceutical industry to pursue his passion, and became the third partner at Wine Thieves in Lafayette. Rod is a Certified Specialist of Wine with the Society of Wine Educators, and an active member of numerous trade organizations.

Rod spoke about choosing the right wine for each occasion and how the staff at Wine Thieves can assist you in the process. He also brought samples of one white wine and two red wines for our members to enjoy. For more info, Rod Santos can be reached at [info@winethieves.com](mailto:info@winethieves.com).

### **RAFFLE:**

No winner yet....\$90 in the pot for next week.