



The Alamo Oak

Rotary Club of Alamo

September 3, 2008

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PROGRAM CALENDAR:

DATE	PROGRAM	GREETER
September 10 th	Suter Everything you wanted to know about alamorotary.org !	Johansson
September 17 th	Olsen Peter Robertson, Vice Chairman of the Board of Chevron	B. Thiessen

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday September 6th **ALAMO MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Monday September 22nd Board Meeting at Jim Schuppert's home

Saturday October 18th Rotary Day at the Races

September 3rd MEETING:

ALAMO ROTARIANS WELCOMED THE FOLOWING GUESTS:

California Symphony Members

Charles Hansen

Hermann Welm: Rotarian, San Ramon Club

Chris Campbell: Jack Campbell's son

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bill Ferguson:

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR THE MUSIC FESTIVAL!

We have the wine and the hats etc, and vendors are actually calling Bill and offering to donate Raffle Prizes!! The latest raffle prize is a Napa limo Tour for 10. Please see Jim's email about work assignments for the AMF.

Brian Thiessen has sent word from Goa, India. Although he and his team have completed their successful NID in Uttar Pradesh, he is helping out a fellow team member who has fallen ill during their travels. Wishing Rafael a speedy recovery and a safe journey home!

Chris Campbell:

Thanks to those members who have already brought shoes for the Soles4Souls shoe drive. Chris has purchased a booth at the AMF and would appreciate any new or gently used shoes that you or your friends may be able to donate.

For more info, visit Soles4Souls.org.

Dick Olsen has confirmed Peter Robertson as our speaker for the September 17th meeting. We will be in the President's Room which seats 100. Please email Jim or sign up on the sheet so that we can get an accurate number to Round Hill.

On a sad note:

Mark von Hoetendorff's wife, Darlene, passed away peacefully and without pain on August 27th. There will be a Celebration of Life in her remembrance this Saturday from 2 -4 PM at Crow Canyon Country Club. If you attend please honor Darlene's wish to avoid dark suits and other somber dress. She had specifically requested that this be a casual, more positive gathering.

Fines/Recognitions: \$20, unless Bill felt like charging otherwise!!

Chris Suter was fined \$30 since he saved a bundle on a "new to him" 2008 LX460.

Brad and Robin Gai celebrated their wedding anniversary by having dinner in Calistoga and attending a Keith Urban concert (no Nicole sightings).

Jeff Cheney is back from Ashland, Oregon after catching a performance of "Comedy of Errors". His fine may have resulted from his comment that "There's many a man who has more hair than wit".

Jim Brandt was fined for his business trip to NY and Steve Polcyn was fined for his trip to Washington D.C.

Joe Combs was fined \$5 for forgetting to turn off his cell phone!

Jack Campbell was fined for not remembering how many years he has been married to his lovely wife, Sheila.

Gerry and Ursula Filice celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

OUR PROGRAM:

We were fortunate to have members of the California Symphony perform for us during our meeting. The musicians were Pauline Metzger (viola), Dina (cello) and Carrie (violin). Stacey Street, (Executive Director) presented a brief background on the CA Symphony.

Highlights of the CA Symphony:

-Named "Best of America" by the editors of *Reader's Digest Magazine* May, 2005.

-Since its inception in 1986, the Symphony has included a work by an American composer in every program.

-The Symphony provides [music education programs](#) to children and adults in the San Francisco East Bay. Musicians from the symphony visit 11 schools in the county seven times a year.

The Symphony has a renowned [Young American Composer-in-Residence Program](#).

CA Symphony gives extraordinarily talented young performers their first professional concert appearances in the United States. Among those who have gone on to make their marks on the symphonic world are violinist Sarah Chang, cellist Alisa Weilerstein and pianist Helen Huang.

Since 1990, the California Symphony has been the resident professional orchestra of the [Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts](#) in Walnut Creek and regularly performs to capacity audiences in the Hofmann Theatre.

The California Symphony will be performing a free concert in Concord on September 10, 2008.

Their 16th annual ball, themed “Cirque du Musique” will be held on November 8, 2008 at the Blackhawk Museum in Danville. Please contact Jenna Ervice (Developmental Director) at Jenna@californiasymphony.org for more information.

RAFFLE: Chuck Hansen pulled out the black marble...leaving just three black marbles and a lot of money in the bag for next week.