

The Alamo Oak

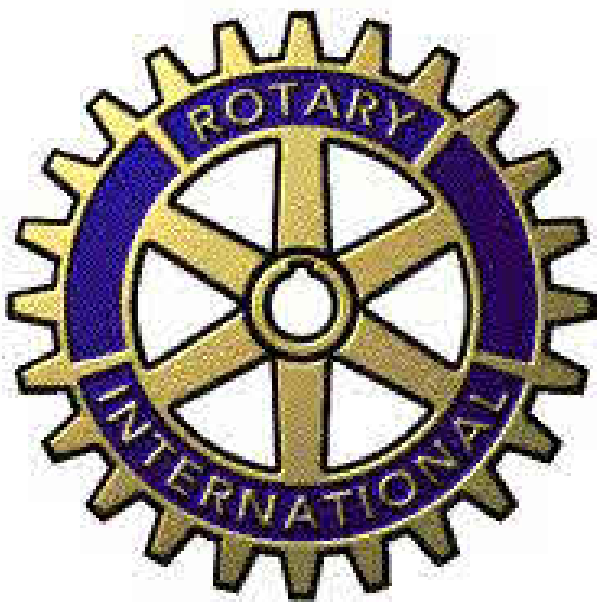
Rotary Club of Alamo

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Coming Next Week!

August 12th: Howard Robbins
presents Ms. Shelia Thorne
former IBM IT Specialist
-History Tidbits from B. West
-Super Greeter, Eric Roberts



August 12th, 2009

What does Bob Myhre have in common with the EVEREADY Bunny?

Actually, although the two do not travel in the same circles, both of them are “tireless champions” for their separate causes! We all know that the famous bunny “keeps on going and going”, beating that drum to sell batteries; Bob Myhre marches to a different drummer and keeps beating the drum for Rotary and all the good causes it supports. Bob was a surprise stand-in Super Greeter at today’s club meeting, replacing Howard Robbins who could not attend today.

Bob, as you may remember, has “semi-retired” from Rotary and has taken on “Honorary Rotarian” status. But has that slowed him down? Not much, at all. Bob has been on the go, showing Dave Stegman all around the local Rotary Clubs, and has been just as active as ever looking out over the Alamo bus benches and local trash clean up efforts. Just think how much more Rotary could accomplish if all Rotarians had as much energy, determination and devotion as Bob! Then again, that might be too much energy even for Rotary. Thanks, Bob, for all you do for Alamo and for Rotary! Just “keep on going”!



Upcoming Events and Dates!

August 15th: Membership and Foundation Leadership Seminar, Fairfield

August 17th: Board Meeting 6 pm

Sept. 12th: Alamo Music Festival

Sept. 21st: Board meeting 6 pm

Sept. 23rd: GSE Lunch Program and PM Dinner Party

Sept. 26th: GSE SF Field Trip and Multi-Club Party!

The 4 Way Test:

- 1. Is it the truth?*
- 2. Is it fair to all concerned?*
- 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?*
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

TODAY'S GUESTS

Our guests today included MVHS Interact Faculty Advisor Patti Carrothers, our speakers MVHS Interactors: Sana Ganjoo, Chris Silvestre, Tori Escalada, and Richard Buesa, WC Rotarian, Ira Hillian, and prospective Alamo Rotarians, Steve Glaski and Neeraj Punghia.

RECOGNITIONS

Father Ferguson graciously donated the time that he would have used to recognize the members today over to the video and presentations of our four MVHS Interact Camp Royal 2009 Campers. An interesting twist on recognitions/fines/confessions was suggested during our meeting today: maybe members would like to “juice-up” their confessions by presenting them as “positive declarations” of their good fortune and offering up various celebratory amounts of cash to the club kitty as a token of their joy?????????

Father Ferguson, of course, would have the final word on all these offers and would levy any necessary adjustments as befits his “special knowledge” contained in the membership recognition pledge archives. So, if you want to make

an offer, our noble collecting cleric is not likely to turn it down! Confess now and be saved! **All reasonable offers accepted for the good of the order, of course!!**

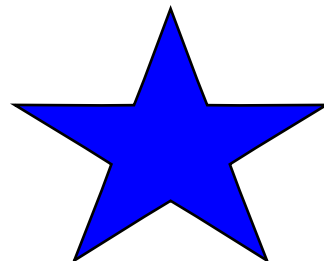
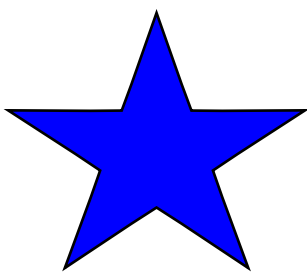


Father Ferguson

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Announcements!

- ❖ Club Historian Bob West mesmerized the membership again, recalling tidbits from the past and clarifying past president's deeds. Bob will be calling on past presidents in the future for their memories of the past years. PP's be ready with your stories!
- ❖ Nominations are open for 3 more days for this year's Alamo Citizen of the Year award. Don Morton would like each member to suggest a name to the committee by Aug. 15 as the award is given during our AMF on Sept. 12th.
- ❖ The District 5160 Foundation/Membership Faire is scheduled for August 15th.
- ❖ This year's GSE Visiting Team is composed of volunteer firefighters from Monterey, Mexico. We will host them on Wed. Sept. 23rd all day, with a luncheon program, an afternoon SRVFD tour from Chris Suter, and a dinner/party that night. Friday is a rest day. Saturday is a SF tour and multi-club party!
- ❖ District 5160 is looking for a GSE Team Leader for the Spring 2010 trip to Monterey, Mexico. Bill Randall has the application if you are interested.
- ❖ Jack Thompson has just had some plumbing work done, but is out of the hospital and doing fine! John Jones will keep us updated and Bill H is on the job!
- ❖ Vish More reported that the Kolhapur Limb Project is complete! 295 prosthetic legs were given out in all! Hurrah! Good work, all!
- ❖ AMF raffle tickets are available from Chuck Ortmeier. All monies and stubs need to be returned to Jim Schuppert! Watch for a repeat of the raffle email.
- ❖ B&B Randall are looking into mentoring a UC Berkeley Peace Scholar.
- ❖ The Rotary Club of Walnut Creek Sunrise will hear 5190 PDG Steve Snyder speak on "The State of the Auto Industry" on 8/25. RSVP by 8/17.
- ❖ The 5160 District Conference will be held at Lake Tahoe on Oct. 1-4, 2009! Sign up soon to reserve your spot and lodgings. Registration is free!!!



THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM !

Camp Royal 2009

This week our members were treated to a presentation by our four MVHS Interact Camp Royal 2009 Campers. Sanja Ganjoo, Chris Silvestre, Tori Escalada, and Richard Buesa joined MVHS Interact Faculty Sponsor Patti Carrothers and Alamo Rotary Youth Services Chair Beth Randall in presenting these four students' impressions of Camp Royal 2009. (You may recall that Alamo Rotary paid for only two campers, but were able to send two more MVHS Interactors as substitute campers when those sent by other Rotary clubs were unable to attend at the last minute. Alamo Rotary ended up getting 4 for the price of 2! Great deal, huh? It pays to plan ahead for contingencies!)



Sana, Chris, Tori, and Richard

After viewing the Camp Royal 2009 video which can be downloaded at: <http://vimeo.com/5789643>, each camper went to the podium, wrestled with the squawky and short-tempered microphone, and told his/her story of how just a week at Camp Royal utterly changed them for the better. Once again, the message was loud and clear: **Camp Royal is a “life-changing experience”**, which is the consistent theme we hear every year!

Richard Buesa emphasized the campers' gratitude to Alamo Rotary for sending them all to this unique and wonderful opportunity. Chris Silvestre noted that Camp Royal built strong future leaders out of students who were challenged to confront their own doubts, fears, and short-comings and to conquer them. Tori Escalada stressed that sending students to Camp Royal was another part of the fabulous package of advantages and privileges that MVHS students enjoy, and wished that all high school students, everywhere, could share the experiences and lessons learned at Camp Royal. Lastly, Sana Ganjoo summed it all up by promising to be the kind of leaders the future and we Rotarians will most assuredly need.

Tori and Sana explained MVHS Interact's current project, “Books for Barrios” which is collecting books for under-privileged populations here and abroad. All members are urged to bring any good quality books and school supplies (pencils, crayons, pens, etc.) they may have to give away to our next regular meeting or if that is not possible, to call Beth Randall to arrange a pick-up time/place.

So, our 2009 Camp Royal Campers ended their presentation today by leading us all to donate books to those less fortunate than ourselves. We are already being led by the “leaders of the future”. We have many things to thank these students for now and will have many more reasons to thank them in the future! Well done, MVHS Interact Camp Royal 2009 Campers!

