

The Alamo Oak

Rotary Club of Alamo

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Coming Events!

June 5th: Bocce Ball Tourney

June 9th: Steve Enoch, SRVUSD Super

June 12th: Demotion/Promotion Party

June 16th: Joe Hackman - Social Media

June 23rd: Bob West Takes Charge Mtg.

June 30th: Incoming President's Meeting



June 2nd, 2010

Past President Bob West

Steps Up & Takes Charge!

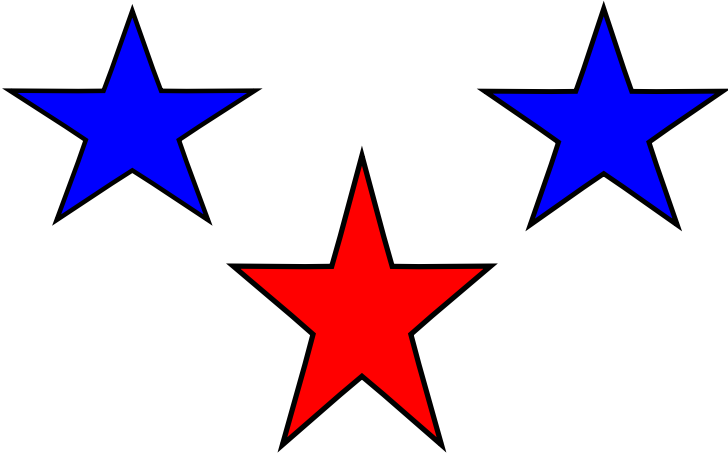
Well, it just goes to show that a person can never be too sure of anything! Just when it seemed like the Alamo Rotary Club would have to go “dark” on June 23rd because the current president, the incoming president and the vice-president would all be out of town, **Club Historian Bob West** volunteered to run the meeting to be held during the Rotary International Convention to be held in Montreal, Canada.

Although the speaker has not been arranged yet, it is the general hope and consensus of the membership who plan to attend that Mr. West

could by rights use the speaker's time to update and maybe even complete his historian's duties, bringing the audience up to speed on the ins and outs of several presidencies past!

At any rate, the current Presidents Council of the Rotary Club of Alamo wish to offer our sincere thanks to Bob West for his generous offer to “stand in” for those of us who will be away. “Go get ‘em, Bob!” Thanks again!





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 were our speaker, "Personal Historian" Robin Bell and visiting SRV Rotarian, Maureen Featherston. Good to have you both!

Fines and Recognitions!

Father Bill was back on the job again today and issued the following fines and recognitions: **Ken Soult** was docked \$20 for buying wife Carol a new, 4 year-old, SUV; **Bill Randall** was fined \$20 for his 62nd birthday; **Ron Mello** was fined \$20 for taking wife Jean to Arizona, where they visited with Nancy and Bob Hicks who are both doing fine; **Jack Thompson** was recognized \$50 for celebrating his 35th year of wedded bliss AND for passing a "stone", although the true nature of said stone was not divulged to the listening membership; and finally, **Fly Boy Bill Kiper** was charged \$20 for driving around for a week and a half in North Carolina with 10 other family members in a 12 passenger van. Was there an empty seat, or was God Bill's co-pilot? Since they all survived, probably so.



Today's Program

Today we were treated to the talents of speaker and Personal Historian/Video Producer, [April Bell](#). April, who has been in the field of graphics for almost 20 years and who



has worked in the publishing industry for 13 years, makes Personal History Videos. She has a degree in psychology and has always possessed an interest and fascination in other people. April formed her own business two years ago, [Tree of Life Legacies](#). She is a member of the Walnut Creek Historical Society and of the Association of Personal Historians which is an international trade organization whose members have helped thousands worldwide preserve their personal histories. She now endeavors “to preserve and share the stories of ordinary people whose lives are extraordinary gifts.”

So what is a personal history? It can include genealogy, memories, and your ethics will. It can serve to explain history, memorialize a person, make a tribute, set a record straight, share a life with loved ones or progeny, and can be a powerful combination of the written and spoken word, scrap-booked together, using the storyteller's own voice and video image as narrator.

April showed the members a DVD with examples of three personal histories. In the first, a woman related her experiences meeting with [Sister Theresa](#). In the second example, a woman described her experiences as a young woman working in WWII San Francisco, and the third example featured [RI Past President Cliff](#)



[Dochterman](#) describing the initial stages of the Polio Plus Program.

When asked how much such a DVD Personal History would cost, April said that the price would vary according to how much of a production was desired, but that it generally ran less than paying for a wedding reception. If you would like a more specific estimate, contact April and she can give you lots of options and prices. Thanks Jan for hosting April and thanks April for a very interesting program!



Every Story is unique and individual. Each digital video production is created with your personal interests, focus and desires expressed. Please feel free to contact me to discuss how we may set up your specific project and pricing. I am fully committed to assisting you, your family or your organization tell a story in a manner which absolutely represents your vision, desires and wishes. Together, we can immortalize your place and position in this world.

I am committed to assisting others through a step-by-step process to express the finer points of their lives, those shining moments that demonstrate an individuals' value, so they may pass on the heirloom of their existence, displaying their unique personal experiences of this wondrous thing we call life.

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ZAMBIA DICTIONARY DISTRIBUTION

Goal: Have each Rotarian in District 5160 purchase a Usborne Illustrated Dictionary for delivery to a child in Zambia, Africa

Alamo Rotary Goal: Each member will buy five dictionaries. A check for the total amount will be presented to our DG Karl Diekman when he makes his club visit.

Purpose: To provide at least 3,700 dictionaries for children in and around Livingston, Zambia, and to give each Rotarian an opportunity to participate in an international project.

This Literacy project aimed at schools in Livingston, Zambia, will open new horizons for these young people and provide academic stimulus and enrichment. Pictorial dictionaries will provide these children with motivation, exposure to good language models and nurture English as a second language. It will enable the children to acquire general knowledge: a scaffold of further learning. This project will hopefully raise student achievements, increasing educational expectations and opportunities, and foster lifelong learning.

The official language of Zambia is English; it is the medium of instruction in the schools. But there are over 70 native languages used by various population groups as their first language.

Method: Each Alamo Rotarian will donate \$35.00 to buy five dictionaries, or if not possible, at least \$7.00 to buy one dictionary.

In each dictionary there is a printed explanation of what Rotary is, and a place for a bookplate with the donor's name, club affiliation, and e-mail if so desired.

Below is a sample of the bookplate; on the other side of this page is a sample page from the dictionary.

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