

The Alamo Oak

Rotary Club of Alamo

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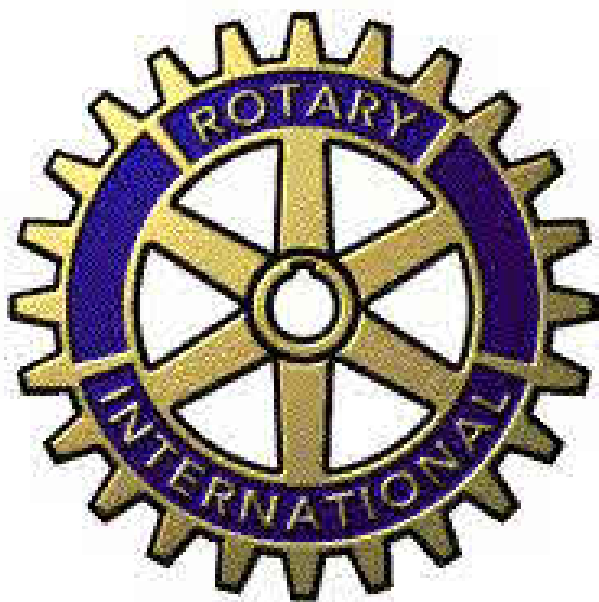


Coming Next Week!

October 7th:

**PDG Brian Thiessen presents
Ken Mehan, John Muir Health
Super Greeter -TBA**

-and much, much more!!!!!!



September 30, 2009

**Everyday Heroes: Firemen and
Police Officers Protect Us All!**

How many times do we see a police car behind us on the road and look down to check our speedometers? If we are pulled over, do we get incensed and wonder why the cops aren't arresting the real bad guys instead of hassling honest folks like us? When we have to pull over for a fire engine or get directed out of our way, do we resent the delay? Or when we hear that aggravating siren wailing on and on, do we complain about the noise or do we recognize that our "everyday heroes" are out on the job, saving lives and property once more?

We hear a lot of complaints about taxes, salaries, pensions, perks, etc., but do we complain when WE need a cop or a fire brigade to come and risk their lives in our neighborhood? Nope, we are just delighted and relieved to know we can depend on these incredibly capable, brave and dedicated folks to protect and save our lives and our homes and possessions. **Hurrah for our Everyday Heroes, our Police and Fire Fighters!!!!!!**



Upcoming Events and Dates!

**Oct. 1-4: District 5160 Conference
@ Harvey's Lake Tahoe**
Oct. 12th: Board Meeting 6 p.m.
Oct. 14th: AMF Music Awards
Oct. 23rd: Rotary Day at the Races



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 our speaker SRVFD Chief, Richard Price, SR Rotarian Hermann Welm, Rossmoor Rotarian George Sellers, and Ricardo Busquets.

Upcoming Happenings

Well, here are a few upcoming opportunities to respond to the need for some socializing and fun times with other Alamo Rotarians.

Brian Thiessen announced two upcoming activities of our newest Rotary Club, Diablo View. They are sponsoring a "Hound Hustle" on Oct. 10th, and a poker tournament at Pyramid Ale in Walnut Creek on Oct. 24th. Give Brian a call for all the details on how to have fun and support this fledgling WC Rotary Club.

Plus, our Rotary Day at the Races is scheduled for Oct. 23rd for \$25/person. Mark Kahn is making all the arrangements and this event is fun-filled and quite a bargain. The price includes parking, a sumptuous buffet, a visit to the winners circle and the opportunity to strike it rich "playing the ponies" with your friends and fellow local Rotarians!

Lastly, if you want to have fun cruising on our SF Bay, go out on [Celebrations on the Bay](#) and go cruising in style with the Schuylers! Give Greg a call and book passage on a cruise!



Having fun with other Rotarians is having double fun! Come join in and multiply the fun even more!

Upcoming Cruises



- 9/13 Mr. Lucky's to Giants 12-3 PM
- 9/18 Dance Cruise with live music 7-10 PM
- 9/27 Story Winery Winemakers Dinner Cruise 4-7 PM
- 10/9 Blue Angels Cruise 1-5 PM
- 10/31 Halloween Dinner Cruise 7-10 PM

All tickets by advance reservation only
Go to www.celebrationsonthebay.com
To purchase tickets

Celebrations On The Bay

1-877-499-4229

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Announcements!

- ❖ The 5160 District Conference will be held at Lake Tahoe on Oct. 1-4, 2009! Sign up online at www.rotary5160.org/2009conference to reserve your spot and lodgings. Registration is free!!! Room # 1000 at Harvey's will be our 6 Club Hospitality room! Please drop by and bring along some goodies to share!
- ❖ Steven Glaski was inducted into our club today to become our newest member. Steven enters as a blue badge and will be mentored by Steve Polcyn. Welcome Steven; we recognize you as a fine addition to our club! Good catch, Mr. Polcyn!!
- ❖ Bill Kiper announced a visit with the US Navy Blue Angels Pilots aboard the USS Hornet set for next Tuesday. Cost is \$35 each for "heavy snacks" and admission. Cash bar will be available. Car-pools will be leaving from Yellow Wood. Contact Bill Kiper ASAP to sign up.
- ❖ Mark Kahn passed the sign up sheet for the Rotary Day at the Races around again today and said he needs \$ and commitments ASAP. This is a really enjoyable activity and a great bargain to boot! Call Mark to reserve your place.
- ❖ The hat was passed to honor PP Jim Schuppert's latest grandbaby. The take was \$125! Now Grandpa Jim has to match that and start the college fund!
- ❖ Club Historian Bob West entertained the members today with tales taken from the presidency of Don Morton '80-81! It was quite a year, including a 1977 Dodge Van giveaway, a traffic light at Hemme Ave, CPR mannequins, a South African book project, a Monte Carlo night in WC, the district conference in Redding, and a demotion party which is remembered as having been "brutal"! We guess with Bob Myhre, Ken Soult, and Jack Campbell on his leadership team, it must have been a wild time! After all, this was the year of Eric Hyden, Mt. St. Helens AND the last episode of Dallas! Who Did shoot JR, anyway? ;-)

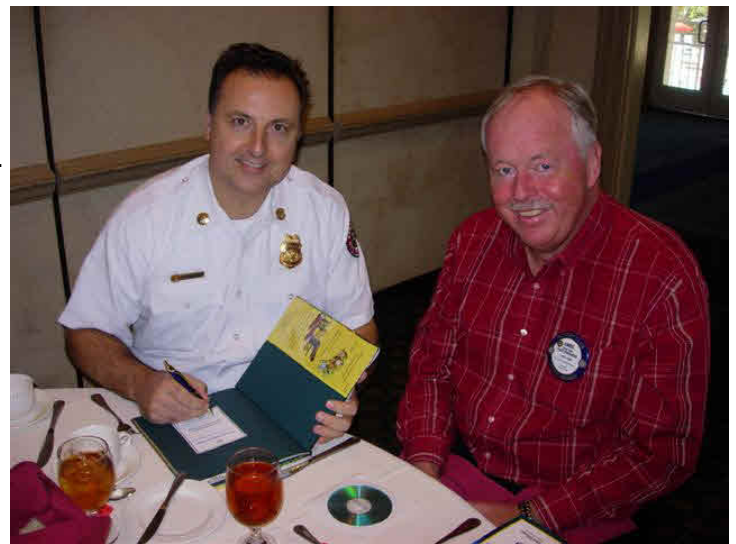


THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM!

ALAMO ROTARIANS TOAST AND ROAST SRVFD CHIEF RICHARD PRICE!

It was another “hot topic” presentation at today’s Alamo Rotary meeting with Chris Suter’s special guest, SRVFD Chief, Richard Price sitting in “the hot seat” and answering our members questions right and left! Despite having been the chief of our fire district for less than a year, Chief Price has more than 20 years experience on the fire lines and has a lot of good ideas which he hopes will “fire up” our community.

He is calling for more CPR training and reminded us of a recent cardiac arrest of a 10 year-old boy whose life was saved by this boy’s own father’s and, of course, the paramedics’ knowledge of CPR. Recognizing the superb job his department has done in fire prevention, Chief Price is calling for a reallocation of some resources to deal with cardiac emergency training and equipment, such as AED defibrillators. Chief Price sees the fire department as morphing into a “Community Risk Management Service” designed to meet the multiple clear and present dangers to life, limb and property that are fast becoming our “burning concerns”.



Chief Price also noted that since the wait time for 911 calls can now be over 10 minutes, and because cell phone transmissions are also problematic, we should use our “land lines” or home or business phones to call in emergencies AND we should call both the Fire Department @ 925-838-6691 or the Sheriff’s Department @ 925-646-2441 directly and bypass the often overloaded 911 system. Of course, if you are calling for the Highway Patrol on a highway incident, you need to use 911. Programming these numbers into your cell phone is a very good idea, though, because you may not be near a land line or a phone directory when you need to call in. Just remember that if you are out of the county, call 911 to summon the appropriate local agencies and not our SRVFD or County Sheriff’s Department folks!

Lastly, the Chief took questions about the proposed new Fire Station on the corner of Miranda Ave. and Stone Valley Rd. He passed around some blueprints and landscaping plans and explained the advantages of the new location. He also dealt with community/neighbors concerns and noted the long and complicated approval process. So, it isn’t only the regular folks who have to struggle to build or upgrade their homes, huh? Even **Everyday Heroes** like Chief Richard Price have to take their turn battling with City Hall! Great program! Thanks, Richard and Chris! You guys are really needed and appreciated, each and every day!

