

AlamoOak

July 21, 2010

We meet every Wednesday for lunch,
12:15 - 1:30 at Round Hill Country Club,
3169 Round Hill Road, Alamo CA.

Please visit our web site at
www.alamorotary.org



Upcoming Programs

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| July 28 | Program: Vish More | Lt. Gwen Brady, Alamo Sheriff's Sub-station |
| | She will tell us about the trends in the County and discuss mission, goals and plans of the Valley Station. | |
| | Super Greeter: Dick Olsen | |
| Aug 4 | Program: Steve Polcyn | District Governor Karl Diekman |
| | Super Greeter: Chuck Ortmeier | |
| Aug 11 | Program: Steve Polcyn | Swami Nathan, Founder, Swami School |
| | Super Greeter: Neeraj Punglia | |
| Aug 18 | Program: Don Morton | Ann Thomas: New Technologies for Hearing Loss" |
| | Super Greeter: Beth Randall | |
| Aug 25 | Program: Eric Roberts | Lisa Morningstar, "Communicating Between the Generations" |
| | Super Greeter: Bill Randall | |
| Sept 1 | Program: Chuck Ortmeier | Susan Weaver, "Future of Libraries in the Digital Age" |
| | Super Greeter: Eric Roberts | |
| Sept 8 | Program: Neeraj Punglia | Naren Bakshi, IT entrepreneur |
| | Super Greeter: Howard Robbins | |
| Sept 15 | Program: Beth Randall | No lunch meeting. Dinner meeting at Diablo Country Club |
| | Super Greeter: Jan Robinson | |
| Sept. 22 | Program: Ben Mullally | TBA |
| | Super Greeter: Greg Schuyler | |

This Week's Program

Petty Officer Kevin Metcalf gave us some interesting insights about what it's been like to be deployed in the Gulf of Mexico helping with cleanup operations of the oil disaster (I just can't bring myself to call it a "spill" -- milk gets "spilled"...). It's been a joint operation, with members of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard all donating their time, personnel and equipment. Kevin was out there to use his photography and video expertise (he's a PR Officer at his home base in Alameda). He also ran interference with the Media, making sure they didn't "put themselves in harm's way".

PO Metcalf also answered questions about all things Coast Guard. For a closer look at Coast Guard operations, in the Gulf and beyond, go to their photo and video site at cgvi.uscg.mil.



Petty Officer Kevin Metcalf signs a bookplate for a book donation.

Fines and Recognitions

Our intrepid Sergeant-at-Arms **Ben Mullally** was busy -- and creative -- with his recognitions: **Diane Barley** and **Bill Ferguson** were each fined \$20 for their birthdays; **Kent Johannson** paid \$20 for his Rotary anniversary, while **Beth Randall** was fined \$24 for hers -- I can't remember why but it might have had something to do with it being her 4th anniversary. **Steve Polcyn** was hammered \$44 for his 44th wedding anniversary -- congrats! **Bill Randall** will pay either \$5 for being late or \$10 because he and Beth were late -- the treasurer will have to work this one out. **Jan Robinson** was fined \$14 for house boating with 14 friends on Lake Shasta.

Rotary -- West Africa Project Fair and Village Immunization Trip

Have you ever heard Rotarians speak about their personal experience participating in a polio eradication exercise? If you ever have a chance to go on one, it will change *you* forever.

Rotary has almost eradicated polio. However, Africa is still challenged by public health issues that can be addressed by special immunization efforts. From **November 3–12, 2010**, Rotarians will travel to Accra, Ghana, West Africa to attend the 6th Annual West Africa Project Fair, participate in village immunization program modeled after the polio NID programs, and to engage with the local Rotarians in a community service program. **The West Africa Project Fair is an official program of Rotary's Reach Out to Africa Program.**

The program is expected to sell out in a few weeks. If you think you might be interested in participating, see the attached flyer for additional information.

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Visitors and Guests

Greg Schuyler introduced his guest **A. J. Salomon.**

Announcements

August 13

The next meeting of the Alamo Music Festival committee will meet at noon, Thursday, August 13 at Richard's in Alamo Plaza.

September 11, 2010 is the big date.

The 28th Alamo Music & Wine Festival is going to be here before we know it. As our annual fundraiser, it is only as successful as all of our efforts to bring in sponsors. Don't forget to do your share!

Nominations for Alamo Citizen of the Year

The Rotary Club of Alamo is accepting nominations for the 2010 Citizen of the Year. This award will be presented at the Alamo Music Festival on Sept. 11. All members of the Alamo community are encouraged to nominate that person who best meets these criteria. For a nomination form, contact Alamo Rotarian Don Morton at 838-1137 or dmorton12@yahoo.com. Nominations are due by Aug. 15. Visit the Rotary's Web site at www.alamorotary.org.

Dougherty Valley/San Ramon Charter Dinner Event!

Please mark you calendars and plan to attend the Dougherty Valley San Ramon Rotary's "Charter Dinner" Event on Wednesday, September 15 at Diablo Country Club. The Rotary Club of Alamo is one of the DV/SR Club's sponsors. As such, we will NOT hold our regular lunch meeting at 12:15 p.m. that day and instead will consider the DV/SR Club's Charter Dinner event to be our meeting for Wednesday, September 15.

The Rotary Club of Alamo is known as the "CAN DO" Club so lets have a BIG turn out of our members for this significant event

The Last Laugh (?)

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger.
Then it hit me.



6th WEST AFRICA PROJECT FAIR



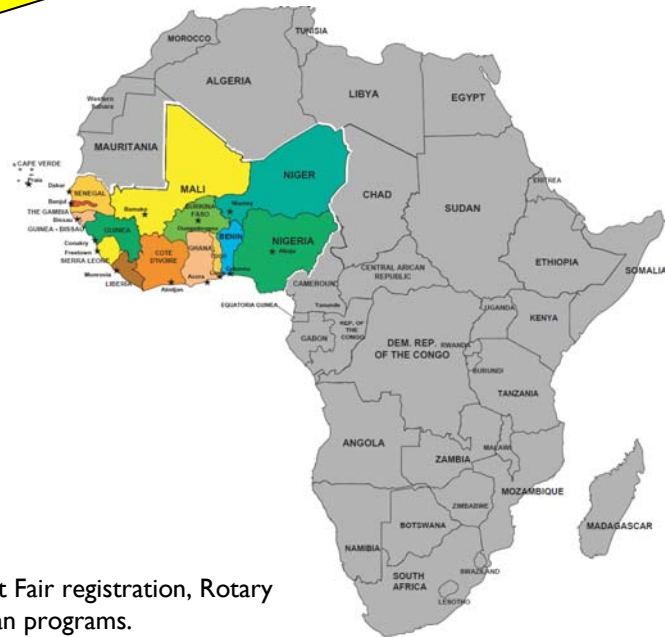
and Village
Immunization
program

NOVEMBER 3 - 12, 2010
ACCRA, GHANA

10 Days • Land Only
\$1,865 Per Person,
Double Occupancy
Single Occupancy, add \$850

Price includes hotel, sightseeing, transfers, meals, Project Fair registration, Rotary events, village health and community service/humanitarian programs.

(Roundtrip, group airfare from North American to be offered in mid-August 2010)

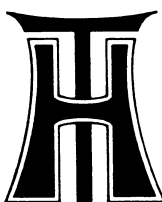


The West Africa Project Fair was created to share the needs and challenges of West Africa, to give the you a hands-on experience in communities immunization and humanitarian programs, and to create lifelong friendships. Our West African hosts have opened their arms to receive us by creating an exceptional itinerary.

Modeled after **polio immunization** exercises, you will participate in a community health outreach program, where we will travel to communities and villages in and around Accra to deliver Guinea-worm and other vaccines to children. The emotional experience is identical to participating in an **National Immunization Day**. We also will join the Ghanaian Rotarians for a Community Service Day to visit the local communities to visit humanitarian project sites and engage the local communities.

In addition to our humanitarian purpose, we will spend time exploring the sites, culture and friendships that are only possible by being Rotarians.

This trip will create memories and experiences to last a life time.



To receive full information about the travel program

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