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Weekly Programs

To suggest a future program, contact Jim Willett, Chair of the Program Committee.

Programs

- Jan. 4: Dick Berry, "En Garde – Medieval and Olympic Fencing"
- Jan. 11: Ray Rodriguez, "Something About Food?"
- Jan. 18: No Meeting – MLK Day
- Jan 25: Michael Mendonca, Rotary Artificial Hand Project
- Feb. 1: Paul Hart, Polio Vaccine Trip to Benin
- Feb. 8: Valentine's Day Party
- Feb. 15: No Meeting – Prez Day
- Feb. 22: Who Wants to be a Rotary Millionaire – Steve Lack

Meals on Wheels

If you swap dates, contact Greg Phister: (W) 756.9211 (H) 753.5594

- Coordinator: Paul Hart
1/7: _____ & Steve Young
1/8 Greg Phister & J.D. Denton
- Coordinator: Randy Alston
1/14: Saner Alssaad & Jerry Adler
1/15: Randy Alston & Greg Phister
- Coordinator: Don Kessler
1/21: Jennifer Anderson & Dean Bailey
1/22: Robert Bailey & J. Bartholomew
- Coordinator: Les Portello
1/28: Steve Bick & Yvonne Clinton
1/29: Heather Copeland & Grace Chen

Coming Events

- Feb. 6, 2010: Tenth Annual Big Night benefitting Davis Rotary's Child Abuse Prevention Program
- June 20 -23: Rotary International Convention, Montreal, Canada
- June 28: President Debbie's Demotion

December 7 Meeting

We were graced by the presence of District Governor Earl Kilmer. Prez Debbie and DG Earl recognized Bill and Diane Hollingshead for their contributions to the Rotary Foundation and presented Bill with the regalia for his second Paul Harris Fellow. They also thanked Don Kessler for leading our club's RF efforts.

Charre Symms reported that Sam's Club donated a thousand dollars for Big Night. Sherry Puntillo recognized JD Denton for donating shoes to the children of 17 families at the Yolo Crisis Nursery.

The provisional Davis Sunset and Capay Valley Rotary Clubs have changed their meeting venues, to Bistro 33 (6 pm Weds) and C2 Restaurant, Cache Creek Casino (7 am Fri), respectively.

District Governor Earl Kilmer

DG Earl owns an accounting firm by day and volunteers as a fireman. He joined the Fairfield-Suisun Rotary Club in 1985, although he claims to have become a true Rotarian in 1998, a year in which he attended every meeting. He spoke to us about his views on the District – it is truly a support team for the clubs and their activities rather than an enforcement arm of RI – and his thoughts on its clubs. To be vibrant, each group needs Activities, Bodies and Cash. With more people, we have the source of more money and service, so it all boils down to the importance of membership. As RI President John Kenny says, the future of Rotary is in our hands; his goal is for each club to increase membership by one this year. This may seem a small goal, but such would expand the number of Rotarians by over 30,000. We feel good about our activities, others will as well, but we need to ask them to our meetings. DG Earl claims that half of the guests attending Rotary meetings or events will become members. He challenges us to do two things this year. 1) Ask a good potential member to one of our meetings or a Rotary event; continue

the invitations until the person attends. 2) Contribute \$100 or more to RF.

Star Search

Gretchen Peralta writes: As Rotarians, it is important that we reconnect with some of our most valuable assets – Rotary Foundation alumni....GSE Team Members, Ambassadorial Scholars, Peace Scholars, and Teachers who received grants.

The Rotary Foundation, through our Clubs, has produced more than 111,000 alumni since 1947; most have not yet been invited to become Rotarians nor have they remained connected to Rotary. This is also true of past Youth Exchange Students, Interactors and Rotaractors. These "young adults" are now likely ready for the invitation and commitment to become Rotarians.

Please search your memories to identify those whom you sponsored in the past for one of the above programs. Then attempt to contact them about the Rotary Alumni Celebration that will take place just before the 2010 Rotary International Convention in Montreal, Canada, on the morning of Saturday, 19 June. This event is an opportunity for alumni to reconnect with Rotary, learn about ways to be involved, and network with Rotarians and fellow alumni. Registration is only US\$25. Convention registration is not required in order to attend, however certain alumni from 2002 through 2010 may register at a reduced fee if interested. Complete details are available at <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/Preconregistration.aspx#4>.

I hope that we in the District's 67 clubs can identify at least a dozen Rotary Foundation Alumni or "all grown-up" prior Youth Exchange students, Interactors or Rotaractors. I know they are out there! Please feel free to contact me as your Alumni Chair for additional information.

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