Tuesday January 12, 2016

Thought for the Day: Russ Anderson

Today’s Speaker: Jo Loss & Alejandro “Volunteer Center of the East Bay”

Next Week’s Speaker: Larry Sly, “The Food Bank of Contra Costa Solano”

BRING FOOD DONATIONS TO THE MEETING!

In Memoriam: Eriks Svede. We have learned that long-time Club member Eriks Svede has passed away. He retired and moved away from our area several years ago.

Recognitions: We passed the hat as Jean Edwards became a “grandma” for the first time. Thanks to Marcia Gerg for organizing a wonderful Holiday Party in December!

Paul Harris Fellow Honorees: Trudy Triner completed the $1000 in contributions required to complete her first Paul Harris Fellow recognition, and receive her first Paul Harris pin. Ivan Kerr (Iowa Hawkeyes) and Fletcher Tyler (Stanford Cardinal) buried their Rose Bowl hatchets and celebrated together with each completing their third Paul Harris Fellow recognitions. Congratulations and thanks to all these dedicated and generous contributors to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International! Carl Manna announced that he met his goal of playing at least 100 rounds of golf in 2015.

Crab Feed Fundraiser Saturday January 30.

We need your help and participation to make this the best Crab Feed ever. Let’s make this year’s event the best ever for our fund raising and the organizations that we support. Here is a short list of what you can do:

- Buy Tickets! – We cannot have a successful event without everybody participating. $75 each. See Bob Morgan.
- Invite people who will actively support the fundraising through bidding and the purchasing of drinks, raffle tickets, etc. and will have fun in the process. Remember that the idea is to raise money, not to find bargains in the auction items.
- Submit ASAP to Bob Morgan the pertinent information now for you and your guests. This will make check-in easier and more enjoyable. This info includes:
  - Name
  - Email address
  - Phone number
- Keep in mind the organizations that we support as this is our major fundraiser of the year! The funds that we raise at the Crab Feed have a direct impact on the lives of many people. Some of the organizations and events that are impacted: Monument Crisis Center, Rotacare, Shelter Inc., White Pony Express, Camp Royal/Camp Venture, Aqua Nicaragua, LN-4 Hands and many more.
- Continue to solicit “cocktail auction” (formerly “silent auction”) (see Marcia Gerg) and live auction items (see Steve Derby). We need these lined up by mid-January.
• Bring in your 2x $25 each bottles of wine for the wine barrel raffle and wine barrel auction. See Gordon Fischer with your donation. Or give him a check for $50 and he will shop for you. Good sales are ongoing at Safeway, BevMo and other wine retailers.

• Bar tenders and raffle ticket sellers are needed. See Doug Switzer.

Sponsorships are an important source of support for our event and a great opportunity to promote your business, group, or family. This year there are four levels. **Bronze ($250) and all other Sponsorship levels** include an ad in the event program, and logo/name recognition in the video slide show during the event and on the event website. **Silver ($500)** also includes 2 tickets to the event OR 1 Special Live Auction Raffle Ticket ($100), 1 bottle of premium wine, and 5 raffle tickets. **Gold ($1,000)** also includes 4 tickets to the event OR 2 Special Live Auction Raffle Tickets ($200), 2 bottles of premium wine, 10 raffle tickets, a table sponsor sign, and a framed certificate/plaque. **Platinum ($1,700) also includes a Premium Seating Reserved table for 10; plus a Special Live Auction Raffle Ticket ($100); 2 bottles of premium wine; 20 wine barrel raffle tickets; a table sponsorship sign; logo and name recognition in press releases; and a framed certificate/plaque. See John McClintic.**

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And our Silver sponsor!

Trudy Triner

And our Bronze sponsor!

Brian Dutler

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**Upcoming Club Meetings and Events:**
Jan 19  Larry Sly, “The Food Bank of Contra Costa Solano” BRING FOOD DONATIONS TO THE MEETING!
Jan 26  TBA