People In Charge this Week

Presiding .......................Clint Collier
Director ............................Bert Payne
Team Captain ......................Milt Smith
Meeting Setup......................Carl Manna
Greeter ............................Ron Huppert
Ticket Sales ......................Alex Lommel
Thought/Pledge ...............John McClintic
Song Leader ....................Lu Hughes
Guest Intro & Mic .................Jack Fischer
Birthdays ..........................Ira Hillyer
Anniversaries.....................
Speaker Intro.....................Ira Hillyer
Meeting Take-Down ..........Carl Manna

Today’s Program:

Peggy White, Diablo Regional Arts Association

Today’s Song: My Darling Clementine

In a cavern, in a canyon, Excavating for a mine
Dwelt a miner forty niner, And his daughter Clementine.
Drove she ducklings to the water, Ev’ry morning just at nine,
Hit her foot against a splinter, Fell into the foaming brine.
Oh my darling, oh my darling, Oh my darling, Clementine!
Thou art lost and gone forever, Dreadful sorry, Clementine.
Ruby lips above the water, Blowing bubbles, soft and fine,
But, alas, I was no swimmer, So I lost my Clementine.
How I missed her! How I missed her, How I missed my Clementine,
But I kissed her little sister, I forgot my Clementine.
Announcements:

“Casino Royale” Rotary Poker Tournament, This Saturday May 19, Martinez
There is still a chance to participate in the big Rotary Poker Tournament on May 19th in Martinez. Get your $100 entry fee to Mitch Ambro (866) 842-1420 mitch-cha@rotarywc.org to secure your spot. The event will be held at Grace Church, 130 Muir Station Road, Martinez. There is also space to attend the dinner sponsored by Sunrise Bistro, which is included in the entry fee for the participants. The winning pot is $1,500! The District Governor Candy Pierce will be playing; will YOU?

Paul Harris Credit with Community Foundation Contributions
For a limited time the Club will allocated Paul Harris credit to you for contributions made to the Club’s Community Foundation. You must already have paid your $100 sustaining contribution for 2006-2007. See Pres Clint if you would like to take advantage of this limited opportunity.

District 5160 Sundial Bridge Dinner Dance, Redding, June 30th
Buy your tickets now for this “adult-oriented” dinner dance which will ring out the old Rotary year and ring in the new. Experience the magic as the sun sets on one end of the bridge and the moon rises on the other. For info and to purchase tickets go to www.rotary5160.org.

Rotary International Convention—Salt Lake City, Utah June 17-20, 2007
Conventions are meant to “stimulate, inspire, and inform all Rotarians at an international level”. You can learn about strengthening your club and identifying service and fellowship opportunities through attending a Rotary Convention - listening to speakers (Bill Gates & Hyrum Smith), participating in workshops, visiting the Club and District Project Exhibition and talking to fellow Rotarians. Experience the energy of thousands of fellow Rotarians from around the world at daily plenary sessions at the Salt Palace Convention Center. Why not plan a vacation with your own family after the convention or before? Plan to attend the world famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir performance or enjoy a real live western rodeo with bull riding, barrel racing and bronco bucking. This year’s program promises sensational entertainment, stirring speeches, and inspirational opening and closing ceremonies, including a performance by renowned New Zealand opera singer Dame Malvina Major. For reservation and registration information, go to http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2007/how-to-register.html

Show that Rotary Pride—Wear Your Rotary Pins 24/7
Don’t keep Rotary a secret. Spread the word by wearing your favorite Rotary pin 24/7. We have lots of styles and sizes. Pres Clint is ruthless and relentless on this issue. Avoid a $15 recognition fee for being caught naked without your pin.

Invite a Prospective Member to Join Us for Lunch
Here’s how it works. You invite your prospect to a Club lunch meeting. You pay the prospect’s lunch tab for the first visit. The prospect can visit two more times, and the Club will pay the cost. If the prospect joins, the Club also will reimburse you for the first lunch.

Rotary International Membership Conference August 17-18
Rotary International is holding a series of membership promotion conferences this summer. Our local conference will be August 17-18 at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose. Additional details will be announced at a later date.

The Russians are Coming; Again this October
We will be hosting a delegation of Russian real estate brokers from Oct 3rd thru 10th during their fall visit to our District. See Andy Halperin if you can host one or more of this delegation that week.

Lunch experiment....
From time to time we reevaluate our lunch program, to try to meet the changing tastes and desires of our changing membership. One suggestion that we have been getting recently is a desire to “lighten up” a bit. So, we thought we would try an experiment for the month of May. We are going to switch our lunches to a sandwich, soup and salad bar. Rotarians will be able to pick and choose, building a lighter lunch of their own preference. Towards the end of May we will ask each team leader to canvas their members for their opinion of this new approach to our lunches and either continue it or revert back to our traditional meal service.

Good Bye Polio!
In the history of mankind we have been successful in eradicating only one decease; small pox. For over two decades Rotary and the World Health Organization has worked tirelessly at running polio to the ground to make it the second scourge we have eliminated. For the past 10 years we have remained so very close but still so very far, for if there is even one case we will not be at our goal. We can not let up in our pressure to consign polio to the history books. To have gotten so close and not do so is simply not acceptable. As of this month, the world wide “case count” was 145 cases of polio. For comparison, in 2006 there were a total of 1,996 cases with 309 cases reported through May. 145 compared to 309... over a 50% decrease! It is a hard fight but we are winning! Rotary has asked every one of its members to step forward this year with a donation of $12.50... less than the cost of a lunch. Plan to attend the world famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir performance or enjoy a real live western rodeo with bull riding, barrel racing and bronco bucking. This year’s program promises sensational entertainment, stirring speeches, and inspirational opening and closing ceremonies, including a performance by renowned New Zealand opera singer Dame Malvina Major. For reservation and registration information, go to http://www.rotary.org/events/conventions/2007/how-to-register.html

Your Rotary Pins 24/7
We will have a special presentation on polio and the campaign to eradicate it and the part Rotary is playing. Our district will match our donations of $12.50 per Rotarian. President Clint is confident that we can and will do much better than "just what is required". He will be calling on every one of us to stand up and support this effort on that day.

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