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The Weekly Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Lamorinda Sunrise
Meetings Friday 7AM at Postino's Restaurant in Lafayette

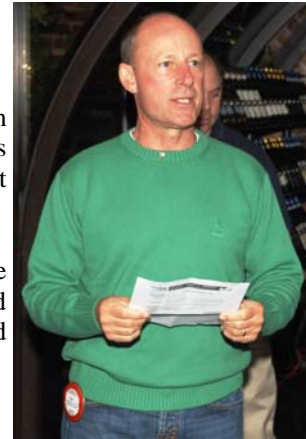
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FAMILY MATTERS

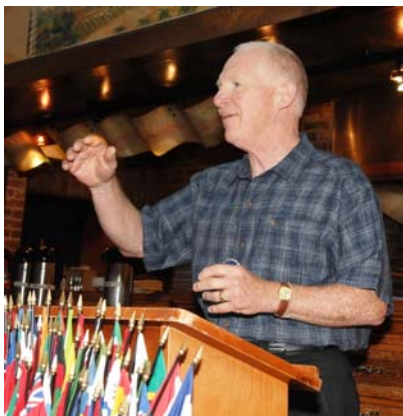
Alex Arnold's Thought for the Day was that no matter how difficult life is, we belong in our family, and we stand together to face life. Apparently our President Paul took this to heart, as he was standing together in Portland for his brother's birthday, leaving Pat Flaharty to run our ship.

Alex's Joke for the Day also had to do with family. 3 buddies hoping for Heaven were asked what they wanted their family to say over their casket. The first wanted it said that he was a great doctor and family man. The second that he was a great husband and school teacher. The third wanted it said that "he's moving!"



OLD AND NEW MEMBERS

Pat started out his navigation by questioning how he could qualify as an LSR member when his membership certificate, dated 9/24/93 during the well-remembered Brad Davis administration, was never signed by the president. Brad was asked up front to correct this omission and make Pat legal. Under the old rules, Pat regarded this as a matter for a fine, not a recognition, and imposed \$10 without offering any choice.



Brad retaliated by stating the New Member Orientation originally scheduled at his place on July 24 has been postponed to sometime in September. Also, this month's TGITLFOTM will be at Brad's on July 27. Also, the Exposing party on the same morning will be one Brad Davis, along with Tom Black. They will be the first beneficiaries of the new Exposure regime, as announced by Gillett Johnson. From now on, the Exposers will get royal treatment the whole day, including being picked up at home with Significant Others.



WHAT WILL BE SHAKIN'

Little by little, we'll learn about this year's directors and directions. This time, the spotlight was on Walt Nelson, Club Service Director. Walt tipped his hat to his setup crew (Hays Englehart, Mike Edwards, Gillett Johnson, Joe Metcalf) who arrive around 5:30 a.m. on our Fridays to move tables around, drag stuff out of the closet, and generally make the place presentable for our benefit.

Membership Director Flaharty talked a bit about, what else, membership. We're seeking a net of 7 new members, meaning about 12 live ones and a 5-member allowance for attrition (i.e., jumping ship). Everyone is on the Membership Committee. Ernie Furtado's Mentoring Program will be re-established. Chuck Kenney will make sure guests are signed in. Thomas Raeth will raise our new member induction ceremonies a notch or two. Bill Bishop, Kevin Croak and Mike Edwards will work on attendance retention and encouraging exchange of flag banners when we're visiting or being visited.



WE GOTTA BE READY

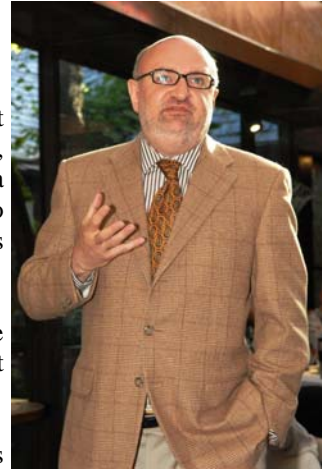
Our speaker today was Skip Skivington, member of the State of California Joint Advisory Committee for terrorism preparedness and a whole bunch of other state, federal and private organizations to try to get us medically prepared in the event of a terrorist attack or other disaster. Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, he led two medical response teams consisting of physicians, nurses and mental health providers at the request of the U.S. Surgeon General.

His real job is with Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, where he's the interim vice president of Supply Chain, Procurement and Supply. This is real handy when it comes to procuring necessary supplies in a big emergency situation.

He talked a bit about his personal history in these matters. In the 60's, the FBI was telling Kaiser employees about bioterrorism and basically couldn't get anyone's attention. Around 2000, the FBI came back and said there was a real possibility of attack which could include bioterrorism. Kaiser grudgingly built a plan, but the FBI then said they had The Plan. A month after 9-11, some folks sent anthrax around, 5 people died, and some victims still are not doing well. This event showed that The Plan was very flawed, and that the interdependence among federal and state governments, counties and hospitals was extremely fragile. It was apparently to Skip that he had to speak out for preparedness locally, as the feds couldn't be relied on.

The next big event was the tsunami in 2004. Skip spent 4 or 5 months in Sri Lanka, India, and Indonesia, where civil strife made it dangerous. Then came his sojourn to the Gulf after Katrina. Following that, he helped set up emergency medical service for FEMA at its biggest station in Houston, which became a field hospital with plenty of processing problems. Back in California, he set up clinics in L.A. and Riverside Counties for Katrina survivors, who arrived in droves with absolutely nothing but the wet clothes on their backs.

All this re-confirmed that The Plan needs plenty of work, that not nearly enough has been invested in making sure this is carried out, and that this is a great opportunity for service clubs to expand their participation in these critical matters.



VISITING ROTARIANS

Larry Sly, Concord Rotary and Food Bank
Ladd Lynch, Moraga Rotary
David Englehart, Orinda Rotary (relation to Hays being researched)

GUESTS

La Ray Spencer, Prudential Realty
Mike Muir (horse rides for disabled)
Holly Landers Burke, all by herself



UPCOMING

- 7/20: Cliff Dochterman -- bring everyone for this show
- 7/27: Expose Yourself - Tom Black & Brad Davis
5:30 - TGITLFOTM, Brad Davis's
- 8/3: Jill Buck, GoGreen
- 8/10: Niroop Srivatas, Lafayette City planning
- 8/14: Board meeting, 7:00 a.m., Park Hotel
- 8/17: Lois Courchaine, CCC food scrap recycling program
- 8/24: Ann & Hunter Holding, cattle ranch by Acalanes, leadership courses
- 8/31: Expose Yourself - Cal Lee & Walt Nelson
Our first working TGITLFOTM -- at the Raeths', sticking labels in dictionaries to be distributed at the beginning of the school year
- 9/7: Distribution of dictionaries right after our meeting
- 9/21: Overaa Construction, Lafayette Library construction
- 9/28: Expose Yourself - Joe Metcalf & Joanne Luscher



"BRIEFLY NOTED" BY PAUL FILLINGER

I love quotes because they often say so much in a few words. (My problem has always been just the opposite.) This year "Briefly Noted" will be a constant reminder for me to keep it short.

This week's quote:

"The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share riches but to reveal to him his own." Benjamin Disraeli (He lived before political correctness.)

This coming Friday is the greatest recruiting opportunity we will have all year: the chance to share what the Rotary experience is all about. Nobody can say it better than Cliff Dochterman.

Invite your best friend or best potential new member. Rotary can be a place where they discover new dimensions of themselves.

See you Friday--with a friend.

Paul

