

# eCone

**Meeting:** Nov. 12, 2009

**Presiding Rotarian:** Mary Bellefeuille

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**Visiting Rotarians:** Donna Buzzard (see below)

**Visiting relatives:** Mel Davis (Trevor's dad) and Aubrey Salas (Dan's daughter)

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**eCone correspondent:** Evan Tuchinsky

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## Where's Bell-do?

The bell and its ringer became a recurring theme at the meeting. Can you locate all the references to it in the eCone? Only one way to find out: Keep reading!!!

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## Updates

**Foundation Minute:** Kathy Maxwell announced that at the next meeting, Nov. 19, we will honor 12 Paul Harris Fellows. She encourages all Fellows to wear their medallions.

**Membership Minute:** Dean Fender reminded everyone that the next New Member Orientation is Tuesday, Nov. 17, at Mary's home. Risking TPing and other side effects of being president, Mary has shared her address: 5090 Warnke Dr. For details and directions, as well as to RSVP, call Dean at 877-8123 or 877-6457. Remember, attendees get a Wild-Card Makeup!

**Interact Minute:** Trudi Angel thanked George Siler for offering to drive Interact-ers to the Bay Area, even though no one ended up going, for their conference and made a heart-felt plea for a guest adviser for Monday's Interact meeting, 4-5 p.m. at Sunshine House. Please contact her if you can fill in!

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## **2014 Vision**

President-to-be **Bob Irvine** and P.R. Chair **Casey Taylor** presented the fruits of the club's **Vision Planning** labors, which earlier had been presented to the Board.

In June, 21 Paradise Rotarians met with three District 5160 planners with the goal of turning our club into one worthy of Gold District recognition five years from now. Our letter to the Rotary International President in 2014 would include the following achievements coming out of our goals (achieved by the triangular approach of three Cs – continuity, consistency, consensus):

- Paradise Rotary is a **premier service club** that's **fun** and fosters **community leadership**.
- Size matters to Paradise Rotary, with **100 members** and **85% active participation**.
- Paradise Rotary has a **fully-funded Rotary Foundation**, with 100% of members as Paul Harris Fellows and 90% reaching that level in their first five years of membership, as well as a **\$500,000 Paradise Rotary Foundation** endowment (a hundredfold increase from the current balance).
- Paradise Rotary has **sponsored**:
  - a wireless Internet Hot Zone in the center of town;
  - a community garden;
  - music and arts in schools;
  - an international water program benefiting 500 people.
- Paradise Rotary holds two sessions a year for **leadership training**.

Mary added that the Board is holding a **Name Our Slogan Tagline Contest** – if you have a catchphrase that encapsulates our club, please send it to her by Jan. 30. Meanwhile, while all this was going on, the bell moved from the lectern to a hiding place in the corner, with Mary none the wiser ...

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## **Presidential Trivia**

Here is Mary's challenge for this week:

In what town, at what hotel, on what dates is the 2010 District 5160 Conference?  
How much is a meal ticket?  
(hint – [www.rotary5160.org](http://www.rotary5160.org))

Remember, first e-mail reply with the correct answer yields a coveted Wild Card Make-up Card!!!

**Last week's winner:** Curtiss Landers, who knew that our club site's username is rotary and password is rotary95969.

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## **Announcements**

**Flag-free zone:** John Touchette explained that the streets of Paradise did not have their customary flags on Veterans' Day because of rain. Mary will give each volunteer who signed up a Wild-Card Makeup anyway!

**Josefa:** Speaking of ways to get a Wild-Card Makeup, a great one is by taking our exchange student on an outing – movies, ice cream, skiing, football games, etc., etc.! You just need to fill out a short form available online: [www.rotary5160.org](http://www.rotary5160.org) (click: Youth programs -> YPP youth protection -> Authorization/consent form).

**In Norton's memory:** Art Pollock let everyone know that a second tribute concert commemorating Norton Buffalo has been added Nov. 23, with proceeds benefiting PPAC. The first show, Nov. 22, is basically sold out. Art passed a hat, collecting \$158, and passed around sign-up sheets for bar duty at the two benefits as well as the Town of Paradise 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration the previous day, Nov. 21. (As always, Mike Viale is coordinating the bartenders – tip of the glass to the servin' D.D.S.!)

**Crab Feed:** Sign up sheets went around the room. Contact Pam Gray if you haven't reserved your place(s) for our big, popular fundraiser coming up soon! (You may have gotten this heads-up from Pam: Monday, Nov. 16 will be a committee meeting, 6 p.m., at 504 Nottingham Park.)

**Sweets from the sweet:** Chocolate Queen candidate Jackie Gitman and friends are offering homemade baklava as a fundraiser/gift. Cost ranges from \$20 to \$25 a box, depending on the variety. To order for the holidays, fax 872-1056 no later than Dec. 1; meanwhile, contact Jackie if you are interested in baking.

**Dictionary drive:** Trevor Davis reminded team captains to pick up the dictionaries we've received for Paradise school kids and encouraged everyone to experience the satisfaction that comes from handing out the books.

**Day at the Races:** Dec. 5, Golden Gate Fields, District fundraiser for Rotary Foundation – anyone interested in a caravan? Let Mary know.

**Roar for the Lions:** Bob DiPietro let Rotarians know about a Dec. 12 fundraiser the Paradise Lions are holding in Chico. He or Sherry Swim can give you more information. (Surprisingly, no fine was levied for promoting another organization ... but he did get one for something else ... keep reading!)

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## **Recognitions (a.k.a. Fines)**

**Chuck Eppelheimer:** When introducing his table, failing to announce Donna Buzzard as a Visiting Rotarian (she's inactive at the moment, which technically makes her a visitor). **1 bell**

**Bob Irvine:** A bear was exchanged for a ransom note for the gavel that went missing, (Mary had to borrow one that was from Chico Sunrise Club) but still, no ransom note! **2 bells**

**Rick Landess:** Traveling without a bear. **3 bells**

**Bob DiPietro and Bill Mannel:** Took a weeklong trip together to Palm Springs, where they played three (just three?) rounds of golf. "We understood the bear had never seen the desert," Bill said – not only has it done so now, it got left behind! Trivia tidbit: This was the first time Bob had taken a week away from his office in 33 years. **3 bells**

**John Backues and Brian Gray:** Holding a secret birthday breakfast for Bob Irvine. (Bob-hogs are not kosher!!!). **2 bells**

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## **Program**

### **Paradise Charter Middle School Choir**

Twenty-seven youngsters accompanied by a pianist performed seven songs for club members. The first set featured four uplifting numbers; the "Broadway set" featured three, ending with a dynamic medley of "A Comedy Tonight" into "Everything Is Coming Up Roses" – producing a standing ovation!

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