

eCone

Meeting: December 3, 2009

Presiding Rotarian: President-Elect Bob Irvine

Visiting Rotarians: none

eCone correspondent: Pam Gray

Inductions & Honors

President-Elect **Bob Irvine** presented **Rob Anderson** with his Paul Harris Plus 3. Congratulations, Rob, and thank you for your continued support of the Rotary Foundation!

Updates

Interact Minute: Trudi Angel announced there is a need for chaperons for Interact's Christmas dance on Saturday, December 19. How 'bout grabbing your favorite date and taking him or her to a Christmas dance??? Anyone interested, please contact Trudi or Vickie for details. This would be a great team project . . . hint, hint.

Crab Feed: Tickets will be available beginning Thursday, December 10. The committee asks that tickets are paid for when picked up and that ALL tickets are distributed and paid for by the end of December.

Dues Statements: For the first time in our Club's history, dues statements were sent out electronically. If, for some reason, you have not received your statement, please contact Jackie Gitman ASAP. It is important that dues are paid upon receipt of the statement. The Club has \$16,000 in the checking account with \$14,000 set to be paid out January 1. Outstanding dues represent \$20,000+ and will help us to continue giving to various groups.

Announcements

Helping out the cops: Doug Martens announced there is a need to help the annual “Shop with a Cop” program. This is where local police officers and town officials take young people shopping for gifts for their family members. This year, the police officer’s association lost an annual \$1,800 sponsor. While working the Town’s 30th Anniversary celebration, Mike Viale and Alan White agreed it would be nice for Rotary and Exchange to pool our resources and make up the deficit. First, they requested the approximately \$330 in bar proceeds go to the event with each club chipping in an additional \$750. Doug “borrowed” a hat from his wife and asked each member present to put in \$10 or more and reminded us one of Rotary’s main goals is providing service in our own communities. After the hat went around the room, it was reported that \$910 was collected! How great is that?! John T. sent a quick text to Alan and later in the afternoon announced Exchange Club is donating \$1,000 to the program. Rotary and Exchange rock!!!!

Dictionaries: Trevor Davis announced that the majority of the dictionaries have been delivered in record time. Mauny’s team is the last team to complete the project. Team members and other Rotarians wanting to help with the last distribution are invited to meet at Paradise Elementary School at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, the 10th. If you were not able to help your team, please consider attending this last opportunity. You will not be disappointed!

Thanksgiving food baskets: Justin Miley thanked the club for donating to the Thanksgiving food baskets. Because of cash donations made by members, four families received food for Thanksgiving!

Travel time: Josefa, just back from Disneyland, has an opportunity to join the Elloways on a trip to Florida and is looking to raise about \$500 to help with the airfare. Justin is accepting donations and look for Josefa to do some fundraising in the next few weeks. The trip is set for December 21 – January 5 What a lucky girl, going to Florida for Christmas!!

Queen’s court: David Bermann, campaign manager for our Chocolate Queen candidate, Jackie Gitman, is looking for volunteers to help Jackie make and pack the baklavas she is making as part of one of her fundraisers. Please contact Jackie if you can help.

Can you hear me now? P-E Bob thanked John Senior for the advice on our new portable microphone – which worked great! It was so nice to hear all of the announcements!

Sounds of the season: Tom Gagne announced the Christmas Jug Band are putting on their annual show at PPAC on Saturday, December 12. A show you will not want to miss!

Board Meeting Recap

In light of our financial standing, the Board chose to defer funding requests to the January meeting. This includes a request from Paradise Hospice and Homecare, our own Mini-grant program, a teen safe driving program at Thunderhill Raceway and providing bar service to Quota's fundraiser on March 6.

The Board did choose to purchase Officer's and Director's Insurance that is now available through the District at a cost of about \$100 per year.

Leaves of absence were approved for Shelli Sinclair (three months), Dave Schott (six months) and Evan Tuchinsky (six weeks). Resignation was approved, with regret, from Michael Snyder.

The nominating committee got approval for the following nominees:

President-Elect – Maureen Wisener

Secretary – Arnie Hartjen

Treasurer – Scott Stambaugh

Directors (three open spots) – Cheryl Almeida, David Bermann, Michael Cooper, Curtiss Landers, Justin Miley

After P-E Bob opening the nominations to the floor, the following were added to the slate:

Treasurer – Ken Hunt

Directors – Bob DiPietro, John Gliha, Ron Jones, Art Pollock

Additional nominations will be accepted until nominations are closed after the start of the next regular meeting (Dec. 10).

Presidential Trivia

Here is Mary's challenge for this week (this is a two-parter):

Part 1: *In Hallmark's made for TV Christmas show, "A Dog Named Christmas" what service club is mentioned?*

Part 2: *What was this service club being called upon to do?*

Remember, first e-mail reply with the correct **answers** yields a coveted Wild Card Make-up Card!!! You must know both answers to qualify as the winner!!!

Recognitions (a.k.a. Fines)

Dean Fender and Ron Jones for the unsuccessful Elk hunt, motorhome that had to be hot wired to start, and for general purposes.

Vicki Tomatis for the additional of grandchild #10 on Thanksgiving Day. (BTW Vicki will soon be flying across the county for a three week visit with the newest family member.)

Pam Gray for youngest daughter, Cori, being the lead story in the Flagstaff newspaper.

Note: While PE Bob did have the bell back, on loan, he had no gavel and the Elk's purple pig was just not the same – making it impossible to tell how many bell or pork bellies were charged!

Access to Web site info

It seems many of our members, while enjoying the eCone, do not know how to access our Club or District websites.

Our Club site is at
www.Paradiserotary.com

To access the member list the user name and password are:
Rotary
Rotary95969

Our District now also has our info on their site. At the end of last year, Rotary International gave all their info to each District and it is now up to us as individuals to keep our info up to date. So, if you move, get a new phone number, etc. you can go straight to the database and update your information. We will also be able to put our website into the District site enabling all the other 67 clubs in our District access to what is going on in Paradise!

To go to the database, enter
www.Rotary5160.org

Here you will see District Governor Earl's smiling face.

Go to "clubs" and find "district database"

There will be a link to the database from here

After clicking that link, you will find another link that will take you to the log in page

At the login page, you will need your email address you use for Rotary and your membership number. Your membership number can be found on your issue of The Rotarian magazine. It is an eight-digit number on your mailing label.

At this point, it is suggested you save your info and add this page to your “favorites” so you don’t have to go through three “pages” to get to the database.

Take some time to play around with this as there a many functions available.

In the near future, opportunities will be available to walk through the database in small groups for those who are interested.

Last-Minute Addition

Thunderhill Raceway in Willows is offering Rotarians a chance to drive their course on Monday, December 28. Please be on the look out for info or contact President Mary or AG Pam Gray for more info.