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Coming Programs

Every Tuesday

- Dec. 5 TBA
- Dec. 12 Holiday Party
- Dec. 19 Polio Plus
- Dec. 26 TBA

Coming Events

- Jan. 3 2007 Presidential Dinner
Honoring Rotary
International President
William B. Boyd

Birthdays

- Dec. 1 Hendrik Smeding
- Dec. 13 Dale Smith
- Dec. 20 Frank Toller
- Dec. 4 Rodger Adams
- Dec. 5 Veronica Kenney

Wedding Anniversaries

- Dec. 3 Doug Ernst
- Dec. 13 Michael Thomas
- Dec. 16 Rex Stults
- Dec. 4 Rodger Adams
- Dec. 21 Charles Bell
- Dec. 27 Jim Haslip
- Dec. 30 Dale Smith

Club Anniversaries

- Dec. 1 Richard Rogers
- Dec. 7 Gene Armstead
- Dec. 7 Doug Ernst
- Dec. 7 Coreen Pinney
- Dec. 12 Kathleen Patterson
- Dec. 20 Douglas Durward

Women's Opportunity Fund Improving Lives

by Douglas D. Durward

They're back, and even more ambitious. After traveling to see Empalme De Boaca firsthand, St. Helena locals Anita Cummings, Lois Swanson and Mary Lou Peterson, came back invigorated and determined to double the funds raised last year. The funds are raised through a once-yearly plant sale, with the plants being grown and donated by Sandy, the wife of local Rotarian **Robert Herrick**.

The proceeds go (primarily) to women in developing countries who subsist on less than \$1.00 per day. The Women's Opportunity Fund sets up a lending institution which funds micro-loans for businesses. But it is not as much about the money as the "magic" that is created by the system.

The Fund groups 20-40 women who all need loans, and they, as a group, become responsible for all the money that is loaned. They each go through 6-8 weeks of business training. If one defaults, the others pitch in to repay, but they hope it doesn't come to that. In order to help each other succeed, they assist one another in times of sickness and other trouble. The loans, in essence, solidify the community spirit of the women (and up to 4 men), and they help teach them leadership skills and about building business relationships.

The women still largely live on dirt floors, but their lives are better. One client buys food supplies and prepares 60 lunches a day to feed to those at a local sweatshop. One pig butcher was able to move his pigs out of the bedroom by using the money to build a second room on his house. Another woman was able to start a business buying fresh fish from the fisherman and then traveling to Managua, by bus, and selling them at market for a 100% profit.

*Rotary is honored to have these guests with us today!*

Sthelenarotary.org Has a New Webhost

by Douglas D. Durward

When Caroline Fox resigned her duties as webhost for the St. Helena Rotary website in order to commit full time to Macy's.com, we knew that she was leaving behind big shoes to fill. After a thorough search was conducted under the auspices of the Board of Directors, it was decided that we would hire Brian Nash Design Company of St. Helena to fill those shoes. For information about Brian Nash, you can visit <http://www.bndco.com>.

The webhosting duties will be scaled back somewhat now that **Tony Albright** and Doran's Printing have taken responsibility for the NairatoR layout and publication, but we expect to be working closely with Mr. Nash to keep the website current and looking its best.

In order to keep a reliable flow of information, we ask that members refrain from contacting Mr. Nash directly with website updates. Instead, please send all update information/ideas to Carol Sobczak, Tony Albright or Doug Durward, and they will work with Mr. Nash directly to implement the updates that are approved.



A Quick Trip to Argentina

by Jim Haslip

I had a chance to speak with Jason Michieli before the meeting. He is our senior returning exchange student who went to Argentina. I asked him how he had changed as a result of his experience. He answered that he is more open, especially to new foods and new people. He is making new friends this year due to his increased maturity and openness. During his presentation to the club, we didn't learn too much about Argentine schools but we did see several photos of Jason and friends winning a "best women" contest. School started earlier in the day and ended earlier. His South American "summer vacation," from December thru March, allowed him to see many fascinating sights, including whale watching, visiting ocean penguins, and getting a close look at Glacier Puerto Moreno, which was featured in Al Gore's global warming documentary.

Guim Thomaz, our guest from Brazil, noted that our St Helena soccer team is playoff bound and he is enjoying his experiences here. He has been to a turkey shoot, enjoying his success with his new-found skill. He was delighted to be a "prince" candidate at homecoming. One of his favorite trips has been to S.F. to walk the Golden Gate Bridge



and to visit Chinatown. **Hendrick Smeding** is the coordinator of the Youth Exchange. He is looking for an out-bound student for next year.

Meeting Wrap Up:

Our bell-ringers included **Charlotte Williamson**, who has survived 8 years since her transplant. **Craig Anderson** reported on the "Girls on the Run" activity. **Bob Herrick's** son was recognized for his photography work. **Elaine John** reported that the hospital has raised \$14M in its fund-raising campaign. **Dick Osborne** noted that PUC is celebrating its 125th anniversary. **Lydia Wilson** and several club members won a recent bocce ball competition.

Servaas Mes served as Fine Master. We learned that there have been 26 days of peace, world-wide, since 1945. Sweden has had freedom from war the longest, dating back to 1814 with Switzerland's experience beginning in 1848. Do you remember the 5 categories for Nobel Prizes?

MEMBER PROFILE: Dave Brotemarkle

by Douglas D. Durward

"There is simply nothing better than to stand behind that podium and see so many people with such good hearts each week"

– Dave Brotemarkle reflecting on his time as president of St. Helena Rotary.



Serving on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club of St. Helena, the St. Helena Hospital, the St. Helena Public Schools Foundation, Chairman of the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce, and past president of the St. Helena Rotary Club, David H. Brotemarkle's benevolence is renowned.

After a stint as a self-confessed "ski bum" in Park City, Utah, David then became a competitive sailboat racer while living in Southern

California, and eventually found himself here in the Napa Valley 16 years ago. David is now the managing partner of Brotemarkle, Davis & Company (<http://www.napavalleycpas.com>) which handles the tax, accounting and financial consulting needs of many of Napa's best known wineries. He has served as Chairman of the annual Conference Society of CPA's wine business conference, President of the California Group of Accounting Firms and has worked with the local schools, serving on parent's groups at both RLS Middle School and St. Helena High School. When time allows, a round of golf gets in on the busy schedule as well.

David has been married to Kathi for 23 years, and is proud of her professional singing career. He is the father of Kaitlin, 19, a student at Lewis & Clark College, and Kristen, 16, who started her junior year at Justin Sienna High School this year.

Notes from the St. Helena Rotary Foundation

Chuck Meibeyer reported that **Joice Beatty, Ima Holcomb** and he had met with the Trinchero representatives to discuss design and budget issues for the Winter Ball. The band has been booked and Alice Narlock has been hired as the administrative assistant.

Jim Haslip made a preliminary request for Rotary's support for a *St. Helena Vocal Jazz Festival* in March to replace the Redding festival that has been discontinued. Approximately 10 to 12 schools would participate. The cost to accommodate the festival would primarily involve providing lunch and dinner for approximately 200 people including participants and chaperones.

The Board approved a contribution to District 5130's sixth Roto-plast medical mission to Guatemala City, which would be based on matching 10% of the total contributions by other clubs in the district but not to exceed a total contribution by the St. Helena club of \$10,000. The Board also approved a request for \$750 for the St. Helena Unified School District to support funding of a portable theatrical lighting system to be used throughout the district. \$5,000 was also approved to support the St. Helena Family Resource Center.

Toni Heydlauff has donated \$10,000 from the sale of her house to be contributed to the Vintage Hall fund with a portion of the funds to be used to elevate Don Heydlauff's memorial plaque onto a boulder to be placed at the site.

Napa County Update

by Doug Ernst

Rotarians were treated to a quiz about county government at the Nov. 14 meeting, as Napa County Chief Executive Officer Nancy Watt and Napa County Auditor-Controller Pam Kindig addressed the distinguished St. Helena club.

Here's what they said:

- It takes 1,337 employees earning \$103 million to provide all of the county services, the officials said.
- Less than a third of the county's revenue is discretionary.
- The county's main source of revenue — property taxes — increased 58 percent over the last five years.
- The county's largest spending category is property/infrastructure.
- The cost to keep a person in jail for one day is \$89.
- Murder trials cost the county an additional \$2 million to \$3 million per year, due to the need to hire experts.

- It costs \$250,000 to maintain one mile of county roadway, and only \$5 million per year is being spent. An estimated \$12 million to \$13 million in roadwork is needed.
- The county does many things the cities don't do. For example: Health and Human Services, jail, courts, restaurant inspections.
- The county is planning to spend \$10.5 million for a new parking garage in Napa, \$7.8 million for road repairs this year and \$9.9 million in capital outlays.
- The county has earned an A-1 bond rating from Standard and Poor's.
- Of the \$7.3 million the county collects in hotel taxes, \$500,000 is returned in the form of contributions to the Napa Valley Conference and Visitors Bureau.

Return from Africa

by Doug Ernst



The club welcomed back **Joice Beatty** and **Nataie Klug**, who just returned from Ghana, where they spent 11 days (including 4 days of travel) administering polio vaccinations. "It was very hot and humid, and polluted with poor air," Joice said. "We met some wonderful people, and the women are gorgeous, they wear the most beautiful outfits. It's a very religious country, mostly Christian: Catholic, Adventist, Methodist and Episcopalian. You see 'Jesus saves' everywhere."

Joice and Natalie were part of an international group that included Rotarians from San Juan Bautista and a pair from the Netherlands. They worked in a clinic set up on the front porch of the local chief's house. "We placed two drops of vaccine in each mouth, and gave each a vitamin A pill," said Natalie. Older children were given immunizations for measles, mumps and rubella, while children 2 and younger received netting to prevent malaria exposure during sleep.

The program was funded by Rotary, UNICEF, and the governments of Japan and Ghana. Food consisted largely of goat meat and fish. While some locals ate fish bones, Joice and Natalie resisted.



*The District Governors
Cordially Invite You to Attend...*

THE 2007 PRESIDENTIAL DINNER

Honoring...

Rotary International President William B. Boyd

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2007

Santa Clara Marriott
2700 Mission College Boulevard
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6:00 p.m. – No Host Reception
7:00 p.m. – Dinner

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Meeting Wrap Up:

Paul Krsek invited any Rotarian who might be interested to attend a Jan. 28 benefit auction for the children of China, sponsored by Holt International Children's Services of Eugene, OR. The 2-4:30 p.m. event at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco is called the Silk Bag Luncheon. Paul said he would provide transportation to the event for up to 16 Rotarians.

Elaine John announced that a recent fund raiser for the St. Helena Hospital Foundation, attended by 215 people, raised \$900,000.

Rob Andreae said he was proud of fellow Rotarian **Nancy Levenberg**, CEO of the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce, which helped 169 St. Helenans travel 12,000 miles, through three airports, to China. "Everything worked like clockwork, and we had Silverado Brewing Co. beer at the Great Wall," Rob said. Rotarians who made the China trip included **Diane Bylund, Ima Holcomb, Chuck Meibeyer, David Moreland, Suzan Rada, Ron Sculatti, Jim Wright, Bill Word, Nancy Levenberg** and **Rob Andreae**. Also attending were Evonne Alumbaugh and Mike Fradelizio.

Norm Mitroff congratulated **Jim Haslip** for his election to the St. Helena Unified School District Board of Trustees. Jim Haslip thanked the club for its support and said he would make good on his campaign promise to bring up issues. He said was disappointed that some people took his criticism of the school district personally, but that he was hopeful that bad feelings could be set aside in the future.

Notes from the Board of Directors

by Douglas D. Durward

The popular Texas Hold 'Em is slated for January 2007. • The Dictionary Project is on course, with a delivery of dictionaries being expected any time now. • Rotary, **Steve Ebersole** and the Boy Scouts will all be working together to build a new room for a kiln at the Elementary School • Members will be given opportunity to sign up for automatic monthly payments to Paul Harris • The Napa Valley Museum is holding a Venetian Carnivale a couple of weeks before our Winter Ball. It was decided to go forward with our theme anyway, and to use the other event as synergy. • A three member panel is reviewing the Rotary by-laws • Make-up policy is to remain the same • A new flag design has been sent out for pricing. • The Board agreed to review requests from RLS students who may need financial assistance to attend the Student Leadership program.

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St. Helena Rotary Assignments July'06-June'07

<u>Date</u>	<u>Set Up</u>	<u>Invocation</u>	<u>Fine Master</u>	<u>Break Down</u>
July 11, 2006				
July 18, 2006		Craig Anderson		
July 25, 2006	Ron Sculatti	Roger Adams	Joice Beatty	Dave Brotemarkle
August 1, 2006	Norm Alumbaugh	Norm Mitroff	Nick Bermudez	David Rice
August 8, 2006	Craig Anderson	Servaas Mes	Willis Blakewell	Polly Keegan
August 15, 2006	Robert Andreae	Hendrik Smeding	Norm Mitroff	Richard Rogers
August 22, 2006	Rudy Papale	Beverly Mes	David Brotemarkle	Zelazny, Kathy
August 29, 2006	Beverly Mes	David Moreland	Rudy Papale	Jake Scheideman
September 5, 2006	Edgar Beard	Steve Ebersole	Diane Bylund	Bob Graham
September 12, 2006	Linda Delucchi	Richard Osborn	Stephen Carbone	Ron Scullati
September 19, 2006	Joice Beatty	Rudolph Papale	Frank Toller	Charles Bell
September 26, 2006	Ima Holcomb	Kathleen Patterson	Mac Mclmoyl	Richard Schurtz
October 3, 2006	Nick Bermudez	Suzan Rada	Timothy Coon	Dale Smith
October 10, 2006	David Rice	Wendell Laidley	Jim Wright	Al Albright
October 17, 2006	Willis Blakewell	Elaine John	Tjoel Toller	Frank Sottile
October 24, 2006	Jonathan Briano	Richard Rogers	Servaas Mes	Rex Stults
October 31, 2006	Doug Durward	Tim Coon	Bob Graham	Stephanie Johnson
November 7, 2006	David Brotemarkle	Wilson, Lydia	Tim Doran	Mark Terrell
November 14, 2006	Thompson, Doug	Jake Scheideman	Steve Ebersole	Michael Thomas
November 21, 2006	Diane Bylund	Burt Johansson	Margo Kennedy	Frank Toller
November 28, 2006	Stephen Carbone	Ron Scullati	Jeff Epps	Joel Toller
December 5, 2006	Lydia Wilson	Richard Schurtz	Mark Terrell	Joice Beatty
December 12, 2006	Timothy Coon	Dale Smith	Natalie Klug	Smith, Jim
December 19, 2006	Susan Rada	Mike Smith	Pinney, Coreen	Lynch, Christopher
December 26, 2006	Mooreland, David	Frank Sottile	Colin Wright	Johnson, Stephanie
January 2, 2007	Tim Coon	Steve Yost	Alston Hayne	Burt Johansson
January 9, 2007	Tim Doran	Mark Terrell	Robert Herrick	Charlotte Williamson
January 16, 2007	Steve Ebersole	Michael Thomas	Robert Hoffman	Bill Word
January 23, 2007	Bill Word	Robert Hoffman	Rob Andrea	Linda Delucchi
January 30, 2007	Coreen Pinny	Frank Toller	Gary Jaffe	James Wright
February 6, 2007	Jeff Epps	Joel Toller	Bert Johansen	Durward, Doug
February 13, 2007	Smith, Jim	Dick Osborn	Kathy Zelazny	Elaine Johns
February 20, 2007	Pinney, Coreen	Louis Trincherro	Polly Keegan	Roger Adams
February 27, 2007	Lynch, Christopher	Diane Bylund	Lydia Wilson	Albert Albright
March 6, 2007	Bob Graham	Joel Toller	Mike Thomas	Tony Albright
March 13, 2007	Holcomb, Ima	Susan Rada	Paul Krsek	Norm Alumbaugh
March 20, 2007	Alston Hayne	Gary Jaffe	Thompson, Doug	Steve Carbone
March 27, 2007	Robert Herrick	Charlotte Williamson	Wendell Laidley	Craig Anderson
April 3, 2007	Gary Jaffe	James Wright	Craig Anderson	Hendrik Smeding
April 10, 2007	Bert Johansen	Mooreland, David	Charlotte Williamson	Ima Holcomb
April 17, 2007	Elaine John	Kathy Zelazny	Lynch, Christopher	Edgar Beard
April 24, 2007	Polly Keegan	Roger Adams	Jonathon Briano	Tim Coon
May 1, 2007	Margo Kennedy	Albert Albright	Bob Trincherro	Bob Trincherro
May 8, 2007	Natalie Klug	Tony Albright	Steve Yost	Charles Bell
May 15, 2007	Paul Krsek	Norm Alumbaugh	Beverly Mes	Nick Bermudez
May 22, 2007	Durward, Douglas	Johnson, Stephanie	Jim Smith	Dick Osborn
May 29, 2007	Wendell Laidley	Craig Anderson	Hendrik Smeding	Willis Blakewell
June 5, 2007	James Lider	Robert Andreae	Jake Scheideman	Jonathan Briano
June 12, 2007	Linda Delucchi	Bill Word	David Moreland	David Brotemarkle
June 19, 2007	William Mclmoyl	Pinney, Coreen	Ron Sculatti	Paul Kresk