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Future Speakers
<p>Nov 27 2007 Hendrik Smeding "Exchange Student"</p>
<p>Dec 4 2007 Nina Gorbach "Introduction to the Wilmar Center"</p>
<p>Dec 11 2007 DARK AT NOON "see Christmas Dinner, next"</p>
<p>Dec 11 2007 Christmas Dinner "Christmas Dinner at Markham Winery"</p>

Upcoming Events
<p>Monthly \$10 Rotary Foundation Contribution Nov 20 2007 - Jun 30 2008</p>
<p>Help with Reception after Service for Jim Linder Nov 30 2007</p>
<p>Christmas Dinner Dec 11 2007</p>

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Crane Park

by Michael Thomas

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at Crane Park for the picnic shelter project on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27** at 3:00 PM.



If it is raining let's hope the shelter is water proof. We don't want to be embarrassed.

We had originally planned to make a food and wine gathering out of the event but with the time of year and uncertainty of the weather we decided better to make it short and sweet. Perhaps later in the spring we can have a pot luck picnic and/or bocce event for the club in commemoration.

The Four-Way Test

by Gene Armstead

In 1932, Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor created The Four-Way Test, a code of ethics adopted by Rotary 11 years later. The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the following questions:

Of the things we think, say or do

1. **Is it the TRUTH?**
2. **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
3. **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
4. **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

Meeting Report Nov 6 2007

by Cindy Warren

Rotarians Hear from Youth Symphony

Ming Luke, conductor of the symphony, and **Bill Knuttel**, president of the symphony board, led a discussion about the history and development of the youth organization.

The Napa Valley Youth Symphony is a full symphonic orchestra dedicated to training talented young musicians from the Napa Valley and surrounding areas in the masterworks of the great classical composers. Begun in 2006, the Youth Symphony started with 22 students from 4 schools and currently has over 70 young musicians representing 25 schools. The full symphonic orchestra is coached by music professionals through partnerships with several

Napa arts providers. World class musicians come weekly to work with the kids in a variety of situations: full sectionals, small groups or individual training. Students have had the opportunity to work with violinists Chloe Hanslip and Dawn Harms and pianist Jeffrey Sykes.

Moving beyond the traditional youth orchestra paradigm is the goal of the ensemble. By empowering the Youth Symphony members with musical skills, the young musicians then go into schools to help other students. The Napa Youth Symphony is also developing educational programs to provide standards-based music education for our local students. Long term plans include music programs for grades K-4 and 5-8.

This season the Napa Valley Youth Symphony students will have the opportunity to perform in a community concert of Vaughan Williams *Concerto Grosso*. In June 2008 the talented ensemble will be performing in the Main Hall at Carnegie Center , New York .

A fundraiser will be held on February 16, 2008 at the Lincoln Theatre. Sixteen of the nation's top singers will be performing along with the students. The benefit concert will include a wine auction and food. Sponsorship is available.

Guests:

Brian Walker of Garberville and **Sharon Ebersole**.

Announcements:

December 11 is the Rotary Holiday Party at Markham with a performance by Craig Bond's Children's Choral Group. Cocktails begin at 6, and dinner at 7 .

Meeting Report Nov 20 2007

by Pam Rubio



End-of-Year Foundation Contribution, Anyone?

Speaker:

Kelly Crane spoke about the Rotary International Foundation, and the various ways of giving. Kelly went over the Annual Program Funds and the Permanent Fund in detail. If any Rotarians have any questions, please give Kelly a call.

He also reminded Club members that they can have a contribution of \$10 per month charged through their Club accounts. You can make contributions by credit card, and there is a tax-advantageous contribution plan that will go away December 31 of this year.

The Foundation District Conference has been rescheduled for May in San Francisco .

Visiting Rotarians:

Charles Henning , Calistoga Rotary, of the Culinary Institute of America .

Guests:

Joice Beatty introduced guest **Ron Wright**.

Announcements:

Hendrik Smeding (Winter Ball Chair) announced some details around the 18th annual Rotary Winter Ball which will be held on March 1. This year's theme will be "Fiesta del Californio's" with the old Spanish style of the settlers in the early 1800's. A model of the design was displayed by Ron Wright and explained by Joice Beatty. **Pride and Joy** will be the band entertaining this year. Hendrik also sent out emails to Rotarians to help on committees.

Hendrik also announced that Rotarians should be thinking about this year's

"Fund a Need," since the Foundation Board has not identified any projects that had enough interest to commit to including in the Ball. **Cindy Warren** suggested Junior Achievement.

President Chuck Meibeyer announced:

Regarding Club Runner and the new online version of the Nairator: If you have not gone in to take a look you should do so. Every member with email should have received the Nairator by email and is also in hard copy for those who don't do email. A big "Thank-you" goes to **Gene Armstead** for all his hard work on this.

We will be getting a new sound system in two weeks.

Chuck encouraged all Rotarians to look for quality new members for the club, just to keep the Club at its present membership level. Please contact either Chuck or **Lisa Marie Andersen** with suggested members.

Linda Beard made a sad announcement about the passing of Past President (1966-67) **Jim Lider** on the morning of November 19. Following the funeral on November 30, the family has asked that Rotarians help with a 2 p.m. reception at the Native Sons Hall. You can sign up on the web site to help Jim's family out with setup.

Carol Sobczak announced the Rotary Christmas Dinner will be held on December 11 at Markham .

Mike Thomas reminded the club about the Crane Park Picnic facility ribbon cutting at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Finemaster:

Carol Sobczak stumped many members with questions of a personal nature regarding esteemed President Chuck. In the process, most members learned more about our President than they really wanted or needed to know.

"My Commitments?"

by Gene Armstead

The last item on your own emailed Nairator is something titled "(Your name)'s commitments:" For most of us, there isn't anything listed after that. What's that all about? Why is it there?

One feature of the ClubRunner bulletin (our Nairator) is to list for you the commitments you have, i.e. Finemaster, setup, breakdown or "Thought for the Day." Unfortunately, even if you don't have any commitments, the header is going to show up anyway. Just thought you might be wondering.