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Hello Gene! This email has been generated just for you as a member of our club.

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Speakeasy Bus at Rotary

by Donn Black

January 29th will be St. Helena Rotary's day on Project Vote-Smart's national "Speakeasy" bus tour.



The idea is to acquaint Rotarians and the general public with Vote-Smart's new "Voter's Self-Defense System." They will present the program at Rotary and then invite everyone onto the big bus for hands-on instruction in accessing their huge data base on candidates' voting records, public statements and political history - all completely non-partisan. The concept is to make it easy for voters to find out what the candidates truly stand for.

To take full advantage of this unique program opportunity, President [Chuck Meibeyer](#) will invite Rotarians to bring guests to the meeting (and lunch) which will be at Bourn Hall. To get some idea of the number to expect for lunch, guest signup sheets will be passed around at the January 8 and 15 meetings.

Future Speakers

Jan 22 2008
[Craig Bond](#)
"St. Helena Performing Arts Foundation"

Jan 29 2008
[Richard Kimball](#)
"Vote-Smart non-partisan political data base"

Feb 12 2008
[Dark](#)
"Thursday: Sweethearts Lunch at the CIA"

Feb 14 2008
[Carol Sobczak](#)
"Sweethearts Lunch"

Feb 19 2008
[Bob Hoffman](#), [Terence Mulligan](#),
[Michelle Grupe](#)
"Community Foundation of the Napa Valley"

Mar 11 2008
[Jon Dodge](#)
"Boy Scout Troop One"

18th Annual Winter Ball: Fiesta del Californios

by William Word



St. Helena Rotary's 18th annual Winter Ball, "Fiesta del Californios", will take place on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Trinchero Family Estates Main Street Warehouse located at 100 S. St. Helena Highway. Festivities will begin at 5:30 PM and run through midnight.

Upcoming Events

Monthly \$10 Rotary Foundation Contribution
Nov 20 2007 - Jun 30 2008

Sweetheart's Lunch
Feb 14 2008

Winter Ball, 2008: Fiesta del Californios
Mar 1 2008 - Mar 1 2008

"Our theme this year, 'Fiesta del Californios', is really a celebration of the spirit of the people who came together to create California as we know it", stated Hendrik Smeding, Rotary Winter Ball Chairman. "Roughly from the Mission period to the Gold Rush, ca. 1800 to 1850", Smeding added.

Guests may choose to wear period costumes or formal attire. They will be served extraordinary Napa Valley wines, a sumptuous dinner by Silverado Brewing Company Catering Division and have the opportunity to dance the night away to *Pride & Joy*, the Bay Area's favorite dance band. Internationally renowned auctioneer, Fritz Hatton, will be on hand to oversee bidding on some two dozen live auction lots including David Abreu's "Macho Magnums", dream vacation packages, fabulous Napa Valley wines and fantastic group dinners and activities. There will be a wonderful array of silent auction lots, as well.

Rotary Winter Ball has become a major date on the Napa Valley's social calendar. At

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the same time it has become one of the most successful fund raisers in the valley for the benefit of youth organizations, including St. Helena Boy Scouts Troop 1, St. Helena Public Schools, The Boys and Girls Club of St. Helena and Calistoga, Girls on the Run Napa Valley, St. Helena Girl Scouts, and many other up valley youth-oriented activities and organizations.

For tickets or additional information, email: info@rotarywinterball.com or visit: www.rotarywinterball.com.

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An eye opening introduction to Rotary
by DeWitt Garlock

On Wednesday night, January 9th, several of the newest members to the St Helena Rotary club attended the semi-monthly Napa Valley Rotary association meeting at the Silverado Brewing Company in St Helena. After introductions by Coordinator **Kathy Flanson** of Calistoga Rotary, each club representative gave a rundown on Rotary activities for the past year. The clubs present included St. Helena, Napa Noon and the Calistoga club. Approximately two hours later when all of the club representatives and **District Governor Ken Moulton** were finished, we were all absolutely amazed at how much activity has gone on to support the local community and the larger world community by these efforts. There is a level of dedication and hard work that is incredible and as a new member of Rotary it was very gratifying to hear of the many ways that "Service above Self" is being more than just talked about, it's being put into action.

Chuck Miebeyer was up first with a rundown of St Helena club's activities for 2007. First on Chuck's list of accomplishments was the completion of the Picnic shelter at Crane Park which was built entirely by club volunteers with donations from many local St. Helena businesses. Over 600 hours were put into the 20 ft by 60 ft shelter next to the bocce ball court. St Helena Rotary can be very proud of this accomplishment which will serve the community for many years. Chuck also mentioned that the St Helena Star publishes periodic articles about Rotary as a new addition to its community pages. The Rotoplast program was very successful again in 2007 and the annual Winter Ball was able to dedicate \$78,000 of their proceeds to the Rotoplast effort. This is an incredible program that provides cleft lip repair surgeries free of charge, most recently to children in Morelia, Mexico. Without these corrections most of the children face a continued life of social rejection, abject poverty, and very bleak futures. The surgeries performed transform their lives and provides a tremendous global outreach to our neighbors to the south.

St. Helena Rotary continued the successful tradition of the Winter Ball. Looking forward to 2008, Chuck informed the group

about "Fiesta del Californios" which is the theme for this year's ball on March 1. Many vital services and local community projects are helped a great deal with proceeds from this event including Rotoplast, the Boys and Girls club and the Rianda House. He stressed that the need to fund local services over and above traditional sources is greater than ever and St Helena Rotary is looking forward to another successful auction again this year to help in these efforts.

Gary Rhodes from the Napa Noon club reported on their busy calendar from 2007. Their Pathway Home project is starting up with service to the wounded American vets returning from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. They plan to build a center to provide help for families of vets linked to schooling, and mental health. The Rotary Ride for Veterans is the first fund raising activity. Another function that Napa noon is sponsoring is the Wine valley Cycle for Sight. This fund raiser hopes to raise enough to provide camping opportunities for kids who are sight impaired. The event is April 26th and announcements are going out to 105 Rotary Clubs. There will be a silent auction as well. More details can be found on the clubs website.

Jim and Kathy Flamson gave a report on the Calistoga club including their very successful dictionary project for 3rd graders. Every child received a dictionary thanks to the clubs coordination with Rotary Foundation. Other projects included the Lunch for Senior Citizens, the Tractor Parade (the Club came in 2nd place!), and their participation in the Festival of Brotherhood which is international in scope and involves the participation and cooperation of clubs throughout the valley for the operation of a mobile medical unit in Culiacan, Mexico. A new program in 2008 is the bicycle helmet distribution. They plan to give out helmets to every 4th grader in the Calistoga school system, again with support from the Rotary Foundation. Another important one that the club takes the lead on is the "Every 15 minutes" program where school children are given a dramatic presentation by their peers on the devastating effects of drink driving where the lesson is instilled that every 15 minutes someone in the U.S. is killed from a drunk driver. Kathy also mentioned the upcoming annual golf tournament known affectionately as the "Putt 'N Pig" which will occur on May 9-10. This year's theme is a cabaret speakeasy. It will be a lot of fun and details will follow.

Many more presentations were given including several by the District Governor regarding the Leadership Institute program, Rotary Foundation, and the Humanity in Motion program. It was truly an inspiring evening as we "red badgers" listened to the long list of good works. But what was also inspiring to me personally, was the level of enthusiasm and the real spirit of dedication put forward by the club representatives. It was clear to this author, and I think I speak for all of the new members as well, that we are truly fortunate to have the opportunity to be a part of one these fine clubs. The solid tradition of "Service above Self" was clearly demonstrated and will leave a lasting impression on us all. We are very proud to be Rotarians!

Meeting Report - Dec 18, 2007*by Thomas Stubbs***Tour of new Boys and Girls Club**

Executive Director **Frank Sottile** took St. Helena Rotarians on a field trip over to the brand new St. Helena Boys and Girls Club during the Dec. 18 luncheon meeting. Frank gave a personal tour of the Main Hall which has a state-of-the-art check-in counter where students register by scanning their fingerprints.

Students are greeted each day with a healthy snack which is provided to them through the St. Helena Unified School District.

Frank pointed out that there are three fully equipped staff offices with a private staff bathroom.

Once inside, students have a variety of places to venture off to. **The Learning Center** is available to students for the completing of Homework assignments. Special tutoring is available to them if they need it. Student also have the opportunity to work on the Club Newspaper in the Learning Center

The Lounge is another room made available to students to provide mini workshops in Life skills and helping students to learn to make healthy and positive choices. Frank stated that students also use the lounge for "conflict management" and are taught how to improve their self esteem.

The Technology Lab is state-of-the-art computer lab with software that teaches Animation, Digital Music and Digital Photography. Also all the other practical software (Micro Soft Office etc.) is available on the computers to meet all the students technology needs.

The Art Room is available for students to learn a variety of Art forms-water color, crayons, clay etc.

They can also go to the "**Board Room**" where there are several Board games set up to engage them, as well as, card games available to challenge them.

Before entering into the Gymnasium, Frank showed us "**The Cage**", which is a metal cage that drops down from the ceiling to seal off the Gym from the rest of the club. This allows the gym to be used during times that the rest of the Boys and Girls club is closed-Great Planning.

The Gym is a beautiful piece of construction which has multi colored lines on the floor which allows for basketball, volleyball and badmitton to be played.

The Boys and Girls Club is Fabulous and the perfect place for the children of Saint Helena to go and grow. Thank you Frank Sottile for all of the effort you have putt into this project, and THANK YOU St. Helena Rotary Club for the support that you have provided to make this a reality!!

Guests: Rotarians were graced with many guests this afternoon;

Coreen Pinney introduced her daughter; **Steve Yost** (Steel Mill Products!) introduced his wife **Barbara** and her sister **Norma** -who is "Citizen of the Year" from Niagara Falls, New York and has a Paul Harris Medallion to commemorate her selection.

Announcements: Santa Claus came bearing special gifts for President **Chuck, Mike Thomas, Rob Andreae, Joel Toller** and **Charollette Williamson**. **Joice Beatty** made a request for donations on behalf Napa State Hospital; **Jim Smith** donated rooms from his Wine Country Inn for a January 19th dinner at the Silverado Brewing Company. **Doug Ernst** announced that **Tom Stubbs** would be the reporter for the day. **Jake Scheideman** shared how touched he was by the sympathy card he had received with very touching comments from several Rotary members on behalf of his Mom who recently passed away.

Finemaster for the day was Tom Stubbs who came with prepared with trivia questions around the topic "What do YOU know about Howell Mountain School??" All members who LIVE and WORK in Angwin were asked to stand (a total of 12 members!) were challenged to respond to questions regarding the school in their back yard. The question "What year was Howell Mountain School founded? (1876!) was missed by 50 years. **Charles Bell** knew that HMS is the only PUBLIC school in Angwin. **Steve Ebersole** correctly GUESSED that students graduating from HMS can attend ANY High School of their choice in the state of California. **Servaas** and **Berverly Davies Mes** respectively knew that HMS is a K through 8 school AND that 94 students attend the school. Finally, **Joice Beatty** knew that over 70% of the voters up in Angwin supported Measure C - a General Obligation Bond that has provided \$3 million to the district to modernize Howell Mountain School.

There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Howell Mountain school on May 23rd at 2 pm to celebrate the completion of this project. All St. Helena Rotary members are invited to attend.

Gene's Commitments

Event Attendance

Date	Event Name	Location	Member/Friend
Feb 14 2008	Sweetheart's Lunch	CIA	Gene Armstead
Feb 14 2008	Sweetheart's Lunch	CIA	Denise Armstead