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Upcoming Events

Baseball in San Francisco
4/30/08
Apr 30 2008

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Meeting Report Mar 11 2008

by Paul Dean

Angels give Rotarians taste of Nature Trail

The March 11 program was a presentation of the development of the RLS Nature Trail & Outdoor Learning Center. It was given by two members of the Dirt Angel Advisory Board, **Sue Collins** and **Molly Morales**.

This outdoor classroom will include a performing-arts stage, a "Redwood Grove" and a "Speakers Square" for outdoor performances and lectures. The "Propagation Center" and growing grounds will have greenhouses, fruit trees, vegetable gardens, a sensory garden, and butterfly and demonstration gardens.

The Nature Trail's working vineyard, orchard and gardens help students experience and value Saint Helena's vibrant agricultural history and identity. Living in touch with the rhythms of the harvest also serves to deepen their capacity to process and understand transitions. The Nature Trail includes several areas throughout the landscape that encourage reflection on the cycles of life.

The Nature Trail uses and teaches sound, sustainable ecological practices, in both its planted and built areas. This develops student awareness of their interdependence with the immediate, local environment and further helps them understand and embrace their future global responsibilities to make informed decisions in resource management.

The Nature Trail involves RLS students in all aspects of creating, managing and enjoying the outdoor learning center. The students activities, in partnership with teachers, staff, parents, and local service clubs, encourage them to discover their innate ingenuity and capacities for leadership.

Participation energizes awareness and appreciation of the transformative values of nature, community service, and stewardship of the land.

For completion, The Nature Trail & Outdoor Learning Center needs \$100,000. Any donations of money or time will be greatly appreciated. You can contact **Sue Collins** at 707-963-5140 (collins492@comcast.net) and

Molly Morales at 707-963-1644 sparklingmolly@comcast.net.

Rex Stults gave the inspirational thought for the day.

Visiting Rotarian : Brian Walker of Garberville. Brian was the quartermaster on last fall's Rotaplast trip to Morelia that was sponsored by our club.

Guests: Chris Rubio, guest of **Pam Rubio**.

Jim Bachor , guest of **Mark Terrell**

Dave Tierney and ? **Kaufman**, guests of **Linda Beard**

Birthdays : Bill Word and **Jim Haslip**

Anniversaries : Tim Coon and **Norm Alumbaugh**

New Business : Lisa Marie Andersen, chairman of the Membership Committee, presented Blue Badges to three formerly Red Badge holders. She discussed the numerous qualifications and varied activities a new member must complete in order to go to Red Badge. The new Red Badge holders are **Dewitt Garlock**, **John Muhlner**, and **Pam Rubio**.

Announcements:

April 26 - cleanup 8:00 to noon, meet at Lyman Park, bring tools

March 12 - Napa Valley Rotary Association

Joice Beatty asked if members were interested in putting together a team for bocce.

Doug Ernst announced that **Paul Dean** was reporter for the meeting.

Steve Yost reminded members about the April 30th baseball outing - Giants vs. Rockies.

Steve also inquired as to whether members would like to have another Texas Hold Em poker night. People were interested and a date will be set.

Carol Sobczak reported on her two days of intensive training for Rotary presidents. The meetings were well done and she is prepared but rotaried out for the moment.

Lottery: Pam Rubio won the lottery and picked the black ball which won her the special \$100 prize.

Bell Ringers:

Charlotte Williamson was pleased to share recent health test results which indicated her continuing success with good health. She also was pleased to be picking up her new car from **Jeff Epps** after the meeting.

Joel Toller discussed how pleased he was and how special it had been to share Rotary with his father, Frank Toller, who is retiring from Rotary.

Pam Rubio pledged \$25 in the name of **John Muhlner** for all his help during this past first year as a Rotarian. John then pledged back \$25 for Pam.

Paul Dean announced that he is a new first-time grandfather.