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Future Speakers

Aug 5 2008

[Kevin Twohey](#)

"Fire Prevention Tips/CA Wild Fire Update"

Aug 12 2008

[Gary Lieberstein, D.A.](#)

"State of The Criminal Justice System In Napa County"

Aug 19 2008

DARK

"**DARK** pending Teachers' Bar-BQ THURSDAY"

Aug 26 2008

[John Hofnagel](#)

"Land Trust of Napa Valley "

Sep 2 2008

[District Governor](#)

"District 5130"

Sep 29 2008

[Ray Manzarek](#)

"The Seduction Of Rock & Roll. The joys & the dangers."

Oct 7 2008

[Catharine Bramkamp](#)

Oct 14 2008

[Mariann Layne](#)

"Blazing a Trail Through Times of Transition"

Dec 9 2008

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Feb 12 2009

[Valentine Celebration](#)

"Sweetheart Lunch"

Jun 25 2009

DEBUNKING

Upcoming Events

Baseball: Giants-Florida

Meeting Report - Jul 1 2008

by Jim Bachor

Napa County American Red Cross Mr. **Frank Flucier** is the Executive Director of the Silverado-Napa County Chapter of the American Red Cross (A.R.C.). A.R.C. is chartered by the U.S. Congress to respond to emergencies, however they have no official source of funding, and at the same time they have an organizational obligation of \$52,000 per year, as well as building rent.

The Red Cross' duties are to protect victims of conflict, and to open shelters after disasters, such as fires, floods and earthquakes. A.R.C. will provide hotel rooms, comfort kits, credit cards for food, clothing, counseling, feedings, health services, sleeping management, and referral services. A.R.C. also provides military support for the Armed Services, where they perform communication service on behalf of the injured.

Mr. Flucier suggested that everybody should have a safety kit for the home, car, work, or school. In the kit you should have a pair of scissors, duct tape, garbage bags, flash light, small radio, cell phone, and water.

He also suggested that we all listen and learn, get trained, and share what we have. A.R.C. needs financial support. It receives 67% of its funds from private donations. Their swim program which provides life guard training cost \$7,500 per year to operate, and at this point they only have \$1,000, they still need \$6,500.

Guests: **Presto Stalla, John Limberg, Anneta White, Robert Holden, Katie Beard** and **Sofi Kelly**.

Announcements:

Carol Sobczak celebrated her first day as club President. **Carol** announced this year's new theme "Make Dreams Real".

Jim Haslip is seeking volunteers to pick up food from the Farmer's Market and deliver to the food bank at the Adventist Church.

The Rianda House is open every day; pick up a monthly schedule to learn about all the events happening there.

Finemaster: Joice **Beatty** Joice's topic for questioning was "Everything to know about Rotary".

Profiles: Gene Armstead

by Donn Black

Marlins 8/21/08

Aug 21 2008

**Teachers Bar-BQ THURSDAY
August 21**

Aug 21 2008 - Aug 21 2008

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I was born in a small log cabin in Illinois... No, wait! That was someone else.

I'm from Nebraska and was on the Lincoln Police Department for seventeen years. I was on foot patrol and "cruiser" duty for five years, but after I got my BA, and being the first officer to stay on the Department after graduating, they started to promote me: first to Desk Sergeant (an entire two weeks), then Personnel/Training Sergeant for a couple of years, during which I hired and trained new officers. (This was before anyone but California had a Police Academy program/requirement.) I then was in charge of the Records Bureau for a while, until they realized I was the only person on the Department who knew or cared about the budget and finance. Eventually they promoted me to Captain, then Assistant Chief. I got my MBA in 1978, while on the Department. As these things go, I finally got a Chief of Police with whom I couldn't work just at the same time the position of Lincoln's Administrative Director opened up.

I served as Administrative Director for seven years until the urge to move to California got so strong that I applied for City Manager jobs in the big CA. In 1987 I came to St. Helena as St. Helena's first City Administrator, the same job Bert has now with a different title. (What's the difference between a City Administrator and City Manager, you ask? The City Manager gets to hire/fire department heads; otherwise they're the same. But that's a big difference.)

I retired from the City (government) in 1996 after 9 years. Since then, I've been an Executive Search Consultant (aka "headhunter") and for a year and a half, I was General Services Director for Nevada County. During the latter stint, I stayed up there during the week and came back to St. Helena on weekends. When we finally seriously considered moving to Nevada County, it became clear to us that we really didn't want to live there and the commute was not much fun, so here I am, back.

I'm currently the Executive Director of Rianda House, the new senior activity center in town, after being President of the Rianda House Board for a couple of years.

I joined Rotary in 1988 and was Treasurer for a few years (my first task was setting the Club's books up on QuickBooks and abandoning the old hand system). I left the Club in 2000, then rejoined a couple of years ago.

Family: two daughters back in Lincoln (Barb and Diane) with three grandkids, and Denise and I have two daughters in St. Helena - Emily just graduated from SHHS and Malin will be a sophomore at SHHS. (Side note: Malin's name came from a Rotary exchange student. Denise wanted to name her Gertrude or similar, and I thought "Malin" - the name of the Club's then-current exchange student - was much more melodious. Denise agreed.)

Meeting Report of Jul 8, 2008

by Jim Bachor

Carol Sobczak introduced the new Board of Directors, including Treasurer **Bob Graham**, Secretary **John Muhliner**, and Sergeant at Arms **Don Buresh**.

Don's duties include designating weekly assignments for meeting set-up, thought of the day, fine master and breakdown. Don also is responsible for collecting two gifts or a \$50 donation from every member.

Lisa Marie Andersen, membership chairman, mentioned that our Club received the Bronze award for membership, even though membership is down. **Lisa Marie's** duties include orientation for new members, and helping to give direction to the sponsors of new members. There is need for providing a good overview to new members, reminding them that we are a service club, and not a personal marketing tool. She talked about committees, adding to our Web site, and looking for feed back on all issues. She reminded all sponsors that it is their responsibility to instruct their Red Badges.

Donn Black is in charge of public relations, and internal communications. **Donn** is responsible for winning the Gold Award for Public Relations. He encouraged us to check our web-site at least once a week. Donn stated that we rely on the St. Helena Star for our external communications, and we rely on the Nairator for all information

about our club. Plan on two weeks lead time to get an article included in the Nairator.

Steve Yost, Club administrator, emphasized the need for a minimum of 60% attendance. He brought to our attention that **Joice Beatty** has gone nineteen years without missing a meeting. Steve stated that fellowship is what the Club is all about, and that we should all get involved in club events such as potlucks, baseball games, dinners, travel to the theater, concerts, poker, and golf.

Frank Sottile is in charge of Community service. There are many projects that he oversees, and each project has a chairperson. Projects include: youth scholarships, the Interact club, The food pantry, third grade dictionaries, relay for life, boy scouts, holiday decorations, and earth day cleanup.

Kelly Crane is the Chair for the Rotary Foundation. He is in charge of grants, and Paul Harris contributions. Kelly pointed out that our Club has given \$226,000 to the Foundation over the years. He also stated that the Gates Foundation has put up a grant challenge for one hundred million dollars over the next three years.

Announcements:

Lydia Wilson announced the potluck at the Crane Park Picnic Shelter which starts at 5:30 on July 12. Also, Bocce Ball sign up starts Monday, July 14.

Carol Sobczak reminded us of our Civic Pride Award for the construction of the Crane Park Shelter.

Finemaster: Jeff Epps

Jeff's topic was "Famous Lawyers".

Meeting Report of Jul 29 2008

by Christine Gorelick

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Candi spoke mainly about the "Fair Trade" concept, and her affiliation with fair trade organizations that guarantee:

- Pay a fair wage in the local context, pay promptly, and often pay 50% in advance.
- Provide opportunities for disadvantaged artisans.
- Engage in environmentally sustainable practices.
- Build long-term trade relationships.
- Provide healthy and safe working conditions.
- Reflect and reinforce rich cultural traditions.
- Provide financial and technical assistance to workers whenever possible.

Fair trade, also known as alternative trade, plays by a different set of rules than normal commerce. Instead of exchanging goods or services based on clout and driving hard bargains, fair trade is based on economic and social justice. The key goals of fair trade are to empower low-income, disadvantaged artisans around the globe, and to promote understanding between them and North Americans.

Baksheesh needs to be profitable to remain sustainable, but we exist to market crafts for artisans, not to see how much money we can make.

Guests:

Denise Hammer, daughter in law of **Orville Hammer**

Shanti Garlock wife of **Dewitt Garlock**

Candi **Smucker** co-owner of Baksheesh Retail Store on Main Street, today's speaker and guest of **Beverly Davies-Mes**

Richard Hyde visiting Rotarian guest of **Lisa Marie Anderson**

Announcements:

Teacher BBQ in August to be changed to Thursday from Tuesday (we will be dark on Tuesday).

Relay for Life is September 12-13. Contact **Dewitt Garlock** to sign up. Theme is "Remember, Celebrate and Fight Back".

Rotary group discussion forum is online now thanks to **Gene Armstead**

Finemaster-Lydia Wilson:

Lydia's questions were regarding gemology

Bellringers:

Donn Black discovered that he is the only remaining original City Council member for the city of Lafayette at the City's 40th anniversary this weekend.

Lydia Wilson is celebrating her business' 4th year on Friday. Sparkling wine will be served.