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## St. Helena Families Host Exchange Students

*by Donn Black*

Exchange Student Committee member **Andy Bartlett** recently introduced St. Helena Rotary's 2009-'09 exchange students **Victoria J-Nilsson** and **Rodrigo Barbos**.



They are newly arrived here from Sweden and Brazil, respectively and will spend their senior high school year at St. Helena High. Completing the "exchange," St. Helena seniors **Stephanie Davis** and **Emily Hardy** are spending nine months in Finland and Taiwan, respectively, to help promote goodwill and world peace as part of this long-standing Rotary International program.

Victoria will live in the St. Helena home of **Nancy and Gary Brandt** for the first part of her nine-month stay in the U.S. Rodrigo will reside with **Johnnie and Collette White** here in St. Helena.

While Rotary pays for the students' activities and California trips, the host families are uncompensated volunteers. They are simply asked to treat their guests as "members of the family," having in mind that the reason the visitors are here is to learn as much as possible about the local culture.

Both students said that their first and strong impression of life here is that everyone is so very friendly and interested. They are managing very well at school, albeit dealing with a second language (English) is a challenge. Victoria said that has been easier than expected, but Rodrigo cites the language barrier as his principal challenge at the moment. The difficulty of their academic courses here appears to be about what they would have expected at home.

Rodrigo's favorite sports are swimming and volleyball, but because those are not part of the Saint's sports program, he plans to go out for the tennis team in the spring.

Victoria loves to dance, downhill ski and play golf. Both have already had a "great" rafting trip on the Trinity River and are looking forward to visiting San Francisco next month.

Welcome Victoria and Rodrigo. Rotary is most pleased you are here.

## Meeting Report Sept 30 2008

by Polly Keegan



### Fond Memories of 'The Doors'

#### Speaker:

**Ray Manzarek**, former keyboard player for the legendary band, The Doors, was guest speaker. With a commanding voice, he told wonderful stories about his association with Jim Morrison.

In 1965, Ray and Jim met at UCLA, and decided to work together with music. While they were studying some transcendental meditation, they met the drummer and guitarist. Together they formed the band named The Doors, based on Aldous Huxley's book describing the perceptual idea of 'opening up your mind'. The band worked together until Jim Morrison died at age 27 from alcoholism.

"Light My Fire" were the first lyrics ever written by Jim Morrison, bringing in the first royalty check for \$200,000. Ray describes Jim as being very intellectual (not at all like the Oliver Stone movie). He was smart, handsome, he wrote poetry, and he worked out, but unfortunately he had alcoholism on both side of his family.

A Rotary member asked Ray about the use of drugs, and his advice was "always stay away from any white powder - that includes sugar, cocaine, heroin and flour. If you have any fear of the use of psychedelics, stay away from them - just continue drinking."

#### Guests:

**Andy Bartlett** introduced his guest Frank Toller.

**Cindy Warren** introduced her guest Sharon Crull

**Don Buresh** introduced his wife Sharon

**Chuck Meibeyer** introduced his guest Bonnie Schoch

**Lydia Wilson** introduced Julie Schoennauer

**Father Mac** introduced Richard Hyde

**Bev Davies-Mes** introduced the program participants Ray Manzarek and his wife Dorothy. Also there were Michael Earls, Steve MacDonald and David Duncan.

#### Announcements:

**President Carol** announced that Rotary International has been pushing EREY or "every Rotarian every year" should be contributing to the Foundation.

**Steve Yost** reminded us of the Texas Hold'em" on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Jeff Epps** announced the Scramble Golf Tournament on October 13 at NV Country Club to benefit Aldea

**Charles Bell** announced the new season of \_\_\_\_\_ at 7:00pm in Oakville.

#### Raffle:

**Chuck Meibeyer's guest** drew for the black marble

**Rob Andreae** won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize  
**Hendrik Smeding** won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize

**Finemaster: Andy Bartlett**

**Bellringers:**

**Linda Beard** brought in her first crop of Pinot Noir, and will have 35 cases ready in 6 mos.

**Andy Bartlett** brought in verification from the Queen that we are all now independent:

*"To the Citizens of the United States of America from Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II:*

*In light of your failure in recent years to nominate competent candidates for President of the USA and thus govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effective immediately.*

*Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II! will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths and territories (except Kansas, which she does not fancy).*

*Your new Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, will appoint a Governor for America without the need for further elections.*

*Congress and the Senate will be disbanded. A questionnaire may be circulated next year to determine whether any of you noticed.*

*Several new rules will be enforced such as resolving issues without guns, or lawyers or therapists, adopting UK prices on petrol, installing proper British beer in all the pubs, and substituting proper football (soccer) for the American version.*