

SUNRISE EXPRESS

Weekly Bulletin
Rotary Club of Novato Sunrise

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For the Record

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Club Meeting 801 was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010
7:15 A.M. at Moylan's Brew Pub in Novato, CA

To our Readers: You may contact our Club about any information in this Newsletter or just with your general inquiries by Clicking here → [CONTACT SUNRISERS](#)



Rotary Club of Novato Sunrise Meeting

Club President Greg Crabtree greeted members and guests with his cheery, "*Good Morning Sunrisers!*" Our Pledge to the Flag of the USA was led by Mike DiGiorgio. We saluted the national ensign and pledged our allegiance—"long may she ever wave!"



Thought for the Day: No one was prepared, so President Greg made up a thought about lemons, life, and what to drink instead of lemonade!

The Invocation was led by President Greg Crabtree.

Visiting Rotarians

Who	Club	Classification
Ed Jones	Novato	Contractor
Jim Henderson	Novato	Sales, Retired
Larry Curtis	Ignacio,	Past Serv.(NS)
Alan Dunham	Novato	Architect
Marty Wickenheiser	Novato	Real Estate

Special Guests

Who	Sponsor
Mark P. Meuser, Atty. - speaker	Greg Crabtree
Rich DeRamon, ex-RCNS member, who hopefully, may return!	Bill Bell
Chris Majo	Sylvia Barry
Michael Harris	Greg Crabtree

Club Spotlights



The staff of Camp Soulajule celebrates and thanks all Rotary clubs in Marin County for their/our ongoing support for economically disadvantaged young people to have the Camp Soulajule experience.

July 21 (Wed): will be the 10th anniversary of the Camp Soulajule Scholarship Program at Walker Creek.

9:30 to 10:00 a.m. - arrival of participants

10:00 to 12 noon - special tour visiting camper activities and a hike to Turtle Pond for waterfront activities

12:00 noon - Rotarians will be guests of the staff and campers for a family-style lunch.

Club Program – June 15, 2010

Mark Meuser: How to Affect Change in our Lives

Using the Lives of the Founding Fathers to Inspire and Educate

Sponsor: President Greg Crabtree



President Greg introduced Mark Meuser, an attorney in Walnut Creek, as our speaker.

Mark Meuser has a great love of the early foundations of our American Government, and in particular, the contributions James Madison made in the framing of the Constitution.

Mr. Meuser came dressed in colonial garb and believes anyone can affect change in his/her life by practicing Madison's three principles:

- 1) Teach yourself about the problem – Madison was well read and was considered an expert in worldwide and historical government formation. He had proven his competence through the years.
- 2) Know your own talents – Madison was a meticulous notetaker, so as the framing of the Constitution was taking place over several years, he had notes to remind members of decisions, issues, etc., to which they had previously agreed.
- 3) Form a team – build on the talents and skills of others, and bring them in. George Washington (essential, key figure, highly esteemed by the people), Charles Pickering (an anti Federalist) who argued for the Federal Constitution), Alexander Hamilton, James Wilson, etc., all were vital to the cause.

Mr. Meuser gives presentations/workshops to schools and organizations. For additional information: call 415-577-2850 or e-mail: mpm@markmeuser.com

President's & Members' Announcements **District and Rotary International News**

June 15

Rik Goodell reminded us that the first meeting of the month will include an RCNS member presenting a talk about a hobby, a special interest, or other notable topic, not necessarily job related. He passed around a signup sheet for this purpose.

David Stompe: announced two events.

June 15th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. a presentation on Asset Protection: estate planning, retirement plans, insurance products at 1559 So. Novato Blvd., Ste. C1, Novato (across from Fernando's Restaurant). Contact: Summer at 892-3932. Appetizers/beverages/free parking.

June 19th - March of Dimes Texas Hold'em Tournament.

Cherie Ross: reminded us about June 26th, 6 p.m., Druid's Hall : The Debunking! Members will need to contribute \$40, whether attending or not. It is hoped that all will attend this terrific event.

Bob Kuchem: Sunrise Rotary has a team in the Novato Relay for Life, at the Sinaloa Middle School's Athletic Field on Wilson (near Shield's Lane). It starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 17 and concludes at 10 a.m. on Sunday. You can participate at any time, and don't have to stay for a whole day. We will have a shelter canopy alongside the track.

Bob added: Whether you attend or not, you can join our team by going to the Novato Relay For Life website address: <http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?frid=20484&pg=entry>. On the left side, look for "Team List." Sunrise Rotary will be listed. Follow the instructions to enter your name, and find it in your heart to make a \$ donation. At the moment, we have only 3 team members, and only \$75 collected. We can do better! We always do!

July 21st – at 9:30 a.m., Camp Soulajule staff will conduct a tour and then treat Rotarians to a lunch in recognition of Rotary's support of the scholarship program. RSVP to Marin Evening Rotary – Martha@grangebox.com. Or leave a message for: Mike Grant, Walker Creek Ranch 415-491-4400.

Jim Macfarlan: passed around the Newsletter scribe sign up sheet for 2010-11.

Upcoming Programs

June 22, 2010	Special Club Program. Come join us to see!
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District & Club Events

Click Here to see what is happening around the District. Register for District events below. Next big one is the District Assembly!

Click here to go to the RCNS Master Club Calendar

For all Sunrisers this is an interactive calendar for your use to list the dates, times and places for meetings, events or activities. It is updated by Club Member Sylvia Barry with information received by the Club's Board members, committee chairs and members. By clicking on any day of a month you may get a Day or Week view of the Calendar.

To print any view of the Calendar for a Month, Week or Day just click on Printable View when you are on the view you want and print it. *Our goal is to provide one place where all members can go and get a picture of all that is planned and scheduled for our Club.* Please help by adding your Club events!



Recognitions/Fines/Birthdays/Anniversaries/Special Days/Thank you's

BIRTHDAYS

and other important conversations



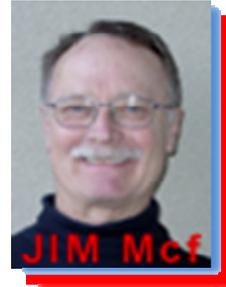
Our ***Fine Master, Mark MacAvoy, secured a goodly sum from the following:***

- ☺ Bob Kuchem: celebrated 42nd anniversary. Said he was married 'twice' on that day (two ceremonies).
- ☺ Cherie Ross: is grateful for her 'addiction' to genealogy in finding out more about her lineage.
- ☺ Shelly Scott: had the most votes, but will face a runoff election for county assessor in November.
- ☺ Carolyn Guerrero: informed us of Allen Dunham's 50th anniversary.
- ☺ Jay Kuhlman and wife Dortha: also has had 1st Day of 50 years of married life together. She was in Washington D.C. at work!
- ☺ Mike DiGiorgio: said the recount continues for Measure F and is failing by only some 150 votes.
- ☺ Rik Goodell: has been married for four years, and is on the way to 50 years.
- ☺ Bill Walker: will spend three months in the Rockies chasing/catching fish.
- ☺ Jim Current: is back from vacation.

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June Paparazzo – Jan Hutchinson

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Rotary's Greatest Opportunity to Serve *Inspiring Message from Paul P. Harris, Read at the Rotary Convention at Atlanta July 1917*

Fellow Rotarians, Friends:

I hail you men of Rotary about to engage in a great eventful gathering. I greet my brother Rotarians of Great Britain, of Canada, of Cuba, and that great majority of Rotarians, my fellow countrymen of the United States. This is the hour for American Rotarians.

When the emergency arrives, man arises to meet it. When Country calls, all men must respond. National assets must be assembled. No national asset is comparable with that of right minded, warm blooded, patriotic men. Rotary is one of our Nation's great assets. When all men are responding to our Country's thrilling call, we cannot remain silent. Rotary's supreme purpose is to serve; never service more appropriate than on the present occasion. How and where we shall serve remains for you to determine. May wisdom characterize your deliberations.

Individual effort when well directed can accomplish much, but the greatest good must necessarily come from the combined efforts of many men. Individual effort may be turned to individual needs but combined effort should be dedicated to the service of mankind. The power of combined effort knows no limitation. This superlative power no man may appropriate to his own use. This is the world's sub-conscious conclusion. We must clearly understand the justice of it and measure up to its requirements.

Rotary, even in its most sanguine moments, has fallen short of realizing its own strength. On no occasion has the cumulative power of all Rotary ever been felt. We shall strike a mighty blow some day and we thenceforth shall know ourselves.

Times of great political upheaval have marked the stages of greatest progress. Seeds germinate in newly turned soil. In these days of turmoil many a worthless habit will be forgotten, many a worthy habit acquired.

Civilization will attain such heights that it will make one dizzy to look back upon the spot where we are now standing in the year of our Lord 1917. With almost ridiculous ease and dispatch, problems which have puzzled the sages of many generations are being solved during these high tension days. Pernicious influences which have for generations obstructed progress will be obliterated as the chalk marks on the blackboard are obliterated by an eraser in the hands of a little child. Rotary must make haste even to keep up: but we must do more, **we must lead.** (This phrase may have influenced an RI president 89 years later)

Events succeed events with lightning-like rapidity. At this writing, it would seem that many American boys in the fullness of hope and vigor must lay down their lives. Can there be any possible return commensurate with the awful sacrifice? That depends upon you and me, and to what extent we avail ourselves of the opportunities presented. Perhaps this world conflict

may even be a blessing in disguise. It will be worth something to us as a nation to be brought to a serious account with ourselves, to be given to understand ourselves better with respect to our relation to other nations, and to appreciate our responsibilities with respect to the affairs of the world. We are a light hearted people but other nations shall be given to understand that we can be serious at times. We shall come, as a result of the war, to a new and higher appreciation of the young manhood which must bear the brunt of the shock in this clash of nations.

It sometimes seems that the forces of good are demoralized; not less can be said of the forces of evil. However weary Right may be, Wrong is much more so. These are mighty days, days of incomparable opportunity - of opportunity undreamed. Off with the useless old, on with the useful new. There will never be a better chance than now. Humanity must rise triumphant from this vale of sorrow, ennobled by its suffering.

Even during these days which seem the darkest, we have much to be thankful for; not the least of which is the fact that Rotarian nations stand together. The Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack have at last been twined together. Tho grown into National manhood and to bearing responsibilities of our own, this is a sort of home coming celebration after all.

Would we could have heard the blare of the trumpets as the Royal Fusileer's band played The Star Spangled Banner on the wonderful morning when Pershing and his staff first set foot on British soil. The music must have stirred the little band of Americans assembled there as the peals of the Liberty Bell stirred their fathers who listened in awed silence more than a century ago. Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder. Long live our allies and long remain the bond which binds us! May it hold fast during the mighty strain of war and in happy time of peace and may the alliance increase in membership till it includes all men. The day the last shot is fired will be the time of all times since the beginning of the world for the alliance of nations to enforce **world peace**.

We have occasion again to be thankful that in this distressing period of struggle we have as the executive bead of this Nation a man possessed not only of fine, scholarly attainments, humanitarian instincts and gentlemanly qualifications but also a man of world vision, In its new aspect as a world power, our Nation will never have occasion to regret its choice nor to be ashamed to be represented in council of the ablest diplomatic representatives of all nations by Woodrow Wilson whom we are all proud to consider the ideal of American citizenship.

Britain is being remade. The United States of America is to be remade. Economic conditions are to be reformed. This war will give birth to a new and saner social consciousness. The American of tomorrow is to be a broader visioned, more democratic, healthier, happier, stronger, kindlier, more sympathetic man. Knowing more than heretofore of other people, he will be more charitable toward other people. These are to be some of the by-products of war and in the achievement of these results, the most promising of the youth of our land are approaching the volcano's crater in France. The young manhood of other liberty loving nations have unflinchingly faced the fiery ordeal and out boys will do likewise without the bat of an eye.

We are in the war. The Central Powers must have little understood the temperament of the American people if they failed to see that the consequences of their acts would be war. The history of this Nation has been an unceasing protest against oppression. We are fighting today in the interests of the same old, time honored cause, Liberty. We are forging no curious link in the chain which constitutes American history.

The United States of America has neither land nor dollars to gain. We seek only recognition of man's inalienable right to live in peace with his fellow man. There must be an international as well as a national conscience.

It will not be ours to engender hatred, wrest territorial possessions from, nor to inflict vengeance upon, our foe. Hatred is the friend of none, a reactionary quantity, more likely to injure him who cultivates it than to injure him who is the object of it. Neither territorial misappropriation nor vengeance wrecking have ever -helped any nation in a fight for permanent peace.

This does not mean that we shall be satisfied with anything short of a decisive victory. The German war lords have been so long defiant of the laws of civilization that liberty will not be secure until Germany is brought to a full understanding of the fact that the forces of justice are prepared to deliver just that measure of force which is necessary to preserve order on this terrestrial sphere. Criminal insanity must be dealt with. No stark mad nation may be permitted to disturb the peace of the world. Culture is all right in its place, but the world's history records no successful attempt to impose either religion or philosophy upon a free people by the use of the sword. Whatever of Kultur we need in our national business we can obtain; we can obtain it in Berlin whither our boys in the company of a few million of their friends are already bound.

Rotary was born this side the sea. It could as well have been born in any other land of freedom. It could not have had origin in despotism. This great international quarrel has become America's quarrel, it has become Rotary's quarrel, for Rotary has ever been the foe of injustice. Rotary is the Twentieth Century leveler of caste, destroyer of hypocrisy, the foe of artificiality, the lover of things genuine, and the ally of truth and righteousness.

We are anxious to make progress. We have much work to do, work that is particularly and distinctively ours, but Rotary will never permit itself to be so engrossed in its own affairs, however worthy, as to be heedless of humanity's urgent need.

It is my sincere hope that we may derive great inspiration from the Atlanta convention and that it will not be found necessary to omit any features of importance to the life of Rotary, but let us remember that the needs of our Country are more imperative at this time than the needs of Rotary. Perhaps we shall realize in the end the utmost of good to ourselves as a result of present sacrifice.

Did your board of directors act wisely in concluding to hold the convention this year as usual? Who can doubt it? If there was to be just one convention to be held in the present decade, I would be of those who with fervor would say, "Let it be in the year of 1917," for this is the year of Rotary's greatest opportunity.

This is our first war convention; may it also be our last. -PAUL P. HARRIS, Chicago, Ill. July 1917