
This week in Our Club 9-23-13



District 5150
Chartered April 22, 1946

For The Week of September 23, 2013

Greetings Susan Howell,

Welcome to the inaugural email from our website. Soon we will produce the **SPOKE** from here. The plan is to expand our database to include our Club's alumni, Rotarians from other clubs, community members, vendors, visitors to our meeting and anyone that signs up on our website. I am thrilled to be able to move us in this direction.

What we do needs to be less of a secret!

The finished improvements to the website include taking payments for dues, meals or donations. We can easily setup a page per member for walk-a-thons or other functions of this nature. The calendar is coming along nicely. Most everything I can think of or know about is now posted. Everyone in the club is now setup to be able to post items to the calendar. With just a few more steps we can easily post events over to FaceBook. Going forward this will make it possible to link any event and allow people to pay directly, whether that is a club member wanting to pay for the holiday party or community members coming to a future fundraiser.

The document library is back online with a variety of items. There is also an area for the board to share documents as well. Everyone is

News and Events

Featured Speaker

Nancy J. Rose, Author, *Raise the Child You've Got, Not the One You Want*

Service This Week

Program: Scott Schwartz

Finemaster: Carol Ebner

Sergeant-at-Arms: Andres Espinoza

Greeter: Steve Wagstaffe

Thought-of-the-Day: Don Gibson

Club Reports: International and Membership

Important Dates

setup to be able to upload documents at this point too. Folks that have never logged in should have received a link for a password reset on Friday, September 20th.

The website is also sporting the new Rotary logo using the style guide suggestions for a club. We threw in the new color combinations and fonts. Nicely we were most of the way there!

Still to come on the public side

- The photo gallery will be back, linked to a history page with past years of the **SPOKE** and other info that club members send my way
- A RMB type member's directory will be setup for you to be able to build out
- The [Contact Us](#) page will have a signup form for the newsletter or other info

Please let me know what else you would like!

Thank you,

President Susan

Thursday September 26

[OktoberFest and NFO Garden Planning](#)

Friday September 27

[Board Meeting and Homebound Delivery](#)

Saturday September 28

Last day to get discounted tickets for the [Foundation event](#)

Sunday, October 6

[Celebration of Life for Pete Hughes](#)

Saturday, October 12

[OktoberFest and Run](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

[OktoberFest and Run](#)

The signup page was posted by OktoberFest and Run club co-coordinator Barbara Bonilla. Go [here](#) to sign up for a shift doing something on October 12th. Congratulations to Pete Liebengood for being the first member to sign up for a spot!!!! If you have any questions about any of the positions that need filled be sure to ask Barbara Bonilla or Lilia Ledezma. They are coordinating our club's activities in this new adventure. If you have any runners in your circle, send them a link to <http://www.oktoberfestandrun.com> to sign up.

[St. Francis Center](#)

Past President John Lowe has reported that the [St. Francis Center](#) is needing volunteers for a variety of tasks, including assisting adults to learn English on Mondays.

[Fair Oaks Community Center Halloween Party](#)

The Party is ON again this year! Our Club throws a costume party at this community center with a little music throw in for good measure. See Joseph Lucero for information and to sign up. About five people are needed to help with judging. Click [here](#) for more information.



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This week we have Clive Charlwood from One Brick as our speaker. I encourage everyone to come to our meeting this week and hear about this new, innovative and exciting way to approach volunteerism. One Brick has put together a successful formula for 'commitment-free volunteering'.

Hmmm, why then would the president of a Rotary Club think that this might just be a fantastic idea for a club to promulgate out to the membership? Isn't Rotary all about commitment?

When it comes to volunteerism, less is not more. We need folks and that means all kinds of folks. For the non-profit that needs lots of hands to pull off their mission, One Brick is a great bringer of hands. Anyone bored on a Tuesday night can merely look go to the One Brick website, look at the calendar and head out to sort food or put together art supplies or repair a bike. But still, why Rotary?

A few reasons come to my mind for the answer, why Rotary? There are some new, younger clubs in the Bay Area. When we look around District 5150, we have the recently chartered SF Evening. Add to the mix the provisional Mid-Pen Evening and Marin Evening clubs. These Rotary clubs are ready to kick off the training wheels and take these wonderful young professionals for a spin. Maybe they are trying to find their way, find their members and find their passion. What better way than to try a myriad of activities with One Brick?

Then again, maybe the scenario is reversed. They know their passion, they have a plan, but they need more help to pull off that breathtakingly beautiful idea. Or as we know things to be in Silicon Valley - that insanely great idea.

But I am not the president of a newly minted club. While I am very proud to be the president of a club that is in its 67th year, those years have setup a lot of tradition. Things that must be done. Things that must stay the same. Things that bore the socks off of younger members. Things they can't get in to or lead or even attend because the tradition dictates 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Perhaps, just perhaps, this is where One Brick comes in for an older club. Maybe there is that night where one Rotarian can just call up another Rotarian and go sort food, or put together art supplies or repair a bike. Maybe One Brick can serve as our liason to fun, engaging activities without the overhead of tradition. We just point, click, ENGAGE ROTARY, CHANGE LIVES!

Please join us on Tuesday, October 1st, from 12:15 pm to 1:30 pm, at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Downtown Redwood City on the corner of Jefferson at Broadway! Lunch is \$15.00 payable at the door.

Yours in Rotary,

Susan Howell

Rotary Club of Redwood City

President 2013-2014

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Finemaster: Steve Wagstaffe
Sergeant-at-Arms: Don Hack
Greeter: Steve Webb
Thought-of-the-Day: Mike Giarl
Club Reports: Community and TRF

Important Dates

Tuesday October 1 [Community Service Committee meeting](#)

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