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COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

Thursday 20 November

Whippersnappers Cocktail Party – 6:30 P.M.
Two B Restaurant & Bar, 598 Second Street

Saturday 6 December

Club Assembly – 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at
the Maritime Museum, 890 Beach Street

Tuesday 16 December

Annual Holiday Luncheon – Stanford Court
Hotel

Saturday 7 February 2004

Academic Decathlon – Burton High School

OTHER SAN FRANCISCO CLUBS MEETING

San Francisco Greater Mission

Tuesday, 7:45 AM, Double Play Restaurant

San Francisco Golden Gate

Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Alfred's Steakhouse

San Francisco Bayview

Wednesday, 7:00 AM, Dago Mary's

San Francisco West

Wednesday, 6:00 PM, Southsea Seafood
Village, 1420 Irving Street

Fisherman's Wharf

Thursday, 7:30 AM, Franciscan Restaurant



DOUG MCCONNELL HOST AND SENIOR EDITOR "BAY AREA BACKROADS"

Doug McConnell has worked full-time in television since 1982. He has created, produced and hosted many series, special programs, and news projects for local, national and international distribution. He has received many broadcast awards including a handful of Emmys, an Iris, and a Gabriel.

Since 1993, McConnell has been the host and senior editor of "Bay Area Backroads" (Saturdays and Sundays at 6:00 p.m. on KRON 4, repeats Sundays at midnight). "Backroads" explores the paths less traveled in northern California and beyond. It is

consistently the highest-rated locally produced, non-news program in the nation's fifth-largest market. "Backroads" stories also appear regularly on KRON 4 News. McConnell's best-selling "Bay Area Backroads" book is available in bookstores throughout northern California.

From 1970 to 1982, McConnell produced a wide variety of communications projects, including television, radio, books and public events. He focused principally on environmental and natural resource matters.

Between 1968 and 1970, McConnell worked on the Navajo reservation, recruited minority students for the admissions office of Pomona College, and served as a news researcher and story producer for KTLA-TV in Los Angeles. Prior to that, McConnell received a Master's degree in Political Science from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University (1968), and a Bachelor's degree in Government from Pomona College (1967).

Since 1983, McConnell has lived in the Bay Area with his wife, two sons, and a bevy of pets. He maintains a busy schedule of community activities and has been honored recently by the Marin Humane Society as "Humanitarian of the Year," by the San Francisco Bay Trail Project as "Volunteer of the Year," and by California State Parks as "Honorary Ranger of the Year."

CHAIR OF THE DAY



PETER LAGARIAS

LOOKING AHEAD

- ◆ **NOVEMBER 25 – WENDY TOKUDA, ANCHOR, KRON 4**
- ◆ **DECEMBER 2 – RUSSIAN ACCOUNTANTS
DELEGATES**
- ◆ **DECEMBER 9 – PETER CASWELL, OWNER/
PRESIDENT, EDGAR MANAGEMENT
CONSULTING ENGINEERS -
HIROSHIMA REVISITED**



Lend a Hand

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED**?

NOVEMBER 4,
2003
Editor of the
Day:
THE PHANTOM
(WHO WALKS
LIKE A GHOST)



Hi! Hi! Everyone! I'm back and in a rush with lots and lots of timely tidbits, some of which I'll happily shovel out in big steamy piles, even though **BILL ECKER** has been complaining that I'm too verbose. Well, most facts begin in the rumor stage don't they.....hello! At least I'm not given to overblown hyperbole and poorly researched news items like that regularly supplied by **SCOTT HILDULA**!

Let's begin with the Madrid Conference on Iraq (oh.....you weren't invited?.....well never mind, you'll be paying your share of the limitless rebuilding costs anyway). \$87.5 billion just now added to the horrendous original butting-in expense in dollars and lives. Wow! Can you imagine what Rotary International could have accomplished for genuine goodwill around this whole wide-world with only one-thousandth the amount of Congress' latest (but not last) requested appropriation to make Iraq a better place for us all? Although the Conference members were glaringly parsimonious with "rebuilding funds", Vietnam did pledge \$500,000 worth of rice. I wonder if the Middle East is fond of rice? Maybe sticky rice; I know I like it that way.

Thanks to **KRISHAN MIGLANI** for making his Zingari Ristorante available for a nice mid-week party for blue-badgers and established members alike. All who attended were in good spirits, and the food was, and is, excellent; the decibel meter was reading off the scale because of all the shouting and laughter, and all agreed that these get-togethers are fun and rewarding and need to continue. Most of us couldn't help but notice **JIM KENNEDY** weaving through the crowd with drinks in both hands. **KEVIN WALDECK** was anxiously whispering to him, no doubt thoughtfully pointing out that one can pay for a 10-day vacation in Fiji for the cost of a DUI these days, so **JIM** tearfully offered one of his drinks to a shocked but grateful **BILL LASHBROOK**. Ah, it's good to observe Rotary camaraderie in action isn't it!

Casino Night at Treasure Island was another successful affair for the whole District-a good fund raiser for Rotary, and a nice way to network with fellow members. The **COLANTS** arrived late and alarmingly disheveled with a true tale of woe. It seems that **ERNIE** had his heart set on showing his beloved Maserati Mistral at the evening's auto show, but,

just before reaching the Bay Bridge, the gauge showed no oil pressure registering at all. Well, there was nothing for it but to try to limp back immediately and hope the valuable but eccentric Italian car wouldn't burn itself up. As I understand the story (and I may be a bit in error on a few minor points), poor **SCHARLEEN**, dressed in high heels and all her finery and flashy jewels, (she certainly makes the most of all those clothes I saw her buying at our local Ross Dress for Less these past few weeks!) jumped out and pushed while **ERNIE** steered through busy, honking traffic until they could find a safe place to stop and call the Auto Club for a tow back home. Apparently, lots of bystanders crowded the sidewalks watching how upper-crust society can deal so adroitly with such mundane problems and yet remain reasonably calm and collected through it all. This fascinating conversation was overheard during the party when President **DICK** was explaining to a bored **TESSIE REYES** that he had learned how to swim as a little boy when some people rowed him out in a lake and threw him off the boat. "Oh, for heaven's sake **DICK**," rejoined **TESSIE**, "they weren't trying to teach you how to swim!"

Oh my! The Phantom was almost moved to tears (almost, I said), when the effervescent **KITTY MYERS** announced that October's Committee selection for "Employee of the Month" (or whatever), was.....shockingly....., YOURS TRULY! For obvious reasons, a stand-in was sequestered to receive my award. My detractors would just love to unmask me and hold me up to ridicule, so I need to remain incognito as you can well imagine. That masked stand-in, I must admit, (I wonder who it was?) was in tremulous but reasonably good voice, as a rendition of the brand-new "Grindings Song" was performed from a "Phantom of the Opera" tune and ably accompanied by the ever-popular **MATTHIAS KUNTZSCH**. What fun, but the imposter hurriedly swept out of the room before my informants could intercept him, so his identity will, alas, forever remain a mystery.

Today's meeting began with **REV. DAVE STECHHOLZ's** Rotary Glee Club leading the membership in a rousing National Anthem, **JEAN SCHORE** gibing the heartfelt invocation. President **DICK** thanked **CECILE CHIQUETTE** for hosting the bar in honor of her firm, RINA Accountancy Corporation and called on her to introduce the November birthday celebrants. We have a new member, **LAURENCE KRUEGER**, Broker with Wulff Hanson & Company, who was exhaustingly introduced by **REV. DAVE STECHHOLZ**, but just because **DAVE** likes to hog the microphone, don't hold it against **LARRY**.

Get to know him, members: he's a fine addition to the Club! **MATTHIAS KUNTZSCH** gave us another of his lovely interludes, accompanying young and successful Elza Van Den Heever in several Handel operatic songs. What an asset he is to our Club and what a pleasure to see these promising young stars in action!

HARVEY RIFKIN, President, Two B Restaurant & Bar, took the dais and introduced his personal friends, Drs. Larry Jampolsky and Diane Cirincione, of the Center for Attitudinal Healing in Sausalito, for a stimulating talk. They have 128 centers in 28 countries, ministering to countless kids and adults in mental distress and have written numerous books on the subject. Jerry says they are also involved with dealing with loss and grief within the public schools. Diane described the "selfless act" and said that giving and receiving really benefit us equally and are one and the same. Being able to forgive is the core element of attitudinal healing. They are also conducting seminars to the business world on how to relieve stress and shift personal attitudes toward peaceful solutions beneficial to all sides. It seems to me that this is the sort of "doctoring" that the world needs desperately. Don't you agree?

Finally, amidst grumbling calls to "shake 'em up," **DICK's** Devalued Dollars was foisted once again on the gullible membership. **PHIL MONOHAN** at least won the wine, but once again, the huge bag of money slipped past us unclaimed. President **DICK** attempted to divert our annoyance by stating that when it was his time to check out, he wanted to do so like his grandfather-peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his grandfather's car! Once again, the meeting was rung to a close, and **TESSIE REYES** quickly ushered **DICK** from the room amidst raucous hoots and cat-calls and fist-shaking.



CECILE CHIQUETTE	11/18
JOHN UTH	11/19
HERB BERGREN	11/22
JOHN GOINGS	11/23
KEN KIM	11/24
PETER LAGARIAS	11/24
STUART MENIST	11/24

November 12 was SF Rotary's 95th Birthday!!



Happy Birthday, Rotary #2
** counting down to 100 in 2008 **



Minutes from SF Rotary first banquet meeting

MEETING AND BANQUET, NOVEMBER 12th, 1908.

A number of citizens of San Francisco, each in a different line of business, being familiar with the ideas and workings of the Rotary Club of Chicago, and being desirous of forming a Rotary Club in San Francisco met at Suite 221 First National Bank Bldg. on the evening of October 1908.

The result of this meeting was the appointment of the executive committee of five, whose duty it was to proceed with permanent organization, also a nominating committee of three whose duty it was to nominate officers to be passed upon and elected at the first regular meeting of the club, to be held on the 12th day of November 1908.

The executive committee was composed of:

C.M. Wooster,
John P. Fraser,
A.S. Darrow,
Homer W. Wood,
Dr. G. H. Woolsey,

The Nominating Committee was composed of:

W.P. Calkins
E.L. Reese,
Frank I. Turner,


The result of the efforts of these two committees was a very successful meeting and banquet at the Hotel St. Francis on the 12th day of November 1908. There were about 43 present and who became the charter members of the Rotary Club of San Francisco.

A Constitution and a set of By Laws were adopted and the following officers were elected:

Homer W. Wood, President,
C.M. Wooster, Vice-President,
John P. Fraser, Treasurer,
Geo. S. Forderer, Sergeant-At-Arms.
A. S. Darrow, Secretary

The club was then addressed by Chas. M. Schwab, John A. Brittain and M.H. DeYoung.

It was decided that a banquet and meeting be held every month at which time discussions were to take place on any and every subject that would be of benefit to the City. After voluntary remarks by different ones present and the signing of the membership roll for the charter members, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.

Danielle's Corner

A Warm Hello

Greetings to District 5150 Rotarians from "auld reekie." For those of you who haven't met me, I'm Danielle Gordon, San Francisco Club #2's Ambassadorial Scholar. My academic year commenced on September 24, 2003 when I went straight from the Golden Gate and into the green hills of Bonnie Scotland. I am pursuing a 12-month Masters degree at the University of Edinburgh, and I am hosted by the Corstorphine Rotary Club of Edinburgh.

The past month has been a whirlwind of Rotary activity! My host counselor, Tom McNally, is a police officer at the Edinburgh Airport, and was therefore able to meet me at my gate right when I arrived. After staying with his family (wife Pam and teenage daughters Maria and Louise) for a few days, I moved into my flat – I live right next to the Edinburgh Castle on the Royal Mile! It feels like a fairy tale every time I leave my flat, with the lush green grass surrounding the castle mound, the bagpipe music notes that sound through the air, and the ancient cobblestone streets that I walk over to traverse the city.

Link Weekend

The Inbound Scholar Rotary in Britain and Ireland (RIBI) Link weekend was in Leicester, England about 3 weeks ago. I cannot tell you how proud I was to represent the SF club #2. When I told the English Rotarians who hosted me for the weekend that I was a Paul Harris fellow, and had met past RI President Bichai Rattachul, their eyes lit up with interest and excitement. This orientation weekend was very informative, and a great way to meet all of the Ambassadorial Scholars studying in Britain and Ireland.

Recent Rotary Events

During the last week of September, I visited the Corstorphine Rotary Club for the first time. I was asked to do some impromptu speaking, and due to the excellent training I received from district 5150 and my sponsor club SF#2, it was no problem. I had 5 minutes to introduce myself, but I wound up speaking for over 10 minutes and I was invited to speak at another club in the district!

On October 4th, I attended a dinner reception at 1020's DG Ian Geddes (and his wife Olive)'s home with the 8 other Ambassadorial Scholars who are studying at the University of Edinburgh. Due to the kind letter of introduction that 5150's PDG Peter Lagarias had written on my behalf to Ian earlier in the year, DG Geddes already knew who I was, and the evening was a night of fellowship and planning for the great year to come.

District 1020's Convention...

This weekend (October 24th-26th) is the District Convention for 1020, and it will be held in Carlisle, England. Us Edinburgh Ambassadorial Scholars have been working hard on a presentation that we will be giving to an audience of over 900 Rotarians!!

Ideas

Over the next 12 months, I will be establishing a tutoring/mentoring center. I spoke with district 1020's DG Geddes and received some great feedback – he encouraged me to work with dyslexic students, and this may be incorporated into the project. Please feel free to send me any comments/suggestions, so this project can grow from both district 5150 and 1020, and we can all "lend a hand" from around the world!

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I hope to hear from you soon!!

