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August 5th Program



SPECIAL GUEST—Rolex Laureate Archaeologist Anabel Ford

Having already achieved what many considered impossible, 2000 Rolex Associate Laureate Anabel Ford is gearing up to face new challenges at the 2000-yearold Maya city of El Pilar.

Ford has spent eight years establishing the site as a model for conservation and



co-operation. In so doing, she has forged an unprecedented alliance between Guatemala and Belize - whose longdisputed border bisects El Pilar - ensuring that local people have an active role in running the project.

An anthropologist and archaeologist at the University of

California at Santa Barbara, Dr Ford has concentrated much of her research on trying to understand why the Maya were successful, rather than determining why they died out. She has established that Maya farming techniques not only reverse the effects of deforestation, but also provide an example of workable, sustainable agriculture.

Ford spends at least four months every year at El Pi-

lar. Her research includes developing ancient land-use models, analyzing pottery and mapping architecture. She is also developing a collaborative project on the "biocomplexity" of El Pilar, investigating the complex interrelationship between settlement, land use, soils, geology, water availability, topography, flora and fauna, and human systems. "We intend to model and explain the past, in order to generate scenarios that can be used in conservation designs for the future," she explains.

Two recent developments recognize Ford's considerable achievements at El Pilar, as well as promising to help take the project forward.

In June 2001, three Santa Barbara businessmen, impressed

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Today's meeting began with Penny Millar leading the pledge. Nancy Aita shared a few words of wisdom including, "Charity begins at home but it should not stay there." Bill Arnone visited our club from the Windsor Club. And guests included our speaker, Danny Holmes and his wife.

CLIFF DOCKERMAN-August 11th at the Roxy Theater. See Del Raby for tickets and details. This is a must see event. Only \$25. Reception to follow.

President Steve read a thank you letter from Seeds of Learning.

Christine Miller sent us a thank you letter for our dona- multiple offenses. First he tion to the Steele Lane Garden

SRKSEP-Students will be here next week. Reception on August 8th and club presentation on August 12th.

SUNSHINE REPORT-Ralph Harryman is undergoing extensive surgery and recovery at UC Davis. He has asked for a leave of absence to allow time to recover. He would enjoy emails, company and books.

Eric Simon is also on leave. His Achilles heal is mending but he is on crutches.

Al Abramson was fined for didn't pay last week's fine and he has a new Cadillac Escalade...and he just celebrated a birthday!

Randy Seelye celebrated Katherine's birthday and returned from Tampa.

Keith Taylor paid for Carmen's birthday.

Doli has been gone for while-he was at the Baseball Hal of Fame in Omaha. He was interviewed by the paper in Lincoln, Omaha and Chicago Tribune. He also returned from Montana, fishing with Rusty.

Upcoming Speaker—Dr. Anabel Ford (continued)

organizations,

by Ford's work at El Pilar, established Exploring Solutions Past: Maya Forest Alliance (ESP). This non-profit organization, of which Dr Ford is president, is aimed at diversifying the fundraising capabilities of the project while enhancing the university research component, "as some people prefer to provide donations to a focused, nonprofit body, rather than a diverse educational institution".

The second development, also established in June 2001, is the Consultative Council for El Pilar (CoCEP), a collaborative advisory body comprising representatives from the governments of Guatemala and Belize, together with individuals from non-governmental

academia, community groups and the private sector. Managed by a steering committee, of which Ford is a member, the council will, she says, "spearhead

further development at the site, and keep both governments aware of their commitments".

Ford sees CoCEP as a potential vehicle to help El Pilar at many levels, from attracting funding to boosting tourism. And although the local population, a number of whom are direct descendants of the Maya, now be-



lieve that El Pilar is their heritage, they still need assistance in making themselves heard.

"In many ways we've achieved our goals at El Pilar," Ford reflects, "in other ways we've not even started." And so, for the foreseeable future, she will continue dividing her time between the University of California and this important archaeological site.



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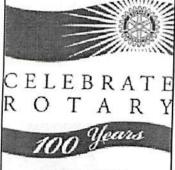
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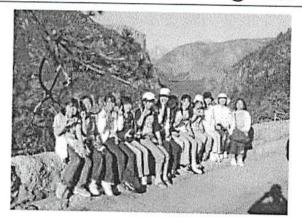
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August 12th Program



<u>SRKSEP Santa Rosa Student Exchange Program</u> <u>Students from Kagoshima Visit Sonoma County</u>

On August 12th, eleven students from Kagoshima, Japan will be visiting our club. This year's group leader is Ms. Megumi Hasiguchi.

The students are sponsored by Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary Club and the Friends of Kagoshima Association under the direction of Fern Harger as donor, and the Kagoshima West Rotary Club.

HISTORICAL BACK-GROUND

In April 1865, fifteen young students left Kagoshima, Japan to travel abroad and learn Western ways. After spending some time being educated in Great Britain and Europe, these students returned to Japan and became the driving force behind Japan's modernization.

One of these students, Kanaye Nagasawa, did not return to Japan and eventually came to Santa Rosa, where he was the builder of the Round Barn and owner of Fountain Grove Winery. This is the historical link between Kagoshima, Japan and Santa Rosa.

Now more than fifty years after Nagasawa's death, we are sending students to Japan to learn Japanese ways. We hope this cultural exchange will inspire many lifelong friendships and strengthen the

SRKSEP KIDS ARE COMING NEXT WEEK!!!

Bob Scott updated us on the pending arrival of the Japanese students who will be here in Santa Rosa tomorrow evening 8/7. A "Welcome Picnic" is scheduled for this Saturday evening at 5:30pm in Howarth Park. If you can join the group for this reception contact Laurie Hall at 823-1264. We'll see the kids at next week's regular Club meeting on Thursday. A Sayonara Party is scheduled for Saturday, August 21st at 5:30pm. This potluck dinner is scheduled at the home of Kitty Norton at 5819 Owl Hill Drive in Santa Rosa. Please RSVP at 538-5790. Bob needs members to drive some of the students around during their two-week stay here. A full schedule of the team's daily events is available by contacting Bob.

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President Worthen advised us of major actions taken at this week's board meeting, which included granting \$500.00 for the purchase of vitamin supplements for the Mexican village sponsored by our own Eleanore Webster and her church. If any Club member would like to increase our sponsorship of this project or has questions, please contact Eleanore directly.

Speaking of the Culinary Classie, invitations have just recently been printed and will be mailed out and available for delivery by Club members in two weeks! Time to start thinking about who you or your firm would like to invite this year to the FIESTA!!!

Directory Updates. Your board is asking all members to complete and return their directory information forms distributed to members at the meeting of 8/6. Photos will be available for new members next week.

President Worthen would like to get this wrapped up so we can get you the updated directories.

Sunshine Report: Carol King reports that Ralph Harryman is having a tough time with his hip replacement surgery and could use your encouragement when he returns home from the hospital. Your thoughts can be conveyed by contacting Kathy at home with a card or phone call.

Birthdays recognized this week: Rene Coello celebrated his birthday on Monday with dinner with the family. Terry Williams and Ardis Jones, both born on Tues. 8/3. Terry celebrated with "wine, chocolate cake and friends". It doesn't get much better than that... unless you are Ardis Jones: dinner for seven at J Ash (ouch!) Jim and Mary Henderson have no specific plans on celebrating Jim's birthday this weekend...maybe more yard

work (a different kind of ouch)? Welcome to fatherhood, Jim! Eleanore and Jerry celebrate her birthday on Friday with a weekend trip to Mendocino. Very nice!

On the anniversary front this week: Austin & Julie O'Malley celebrated their very first year of wedded bliss at...J Ash (where else) and a weekend in SF. That guy has class. Speaking of class, Steve & Kathleen Amend celebrated their 31st anniversary on 8/5 with an intimate dinner for two and no kids in the house. High school sweethearts since 1967. Steve donated a \$250 contribution to PH in recognition of his sweetie!

High Five Action: Max Bridges (our own two-legged max)! Steve Davis, DDS, who won two for two in ribbons for his pictures entered in the Son Cty Fair, framed of course by our own Carol Cooper's Fast Frame.

Special Guest from Nicaragua Updates on Eye Projects



Visiting our Club this week was Marco, Past-President of the Mangua-Tiscapa Rotario Club in Nicaragua. Marco reports that thanks to our funding efforts and the local club's coordination efforts with local physicians, this project was able to perform 48 cataract surgeries in the impoverished town of Rivas. This follows

the joint eyeglass project in July, 2003 that included several members of the SR Sunrise Club testing and fitting over 1,300 pairs of eyeglasses to local residents. Rotary truly does great things across this globe. Doesn't that make you proud to be a Rotarian?



Randy and Tux with our visitor Marco from Tascapa-Managua Rotary and Cataract patient with Rotarian and Nurse

Special Event—CLIFF DOCHTERMAN August 11th

CLIFF DOCHTERMAN IS

COMING.....CLIFF DOCHTERMAN IS COM-ING.....THIS WEDNESDAY AT 5:00PM AT THE ROXY THEATER IN SANTA ROSA. YOU REALLY DON'T WANT TO MISS CLIFF SPEAK. If you haven't yet signed up on the prepaid registration list that Del Raby has managed, you need to contact Del at 838-6701. \$25.00 for Cliff's presentation. A wine reception with Cliff follows at the offices of Don Johnson at 1 Santa Rosa Ave. (next door to the Roxy) for a donation to the Rotary Foundation of \$35.00.





Culinary Classic Deadline For Auction Items is Aug. 31"!!! This year's CC team is urging all members to followup on their commitments for auction items complete with a detailed registration form, and deliver those packages to Steve Herron or Don Floriani. Forms are available upon request. Thus far we have about fifteen items completed or near completion. The success of this year's fundraiser will rely on every member doing their part to insure that we have a healthy selection both silent and live auction items for this event. Don't wait to the last moment....let's get those items in! If you need assistance in picking up physical items or the preparation of a "certificate", the committee is happy to assist.

Culinary Classic—October 23rd



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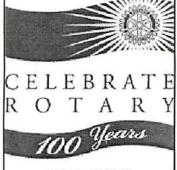
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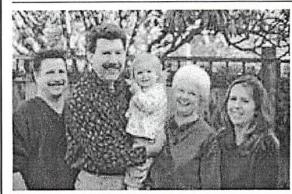
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August 19th Program



Our speaker, Bob Jehn will provide us with an update on the progress of starting up operation of the commuter rail service, and discuss how the passage of the Sonoma County Traffic Relief Act to appear on the November 2 ballot will affect the rail startup.

Jehn will also briefly talk about the state-wide Proposition 1A, placed on the November ballot by the legislature to protect local gover nment revenues.

Bob Jehn (pronounced 'Jean') is on the Cloverdale City Council because he has the experience to find solutions that fit Cloverdale. Bob has been on the Cloverdale City Council for the last ten years, and he's been involved in making the entire North Coast region a better place to live for over 20 years.

Bob Jehn and his wife, Nancy, have lived in the North Coast

regions for over 26 years.

Together, they run Moraine Associates, a main-street business that is dedicated to helping people find health insurance that meets their needs and fits their budget. In his work as a health care consultant, Bob works oneon-one with individuals and families everyday, and he understands the challenges of raising a family on a budget.

When he's not working as councilman or at his health care business, Bob likes to explore the North Coast's abundant parks and hiking trails and spend time with his family, including his grandchildren Gracie and William.

Since 1994, Bob Jehn has served on the Cloverdale City Council. He has served three terms as mayor of Cloverdale. In addition to being an active manager of his hometown, Jehn has taken a leading regional role in securing funding and public transit options to connect North Coast

BOB JEHN Update on Sonoma County Commuter Rail Service

neighbors to each other and to Bay Area communities.

More recently, as a member of the Board of Directors of the League of California Cities, Bob has played a significant role in overhauling the fiscal relationship between state and local governments through an historic agreement with the Governor and legislature to place a measure on the November, 2004 ballot which would constitutionally prevent the state from raiding funds earmarked for local police, fire, and other services.

As past chairman of the North Coast Railroad Authority, Jehn successfully lobbied the legislature and the governor to secure over \$60 million in state funding to re-open the Northwestern Pacific Railroad. As a member of the Sonoma/Marin Area Rail Transit Commission (SMART), Bob is playing a major role in the development of the plan to implement Commuter Rail Service for the North Bay region.

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Birthdays:

Ken Coker (8/4): Celebrated with Nancy and his two twin sons over dinner and a cake.

Jim Kirkbride (8/12): Jim couldn't recall if he was born before midnight on the 11th or in the early am of the 12th. In any event, his confusion didn't get him out of the Club's rousing birthday chorus in honor of his special day. Rather than make a fuss of "his big day", Jim and Susie elected to focus their energy and finances on their daughter's wedding coming up this next weekend.

ke. Our own President Steve Worthen and first lady. G

Anniversaries:

anyways, Tux!

Worthen and first lady, Georgia, celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary this past week! No special plans that we were made aware of, although they were spotted at the presentation by Cliff Dochterman on Weds. Don't worry, Georgia. There will be plenty of time for Prez Steve to make it up to you next year on the Big 30th (while J Johnson is running things each week for the club).

end cleaning? Happy birthday

Larry Martin was fined for his reference and picture in a recent publication of Sunset Magazine, while visiting his friends at Davis Bynum Winery during a five-hour photo shoot for the article on Wine Country Living. The "quote of the day" goes to Laura who quipped after seeing the article in the magazine: "You're fuzzy and I need Botox!"

Sue Sacks: Sue came baring gifts this week for the President, all the way from Martha's Vineyard. A coffee mug bearing the name of "The Black Dog Café", where all the "Big Dogs" in MV hang out for their lattes. Welcome back, Sue!

pay up for his missed birthday. Tux and Beth spent the week-

Tux Tuxhorn: Back in town to

SRKSEP Students Visit Our Club

Thanks to Bob Scott and Fern as well as everyone who participated this week's presentation of the Santa Rosa-Kagoshima Student Exchange Program. This is the 18th year of this program, cofounded by Fern and our own Dan Lambert. Bob Scott has been leading this program on the Club's behalf for the last 10 years. This year





we have eighteen (18) young women students with ages ranging from 13-16 years old. Special thanks to this year's chaperones, Kitty Norton and Michael Cramer, and all of the host families in Sonoma County. Don't miss the Sayonara Party on Saturday, August 21st at 5:30pm. This potluck dinner is scheduled at the home of Kitty Norton at 5819 Owl Hill Drive in Santa Rosa. Please RSVP at 538-5790

Special Event—CLIFF DOCHTERMAN at ROXY

Thanks to the 14 or so of Sunrisers who could make this presentation by Past RI World President, Cliff Dochterman at the Roxy Theater last Weds. Special thanks to our own Janet Hamilton who tended bar at the reception afterwards at her boss's office next door. Hats off to our friends at the Windsor Rotary Club who organized this event and invited Cliff to join us, with all net proceeds going to the Rotary Foundation. Lastly, special thanks to our own Delbert Raby, who personally escorted Cliff and his wife up from Berkeley and entertained them overnight at his home. For those who missed Cliff, he was great. Cliff has that unique gift for blending of his personal and extensive experiences with Rotary, together with great humor



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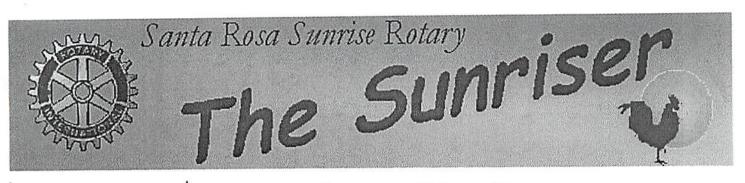
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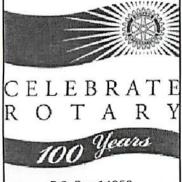
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August 26th Program

Rotarian Paul Stychno Rotary Joins Hands with Ukrainian Diabetes Project

In November 2002, two Rotarians, Mr. Paul Stychno and Mr. Robin Marrs of the Santa Rosa West Rotary Club traveled to Kiyiv to make presentations to three Rotary Clubs there on behalf of the Ukrainian Diabetes Proiect. The Santa Rosa West Club proposed linking hands with one of the Kiyiv Rotary Clubs for the purpose of finding funds to support diabetes education and treatment programs for the children in the Kiyiv region. The Rotary Club of Kiyiv, the city's oldest, enthusiastically agreed to work with the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa West.

The first step, that of finding a partner club in Kiyiv, has been done. The next step centers on applying for a grant to send a team consisting of professionals in diabetes education and at least one Rotarian to Kiyiv next year.

This group will work with the Rotary Club of Kiyiv, the Diabetes Charity Fund of Kiyiv and the Ukrainian Diabetes Project to conduct a detailed assessment of equipment and material needs for the children's hospital in Kiyiv and the summer camp for diabetic children. The team will also research costs of equipment and sources of supply. Using the needs survey as their basis, the two Rotary Clubs will then seek to raise funds and will apply tary International. If the application is successful., all Rotary grant funds directed to Kiyiv will be administered als released to the Diabetes by the Rotary Club of Kiyiv under the direction of Ms. Nadyezhda Osipova who will work with Ms. Natalia Vlasenko and Ms. Natalia Manzheley of Kiyiv Charity fund.

The Santa Rosa West Rotary Club has been an avid supporter of the Ukrainian Diabetes Project. In addition to

funding the trip to Kiyiv, the club provided funds for printing the latest revisions of the diabetes education instructional manual for the children of Ukraine. This manual, printed in Ukrainian, ,was presented officially to the International Diabetic Association of Ukraine and the Diabetes Charity Fund of Kiyiv at the 10th Annual World Diabetes Day Exposition and celebration in Kiyiv. Unfortunately, the shipment of manuals has been for matching grants from Ro- held in Ukrainian customers. Hence Rotarians from both Kiyiv and Santa Rosa worked hard to have manu-Charity Fund of Kiyiv as soon as possible.

> The UDP wishes to express their sincere thanks to Paul Stychno and Robin Marrs for spearheading this program. The UDP would also like to express profound appreciation to the Rotary Club for their support.

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Bob & Nancy Aita celebrated their respective birthdays this month with a trip into The City to see The Lion King and stay at the Serano Hotel. Nancy swears by this place as a great stay when your in town for the weekend. She reminds Bob, that he is the older man in her life.

Kathy Kent: John and Kathy celebrated her recent birthday with a camping trip. What else? This year, taking a page out of Leroy Carlenzoli's personal memoirs for keys to a successful marriage, Dolie showered Kathy with outdoor cookware including a new portable stove. You are a prince, John. Happy Birthday, Kathy!

Anniversaries:

Max & Edie Bridges celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary with a trip to the Virgin Islands. Returning this week to present El Presidente Worthen with a pin from the St. Thomas Rotary Club and a special bottle of hootch from the islands. Welcome back, Max and give Edie our warmest regards for a happy anniversary. PS: Perhaps you could have a chat with Mr. Dolinsek about how to treat your wife on these special occasions?

Ross & Stacy Andress: Ross and Stacy celebrated their big 30th anniversary "over a new Poker table." [Don't go there, folks!] Like this editor, the Andresses must be watching the pros on TNT at night play Texas Hold'em at Binion's. Happy Anniversary...."All In".

Frank & Jan Cercone: And speaking of celebrating an anniversary in a unique and fun way, the Cercones celebrated their anniversary with a group of friends last weekend. The evening started quietly in their home over dinner, but lead to a mock "run-in" with a "biker-hippie" comedian in disguise, who berated the group into a gambling trip to River Rock for the evening. Now THAT is creative... getting "punked" in style. Happy Anniversary, Frank and Jan!

John & Ardis Jones celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary at a B&B near a popular fishing spot in N. California. Taking his cues from a different book on marriage (see above) John left the tackle at home to spend some quality time with his hunny. Happy Anniversary, John & Ardis!

Craft Talk—Mike Maples

Mike Maples shared with us his own personal background in this week's brief craft talk. It was a very moving and informative talk, and demonstrates Mike's commitment to his family and the three generation business the family operates in the North Coast, Wayne Maples Plumbing. Nice job, Mike. Welcome to our club!

Keep Them In Your Thougths...

Ralph Harryman is now home with part of his hip in place, waiting out the next 6 weeks until the doctors are sure that the infection has been removed. After this, he'll have to go back into surgery to replace the missing component, followed by another 4-6 weeks before he'll be back in shape. Even though it may be difficult to reach them, please give Kathy or Ralph a call to express your

good thoughts for Ralph's speedy recovery. It is real easy to fall into depression with this kind of set-back.

Other set-backs include Eric Simon, who we're told also had to have additional surgery to get him back on his feet, and off of the crutches. He'll be out for another 4 weeks or so. Again, feel free to give Eric a call at home or the office and express your support.

Lastly, Ann Wessman's father passed away a week ago in Ireland. Rolf has been here with Sonya, but will be joining Ann for the funeral arrangements. They will all be back in a week or so. Keep Ann in your thoughts. She was fortunate to spend some quality time with her dad last month, before this latest set-back.

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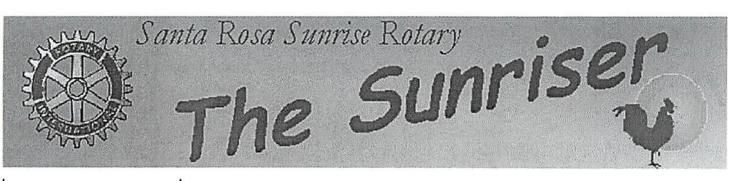
Our internal deadline for retrieving your donated auction items and packages for this big fundraiser is looming Sept. 1st. Please deliver your item along with the descriptive Culinary Classic Donation Form(s) to either: Steve Herron: Carole Cooper; or Don Floriani. We need to get these finalized and confirmed within the next week in order to meet our printing deadlines. Don't be left out. If you need a form or have questions, contact us. The success of this fund-raiser depends on every single member's participation. Even if your item will take some time to pull the arrangements together, please just bring us the form with the detailed description.

Invitations will be available

for distribution by next Thurs. for you to provide to your guests at the Culinary Classic on Saturday, October 23rd. Our next big push is to fill those 250+ seats with folks who want to have fun and help in their local community through our Club's great work. We've made a number of positive changes in the auction process this year to expand the participation in both the si-

lent and "live" auctions, including a much broader and diverse variety of auction lots to bid on. Don't wait...let's all start thinking about who we would like to invite this year. For questions, contact Jim Brenton.





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September 2nd Program

Jim Leddy Santa Rosa Schools Today and Tomorrow

Jim Leddy grew up in Sonoma County and is a graduate of Santa Rosa Junior College and UC Davis.

Since 1993, Jim has worked for the State Sen- of the Sonoma County ate, first for Mike Thompson and now as District Director for

Senator Wes Chesbro.

Jim is a member of the Santa Rosa School Board and serves on the Career Pathways Sub Committee. Jim is also the Chair Housing Coalition. Jim is with his wife and twin on the Boards of the Volunteer Center of Sonoma

County, Circuit Rider productions, The Sonoma County Survivor Project, the United Way

Recently, Jim was a candidate for State Assembly and he lives in Santa Rosa sons.

Jennifer Hembd gave us her craft talk this week. Jennifer is a native Sonoma County girl, born and raised in Forestville. After graduating from the SRJC, Jennifer got her first real job in banking from our own, Bruce O'Krepkie, at SF Savings & Loan. Later she followed her husband's career in the aerospace industry to Sunnyvale and then, Southern California. They raised 3 great kids, all of whom are now grown up and living in Sacramento (not too far from Mom today). After surviving a flood, fire and earthquake, Jennifer had had enough of Southern Cal. When her parents asked her to move back to his area, she couldn't refuse. Jennifer has worked in a variety of banking and mortgage lending positions in the Bay Area and is currently partnered in her own mortgage business called Action Mortgage (with another Rotarian). Welcome to the club, Jennifer and come and get your new blue badge!

Jennifer Hembd **Craft Talk**



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Culinary Classic



Thanks to everyone who has pitched in to make this year's selection of auction items a success. We still have 6-8 outstanding "packages" that some of you have been putting together....WE NEED YOUR FORMS IN. If you send Steve Herron a detailed email, he will even fill it out for you.

Invitations are now available for you to provide to your guests at the Culinary Classic on Saturday, October 23rd. Our next big push is to fill those 280+ seats with folks who want to have fun and help in their local community through our Club's great work.

Don't wait...let's all start thinking about who we would like to invite this year. For questions and to request these invitations for your guests, contact Jim Brenton.

CALENDAR.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER Orchestrated by Del Raby September 25th

CULINARY CLASSIC October 23rd Friedman Center

Announcements and Events

Reception Potluck Dinner for Professor Amori from Kagoshima

The Amends are hosting a reception dinner for Professor Amori on behalf of the Friends Of Kagoshima Association, at the Amend's home on Saturday evening, Sept. 5th. If you are interested in attending, please contact Steve Amend.

Birthdays:

Shauna Lorenzen: The entire Lorenzen household was "in the house" this morning to celebrate their return from a two-week cruise vacation to Alaska. They came bearing gifts of a very cool hat and smoked fish...what more could a Prez ask for?

Ezbon Jen: Celebrating his birthday on 8/28th. Nothing special planned this weekend...he's such a hard working guy. School is back in session...no time to celebrate. Happy Birthday, Ezbon!

Anniversaries:

Steve & Lynn Olsen: Celebrating 42 years together!!! They celebrated by sending Lynn back to Missouri! Not sure what that means, but it doesn't sound all that romantic. Happy 42nd, Steve & Lynn. That is awesome!

Don & Wendy Floriani: Celebrating their anniversary this weekend in advance, the couple is attending "Dressage In The Wine Country". Their actual celebration was last week, golfing with all three teenagers and in-laws in Angels Camp...with no cell phones around to bug poor Don. Happy Anniversary Don & Wendy!!!

High Fives:

Always returning from somewhere in South or Latin America, Ed Carrette too showered Prez Steve W. with two shirts (Mescalitos) and a hat. Welcome back, Ed!

KEEP THEM IN YOUR THOUGHTS!

Ralph Harryman is doing much better at home and is reported in good spirits while waiting out the next 5 weeks until the doctors are sure that the infection has been removed. After this, he'll have to go back into surgery to replace the missing component, followed by another 4-6 weeks before he'll be back in shape. Even though it may be difficult to reach them, please give Kathy or Ralph a call to express your good thoughts for Ralph's speedy recovery. A giant get well card signed by everyone attending today will be sent to Ralph.

Christine Engel (Hugh's better half) is undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Keep them both in your thoughts and prayers. She's a fighter and we're looking forward to seeing her bounce back soon! A giant get well card signed by everyone attending today will be sent to Christine.

Other set-backs include Eric Simon, who we're told is now finally off of the crutches. He'll be back to the club next Thurs!!!

Lastly, Ann Wessman's father passed away a week ago in Ireland. Keep Ann in your thoughts. She was fortunate to spend some quality time with her dad last month, before this latest setback.

