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Meeting Notes from 8/31/15

Steve Sarantopoulos opened the meeting by leading the club in the pledge. Ken Holbrook gave the thought for the day in memory of our friend and fellow Rotarian Morgan Stoltz. President Bob Long asked for a moment of silence for Morgan.

By the time President Bob reconvened the meeting the "baby bell" was missing. While the bell abduction resulted from sheer negligence, President Bob pleaded for a ransom demand (fat chance).



We were joined by guests Rea Callender, the new CEO of the Nevada County Fairgrounds, and Curtis Price, President of Mountain Valley Property Management. Bobby Swanson also brought Zoe Brownwood, who our club has sponsored as an outbound RYE student, soon to be headed to Argentina.

President Bob reported that Scott Browne is now back home following his bypass operation and doing well - casseroles are welcome. President Bob also reported that the South Lake Tahoe Rotary Club wants to join us in the international grant to move a shipping container with \$350K of surgical supplies from Houston, Texas to the Kellerman Hospital in Bwindi, Uganda.

Items of note - The first Gold County Challenge meeting will be moved up to September (tba) because Jon Byerrum is headed to Nepal with Larry Meek and some other Rotarians to assess the earthquake damage, and determine if there is a Rotary project for us in the future. District membership training is on September 19th in Incline Village (the cost, including your lunch, is paid for by the club). September 24th is "Golf in the Dark" put on by the Grass Valley South Rotary Club at Alta Sierra. The Second Annual Turkey Shoot will be held on November 1st. The Habitat for Humanity "Street of Dreams" tickets are available from Steve Sarantopoulos for \$35.

President Bob inducted Amy Besler into our Rotary club. Amy is Principal of Bear River High School. All members stood to welcomed Amy as our newest Rotarian. Bob informed Amy that she and her whole family, Cody, Jasmin, and Will are welcome into the family of Rotary.

Larry Faller's craft talk was quite remarkable. While being still wet behind the ears and only recently old enough to vote, Larry has worked for a total of 95 years, while being married to Judy for 54. Larry was born in Redding while dad worked on building of the Shasta Dam. He joined the National Guard at 15 to start a 35 year career with the Guard - flying a helicopter for 20 years of that time. In 1961 Larry began a 31 year career at I.B.M. and handled the Chevron account. Larry spent 5 years working as

Speakers:

Sept 7 DARK—Labor Day
Sept 14 Chris Flores—Nev Co Ag Commissioner

Dates to Remember:

Sept 13 Celebration of Live for Morgan Stoltz @ The Event Center 3-5 p.m.
Sept 17 Board of Director's Meeting
Sept 28 Area 4 Joint Meeting at National Hotel 5:00 p.m.
Nov 19 Foundation Dinner

a commercial helicopter pilot. After that Larry worked for a printed circuit board manufacturer - a job that permitted him to travel throughout the Far East. Larry is still working, selling specialized lubricating oils, when he and Judy are not traveling in their 45 foot motorhome.

Please welcome our newest member, Amy Besler. Along with Amy we welcome her husband Cody, a heating and air conditioning technician, her daughter Jasmin at UNR studying nursing, and her son Will, a sophomore at Colfax High.

Amy is the new principal at Bear River High School. She comes to us from the assistant principal position at Colfax High and was an English teacher before that. Amy enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking. She is also an avid reader. She roots for the Dallas Cowboys and after some prodding admitted to supporting the Kings. In her spare time she is working on her Doctorate. Of note is that they built their own home, another addition to our construction crew.

Amy is joining our club to engage with and to know her new community. She hopes that her involvement with Rotary will stand out as an example to her students and be a role model for young women. It is a way to seek support for her high school but to also give back to the community. Pat Ward has volunteered to be her mentor.



Lunch options for September:

- Caesar salad with/or without chicken
- Gorgonzola Steak Salad
- Cheeseburger & Fries
- Lobster Macaroni and Cheese

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Notes from President Bob

Donelle Stoltz wanted our Rotary club to know that a celebration of life for Morgan is to be held on Sunday, Sept 13 from 3-5 at the Foothill Event Center. This will not appear in the paper and is not open to the public.

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P.O. Box 1213 - Grass Valley, CA 95945
Meeting location: Monday at 12:15 PM
Holbrooke Hotel, 212 W. Main St, GV

Make Up Meetings

Members who miss a regular meeting may make-up by attending any other Rotary club's meeting within 14 days before or after the missed meeting.

E-makeup: www.rotaryclubone.org

Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Grass Valley South,
151 Mill Street, Grass Valley
12:00 Auburn, Auburn Elks Lodge
12:15 Penn Valley, Players Pizza
12:15 Marysville, Peach Tree Golf
& Country Club

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. 49er Breakfast Club,
Escaton Lodge

7:00 a.m. Auburn Daybreak,
Sierra Smokehouse Grill
12:15 Yuba City, The Refuge

Thursday

7:00 a.m. South Yuba County Sunrise
Peachtree Restaurant (Marysville)
12:15 Auburn Gold Country,
The Ridge Golf Course
12:15 Nevada City, National Hotel