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THE ROTARY CLUB OF AUBURN BULLETIN

MARCH 5, 2013 · MARCH IS ROTARY LITERACY MONTH



Mr. February is Bob Dunstan Rotarian of the month!



He is the master of using everyday items to solve our monotonous lives!



Leslie Warren drilled 13 wells in Zambia to water agricultural crops!



Well, by golly, it looks like a black marble, it really does!



Bridget pulls out the black marble from Jodie's bag!

THE PROGRAM TUESDAY WILL BE BY SARSAS SAVE AUBURN RAVINE SALMON AND STEELHEAD

magine the impact of a thousand salmon in the Auburn Ravine and then multiply that by several hundred streams or perhaps all 738 streams that enter the San Joaquin, Sacramento and American River watersheds. Salmon and steelhead numbers certainly can and will thrive in this environment. If only three percent of the smolt return to each of these streams, the result will be tremendous. "Clear it (stream) and they will come." In a short period of time with many individuals and groups on board, SARSAS will reach its goals, missions and ultimately, the restoration of salmon and steelhead at a very low cost. Even if the SARSAS Plan is partially successful, salmon and steelhead will have one more river to spawn within, and new life will abound. An alternate plan of trucking salmon above and around dams is feasible, and SARSAS wholeheartedly supports it, but it is very expensive. Our plan costs thousands of dollars, the alternative, billions of dollars. Both can help the salmon, but at what cost in time and real dollars?" That's the message from SARSAS, and a hopeful message it is! But it will take tremendous amount of work and cooperation between many volunteers and volunteer organizations, non-profits, governmental agencies, and businesses, willing to work and raise and use funds to replenish the salmon habitat.

According to a study by Joseph Holmberg of the US Bureau of Reclamation, "The fresh-water portion of the salmon's life cycle is most critical to the perpetuation of the species. This is also the portion of the cycle most affected by man's activities." And the activities he lists are numerous: pollution, irrigation and power dams, agricultural and municipal water diversions, siltation, overfishing, logging debris, road construction and gravel removal" are a few. Holberg concludes his study with some words for humans who have brought this on: "Perhaps the most significant conclusion that can be drawn is that the salmon's environmental conditions have been so greatly modified by man's activities that it is virtually impossible to ascertain the relative effect of any one factor on the resource. It is, therefore, imposssible to blame any one factor, such as pollution or dams, but rather man and his activities, from mining to irrigation to



Auburn Ravine



Auburn Ravine fish ladder



Jack Sanches SARSAS founder



Leaping salmon!



The Community that reads together can grow together and that's the goal of One Book, One Community.

This spring, residents can participate in Auburn's first ever One Book, One Community, a program that encourages everyone to read the same book and then participate in discussions and events about it.

This year's inaugural selection will be "Nature Noir" by Jordan Fisher Smith. Smith is a retired state park ranger who patrolled the American River Canyon for 14 years. His book details his experience trying to maintain land that was destined to be underwater. The American River Canyon was set to become a lake once the Auburn Dam was constructed. Construction never happened and the land remains open to hikers, bicyclists, horse rides and more to this day.

Smith's first-person account includes encounters with armed and rogue gold miners, a search for a missing woman's remains that was part of a 30-year murder case, the discovery of the aftermath of a cougar attack on an Auburn-area trail and more.

One Book, One Community will host a series of events starting in March related to the content of Smith's work, including book discussions, a guided tour of areas featured and presentations from those who were a part of the story. The regional non-fiction book has also been integrated English classes at Placer Union High School District schools.

Board Members of One Book, One Community

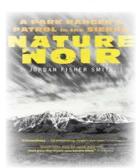
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Kindra Amalong,
Gayle Garbolino-Mojica,
Terry Pilate,
Michelle Schuetz,

Dave Horsey.



"This is a walk in the woods like Thoreau never imagined," says Mike Davis, bestselling author of Ecology of Fear, "I can't make up my mind whether Jordan Fisher Smith is John Muir at the crime scene or Elmore Leonard with a backpack. In any event, this astonishing book, with its brilliant interweaving of murder, irony and natural history, invents a new genre."

"Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another's skin, another's voice, another's soul." -Joyce Carol Oates



"People can go days at a time not talking to anyone outside their immediate family. There are precious few opportinities for people of different ethnic backbround, economic levels or ages, to sit down together and discuss ideas that are important to them. This

project provides that opportunity.

'Today literary education has pretty much disappeared, replaced in science and in information technology, on the one hand and by visual literacy on the other. By visual, what is now meant is moving images (films, videos, television, MTV, advertising) as well as paintings and photographs. Quotable quotes are far more likely to be cited from films, television, or advertisements than from literature. 'Just do it.' 'Go ahead, make my day.' 'I'll be back.' Even politicians, who once studiously quoted poets and philosophers, now choose slogans and citations from popular culture. 'Mission accomplished.' 'Bring 'em on." So the idea that knowledge of and easy familiarity with literature is either a social accomplishment or a cultural or professional asset must seem quaint.'

-The Use and Abuse of Literature

One Book, One Community Class

March 7, 14, 21; 4:00 to 5:00 at Placer School for Adults (Bart O'Brien and Steve Grundmeier)

One Book, One Community Events

April 18 - Kovacich panel discussion - 7-8:30

April 20 - Dam Tour; Mike Lyncy and Jordan Fisher Smith; 10-12

April 23 - Jordan Fisher Smith and book signing at Placer High School - 7-9:00

April 25 - Lyme disease film: Under the Skin, Library-12-3:00



THANKS TO FRED MERRIAM FOR TAKING NOTES LAST TUESDAY FOR THE BULLETIN



For those of you who don't know, Fred is a second generation Rotarian. His father Cliff Merriam was a longtime member and president of Auburn Rotary . 1961-62. Fred became a member in 1977 and served as president 1987-88. RI's Polio Plus started during his term as president and his chairman for Polio Plus was Harold Weaver. Fred is a Cal grad, just like our current president.

A WOOLY CAP FOR ONE ACTING PRES **BUT SPIN THE WHEEL FOR ANOTHER!**



President Bart brought back a wool cap from the Grand Canyon for Mike Wilson for his stint as acting president on February 12, but had Bob Dunstan spinning the wheel for having alleged that President Bart was not actually sick last week and just wanted another week off from running the meeting. Bart stated he had a doctor with him on the Grand Canyon trip who would vouch

for him. The Wheel Cost past president Bob \$20, even though the mystery doctor was never consulted—nor found—to verify Bart's claim.

And, when the microphone developed a mysterious glitch, our President accused the very same Bob Dunstan of having "sabotaged" it . And yet, when it came to announce the Rotarian of the Month, he announced his grand selection of . . . BOB DUNSTAN . . . weird virus that Grand Canyon Virus!

And-that's not all folks! Pres Bart asked Dan Appel about his medical license, since Dan had recommended massive doses of Vitamin B3 as a cure for the cold Bart had in October. Not only did it not work, said Bart, but it was the worst cold he's every had. Somehow, Dan escaped a fine. It seems that one of the symptoms of that "Grand Canyon Virus" is that it makes people grumpy and ornery!

odds & ends

Warren led last Tuesday's song in a key that favored all the sopranos in the group. Dan Appel will represent our club at the Gold Country Rotary Speech Contest on March 28. Note: Hopefully we'll have more than Dan attending.

Bridget Powers is club chair for the District

Conference May 16-19.

Larry Roluffs admitted that he forgot to wear his pin at Monday's Medical Seminar, but accused Mitch Hanna of being the snitch. He offered to sping the Wheel if the snitch would also do so, with the member getting the highest amount paying double. Pres Bart agreed. Larry hit \$5 and snitch Mitch \$10 = \$20.

Leave of Absence: Catherine McGregor has been granted a medical leave until May 31. No details were given, but it's apparently not extremely serious.

Pres Bart says there is a new app for your smart phone called Rotary Locater but our club is not on it so he had Steve Snyder spin: \$5 First club pres to fine an incloming Rotary International Director?

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 5: Jeff Patton/Mary Jo Payne: Save Auburn Ravine Salmon and Steelhead March 12: Bridget Powers/ Scott Queen: Auburn City Manager Bob Richardson March 19: Bill Radakovitz

Mary Beauchamp: How to get Healthy Step

by Step

March 26: Linda Maeding: High School Music Contest

AUBURN ROTARY CLUB CALENDAR

Tahoe City Rotary Ski Challenge at North Star Friday, March 8, 2013

Rotary Foundation Dinner - Max's Auburn Thursday, March 14, 2013

Rotary At Work Day Saturday, April 27, 2013

Auburn Rotary Casino Night at Ceronix May 11, 2013

Rotary District Conference at John Ascuaga's Nugget: May 16-19, 2013

Auburn Rotary Barbecue Friday, September 20, 2013

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