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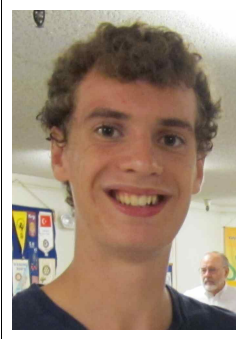
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NIKOLAI NISSEN-FROM COWS TO CAL



This week's speaker was our foreign exchange student from Denmark, Nikolai Nissen.

Nikolai began by describing his family and home. His father owns and operates a dairy farm. His mother is a nurse and his sister is studying history. Nikolai plays soccer, does gymnastics, plays piano and speaks excellent American. Their home, on the dairy, is 300 years old and has a thatched roof that has to be replaced every 12 years. The nearest town has been there for over 1,000 years. The dairy covers 700 acres and has 400 cows, huge barns and a state-of-the-art carousel milker. They raise all of the corn and grass needed to feed their cattle and sell the excess to a biofuels company across the border in Germany.

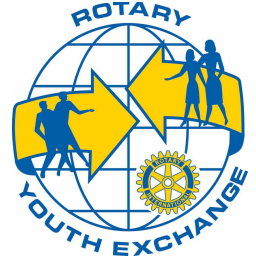
Nikolai then described Denmark, which has over 400 islands, 7,300 miles of coast and a population of 5,400,000.

Nikolai covered a bit of Danish history.

Denmark has the world's oldest direct monarchy. Denmark used to be a much larger country, but it lost Sweden in the 1600s, Norway in the 1800s and Schleswig-Holstein in the 1800s. It sounded like there may some lingering resentment among the Danes about these territorial losses, but there was

no indication about how the Swedes and Norwegians might feel about it. Denmark, however, continues to hang on to both Greenland and the Faroe Islands. After basic schooling, two-thirds of the students attend practical schooling and one third continue at secondary schools. A couple of notable Danish corporations are Maersk (the world's largest container shipping company) and Vestas (the world's largest manufacturer of big wind turbines).

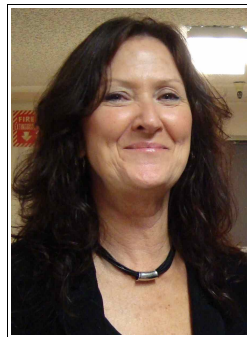
Nikolai handled his speaking duties with poise beyond his years: the club gave him a big hand.



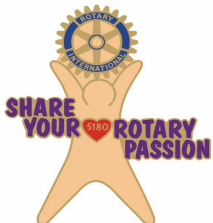
VISITORS



A visiting Rotarian was Jerry Stauber from Surprise, Arizona. Our other guests were Kathleen Ring (friend of Maggie), Alberta Shook, Larry and Pat Palley (who are hosting Nikolai), Ruth Elliott and Karen Romines. Ian Knuttila, who is a member of the upcoming GSE team to Peru, also attended.



MEETING NOTES



Military personnel serving in Iraq were honored for a moment and then all of the veterans in attendance were asked to stand and received a round of applause.

Dinner was a green salad, continuing with steamed salmon over spinach, garlic mashed potatoes and garlic bread and ending with seasonally-



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appropriate pumpkin pie.

The vocational speaker was Kathy Smallhouse who briefly described her life as a banker.

President Romines, demonstrating solid planning skills, then called for nominations for club President, written, at the President's request, on torn-off corners of placemats. It was then announced that the members would at last be able to see a Monday night football game: the next club meeting will be held at President Romines' house for football watching, endless appetizers and libations. Please bring \$10 for libations, \$10 for the pool and your favorite hors d'oeuvre.

Battle of the Oaks volunteers were recognized and it was reported that there was a wonderful response from the veterans attending the game. (They got free admission.) The club received a letter of thanks from the Fair Oaks Park Recreation and Parks District for the club's work on the Chicken Festival.

Maggie Hoy reminded everyone about the upcoming bus trip to a hockey game on December 11. Please pay if you have not done so. The party in the parking lot begins at 1:30 pm.



Tom Rains announced that the club will be doing Christmas baskets on December 15 at Northridge Elementary School. Shoppers, assemblers and delivery people will be needed on the 15th. Cash and food donations must be received by December 9.

Maggie will be organizing presents for the kids at the Children's Receiving Home again this year. She will have more information shortly.

Bill Wagner described the Crab Feed's extremely important mega-raffle, now titled MEGADRAW. Bob Walters reminded everyone that the next Crab Feed meeting will be held on November 29 at the Fair Oaks Clubhouse.

FINES AND SHOUT OUTS

Tom Alberts continued an excellent run as Little Genius by commending Buzz for coming out of the closet and then fining him \$2 for losing the cards. Demonstrating a good memory and a surprising taste for vengeance, LG fined Bob Walters for "fining me a lot when I first joined the club". Bill Wagner was fined \$2 for liking Stanford. Bob Vogel was fined \$2 for having a new car in the family, which his wife won't let him drive. Bill Wagner was fined \$5 for heckling the Little Genius, and maybe for yelling "Raffle it off" every time there's a drawing for Little Genius. Tom then paid Bill's \$5 fine because Bill did a superb job on the Foundation dinner. But Bill paid the \$5 fine anyway.

Happy Fines: Maggie Hoy because she had a nice vacation. Bill Wagner because he got to see the Jersey Boys (probably a Celtic folk band from the miniscule Island of Jersey somewhere off the eastern coast of England) at the Palazzo in Vegas. Beth because she got to hear BB King. Buzz for going to Yoshi's Jazz Club in San Francisco and meeting Brian Stowe's father. Carson, for seeing performance artist and former graffiti criminal David Garibaldi. Fred Vaske, for surviving a visit to the East Coast. To close the meeting, President Romines reminded the club, once again, that the next meeting will be held at his house so he can watch the football game (and perhaps win the pool.)

CALENDAR

This color means: Spouses/S.O. Night
Underlined means: Attend or make up

	November
19 Sat	Holiday Tree light installation District Foundation Dinner
21 Mon	<u>Football Night @ Romines</u> <u>5:30 pot luck OPEN BAR</u>
28 Mon	TBA
	December
1 Thur	Super STRS 5:30 @ 500 Calvados Ave, Sacramento.
5 Mon	<u>Bruce Hagel and Warren McWilliams- Ukraine tales</u>
11 Sun	Stockton Thunder Hockey Trip
12 Mon	<u>Club Assembly- Election of new Officers</u>
15 Thur	Holiday Basket Shopping and Distribution
17 Sat	<u>Christmas Party @ Romines</u>
19 Mon	No Meeting
26 Mon	No meeting
	January
2 Mon	No Meeting
9 Mon	<u>TBA</u>

ROTARY DISTRICT 5180 ANNUAL FOUNDATION DINNER

Saturday November 19, 2011

Radisson Hotel Sacramento

6:00 –7:00 No Host Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction

7:00 pm Dinner & Program

Keynote Speaker:

STEPHEN R. BROWN, TRUSTEE OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

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THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1. Is it the *TRUTH*?**
- 2. Is it *FAIR* to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build *GOODWILL* and *BETTER FRIENDSHIPS*?**
- 4. Will it be *BENEFICIAL* to all concerned?**

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

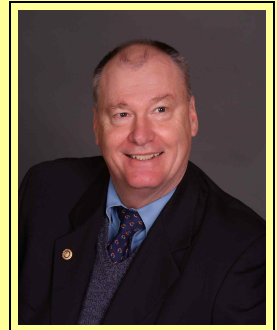
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