



KIWANIS CLUB OF NAPA

Kiwanis Karacter

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Future Speakers

Mar 3 2011

Patsy McGaughy, Napa Valley Vintners

""Napa Rocks: What makes our wine the best""

Mar 10 2011

Our Leaders

"Past President's Day"

Mar 17 2011

Nikki Derr

"Pathway Home Dog Project"

Mar 24 2011

Adam Houseley, Fox News

"Local boy makes good in broadcast media"

Upcoming Events

Interclub- Suisun City

Mar 22 2011

Interclub- Yountville

Apr 6 2011

Interclub- Novato

May 10 2011

Interclub-Benica

Jun 22 2011

Interclub-Fairfield

Jun 30 2011

96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention

Jul 7 2011 - Jul 10 2011

Interclub-Dixon

Jul 11 2011

Interclub-St. Helena

Jul 20 2011

Interclub-American Canyon

Aug 4 2011

Interclub-Vacaville

Aug 15 2011

91st Annual District Convention

Aug 18 2011 - Aug 20 2011

Interclub- San Rafael/Central Marin

Sep 8 2011

Barry's Presidential Address:

To (mis)quote the Bard, "Now is the winter of our content, made glorious summer by passing of our two big fundraisers!"



Congratulations and many thanks to Dan Young for chairing the event, Ida Bruce for stepping up to run the auction, and all who worked so hard to make our crab feed a success once again. The children and seniors of the community will benefit as the year rolls on.

Many thanks also to:

- Larry Pollard and the scholarship committee, who are working diligently to put a solid policy in place that will help the current board and future boards manage our wonderful program to help all manner of students.
- Michelle Hock and her crew developing the youth-senior (oops, I mean "aging population") connection in the service project for the cell-phone deficient
- Jeff Johnson for coordinating Interclubs. (Remember, our attendance at Interclubs and DCMs shows our leadership in the District.)
- All of those who have brought guests and new members to the club

For our great club, March rolls in like a lion and will most likely go out like a lion, too. Past President's Day is coming up March 10, and the social committee's making plans for a special St. Patrick's meeting on March 17. And we have great speakers lined up for the entire month of March. (Start thinking now about someone special to bring to membership day on May 12.)

Five months into my year already! The time does fly! (Linda's already planning her installation!) And there's much to do with playgrounds, special kids' trips, and dozens of other worthy projects. Let's keep the energy level high!

I look forward to our lunch meetings every week. I hope you do, too. See you there.

Your pal,
The Prez

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by Bill O'Byrne



OUR VIVACIOUS SENIOR HELPER !

**Interclub-
Vallejo/Suburban**

Sep 21 2011

**Interclub-Vallejo/Cal
Maritime**

Oct 12 2011

Interclub-Calistoga

Nov 15 2011

**News**

Joke of the Month

Thought for the Month - Who Said It?

Quote of the Month - Who Said It?

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Hi, I'm **Michelle Hock**, the one who busily flits around the room prior to the start of the meeting. I joined this great organization in November 2009.

I was born in Bakersfield a couple of years back, and graduated from Garces Memorial H.S., where we regularly beat the Drillers in football and Dance competition. I also have a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Fresno State Univ.

I love my job. I am the Napa Area Director for Senior Helpers which melds nicely with my degree from Fresno.

I am retired from playing soccer since 1995 as I wanted to save my knees for running, which I do regularly, but only coach soccer.

In addition to Kiwanis, I am on the Board of Friends of the Library, a member of the Alliance on Aging and in to TV and Radio production.

My husband is Keith, the younger man I found in a bar. We have been married 16 years this month and have a daughter Madie, my running prodigy and son Kadel, the one with the beautiful long blond curls.

My interests other than family, community and work are soccer, boot camp and food & wine for which I exercise and run all the time.

I always get asked about my ethnicity. My maiden name is Chapman, so you figure it out. (ed. I think she's Swedish).

Don't remind Brock that I went to the No. 1 H.S. in Bakersfield.

Finally, I didn't do it, but might know who did.

O'BYRNE WONDERS----Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them??

Board Report from Jennie!*by Jennie Thayer*

As always, I like to begin these reports with a brief description of the menu for the evening (just to let those of you who don't participate know what you're missing). To celebrate **President Barry Martin's** return we had a catered meal starting with appetizers (pate`, caviar, and sparkling wines). Next we were served beef Wellington with garlic mashed potatoes and baby asparagus paired with Screaming Eagle Cabernet, ok - forget it, this just isn't going to fly with any of you. We actually had bologna roll-ups and beer. Happy homecoming! Beer is *not* my beverage of choice, but I am a team player.



Since **President Barry** had been publicly humiliated by **Danis Kreimier** at the noon meeting, we all felt it was important to show him our utmost respect, ok - forget this too, I must be writing in a parallel universe here. In reality, we let big **Ryan (Grant)** pick on him some more just for fun.

There was some business to conduct - **Barry** sounded fairly official as he rushed through the agenda (jet lag was playing a part here). **Debbie Egan** gave the secretary's report, and as always, she was lovely and delightful. Our esteemed Treasurer was MIA - rather interesting that the President is gone for 3 weeks, and then his Treasurer disappears the week he returns - I'm not saying there's anything fishy here, but we might need to examine the finances and make sure the crab feed money isn't in Bulgaria. (Did you know beer makes you burp a lot?)

Our esteemed PLGs **Jim Jones** and **Diane Brown** were at the meeting, and somebody decided that they needed to be better identified as the Old Codger and the Cougar. I don't remember which is which, at any rate we discussed school supplies for the teachers and our role now that **Dorothy Streich** isn't able to chair the collection and delivery of items. **Melinda Adams** is checking on the process and how we might continue to provide support to our community.

Mary Hudson reported about the Pathway Home Service Dogs, and I'm happy to learn that these dogs are *not* expected to serve meals like I had previously reported. I'm not sure what gets in my way when I'm trying to take the notes. (Beer burps sometimes come out your nose - this can be a bit distracting, but I'm a team player)

Now things got really interesting, as **Larry Pollard** was asked to report on the scholarship committee status. I think it was really amazing that he "didn't know he was supposed to report" and was unprepared. My notes show that he has 14 people on the committee, 6 that he could remember, and 8 that he couldn't. Hmmmm. Anyway, I recommend only asking **Larry** to report on things when he's *not* prepared, because he managed to talk about what he didn't know for about 20 minutes. I know this because beer makes you have to use the facilities or wiggle a lot in your seat while you're waiting for a pause in the program. He's planning on returning in May for another report - somebody shoot me, please.

Jill Cadloni is planning a Membership Day in May, it will probably be planned when **Barry** is absent - we'll have a better chance of getting new members to join.

Ryan Grant is going to work on a club raffle for the Tahoe time-share condo. Of course, a presidential retreat was suggested.

I know we talked about other stuff, but the main thing I've got in my notes is that **President Barry** didn't want to meet with us in April (*surprise*) and has decided not to provide as much food at board meetings from now on, just snacks and Jello shots.

I'm not fond of Jello, but I am a team player.

Respectfully yours,

Jennie Thayer

Senior Cell Phone Program

by Michelle Hock



The senior cell phone program is moving rapidly forward! We will have our first program on Sunday, March 6th at 1pm.

The first session will be at the Meadows of Napa Valley. Thank you **Chelli Warnock**! We will be meeting in Rebekah's Café. And, rumor has it, there will be sodas and popcorn, too!

I am very excited to announce, we will have approximately 8 high school students available for our first group of 'senior' cell phone users. We will have managed to recruit/force/bribe/twist the arms of 8 of our very own Kiwanians to allow us to use them as Guinea Pigs. No worries to my friends, video-taping will not be allowed! What happens in Rebekah's Café will stay in Rebekah's Café!

Anticipating nothing but success (because I have high expectations!), we will select another date and open the next session to the Meadows' residents and the general public. We will keep you posted after our next committee meeting.

Thank you to the committee members **Jim Roberts, Ken Fehring, Ed Estin, Mike Mautner, Melinda Adams** and **Chris Salese**. Pending committee members, **Al Miluso** (bring nuts) and **Bill O'Byrne** (b.y.o.b), as well as anyone else that signed up or wants to sign up is welcome to come on board.

Our next meeting will be March 15th at 5pm. We meet at 1100 Trancas, Suite 214, Senior Helpers office. Yes! That is the old "pink palace"!

For more information contact: **Michelle Hock** 707-529-1540 (cell), mhock@seniorhelpers.com

Who has a birthday this month?

Happy Birthday to you.....

March 3	Jill Cadlioni	March 21	Kelly Wallace
March 5	Jo Seifert	March 23	John Pritchard
March 10	Christine Jamison	March 27	Wayne Sutton
March 11	Lynda Jensen	March 28	Rick Feldstein
March 19	Chelli Warnock		

