

The Saratoga Rotarian

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Meetings: Fridays 12:15 p.m. Saratoga Community Center,
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The Araldi Baby Shower



Dan is holding on to the two most important beings in his life; his wife Dorothy and Baby (w/ no name yet).



Ed must have said something really funny! He's looking impish and Connie and Dorothy are breaking up!!



The gift opening – see story in Milestones on Page 3.



Being the Editor has its perks.

Is it the truth?
Will it build friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?
Is it fair to all concerned?

Deadlines

Bulletin inputs are due to Jim Oggerino by 5:00 p.m. every other Thursday. Next deadline is **October 26th**.

Foundation Grant Applications were due by **October 17th**, Saratoga Rotary Charitable Foundation, P.O. Box 2244, Saratoga, CA 95070. **The Foundation meets and reviews grant applications on November 16th**.

Upcoming Programs

October 20 – Kasemchai Nitiwanakun, a Rotarian from Silom, Thailand – Partners In Service
October 27 – Jim Otto – Ex-Super Bowl – Oakland Raider
November 3 – Professor Lynn Orr – Stanford Global Climate Energy Project
November 10 – Brad Howard (Past District Governor) – Touched by the Rotary Foundation
November 17 – RED BADGERS Special Program
November 24 – DARK

Mark Your Calendars

Board Meetings are the first Thursday of every month. The next Board Meeting is **November 2nd**.

November 10 – Bay Meadows Horse Race Night \$35 per person. Includes parking, admission, dinner and our private pavilion for viewing the race. Please pay at Friday's meeting or use www.saratogarotary.org for registration and payment. Contact Dan Araldi: (408) 205 2828

December 8 – Holiday Party \$125 per person – Villa Montalvo

SAVE THE DATE – FEBRUARY 3RD

Who Would Like To Be A Host?

Plans are in motion for a Progressive Dinner – we need 20 hosts. You can host a dinner or appetizers – each host will entertain approximately 10 people. Contact Debby Rice (408) 741-1751 OR Reiko Iwanaga (408) 867-4525 for details.

Weekly Member Assignments

FLAG – Lead the flag salute with “I pledge allegiance.”

GREETER – Arrive at 11:45am to welcome members and visitors.

SETUP/TEAR DOWN – Get the room ready for our meeting: set up microphones, podium, flags, visitors banners, and set out drinks.

After the meeting, put all the above away neatly.

INSPIRATION – Deliver a 2-minute (or less) message that stimulates thoughts or emotions.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Flag</u>	<u>Inspiration</u>	<u>Setup/Tear Down</u>
10/20	Tronson	Tubbs	Wagar	Wheelwright
10/27	Biester	Brandenburg	Brookfield	Burger
11/03	Burnett	Cabrinha	Cappello	Case
11/10	Catalano	Chin	Christensen, J	Christensen, P

LeBlanc Lore

Q: What sports have you engaged in?

A: As a kid, Little League baseball, street ball, kick the can, and tether ball. In the Navy at Mare Island, Vallejo, CA (Radar School) six man, full dress, full field tackle football. The Oak Knoll Hospital Marines kicked our behinds. I was a free safety at 185 pounds. Now it's kind of mild --- fishing and walking or hiking. Does baking count?



President's Message

I want to thank the club for being patient while I was away. The weekly meetings were in good hands with Past Presidents **Ann Marie Burger, Dan Floyd and Tom Stiober** presiding. I am very grateful to them. My ten-day, long-range fishing trip in the Pacific Ocean off San Diego was great. The 21 anglers on board were from California and Arizona, and ranged in age from 38 to 90. The 90 year old and I (60) celebrated our birthdays on board. A fellow Rotarian, Daniel Hare, Classification Lobbyist, was aboard from Oak Forest, CA. We almost had enough for a make up meeting. Ask me about none other than Willie Nelsen!

Annual Gift Giving has started. Our Rotary Foundation Chairperson, **Connie Palladino**, reports about one third of our club has pledged or sent in contributions. Please give as you can, but remember to give before December 6th, since the Rotary District 5170 raffle is on that day. The Grand Prize is a trip for two - including air fare and six-nights lodging at the Fairmont Orchid Resort, on the Big Island of Hawaii. Let's keep in mind, "Every Rotarian, Every year"--- a Double Sustainer. Let's Lead the Way.

The 2006/2007 RF CALENDER:

PARTNERS IN SERVICE; OCT 16-27,2006

AVENUES OF SERVICE; Oct. 19, 2006

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN; Oct/Nov 2006

COG APPLICATION DEADLINE; Jan 31, 2007

MATCHING GRANT APPLICATION

DEADLINE; Feb.28th, 2007

For more details see www.RotaryDistrict5170.org.

We Are Having Fun in '51.

Rotary On-Line

Please visit www.rotarydistrict5170.com the Districts Internet site to find out more about our District's monthly themes.

Please visit, www.saratogarotary.org to explore what is our specific club is up to and to register for social gatherings, or to sign up for email bulletin distribution.

Milestones

Dan and Dorothy Araldi will become parents for the first time in November - a truly magnificent milestone. Under the guise of a TGIF party, about 60 people, including **Don and Katie Perez** with their beautiful daughter Rachel, feted the couple with a surprise baby Shower at **Ed Porter's** beautiful home. The food and drinks were marvelous, the company congenial, and the gift opening was a hoot. Multiple boxes, one inside the other, each elaborately wrapped lead the couple to a final small box containing the gift certificate - almost \$500 - donated by generous Club members. Dan and Dorothy said a big time thank you. It was a pleasant event for such a nice couple (or is that a threesome). They don't know whether it is a boy or girl and they have not yet settled on any names, so we say, "Good luck Baby It". May you have many brothers and sisters (see Page 1 for pictures)!

Rene Accornero celebrated his 75th birthday in September. In preparation, Rene and Marianne enjoyed a Blue Danube River Cruise in July and they'll be heading to Maui at the end of October. Also, they're expecting a new grandchild in December. Hey Rene, slow down a little - you're 75!

A Brief Look at Afghanistan

Rosemary Stasek, our well-informed and dynamic speaker on October 6th, gave us a whirlwind, 30-minute tour of Afghanistan. She described the status of the Taliban as taking over the country once again, building from the Southeast part along the Pakistani boarder and moving north towards Kabul, the capital. No military resources and all attention on Iraq facilitate this slow regression of the country back to the Taliban regime, something that could happen as early as next year. Rosemary, who has lived in Afghanistan for the last 18-months described what life it like for most Afghani's and some of their culture. She also gave us a short pictorial overview of a colorful people. In general, life is getting more risky, especially for educated females, but life does go on (See page 4 for pictures).

When You Want to Send the Very Best

Chuck Page and Kathleen King are running for office in the upcoming election - both for the Saratoga City Council. Kathleen is an incumbent. Let's support our fellow Rotarians in the election by voting for them and asking others to help elect them.

Komedy Korn-er

We all know **Jim LeBlanc** went on a big fishing trip for his 60th birthday. In the middle of a fish story Jim didn't expect **Del Carlo** to shout from the luncheon audience, "What do you use for bait to catch frozen fish?" The response was a roar of laughter. That's Fun in '51.

Q: What do you call an empty jar of Cheeze Whiz?

A: Cheeze Whuz.

Inner Wheel

It's that time of year again. Why not stop by at lunch and purchase a 2007 Entertainment book? They often pay for themselves on the first use or two. Cost - \$25. Proceeds go to the Children's Myoelectric Limb Bank.

Foundation Drive Status

Connie Palladino, Foundation Chair, reports that with 7 weeks to go on the Foundation Drive we have collected \$13,000 from 47 members, 40 of which are Double Sustainers at a minimum \$200 level. Forty times \$200 is only \$8,000, so it appears we already have some heavy hitters contributing. Keep up the great work.

Where Does It Go!

This year we have begun to report on the projects that are funded by the Club's Charitable Foundation (SRCF). Now, we will begin to list and describe projects that the Club is doing, or has done, using funds from our Charitable Foundation, leveraged by District Designated Funds (DDF), and Rotary International (RI) Funds. Usually, we are able to leverage our funds by as much as 2 ½ when using DDF and RI funding.

Jitka Cymbal, Chair, International Committee, reports that through our Club's efforts, \$17,500 was donated to the Shriankar Singh Memorial Fund in Delhi, India, to purchase an ambulance, so that doctors can travel to remote areas and perform life-saving surgery. The \$17,500 was comprised of \$5,000 from SRCF, \$5,000 from DDF, and \$7,500 from RI.

Welcome

The Club welcomes Peter Marra, a newly inducted Red Badger. His sponsors are Reiko Iwanaga and John Tauchi.

We Care

The American Cancer Society thanked Saratoga Rotary with a Certificate attesting to our generosity in raising \$3980 during the Walk for Life event. Adrian Stanga was looking good at last week's meeting. Joan and Ron Pisani are back from a great trip to Hawaii. Sheila Heid is doing real well.

Editorial (by JPO)

The Bulletin is in a transition year. Cost increases have dictated that we change from color to black and white production. However, with the magic of the electronic age, almost all Members are able to get the Bulletin in rich color. Starting with this issue, you will be able to simply link to the Bulletin from the Club's Website at www.saratogarotary.org. Also, to start things off we are sending members their own color copy via email. If after reviewing the electronic color copies you decide you want to stop getting black and white via the post office, please go to www.saratogarotary.org, and under the Notices section on the home page, click on the words "Sign Up" to complete the email request form.

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Update on Afghanistan



Rosemary Stasek, wearing a jacket made from an Afghani turban, tells the story (See Page 3).



A guard at the local prison. It must be cold!



Men dancing at a wedding. I'm guessing the groom and the father of the bride. The joy is evident in the crowd and on the groom's face. Let's pray that joy stays around.



A Mother and baby in Hospital. Kids are beautiful everywhere.