

# Spinnings Rotary Club of San Mateo

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### Upcoming Programs

- Nov 26 **Thanksgiving! Remember, you are what you eat!**
- Dec 03 **Dennis Quirin, California Forward. These folks are trying to fix California's fiscal future. Don't want to miss this one!**

### Spinnings for Nov. 19 2009

Note: It is not often that one of our own is elected to the City Council. There will be a brief ceremony to view David Lim's Coronation on Dec. 7. Rotarians, stay tuned. I think they are serving faux crab (mmm, reconstituted Alaskan pollock!) due to the budget cuts, but am not sure.



### ROTARY SPINNINGS FOR 19-NOV-2009

**Bell** rung at 12:20 by President Peter Webb.  
**Pledge** by new member Jeff Griffith.  
**Thought** for the Day by June Lamb, so profound and timely it bears full disclosure:

*Pathways to Inner Peace*

Be the change you want to see happen instead of trying to change everyone else.  
Receive all persons as beautiful exactly where they are.  
Provide people with good opportunities to give.  
Perceive problems as opportunities.

Have no expectations but rather abundant expectancy.  
Create your own reality consciously, rather than living as if you had no control over your life.

**We sang** "America the Beautiful" led by T. Jack Foster



**Newscast** by Martin Harband, with the usual lame jokes.



**Sunshine** report by Bob Whitehill: Former member Dave Wisnom is no longer with us, and current member Tom Reimer is back among us after successful eye surgery. (Glad to see you. Can you see us?)

**Visiting Rotarians** introduced by Marsha Eddleman included Jean Silveira from Burlingame and Bruce Paris from San Carlos.

Frank Baldanzi's **guest** was former member Jay Creighton, Pete Wanger introduced Al Schick, retired US Navy submarine officer.

**Raffle results** from the Coyote Point Museum (courtesy of Rachel Meyer). Last minute mini-raffle for folks buying ticket Thurs night (22 tickets); an elegant bottle of wine went to Lee Osborne. Grand prize winner: Bill Kenney trip to

Alaska for 6, Trip to Hawaii for 4 Dan Ionescu, Airship ride around bay for 2 Margaret Taylor. Peter has prize envelopes. This was a record-setting raffle, tribute to a generous dedicated growing club.

Cruise Directors Baldanzi and Chalmers (Deluna must already be on a cruise) congratulated the club for selling 556 tickets so far, with heroic numbers posted by Jeanne Elliot (21), Luther Izmirian (18), Jim Chalmers (18) and Dick DeLuna (16). Thank you all for your support!

**Birthday** celebrations were in order for Frank Baldanzi, Todd Foster, Alex Kent, Aron Hoffman, Bill Kenney, David Lim, Nick Rogers, David Skromme, Laura Walker and Bill Walters. Cute and/or embarrassing photos were displayed as Luther Izmirian led us in "Happy Birthday".

Frank Baldanzi stole the microphone to tell us that today, November 19<sup>th</sup> and his actual birthday, is designated by the Rotarian Magazine's International Calendar as "World Toilet Day". Just wanted us to know. Then he "flushed" himself into the President's Club. Thanks, Frank.

David Lim and Susan Lopez-Guerra (and committee) were thanked for their incredible organization of last Sunday's **Rotary Fun Run** along the bayside. 170 runners (out of 220 registered) actually showed up including one whose son had received a Rotary Scholarship and was now a teacher. Contributing to the event's success were gourmet goodies provided by Mollie Stone's (Dave Bennett) and Shaw's Candies (Jeff

Sosnick), and banners by Dave Skromme.

**Oscar Lopez-Guerra** returned from a hiking expedition to Seville, Spain, (heralded by a chorus of castanet wielding beauties) where he spent time ðworking on his accentö and having dinner with Barbara Everø's daughter. He presented Peter Webb with a bottle of wine and a touching note: ðThank you for rekindling my Rotary passionö.



**Flamenc-“O” and his flamencettes**

**Nuclear Submarines: today's speaker, introduced by Todd Foster, was Dennis Murphy, USN Ret., now VP of Operation for Amgen, producing drugs for cancer treatment. A graduate of St. Ignatius HS in SF and the USNA (1981) his 24-year Navy career including commanding the USS Tucson (SSN 770 Attack Sub) and Commodore, Submarine Squadron #7.**



**USS Tucson NCC-82084**

Sorry, that USS Tucson belongs to Starfleet.

Sorry, hereø's the USS Tucson nuclear sub that was formerly commanded by our speaker, Dennis Murphy!



The US Navy uses three types of nuclear-powered submarines: 55 attack submarines (think ðHunt for the Red Octoberö), 14 Trident missile launchers and 4 hybrid/special purpose modified Tridents.



**Dennis Murphy**

The ðboomersö (Tridents) carry 24 ICBMø's with a 4000 mile range, each with 8 multiple-target warheads. Any time a Trident puts to sea, it becomes the fourth most powerful nuclear-armed presence on the planet. They represent the main component of our MAD (Mutually Assured Destruction) military policy against cold-war adversaries.

The attack vessels are fast and stealthy and are designed to locate, stalk and, if necessary, eliminate the other guyø's boomers before they have a chance to launch.

The post cold war mission has become more complicated, involving operations in shallow and restricted waters, often for the purpose of intelligence gathering with the periscope used as a radio signal sponge. Additional missions involve cruise missile launches and stealthy deployment of special forces (Navy SEALs).

Life on board a metal tube the size of a football field (between the hash marks) allows for little privacy, with three crew sharing two bunks (hot racking) and shifts of 6 hours on with 12 hours off (used for training, chores and occasionally sleep) with constant humming of machinery, no visual distances greater than 50 feet, and very little color. It takes about two weeks to adjust to the 18-hour duty cycle, to where you can no longer sense time. Yet the crew needs to be able to go a full 24 hours without sleep if the mission requires it. It's a "young man's game."

The nuclear reactor is designed to last for "the life of the ship," (30+ years). It makes its own oxygen and water, carries food for 90 days, and could power a city of 70-80,000 (most of San Mateo).

World War II submarines were named after fish. Following Hyman Rickover's pursuit of nuclear powered submarines (the Nautilus launched in 1950), subs were named after cities and states because "fish can't vote!"

Since the fall of the Soviet Empire, our main area of concern is now China, which is pursuing a regional domination and territorial denial strategy against the United States around the Taiwan Straits and Philippines. Their primary mission is to eliminate carrier battle groups. The Chinese are producing 8-9 nuclear-powered submarines each year vs. our production rate of only 1 every 18 months.

**Optional future meeting:**

Congresswoman Jackie Spier will speak on health care at Burlingame Rotary, noon on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, Sheraton Gateway Hotel, 600 Airport Blvd.

*Pete Wanger, Roving Editor*

*Chris Eckert, Photos*

*Chuck Cattano, Starfleet Captain*

## **REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

Board ô 2nd Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

Board meets at the Main Library

Program ô 4th Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Program meets at Park Towers, 700 Laurel Ave.

COG ô 1st Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

COG at Rotary Floritas - 99 27th Avenue, San Mateo

Subject to change ô visit <http://www.rotary5150.org> for latest information

## **MAKEUP SCHEDULE**

### **MONDAY**

Belmont, 12:15, Vanø Restaurant

Burlingame, 12:15, Sheraton Gateway

### **TUESDAY**

Millbrae, 12:15, Green Hills CC

Pacifica, 7:15 am, Sharp Park GC

Peninsula Sunrise, 7:30 a.m., Harbor House Rest.

Redwood City, 12:15, Sequoia Club

San Francisco, Noon, Kensington Park Hotel

San Francisco Greater Mission, 7:45 am, Double Play Restaurant

### **WEDNESDAY**

Daly City, 12:15, Marie Callenderø Restaurant

Foster City, 12:15, Crowne Plaza

Menlo Park, 12:15, Menlo Park Rec Center

San Bruno, 12:15, El Rancho Inn

San Francisco Bayview, 6 pm, So. Seafood Village

SFO Airport, 12:00, Firewood Café, Intø Terminal

Woodside/Portola Valley, 7:30 am, Woodside Village Church

### **THURSDAY**

Fishermanø Wharf, 7:30 am, Franciscan Restaurant

Half Moon Bay, 12:15, United Methodist Church

So. San Francisco, 12:15, Basque Cultural Center

### **FRIDAY**

San Carlos, 12:15, Piaceri Restaurant