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This Week's Program

February 2:
WAYNE BEST
Economist
Visa International

Upcoming Programs:

February 9:
JOHN HENNESSY
President
Stanford University

February 16:
DR JUDITH GREIG
President
Notre Dame de Namur University

Spinnings for January 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order by **Prez Kitty-Corner**. **Tom Huening** "Zen'd" us all the thought for the day. Tom noted that he was pinch-hitting for **John Kelly**, saying he told John we'll expect him back to do the invocation in March. **T. Jack Foster** led us in song.

Visitors were introduced, including two there for the third time: **Rachel Del Monte**, branch manager, Peninsula YMCA and San Mateo Public Works Director **Larry Patterson**, a former San Mateo Rotarian.

Carol Bullock announced that we had no visitors.

Bo Whitehill gave the Sunshine report, saying Tyce Fields' wife has undergone some serious surgery. He said **John Kelly**, now at Atria, appreciates visitors (250 Myrtle Road, Burlingame; His cell phone should now be available: (650) 344-4808.)

Mahesh Khatwani received his permanent badge, after sharing a little bit of information about himself. Mahesh is a real estate developer who specializes in medical office buildings. His office is on Airport Blvd. in Burlingame.



Birthdays:

Carol Bullock congratulated a bevy of birthday boys and girls. As complete a list as my feeble mind can recall is here: **Eric Barrett, Bill Borden, Jim Engel, Melanie Hildebrand, Tom Huening, Jim Mason, Dick Romanski, Francois Sorba, Peter Sortwell, Brian Sullivan, Steve Way** and **Ron Borelli**.

June Lamb and **Peter Webb** presented two members with their Paul Harris Fellow awards: **Clarke Funkhouser** (his first) and **Richard Holmes** (his second).



Cog Club: The Cog Club will hold an extra midday meeting right after Rotary (1:30 – 2:15PM) on Thursday, February 15.

Barbara Evers announced that the late **Jud Green's** wife, **Cecile**, passed away this week in San Mateo. Her son, John, who is a superior court judge in LA, called to let our club members know. He said our club meant the world to Jud and Cecile and thanked us for all of our kindness to his parents. Services will be held at 11 AM Saturday, February 4 at Sneider and Sullivan, 977 El Camino Real, San Mateo

Jeanne Elliott brought in a few students to talk about the dictionary distribution our club did to third graders at various schools in San Mateo. **Kitty Lopez, Tom Thompson, Mike Peterson and Oscar Lopez-Guerra** joined Jeanne and some students for the distribution. Prez “**Here, Kitty, Kitty** “ read some thank you notes from some of the third graders.



REMINDERS: Mystery Night will be held **Saturday, March 31**, at a cost of \$100 per person. Please email Anne LeClair if you will be attending (AnneL@smccvb.com) or sign up at a club meeting. (Please include total number of people attending.) Payment should be made at a club meeting. You do NOT want to miss this one!

The first **dine-out** of the year will be on **February 2 at Tannourine Restaurant** on 25th Avenue in San Mateo. Pls. tell **Rosemary Azem** if you plan to attend.

A **fundraiser for PAL** will be hosted by Vault 164, the new restaurant located in the former Crocker Bank (and billiard parlor) on B Street. It will be held on Monday, January 30. There will be two seatings, 6 and 7:30 PM. Please contact Susan or Sheila for more details.

The Program:

Mary McMillan, deputy county manager, introduced fellow panel members **Laura Bent** from Samaritan House, **John Joy**, director of San Mateo County’s Public Works Department and **Susan Tacolo** of Second Harvest Food Bank to discuss Human and Social Services.



Among the points made:

- The state has shifted its problem to the counties, resulting in more and more people in need of jobs, housing, food and services coming out of the criminal justice system/state prisons to San Mateo County.
- The county handles a cluster of work training/work experience programs, plus some veterans' services and child care services.
- The Employment Services Department handles the Workforce Investment Act Program for employers/employees, Cal Works (formerly welfare) Employment Services to adults to get them back into employment and vocational rehabilitation services, and a program to offer services and job training for people in the mental health system and general assistance to those able to work.
- The governor proposes a 1.1 billion dollar cut for Cal Works, a reduction in the safety net for child-only cases of 16% and a decrease in the level of income at which people are eligible for child care subsidies.
- Second Harvest focuses on hunger, with one in four residents struggling with, or at risk for, hunger.
- Second Harvest works with over 300 non-profit agencies, providing food for families.
- Over 50% of the food distributed by Second Harvest consists of fresh fruits and vegetables;
- Second Harvest also provides food for seniors and snacks for children on the weekend, when they are not able to get subsidized meals at school.
- Second Harvest serves over 240,000 people a month, 74,000 of those in San Mateo County.
- Much of Samaritan House's food comes from Second Harvest.
- Samaritan House provides 120,000 meals per year to people in need, and operates medical and dental clinics.
- Client services are offered at Samaritan House, with over 700 people per month receiving help and guidance with rental and shelter assistance, utility assistance, car repairs and medical assistance.

- Samaritan House's shelter, operated in partnership with the County, sees between 90 and 110 people per night.
- The Samaritan House holiday program operates with 1500 volunteers and delivers gifts to over 2500 children.
- Samaritan House also operates a worker resource center in downtown San Mateo, seeing over 100 people per day.

Photos: **Peter Webb**

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REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Board — 2nd Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

Board meets at the Main Library

Program — last Friday of the month, 7:30 a.m.

Program meets at Park Towers, 700 Laurel Ave.

COG — 1st Thursday, 7:30 a.m.

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

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

MAKEUP SCHEDULE

MONDAY

Belmont, 12:15, Van's 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., Pete's Harbor, Redwood City

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 Callender's 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, Int'l Terminal

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

THURSDAY

Fisherman's Wharf, 7:30 am, Franciscan Restaurant

Half Moon Bay, 12:15, United Methodist Church

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

FRIDAY

San Mateo Sunrise, 7:30 am Crystal Springs GC

San Carlos, 12:15, Piaceri Restaurant