

eCone

Meeting: Oct. 15, 2009

Presiding Rotarian: Mary Bellefeuille

Visiting Rotarians: none

eCone correspondent: Evan Tuchinsky

Inductions & Honors

Assistant District Governor and Paradise Rotarian **Pam Gray** had the honor of inducting **Alice Smith** into the club. (It only seems like she's been a member – now she officially is, and becomes the first person in the club's 63-year history to become a Centenarian Rotarian!) Alice was , presented with a Rotary pin by sponsor **Mark DiDuca**.

Tom Baker was presented with a Sponsorship pin by **Ed Doyle**.

Updates

Membership Minute: Dean Fender described the “fireside orientation” at the Grays during the power outage (look below for one such detail, in the Recognitions section) and encouraged everyone to think about who in your circle would make a good Rotarian and invite him/her to the next meeting.

Interact Minute: Trudi Angel talked about a Nov. 8 conference in the Bay Area for Interact members – drivers needed (hint, hint!) – and asked for volunteers to serve as chaperones for the Interactors' dance on Dec. 19. (Look below for the bell-ring that came at the end of her minute ...)

Public Relations Minute: Casey Taylor encouraged business owners to display Rotary brochures and announced the launch of the eCone you're reading right now!

Fake Bonus Points: 100 to Dave Bermann (Rotary sticker on his car)

Hey, you're still reading! Fantastic! Here's a little bonus (as opposed to fake bonus points) for still paying attention ...

Presidential Trivia: Who was the first United States President to be photographed? First correct e-mail answer to Mary (pmbellfay@comcast.net) wins a Wild Card Make-up!

Announcements

Volunteers needed: Mary asked for a “professional organizer” and a “storage marshal” to reorganize the storage container and keep it inventoried, respectively. Art Pollock volunteered (again!).

Halloween Hat Day: At the Oct. 29 meeting, wear a hat apropos to All Hallows Eve.

Pumpkins: Pictures of the ginormous orange gourds will be Oct. 24, 1 p.m., Paradise Garden Center, where they'll be brought for the weigh-in.

Softball: Moving up a division is best left unheralded. Instead, look ahead to the upcoming playoffs! Date and time TBA, announced in a future eCone.

House of Sports: Curtiss Landers announced the grand total raised for the Paradise High athletics fundraiser at last week's meeting. It's \$4,000! He would appreciate all who pledged to buy the raffle tickets to actually do so, lest he be forced to live in the house himself! (He reports that Mrs. Badger took the news of his generosity as well as could be expected ...)

Day at the Races: Rotary Foundation's event at Golden Gate Fields is Dec. 5. Details at www.rotary5160.org.

Town's 30th Birthday: Mark your calendar for Nov. 21.

Crab Feed: Mark your calendar for Feb. 6 at Veteran's Hall. Planning meeting is TBA, but the theme has been set: Mardi Gras (inspiring Tom Gagne's pledge to craft a “Mardi Grog”!).

Open Studios Tour: Paradise's artists welcome visitors to their galleries this weeked, Oct. 17-18. Tom Baker has more information, for reasons detailed in the next section ...

Recognitions (a.k.a. Fines)

Trudi Angel: Cannot chaperone the Interact dance or take Interactors to the conference for reasons that went undisclosed ... though murmurs that sounded like Nutcracker rippled around the room. **1 bell**

Tom Baker: Plugged his wife's gallery during the Open Studios Tour announcement. **1 bell**

Tim Elloway: Hasn't reprinted his brochures since joining Rotary oh-so-many years ago, so all around town are ads missing a key detail. **1 bell**

Dean Fender: Memory lapse regarding #3 in the Four Way Test, both at orientation and this meeting. **2 bells**

Mike Viale: "Long and boring convention" ... in Hawaii!!! Eight people, 6 days, 4 hours of convention attendance and no bear = **4 bells**

Chuck Eppeheimer: Trip to his Michigan hometown to see his family (and watch the Tigers on local TV). He brought back pictures with a bear, so: **2 bells**

Larry Hartt: Son is playing Rocky in "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" as detailed in the Chico E-R. **3 bells**

Speaker

Jayne Locus, Paradise Garden Club

Topic: Daffodils Across the Ridge

Jayne, PGC's Beautification Chairperson, detailed the project that her club unveiled last year, which brought 60,000 daffodil bulbs to the Ridge. Among the most notable plantings were 4,000 bulbs at Bille Park, 3,500 at the town entrance, 2,000 at Terry Ashe and 1,000 at Skyway and Elliott. Jayne was inspired by three things: the 2002 NYC Daffodil Project commemorating 9/11, Dan Kennedy's impressive display of daffodils at his storage facility, and a sign she received while she was ill that since has become her (and PGC's) mantra – "To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

PGC has donated \$2,000 and so far raised \$2,000 for this year's planting, which will begin in mid-November, when the bulbs arrive. If you are interested in donating, either for the public planting or to get bulbs so you can plant some yourself (\$25 => 100 bulbs), e-mail daffodils4paradise@att.net or call 877-2432.

“It’s a vision for many years to come that the Ridge will have another kind of gold,” Jayne said, referring to the yellow flowers. “Every year we plant a garden, we know there will be another tomorrow.”
