

# eCone

**Meeting:** Nov. 5, 2009

**Presiding Rotarian:** Mary Bellefeuille

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**Visiting Rotarians:** Neal Bordenave, Chico

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**eCone correspondents:** Mary Bellefeuille and Casey Taylor

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## **Board Meeting Review**

**PR:** Our great PR Rotarian, **Casey Taylor**, has managed to get our weekly meeting on the calendar in the Paradise Post and the Chico ER. Our club is mentioned in the District Newsletter from District Governor Earl Kilmer. Mary emailed the club a copy this morning.

**Rotary Foundation:** Changes in tax laws for non-profits are coming in January; the District will keep us up to date. Rotary International is doing a two-year pilot program for the Foundation, and our district is one of the pilot districts. It will affect how our matching grant system works.

**Community service:** Our club contributes to a lot of organizations on the Ridge in various ways. We have received a lot of requests for food drives for holiday food baskets, weekly lunch and dinner programs as well as the food bank. Discussion with board members brought up the idea of collecting cans each week at Rotary meetings as well as the possibility of “passing the hat” every other week, or once a month, to continue to help. There is no way to put every organization into our budget; this is just a way to keep stepping up to the plate where we can. Every \$50 helps.

**New member proposal:** Rotarian **Trevor Davis** proposed **Greg Bolin**.

**Chocolate Queen:** Don't forget **Jackie Gitman**'s request for help for her campaign. **Sherry Swim** shared that the Chocolate Fest committee has identified around 30 organizations to which the proceeds will go in 2010.

**Paradise pins:** The board voted to purchase 100 pins if other members of the club will purchase some. These pins go all over the world with Exchange Students and International Conferences; **Art Pollock** took some to China on his trip; etc. If we order 500, we can get them for \$1.15 each. The last batch was purchased by an individual and all of us used them. Contact Mary.

**Quota request:** Quota asked if Rotary could run the bar for their March 6, 2010 fundraiser.

**Mike Viale** expressed the concern that it is becoming increasingly more difficult to get help with these bar events. He said it is a great PR thing for us to do, but he needs the club to be behind it. Some board discussion points: create a Bar Team list; have team captains take that on as a team project; each time we do an event, we have the opportunity to raise anywhere from \$300 to \$600 for that organization. (Mike shared at the Club meeting that “you don’t have to be a bartender; there are other areas – ticket sales, set up, take down, etc.” He also shared how much fun it is, a great way to meet people, especially for new members, and asked for a club discussion, with an idea to do one bar event per month.) For now, it seems we will continue to provide this service.

**November invoices:** Statements are being mailed out this month for dues from January to June. Our Club pays Rotary International in January, so please pay as soon as you can.

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## **Updates**

**Foundation Minute:** Kathy Maxwell announced that Foundation recognitions will be made at the Thursday, Nov. 19 meeting. She also reminded us that November is Rotary Foundation Month and “please make your donation.”

**Interact Minute:** Vickie Perez reminded us of the need for chaperones for the Nov. 8 District Meeting in the Bay Area, going from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.; seven or eight Interact-ers would like to go and are on “hold”. She is checking on the possibility of someone from Willows driving them if we can get them to Willows. Mary encouraged the club to check out the Interact Video Contest on YouTube; the focus was on teens in the juvenile justice system.

**Public Relations Minute:** Casey Taylor shared that next week, Bob Irvine, Mary B. and she will be presenting the result of the Vision Planning meeting we had a few months ago. She wanted us all to think about if it this were the year 2014 and we were writing a letter to the Rotary International President wanting to receive the Gold Medallion award.

**Sports Minute:** Kent Rasmussen gave a “Sports Minute” to many boos from the crowd as he announced the Yankees’ victory in the World Series. In honor of the Yanks, he read some Yogi Berra sayings that were moderately funny.

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## **Announcements**

**Missing items:** Following items are still missing from the storage unit: aprons, a pop-up tent, two tables and a cash-box. Still offering “no questions asked” amnesty to people who return said items. (One cash box has shown up – as promised, no questions were asked!)

**Color change:** Red-badger **Dave Bermann** was awarded his blue badge.

**Wildcard Make-ups:** Mary gave out make-up cards for **Keith McBride**'s team party on Friday, Oct. 30, where all agreed the best costume was worn by lordly **Gil Gilbertson**.

**Perfect Attendance Pins:** Twenty-one members received perfect attendance pins were awarded to 21 members. **Ray Wilson, Jerry Laskey, Kent Rasmussen** and **Art Pollock** each got 1 bell because they couldn't remember how many years' perfect attendance they had.

**Dictionary Project:** Maureen Wisener announced that **Trevor Davis** has dictionaries and team captains have their school assignments. Contact Trevor.

**Chocolate Queen:** (see notes from board meeting)

**Make-up meeting:** Monday Night Football with the Durham Club, Mountain Mike's Pizza on Mangrove, 6:00 p.m. If red-badgers need to visit another club or if anyone needs a make-up meeting, Mary is going, so if anyone wants to go, give her a call.

**Town of Paradise Birthday Party:** For the event, **Pam Gray** has tickets for \$15, and **Mike Viale** passed around sign-ups to work the bar.

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## **Unannounced Announcements**

**She forgot!!!** A week after **Mary** remembered the raffle and got a rave in the eCone, she forgot again. When reminded, she gave **John Backues** the floor. He announced that every week there will be two Wild Card Make-ups available for those who get the chance to draw the Queen of Hearts. (The first beneficiary of the new incentive: **John Gilla**, who won both raffle chances ... though his luck didn't extend to his ability to pull the Queen of Hearts.) Mary prompted John to brag about the fact that he sold \$104 in raffle tickets last week; he went through the book and found that is the highest total ever. He even bragged how he got **Tom Baker** to purchase \$5 worth of tickets!

**Next New Member Orientation:** Tuesday, Nov. 17, Mary Bellefeuille's house, 6:00 p.m.

**Bring a friend to lunch:** For everyone who brings friendly folk to a meeting, that team will earn real, not fake, bonus points!

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## **Presidential Trivia**

Here is Mary's challenge for this week:

*What is the username and password to get the "members list" on the Paradise Rotary web site?*

Remember, first e-mail reply with the correct answer yields a coveted Wild Card Make-up Card!!!

**Last week's winner:** Justin Miley (Montreal, Canada, June 20-24)

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### **Recognitions (a.k.a. Fines)**

Just the bells listed above to those who couldn't remember their years in perfect attendance.

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### **Speaker**

**Junko Muria, Ambassadorial Scholar, from Japan**

**Topic:** Japan and her experience as Ambassadorial Scholar. She is a Ph.D candidate studying immigration in the history department at CSUC. She shared details about her country and her experiences in Chico. Gil Gilbertson impressed the membership as he asked his regular question of the speaker in Japanese!

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