

# eCone

**Meeting:** June 3, 2010

**Presiding Rotarian:** Mary Bellefeuille

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**Visiting Rotarians:** Georgie Bellin, Chico

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**eCone correspondent:** Evan Tuchinsky

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## Inductions & Honors

When **Nancy Eaton** and I (**Evan Tuchinsky**) sat down at the same table, little did we know we'd have another common experience: getting Blue Badges from Mary! ☺

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## Updates

**Board meeting recap:** Relishing the fact that she got through her final board meeting as president in just 45 minutes, Mary shared some highlights. We've collected less than a third of the dues we need by July 1, so please get your check on the way. Even with the outstanding receivables (I think that's the correct accounting terminology), the club has a surplus from her term, so "Bob is money ahead" for the 2010-11 budget. Meanwhile, she relayed that Justin Miley still is hunting for host families for our Foreign Exchange student; we're missing a pop-up tent, apparently since last year's Relay For Life ("look around your garage to see if you have it); and Bob Gustafson was granted Senior Exempt status based on the "rule of 85" (which, in his request letter, Bob says he deserves because his IQ is less than 85 and body temperature is above 85).

**Membership Minute:** Dean Fender says four or five prospective Rotarians will be at the next New Member Orientation, which will be held June 23 at 6:30 p.m. at his home. "We want to end the year with our goal of 100 members," he said, and sealing the deal with this group will make that wish a reality!

**Salsa de Border Minute:** Trudi Angel announced that the next organizational meeting will be June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Barney O'Rourke's.

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## **Announcements**

**Relay For Life:** “Basically,” Larry Lash summarized, “it’s this weekend. Anybody who can make it, we can use help. It should be fun. The weather should be great.” Come and suppose the cause and your clubmates at Paradise High from Saturday to Sunday.

**Related item:** Kiley Patterson’s employer will match up to \$1,000 in contributions to Relay For Life, so if you’re planning on giving, she encourages you to do so through her to double the bang of your bucks. (Don’t know who she works for? See Recognitions below ...)

**Gardeners’ delight:** Jim Johnson says the Paradise Garden Tour is this weekend, and the \$15 tickets (on sale at gardening centers in town) includes a chance to win a fountain or a maple tree to augment your own garden. Even if you don’t win, you can spruce up the yard with plants that will be for sale.

**Assuming you get this in time ... :** Trevor Davis says the CMA Church is holding a garage sale Friday evening and Saturday morning to benefit the youth who wish to go on a camp excursion.

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## **Presidential Trivia**

Here is Mary’s challenge for this week:

*Who in the club has a middle name that’s also a state capital?*

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

Last week’s question: *What year was Arnie Hartjen first elected Secretary of our Club?*

Both winners will be announced next week.

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

**Bob DiPietro:** Not noticing that Sherry Swim brought her daughter to the meeting, thereby shorting the guest count during table introductions. **1 bell**

**Kiley Patterson:** Specifically naming “the bank I work for” (U.S. Bank) during her announcement of her employer’s match for donations to Relay For Life. **1 bell**

**Greg Bolin:** Driving over the curb and scaring one of Mike Viale’s patients, who thought the dentist chair might become a seat in Greg’s vehicle. “Apparently I was in a hurry,” he said. **1 bell**

**Scott Stambaugh:** His 1<sup>st</sup>-grade son Jacob’s recognition in the Post for receiving a courtesy award at Achieve Charter School. **2 bells**

**Casey Taylor:** The principal of Achieve Charter School also appeared in the Post, via a profile in which she mentioned Rotary twice. **2 bells**

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## **Bulletin Board**

**Park plan:** Bob DiPietro and Mike Trinca want you! Well, your opinion, anyway. The Paradise Recreation and Park District Master Plan survey is available on the PRPD’s Web site ([www.paradisepdpd.com](http://www.paradisepdpd.com)). Commissioner Bob and Director Mike would appreciate your participation in the survey as well as the Community Workshop (June 9, 7-8:30 p.m., in the newly remodeled Terry Ashe Recreation Center).

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## **Speaker**

### **Chuck Neal, Feather River Hospital**

**Topic:** Helping hands for Suzanna

Chuck, the hospital’s director of rehabilitation services, has been at Feather River for 21 years. Last summer, he and 25 other members of Paradise Adventist Church took a trip with a group from West Virginia to help build a clinic and church in Bluefield, Nicaragua.

While there, he met Suzanna, a 28-year-old mother of three who was the victim of domestic violence. Defending herself from an attack with a machete, Suzanna lost both of her hands. She’d come to Bluefield to get help for her mother, not herself — but, Chuck said, “I saw her and I knew we could help her rehabilitation.” He promised he’d return.

He did so in January, with a pair of prosthetics from LN-4 Hand — a Rotary-supported endeavor. These hands are simple, durable prosthetics that work with a lock-and-release

ratchet, allowing the user to grip a variety of objects. Chuck spent three days with Suzanna, fitting the apparatus and training her to use it, and “she did fantastic.” Her top goals beforehand were to be able to groom her daughter and feed her children — “when we left, she was brushing her little girl’s hair and cooking rice.”

Concluded Chuck: “Without the support of Rotary and LN-4 Hand, this never would have happened. Anyone who’s this much a part of humanitarian projects, I may have to join!” (*Did you hear that, Dean?*)

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