

Program Calendar

January 24—Robert Manassero will be the speaker
January 31—TBA
February 7—Dr. James Green – Projects in Zimbabwe
February 14—Valentines Dinner
February 21—TBA
February 28—Jeannie Hayward
Program Director of Resource Connection

Local make-up opportunities:

Tuesday 7:15am
Plymouth: 49er RV Resort
Wednesday 12:00
UpCountry: Blue Moon Café, Pine Grove
Thursday 7:30am
West Calaveras: La Contenta Golf Course
Thursday 12:00
Ione: Ione Hotel 274 2708
Thursday 12:00
Angels-Murphy: Ironstone Winery 795 0424
Friday Galt 7:00am
Golden Acorn 916 687 8023
or 12 noon Golden Acorn 916 927 3000
Or **Online** at: www.rotaryclubone.org

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LAST WEEK:

Great to return to the newly re-furbished Teresa's banquet room.

The early part of the meeting was sort of a Club Assembly: President John advised that at the previous week's Board meeting there was discussion on having the traditional Valentine's meeting – that had been cancelled earlier. Following some discussion a vote indicated the majority of members present did want the traditional Valentine's Day meeting at Teresa's and it has been scheduled. There was further discussion on the 60th anniversary dinner. A conflict had been noted on the date of April 14th. Members present indicated a willingness to move our date to Friday, April 13th. It is hoped the venue will be the National Hotel, if it is not ready then Thomi's. In either site Stan Lukowicz will donate all proceeds from the event to the local charity of the Club's choice – the Club chose the Amador Community Foundation. Stan promises that tickets to the dinner will not be cheap – he said something about \$100 each and guaranteed the meal would be worth it.

President John's Cowboy wisdom of the month essentially was to talk less and speak more truth. To keep the cash-flow going he levied a two dollar happy buck charge on all present. As a matter of interest John told us the Club has received \$25 from the Ledger Dispatch on ACH photos for the one where we gave a check to the Food Bank.

Marv Hampton updated us on Interact Club: they had a Christmas party with 26 in attendance. They have continued the “purple pinky” fund raiser for Polio Plus and at the Amador/Argonaut big game they collected \$285! This news motivated Stan Lukowicz to give \$215 to Polio Plus to make a round figure.

Dick Campbell gave \$5 happy bucks on the advent of his daughter's marriage.

Thinking of happy bucks – our President's planned vacation cruise spanning most of March and part of April should elicit many happy bucks- probably best to get them before his trip! In part due to his trip the February and March Board meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month rather than the second Tuesday.

Our speaker, Mark Bonini graduated from high school in Pinole, CA, where he rejected an opportunity to go into professional sports in favor of getting his college education. He received his degree in Criminology and came to Amador County with his parents to pursue his career. Early on Mark set his sights on becoming the Chief Probation Officer of the county in 10 years time. Actually it took 11 years and Mark achieved his goal in 2007.

Assembly Bill 109 which shifts various responsibilities from the State to local government became effective October 1, 2011 with a planned gradual shift of the loads over time. Actually the shift has been expedited. Of a planned shift of 43 offenders from the State to Amador County 20 have arrived while only 12 were planned for at this time. Mark's department has 11 sworn officers and 4 civilians with an increase of 4 sworn officers planned. The county has 1,689 offenders for whom the department is responsible. The high risk offenders will be supervised while others are watched through the data base, use of GPS devices and mechanized check-in. There are 76 beds available in the Amador county jail and 106 offenders in jail. The planned new jail is not expected to be built for quite some time. Mark told us that 75 to 80% of the offenders have a history of drug use and many of them have mental health problems. While the gender mix of offenders remains about 80% male and 20% female the female group is committing more serious crimes than in the past. The recidivism rate they experience is 70% and the items most often smuggled into prisoners is cell phones..

Paul Molinelli held the lucky money ticket – he gave it back to the club and your scribe held the free dinner ticket.

Sister clubs encourage international service connections

By Megan Ferringer

Rotary International News -- 13 January 2012

Author and polio survivor Nancy Wright Beasley joined the Rotary Club of Brandermill (Midlothian), Virginia, USA, shortly after speaking to the club about her book on Lithuanian families during the Holocaust. Following visits to Lithuania in 2009 and 2010, she inspired the Virginia Rotarians to pursue service projects with the Rotary Club of Kaunas, Lithuania, which she had visited.

While in Kaunas, Beasley had also been introduced by telephone to the founding president of the Rotary Club of Chicagoland Lithuanians. The club's members, all Lithuanians living in the Chicago area, expressed an interest in joining with the Brandermill club to carry out projects in Lithuania. So the clubs turned to Rotary



Nancy Wright Beasley accepts a club banner from Arvydas Sabrinskas, past president of the Kaunas Rotary Club during a visit in 2009. Photo courtesy of Nancy Wright Beasley Rotary International on Facebook. A sister club partnership between two Rotary clubs in the United States and one in Lithuania is expanding the international reach and service of Rotarians in both countries.

Service Connections to facilitate that partnership.

“Rotary Service Connections helped us with some of the criteria, so we began discussing a feasible project,” says Don Vaught, president of the Brandermill club. “Our two boards approved the idea of the partnership, and the proposal was eventually accepted by the Kaunas club as well.” The arrangement was made official in November.

“The goal of forming a sister club relationship was to establish a long-term relationship with other clubs that would lead to ongoing projects -- both locally and internationally,” Vaught says. “It's also a way to further international understanding and foster goodwill.”

Vaught says Beasley's contacts with the Kaunas club were instrumental in getting the idea started, and adds that it seemed only natural to invite the Chicagoland Lithuanians club to participate.

“We see building a relationship through both leisure and business travel visits by members of each club,” Vaught says. “We will be working together on joint projects in Lithuania, but also supporting each other's projects when possible.”

The sister clubs are launching their first project in Lithuania soon, to help obtain medical equipment for an orphanage in Kaunas.

“This sister club relationship is bringing together three clubs that were never aware of each other's existence,” Vaught says. “This reflects the far-reaching arm of Rotary, and shows how you can expand relationships around the globe. This project is proof positive that Rotary truly is international.”

Past President John Swift has added a new title to his credits. As shown on page 35 of this week's Ledger Dispatch “John Swift has been crowned men's champion of the Sierra Gold Bowling Association after rolling a handicap total of 1205 for five games at Knotty Pine Lanes, in Pollock Pines, last Saturday”. There is a nice picture of John with his bowling ball too.

Celebrations This Month Birthdays:

Jan 12 Ken Deaver
Jan 12 Rick Sprenkle
Jan 15 Frank Manzano
Jan 25 Red Mathia
Jan 26 John Swift

Wedding Anniversaries:

Jan 16 Phil Giurlani
Jan 18 Gregg Johnson
Jan 25 Paul Molinelli