

Rotarian of the Month



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“The Farmer’s Choice”

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Demotion

Cub announces skit rehearsal at Abel's 6:00 p. m., Wed. Dinner order sign-up sheet passed around.

Visitors and guests

We welcome returning Rotarians Eileen Kennedy and Linda Lannon. Jack presents Rolf Sabye, Planning Commissioner and Army Base Steering Committee member. Jim Mac presents Tahoe Sunrise member, Jim Lira. Karen presents Janith Norman.

Student activities

Betty says Atalie will return next week. Bev thanks club on Atalie's behalf for scholarship. Gene says we awarded 4 this year. Harvey chimes in that Cole is on staff at Camp Royal; he was student there 4 years ago.

Tequila sipping extravaganza

Hector says that more restaurants have agreed to participate, and the Beacon is running the flier for us. Interact will help with transport for any temporarily disabled Rotarians. Hector thanks your editor for emailing fliers to all District 5160 Pres. & Sec'y's. Gene says he'll encourage Solano Tenacious 10 clubs to attend. Event Committee meetings are held on Thursdays.

Camp Royal

Betty says students leave, Sunday, for one-week motivational gala.

“Yawn,” we mean, “Welcome, Rick”

Now that school's out and retirement to his Sonora spread is imminent (following an Alaskan adventure), our superintendent is on a more laid back schedule. He saunters in 20 minutes late with some lame story about a slow barge. Gene suggests a wheel spin after breakfast. Slick Rick gets off with a \$2 fine and must eat last at next week's meeting.

Please attend Chamber luncheon meeting in Rick's honor, noon, Wednesday, June 12, at Foster's.

Miscellaneous announcements

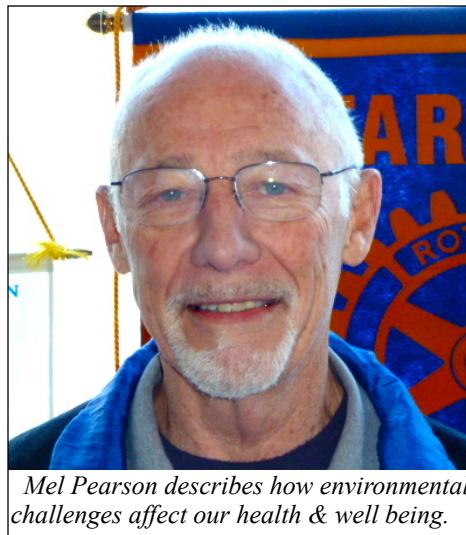
Wed., June 12, at Trilogy is the golf fundraiser to cure cancer.

Karen touts State of the City at Trilogy Vista Ballroom, featuring Mayor Norm Richardson, 6:00 p. m., Thurs., June 13.

The city pool's open, and Danny invites us and our families to swim for the health of it.

Confessions

Jim Mac proudly announces that he graduated from RVHS 35 years



Mel Pearson describes how environmental challenges affect our health & well being.

ago, although, sadly, he was neither valedictorian nor salutatorian. However, he expresses gratitude that his teacher, Harvey Felt, made new keys for his crane, recently. In fact, he's so delighted that he donates \$25 to Inouye-Hechtman scholarship fund.

Dick mentions that he was salutatorian when he graduated from RVHS 80 years ago (before most Rotarians were born.) He says granddaughter just graduated from Bolt Hall Law School. She's now studying for Bar exam. Bridal shower scheduled for grandson's fiance, Wed. Dick pays \$50. Jack astutely asks Dick if Harvey was one of his teachers.

Ken says son-in-law expected back from Afghanistan on the 15th.

Program
Mel is quite obviously well read. He claims that today's program will include big government, big business, big medicine, big pharma, big oil, water, global warming, climate change and population growth, prompting Tim to ask, “Do you have time?”

He notes the intrusion into our personal lives brought on by technological advances as prophesied by George Orwell's 1984. While America has been a beacon for developing countries, and organizations like Rotary are helping provide clean water, the overall availability of this necessity is diminishing. Mel illustrates with potential effects of fracking and exporting our water to So. Cal.

Bill Moyers on PBS has a good program illustrating threats to our health and well being by big pharma and big medicine. Mel suggests that it's better to prevent disease than to treat it, as is our current practice.

With apologies to Ken, Mel says big pharma donates heavily to medical schools, influencing their curricula to favor disease treatment, meaning prescription of pharmaceuticals and money for drug companies. Revealing the stuff he's made of, Ken actually says he agrees.

To enhance our collective angst, Mel mentions Dan Brown's latest book, *Inferno*, which claims that it won't be long till the population of the world will hit the 9 billion mark. Then, there won't be enough arable land to feed all the people. But that's okay, because some idiot will develop a virus that will kill lots of people and alleviate the food shortage.

We all enjoyed Mel's nice talk.

50/50 Raffle

Wayne picked the wrong marble.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	EVENT	CHAIRPERSON
Friday, June 14	“Afterglow” and the cutthroat music biz	Gene Resler
Friday, June 21	Julie Schaefer, “International Grants--Haiti Project”	Gene Resler
Friday, June 28, 6:00 Social, 7:00 Dinner	Demotion at Peter's Steak House	Derek “The Cub” Abel