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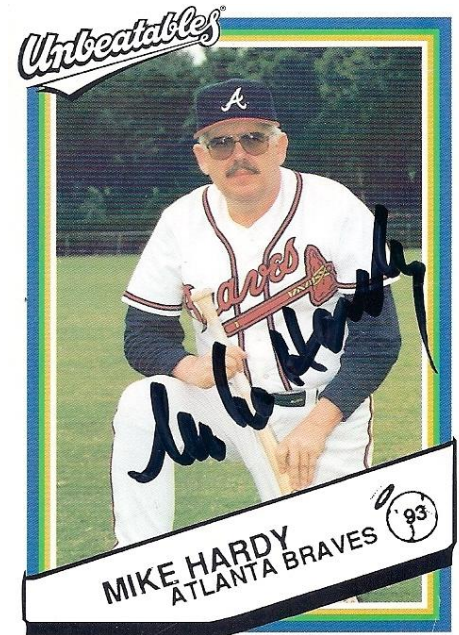
May 28, 2014

Memorial Day Flags



Flags flew proudly on Main Street for the Memorial Day weekend, thanks to the early morning work last Friday of 9 club members. **Howard, TomB, Jeff and Ryan** put up flags on the north end of town while **Lowell, Carl Ericson, John** (shown above), **Jay and BobB** covered the south end. Nine members showed up again yesterday morning to take down the flags, with mostly the same crew (**Don** filled in for **Ryan**). Flag duty comes up again on June 5&9 and July 3&7.

We Lost a Winner



Sadly, **Mike Hardy** passed away last Thursday. He will be missed but certainly not forgotten – he leaves a bright legacy with our club. In spite of his recent health setbacks he did amazing things, an inspiration to us all. Mike organized the golf tournament for several years. He served as club Secretary and Board member of the Kiwanis Foundation. He was an active leader of the Rianda House Board of Directors and leaves a shining legacy there as well. His quick humor, sharp mind and kind heart will be missed.



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St. Helena, a chapter in good
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Kiwanis International
since 1950,
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Community of St. Helena.*

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This Week at the Club

The Heights... and the Depths

(May 21) Bell, song, **Lowell**. “A Confession from Albert Einstein: I never said half of the stuff attributed to me on the internet.” Then breakfast, then His Leadership. “So, 3 guys go to a bar... had a few... they make an agreement to share a secret they’ve never told anybody else... 1st guy... affair with boss’ wife... 2nd one... I’m gay... 3rd one [punch line].” That brought howls of approval... at least from those whose mouths weren’t munching their meal. So **Lester** took the prompt. “God... deity... Adam... a drag all by himself... no company... lonely... thanks for the visit... something I can do for you... create a companion... perfect... loving... obedient... will cost you an arm and a leg... [punch line].” More howls. “That’s it for the jokes... oh, that reminds me... City Winery... Richard Thompson... introducing a song... Einstein... bulk of verse is out of order... [huh?].” “Any guests? No?” “Whew!” sighed half the room. “Happy or Sad \$\$?” **TomD** broke the spell with a H\$. “My wife Ginny had back surgery and she’s coming along fine.” **Jay** paid a “Very Happy \$. I visited all of my grand children; they’re all over the U.S.” **Jeff** had a H\$. “**Donalee** and I and some kids, including Builder’s Club members, cleaned up the Veteran’s Cemetery... easier this year... they got a grounds crew and this year got military designation... removed, cleaned and reset all of the tombstones.” **Lowell** paid a H\$ “for bocce last night... Katy... Gary... won 2.” **Howard** paid a H\$. “My grandson is graduating from Michigan State and he has a job, a paid internship.” Lots of approving nods and smiles. **BobM** paid a H\$ “because we raised \$63,000 at the Rummage Sale last weekend.” **Steve**, conspicuous by the light bulb that went on in his head, perked up. “Isn’t **Norm** retiring from that sale pretty soon? It’s something we could think about doing.” **Bill** paid a H\$ for “going to New York to see my daughter... and visit the 911 Memorial.” And a S\$ for missing Friday morning’s flag crew. “We’ll need someone more capable to climb the ladder.” **Lester** paid a \$ but these notes only have the word “motorcycle.” **Jeff** paid a \$. “Kim and I noticed our water heater knocking... spent Saturday draining it... read how to do it... drained, filled, redrained... lots of crud... relit the pilot... managed to do all that... no knocking worse than ever.” **BobB** paid a S\$ “because I finished the B.S. but forgot to send it out.” **Ryan** paid a H\$/Honored\$ “for being asked to help put up flags.” **Jeff** paid a Self-Fine\$ “since my learned colleague referred to me as Mr. Farmer.” **Steve** got some attention for using his cell phone – “I’ve been trying to call **Lester**” – and a lot of smiles for an excellent Fine Free performance. “Any birthdays?” And boy was there: **Howard**, who received singing and crooning that was dangerously close to having a recognizable melody. “Good Guy?” **Jim** arose, hitched up his pants, chuckled and induced \$ fines from **Donalee**, **Bill**, **Drew**, **BobB** and couple of other miscreants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1) **Howard** asked for volunteers to put up and take down flags this weekend. He also said that the Chamber asked us to put up flags for the Wine Auction.
- 2) **Lester** pitched tomorrow night’s DCM in Dixon. “Only 2 are signed up. Last-minute additions would be welcome.”
- 3) **Bob B** announced a gold tournament for the Boys & Girls Club on June 11.
- 4) **BobM** talked about scholarships. “Today is interview day.”
- 5) **Don** announced a work day at Bothe Park on the 2nd Saturday in June.
- 6) **Lester** said, “George and I are planning a date for new member indoctrination.
- 7) **Lowell** pitched that the Chamber is raising funds for 4th of July fireworks.

DRAWINGS:

Ryan won a new category: Joke Teller! **George** won Fine Free.
Steve won a chance at the marble game. Nada.

Kiwanis Club of St. Helena

Guinness World Record Holder

Longest continuous wine toast 10/7/12

CLUB CALENDAR

Every Wednesday – Club Meeting at American Legion Hall, 7:30 a.m.

May 28 – Guest speaker, TBA

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June 2 – Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m.

June 4 – Guest speaker, TBA

June 5 – Put up flags on Main Street for Wine Auction

June 9 – Take down flags

June 14 – Work Project: Build sawhorse/benches at Bothe Park

July 17 – DCM at Crane Park, sponsored by St. Helena and Yountville

Worthy Causes

June 11 – “Fore the Kids” Golf Tournament for SH Boys & Girls Club

Special Notices

1. Membership Committee seeks names for potential club members. Contact Jeff, George, BobB or BobM.
2. Fundraising Committee seeks dollars. Contact Jay, Lester or TomD.
4. Publicity and Outreach Committee needs your help lining up weekly speakers. Contact Lowell, Lester, Steve or Jay.

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