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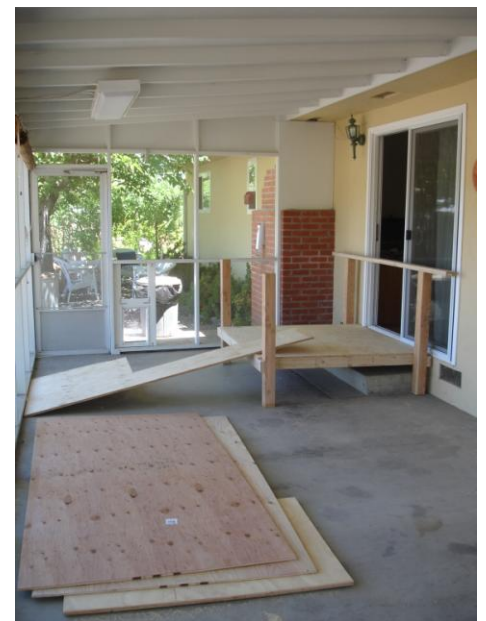
It was Christmas in July as the Yountville and St. Helena clubs hosted last Thursday's DCM. Jeff handled check-in duties and a gazillion details. Donalee and Jan set up tables, including a display of gifts for NEWS.



Guests were treated to some great live jazz.

Ramp Project Underway

Last Saturday saw **Bill, George, Lowell** and **Howard** appear at the Pratt Avenue work site ready to do carpentry on a ramp for Julia Bolander. Materials and a chop saw had been obtained by George and transported to the site. Most workers arrived about 10 am and got busy moving boxes out of the way and into the adjacent garage. The objective for the day was to build the platform part of the ramp, and do the ramp part at a later time. This was accomplished and everyone went home at 12:30.



Completion of the ramp part is now scheduled for this Saturday, July 26, at 10 am. After construction is done a painting crew will be activated.

The work project committee is also looking at a project for Saturday, August 9, at Bale Grist Mill, as well as possibly helping with demolition of the Adams Street gas station in the next few weeks. Stay tuned.

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Last Week at the Club The Heights... and the Depths

(July 17) President **Boyd** of the Yountville Kiwanis Club got last Thursday’s DCM started by tinkling their shiny brass bell. Not the lusty full-throated boink of our club’s bronze bell, but effective enough. The song, on the other hand, was first class, with a saxophone accompaniment wailing along with us on *America the Beautiful*. And we can’t forget the bar. Talk about a romantic evening! “A loaf of bread, a jug of wine... and **Drew**.”



The business part of the meeting included an inspiring presentation by **Tracy Lamb**, director of Napa Emergency Women’s Services (NEWS). The evening’s fundraising proceeds went to that organization, which provides an outstanding service to women and children in Napa Valley. They have a staff of 24 and basically cover the entire Napa Valley 24/7, helping victims of domestic violence.

Yountville’s **Dave Boyer** conducted the roll call. “We’re missing a lot of clubs tonight.” Present were Dixon (2 members), Fairfield (2), Greater Napa (4), SH (11), Yountville (6), and 5 visitors from other divisions, as well as friends and spouses. Absent were American Canyon, Benecia, Napa, Novato, Solano County, Vacaville and Vallejo. The St. Helena Eleven were **Lester, Steve, BobM, George, Donalee, Bill, Drew, Jim, BobB, Jan** and **Jeff**.

John Sullivan, regional coordinator for Project Eliminate, reported that \$70m has been raised so far, with a goal of \$115m by the end of 2015. “We have 15 months to go. This program to eliminate Neo Natal Tetanus is a joint effort of Kiwanis International, UNICEF and the World Health Organization. I will be visiting all your clubs to talk about the program further.” He gave one example of a club’s fundraiser: a helicopter golf ball drop.

A representative from the Berkeley Kiwanis Club gave a pitch for members to consider being Lt. Governors and Trustees. She also described a new club formed in the Bay Area, the Kiwanis Bay Club, which reaches out to younger people via social media and crosses city boundaries. It has been quite successful and may be a model for a similar Valley Club in our area.

The Super Hero was auctioned off and Greater Napa got him for a month. Among raffle winners was our own **Donalee**, who went home with a nice basket of goodies.

Gas Station Project Revived

It is still possible that our club will participate in the dismantling of the Adams Street gas station, according to Work Projects Chair, **Don**.

“After speaking with Gary Menagon I spoke with Ray Bolger about the gas station removal in downtown St. Helena. Ray will be taking the station to Middletown where he will reconstruct the building.

“I also spoke with Joel, the architect, who informed me that all permits are in place with a start date of Friday. Gary Menagon has hired a contractor to oversee the work. The contractor will be in charge of safety, any lead paint issues, etc. The contractor will not be doing the labor. Ray will have trucks, flatbed trailers, fork lift etc. It looks like we will only need to provide manpower along with the help that Ray has. Joel thought that 2-3 people each day would be good. He does not want a lot of people there which would increase the chance of someone being injured. I am not sure how the de-construct will proceed. It looks to me that it will be mostly dictated by the contractor.

“If our Board approves this project we will need a contact person for Joel, Ray and the contractor.

“If the board does not approve this project, someone will need to inform Joel, Ray and Gary.

“With a contractor overseeing the work, this simplifies the project for Kiwanis. All we are doing is providing manpower and maybe some suggestions. The work window is only 5 days; it may not take that long. I am in support of this project and urge the board to approve it.”



Member Profile

By *Bill Savidge*



Bob Matheny

Everyone in the room stared at her—the tall, beautiful blonde. Then the tasting room sommelier whispered in Bob’s ear, “Don’t you know who that is? She’s a big star, played Maya in that wine movie, *Sideways!*”

Bob didn’t have a clue, but he does know more than most about Napa Valley wine and wineries. Forty years in wine sales and marketing make him an ideal tour guide with Napa Valley Tours. Since 2008, two to three days a week, he’s toured groups around the valley. Asked if he’s seen any difference in the people he drives around, he said, “Originally people were here to learn. Serious about wine, they made substantial purchases. Not so much anymore, only tasting. Just want to say they’ve been here.”

Born and raised in Piedmont, Bob’s parents often visited friends in Oakville, so he’s known the valley since he was a child. His father owned a lumber business and was an active member of the Oakland Kiwanis Club. “Not too different from our club,” Bob says, “same kinds of songs and friendly.” Bob played football in high school and drums in a local rock band. He’s turned his drum set in for conga and hand drums. No more paid gigs.

Bob graduated from the University of Oregon in 1966 with a sociology degree. His first job was as an Oakland probation officer during the Black Panther days. Four years later he began his wine sales and marketing career with Inglenook in Seattle, where he covered eight northwest states, “teaching people how to pronounce Cabernet Sauvignon and how to take a cork out of a bottle.” He later worked as a distributor for Napa Valley brands, with Robert Mondavi Winery during its high promotional years, then as Louis Martini’s director of national sales and marketing, and after that Dry Creek Vineyards as National Sales Manager.

Bob and Cindy, married in 1972, have lived in St. Helena for 30 years. Cindy is a unit administrative secretary at Queen of the Valley Hospital. They have two daughters. Melissa, a para-legal at Coombs & Dunlap, graduated Notre Dame, is now studying to be a school teacher. She lives in town with her husband, Baulio, and a two year old son, Robert. Megan graduated from Cal Poly and has been a St. Helena Fire Department volunteer for seven years while working as a Paramedic for AMR. She’ll soon be with Oakland Fire Department.

A second generation Kiwanian, Bob will continue to work toward improving membership and finding ways our club can benefit the community.

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.

July 23 – Guest speaker, TBD

July 26 – Work Project: Building a ramp at 652 Pratt Ave, 10:00 a.m.

July 30 – Guest speaker, TBD

August 2 – Training for next year's Prez & Prez Elect, SH Wine Center

August 4 – Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

August 6 – Guest speaker, TBD

August 9 – Work Project: Build wooden bins at Bale Grist Mill, 9:00 a.m.

Worthy Causes

August 16 – *The Big Night* fundraiser for SH B&G Club, Trichero Estates

August 12 – Kiwanis Happy Hour, Pacific Blues in Yountville, 6-7 p.m.

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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.