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No Meeting Wednesday Installation Dinner Thursday

Thursday night is our club's annual Installation Dinner at the home of Prez-Elect **Bob Matheny** and his wife Cindy.

"The event starts at 6:00," says Bob. "Dinner will be grilled chicken with pesto & marinated tri-tip, roasted potatoes, veggie (tbd), Caesar salad and cake. As always, we're our own entertainment!"

The Mathenys' home is at 2601 Colombard Court, at the corner of Chardonnay Way. From Main Street, go west on Spring Street to Chardonnay. Right on Chardonnay to Colombard.

Lt. Governor **Jay** will be present to de-install various officers and install the officers and directors for 2014-15.

In case of rain you will be notified by email, through Kiwanis groups, about an alternate location.

Flag Duty



Milagros and Patty from the Multicultural Committee joined Don, John, Jay, Jeff, Howard, BobB, Bill and Gary to put up flags last week for Mexican Independence Day.

Words From Our New Prez

By **Bob Matheny**

As we approach a new Kiwanis year I am aware of the challenges that face us and the opportunities that are also present to meet those challenges. Probably the most glaring challenge is membership. As we go forward, it is of paramount importance to grow our membership for the continued vitality and effectiveness of the club. We are not alone in this challenge as all service clubs seem to be facing shrinking membership. Maybe it's a generational thing, but whatever. I believe there is still a strong element of pride and concern within the community of St. Helena and we need to tap into it for our own good & the good of the community.

I don't believe there is a silver bullet to do a magic fix, one big project to activate all things good and honorable (we tried that), or one key to send us new members. Rather a consistent visible

presence within many community endeavors may be our better approach. It will take renewed energy and commitment but we already have the framework to pursue this challenge. I would hope that our ongoing committee structure could become more viable, meeting regularly, reporting back to the larger club on progress & ideas, and leading us in these important areas.

The project committee, under Don's leadership, has done a terrific job of lining up work and seeing them completed. Donalee continues to coordinate our Builder's Club, but we could use additional help in youth leadership development and maybe initiate activity at the high school. There was a real active 8th grade class in Builder's Club last year who might be interested in continuing as a Key Club.

The upcoming election has been a panacea in providing us candidates to have as speakers. It's been gratifying to meet them & hear their messages, as well as hosting a number of guests that have come to hear them. We need to keep the activity going and continue to have interesting speakers after the election cycle is over. Let's set a goal to

keep the speakers schedule filled a own to hear their presentations. month ahead of time and remember to ask the speakers to invite guests of their Fundraising is a most difficult challenge, but we need to continue to pursue it. There are many good ideas out there. We need to get a core group to brainstorm, plan and implement at least one activity by next Spring.

I believe all of our committees, if working effectively, will heighten our club visibility, demonstrate new energy, and attract new members. It's really a synergistic thing, where one success breeds another and we all need to participate. So with membership as an overriding goal – let's set a goal of net +3 members – our focus should be participation at all levels and effective committee functioning to help interest new members to join.



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

Five guests this morning, including the speaker. But first the important thing. “Is there a Jokester this morning?” wondered **Lester**. “Yes,” said **Bill**, clearing his throat. “Lester and John were out fishing... caught a bunch of fish... while cleaning them Lester turned to John... this was a great catch. I hope you marked where the fish were... sure, said John, I marked the side of the boat... That’s really dumb, said Lester... [punch line].” Room full of laughter. “Any guests?” **Lowell** introduced guest speaker Mayor **Ann Nevero**. “Any other guests?” asked **Lester**. “Me!” came a small voice from table 1 [or is it 3?]. **Marielle Coeyteaux**, apparently unnoticed by members at her table, introduced herself. The remaining 3 guests were at the same table and received a summary introduction as “members of the Multicultural Committee.” But good sports nonetheless. “Happy or Sad \$\$?” **BobM** paid a H\$ for “48-14... go Ducks.” **TomD** paid a H\$ “for the Nittany Lions... another victory.” **Jay** paid a S\$ “for our last breakfast today” in reference to Tony’s leaving. **Jim**, absent of late, paid 5H\$. “It’s always good to be gone... don’t know if it’s good to be back.” **BobB** paid a H\$ but didn’t take notes. **TomD** paid a S\$ “for a gas leak at hour home after the earthquake... water heater... had to shut it off.” **George** paid a H\$ “because I’m harvesting this morning.” **Patty**, from the Multicultural Committee, paid a H\$ “to thank you for putting up flags.” **Bill** paid a S\$. “I was watching the 49ers... they were so far ahead I switched channels... didn’t know they blew the game.” **Marielle** paid “a couple H\$\$... happy to be here as a guest... Madrona house sold... I’m now on Mt. View in my new home... happy to hear Ann speak this morning.” **Lowell** paid a H\$. “All 4 organizations who were beneficiaries of **Bob Darter**’s life joined together for a memorial bench at the library, similar to the one for **Del** at Crane Park.” **John** paid “several \$\$.” **Jeff**, **George** and I were in a publication recently... anybody know what for, and what publication?” Several bad guesses. More later. **Lester** paid a S\$ and H\$. “Sad for the Baja hurricane... Cabo severely hit... H\$ because Amelia’s at Stanford.” He also called attention to his fuzzy face, noting that a donation is available if anybody can guess who he will be for Halloween. “The first clue is the date: 12/31/58. The 2nd clue is that it’s not Fidel Castro.” **Jeff** revealed the mystery publication: *SH Star*. **John** showed the pic. It was the Bale Mill banquet. **Lester** called for Birthdays and hit the jackpot. **BobM** was the first to be served a song. **Jeff** followed, after trying to change the tune to a Beatles song. Then **Donalee** was killed softly with the song.

Announcements: 1) **Lester** reminded us that “this is the last meeting over which I’ll preside because next week there’s no breakfast meeting.” 2) **BobM** followed the cue and pitched the Installation Dinner at his house. 3) **TomD** announced that “this weekend is Open Studios.” 4) **Tony** stepped forward to “thank you for being patient with me” and received warm applause for his warm meals. 5) **Don** announced that “there’s no work project for October.” 6) **BobB** extended an invite for members to help him pick grapes Wednesday morning, “since there’s no meeting.”

Drawings: Jester – **TomB** Fine Free – **John** Marble Game – **TomB**

Mayor Candidate



Mayor **Ann Nevero**, running for a second term, was our guest speaker last week. “I’ve been to a lot of service club meetings,” she said, “but you are by far the craziest group.”

Ann cited a few statistics: Population 5900; 2700 housing units (56% single family, 44% multiunit); an annual General Fund of \$9.4m. Then she focused on revenue breakdown: \$2.8m from property tax (some uptick there), \$2.4m from sales tax and \$1.7m from TOT, “the lowest in Napa Valley.” She said that 100 homes produce about \$100k per year in taxes. 50 hotel rooms would generate \$440k per year.

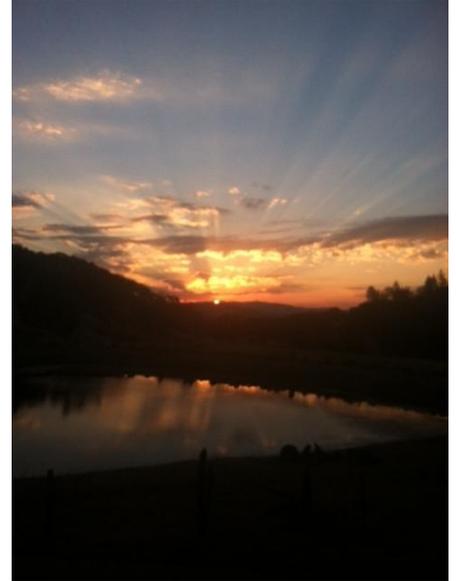
She talked about traffic, “which is a huge issue. I’m on the NCTPA. We’ve been working on Safe Route to School. We expanded the shuttle service. We formed the Alternative Transportation Committee. There are many challenges.”

She also discussed assets, such as City Hall, Railroad Avenue, water treatment and supply, the levee and floodwall, Upper York Dam, roads and sewers.

“I am running again... together with this Council I have accomplished a lot in 2 years... steep learning curve... stayed the course on infrastructure, survived a recession, reinvested back into infrastructure... delivered water in the worst drought in Calif. History... teeny tiny awesome little community saved 40% water... seeking money for affordable housing projects.”

Member Profile

By Bill Savidge



Donalee Shackelford

“I’m very blessed to have the ranch in Pope Valley,” Donalee says. Her life was always centered on family—married for 30 years with two children—and teaching high school for 32 years. After her husband and parents passed away, she inherited the 500 acre ranch. Three years ago she moved to the old family home to live, raise cows, enjoy nature and friends.

Donalee was born in Oakland, the youngest of three daughters. The family moved to Pope Valley when she was a year old. Her mother was Peggy; her father, Warren Oswill, a cattle rancher who also raised walnuts and wine grapes on 100 acres, later sold. During WWII, at 17, her father was a Marine, in five Pacific battles. The ranch entry gate sign reads: “Peg o War.”

Attending St. Helena schools, Donalee wrote for the high school paper and played clarinet in Mr. Graff’s marching band. “We used to hang out at Taylor’s Refresher. Now, seeing line-ups at Gott’s, it’s too funny.” Graduating high school in 1974, she earned a Cal Poly degree in Animal Science and a teaching credential to begin her career, teaching high school—Agriculture/FFA and Health/Science—in El Dorado, Davis, Esparto and Vacaville, the latter for 25 years. Donalee still teaches, one to two days a week, a substitute at St. Helena High. “High school kids are great fun—showing animals at a fair—sad they don’t have that at Calistoga anymore.”

Her husband, Duffy, had been a 6th grade teacher. After their children were grown he ran a 300 head sheep ranch in Esparto and grew vegetables, which he sold to restaurants and farmers’ markets throughout the area. Her son, 26, is a paramedic; her daughter, 23, works at Duffy’s Rehab in Calistoga.

Donalee enjoys spending “quality time with friends, working on my house, riding my ATV, hiking, building a tree house—I’ll have a Kiwanis party next spring when it’s finished and the reservoir’s full.” And she likes raising cattle, 20 cows, soon to be calving. “I’ll sell the bull calves next year when they’re about 800 pounds. All grass-fed with a molasses supplement. No hay.”

“I’m also learning the fine art of golf, which is hard, very hard.” Asked about Kiwanis, she said, “Del asked me to join. His wife, Marielle Coeytux, was a high school classmate I hadn’t seen in 30 years. I’m on the Kiwanis RLS Youth Committee. I just enjoy the people in the club.”

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.

September 24 – (No meeting)

September 25 – Club Installation Dinner, Matheny residence, 6:00 p.m.

October 1 – Guest speaker, Alan Galbraith, SH Mayoral Candidate

October 6 – Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

October 8 – Guest speaker, Hydrologist Vicki Kretsinger on ground water

October 11 – 2nd Saturday Work Day (nothing scheduled yet)

October 15 – Guest speaker, Pam Dodson, Queen of the Valley Hospital

October 18 – Beer Booth, Hometown Harvest Festival

October 22 – Guest speaker, Pam Simpson, SH Chamber of Commerce

October 29 – Guest speaker John Sullivan, Kiwanis Regional Rep for P.E.

November 3 – Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

Worthy Causes

October 13 – ICAN Golf Tournament, Napa Valley Country Club

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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.