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Stepping Up



Lowell, Drew, Bill, BobB and Don pose in front of the Red Cross House with Anne Steinhauer, Red Cross Board chair.

Last Saturday the Work Projects committee completed a successful stair repair at the Red Cross house. Led by chairman **Don**, a crew of **Drew**, **BobB**, **TomB**, **Bill**, and **Lowell** rebuilt the front steps and had time left over to prime them for final painting.



Lowell does demo. "You just wave the hammer over the board like this."

"We even had enough manpower to replace a damaged board at Rianda House," said Don. The coffee and donuts provided by **Julie Spencer** must have had something to do with it.

The Red Cross house isn't used much but **Anne Steinhauer**, Executive Director of our local chapter, said, "People still visit who are looking for crutches, walkers, wheelchairs etc. that are stored here. The steps were dangerous and needed to be fixed."

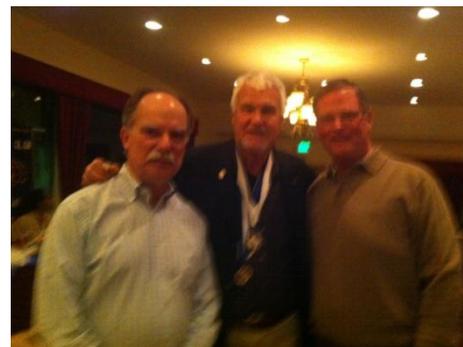
"Now the steps won't wobble," according to **Lowell**, "but we don't guarantee our work past today."

All that's left for this project is a final coat of paint, which **Don** has planned for this Wednesday after the meeting... "if anybody can help. It won't take long."



Don and TomB repair a fascia board at the Rianda House.

Scenes from a DCM



Lester, Jay, and BobM attended the DCM in Vallejo last Thursday. One more and we'd have an Interculb. See Lester's full report on page 3.



Each club brought a gift basket for the raffle drawing.

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This Week at the Club

The Heights... and the Depths

(January 22) His **Lestership** started the meeting by tintinnabulating the bell, followed by the mellifluous sounds of our Kiwanis choir. ... or something like that (your *BS* reporter wasn't actually there). **Lowell** captured the collective mood, "Somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright/ The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light/ And somewhere men are laughing, and little children shout/ But there is no joy in Mudville - Mighty Kaepernick has struck out." But breakfast was hearty and spirited, so when **Prez Les** found the podium he had to ask, "Hello. Hello? Any history students here today? Anybody major in history?" A few hands. "Good. Why did the history student use dynamite in the kitchen? [punch line, then discernible laughter]. "That's actually better," noted an astonished joke connoisseur. "If there's one thing you can count on with this club, it's damning with faint praise," replied the Prez. "Any guests?" **Howard** introduced **Jay Templeton**, the morning speaker. **BobB** slowly rose with a Sad\$. "**Jeff**, who had to miss the meeting, asked me to be sure and come early so I could greet Jay and make sure he feels welcome, etc. Sad I was late." **JayL** paid a Happy\$ "because the *BS* died and has been revived." It wasn't clear which part of that was happy, but **Lester** clarified with "a H\$ for the *BS*." Then he paid a S\$ for his latest sports disappointment. "Why couldn't Willie Mays' line drive have been a hit instead of being caught? Why couldn't the 49ers complete that pass? This is my Charlie Brown Sad \$." **TomD** corrected him. "It was McCovey, not Mays." **George** paid a S\$, "I wasn't going to bring this up, but I have a S\$ because a very good friend passed away... Pacific Grove for the funeral." **Lester** said it was good to be able to share among friends. **Drew** paid a H\$ "for the Denver Broncos." Several people nodded, obviously wanting to piggyback on the same \$ and avoid having to pay anything. **Lester** asked if there were any more H\$ or S\$, but even his pleas couldn't squeeze any more dollars. "Well, I tried... moving along... **Mel's** birthday is coming up." While being killed softly with our song Mel's head was stuck in a newspaper. "He must think he's still a Supervisor," said **Drew**. "I was reading the *BS*," muttered **Mel**. "Do we have a Good Guy?" asked the Prez. **Drew** fingered **Lowell**, **David** and **BobB** for not shaking his hand. "I'm offended," harrumphed **Steve**. "Everybody else was honored for being late... I clearly was too." **Lester** tried to help, "Late is the new on-time... at least according to my 17 year old daughter."

INDUCTION: Our newest member is **David Moyer**. "We don't have his pin and badge yet," said **Lester**," but he can formally introduce himself." Which **David** did very nicely. "You seem like a humorous group... I was getting a haircut... saw gray hair on the floor... figured it's time to join, especially an organization that sings the British national anthem." He talked about his blended family with 5 kids, 3 living at home, and his job. "Most people around here make wine. I'm the packaging guy... I consult with a lot of companies on packaging, labels, etc." In 1991 David moved from England to the Bay Area (Brentwood). "Finally it was time to move up here. We love it. My wife Allison volunteers for just about everything." Welcome David!
ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1) **Don** circulated a signup sheet for Saturday's workday. "We'll do the Red Cross steps, from 9 to 1." "When's lunch?" asked **Lowell**. "When you bring it," chirped **Don**. 2) **Jay** encouraged members to join **Lester**, **BobM** and him at Thursday's DCM in Vallejo. He also pitched the first weekend in March as the Midwinter Conference in San Ramon. 3) **BobB** asked if everyone got the email version of the *BS* and invited feedback, stories, photos, etc. **Drew** suggested one file.
DRAWINGS: **Mel** is Fine Free. **BobM** went marble dipping but came up skinny.



Guest Speaker Jay, a Man with a Plan

Our club welcomed Jay Templeton, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Helena and Calistoga (whew) to Wednesday's meeting.

"I didn't want to be late so I woke up at 5:30, then wandered over at 7:20 and found the door locked. Yesterday. So here I am a second time."

Jay was born and raised in the Seattle area but emphasized that he's mostly a college football fan, "though I'm happy for the Seahawks. It's tough being a Seattle sports fan: Mariners, Sonics, no hockey."

He gave us a quick history of clubs. "It began in 1860 in Hartford, CT. At that time girls were schooled at home but boys often worked in factories and mills or stayed on the street. So three concerned ladies started an afternoon club for them. Clubs became popular after the Civil War. One of the oldest is Columbia Park Boys Club in SF. In 1956 Boys Clubs of America became one of the last Congressional Charters. Today there are 1200 B&G Club organizations, headquartered in Atlanta. Each organization is its own corporation with its own board. A regional director oversees 20 clubs.

"Our club is in our 25th year. In 1989 we started in the Catholic School and from 2003-2008 we had a \$6m capital campaign for our new building. Average daily attendance is 230-240.

"We're accessible when kids are

accessible: after school, weekends, vacations. We are affordable. Our membership fee is \$50 per year and we have scholarships. Only 6% of our operating budget is fee driven.

"We also operate a school-based club and a teen center in Calistoga. Here, the City runs the Teen Center."

They also run the Youth Diversion and Intervention Program for first-time offenders, which is very successful.

"The B&G Club is a business, with budgets, insurance, HR (10 full time employees and 35 part time). Our annual budget is \$1.3m. Half of our income is from grants and foundations, 35% from fundraising and the rest from fees and miscellaneous.

"I worked for the B&G Club for a very long time in Washington. This is my 44th year – I started when I was 18 and had no idea I'd be doing this. It's a very interesting life experience. I'm happy to be here. This is paradise.

"My niche is capital campaigns and construction. I'm on the verge of my 7th – this Board wants to build a new club in Calistoga, where we have 400 members and an average attendance of 160 per day operating out of Calistoga Elementary School. For the last 9 months we've been on the hunt for a piece of land. We now have an agreement with Calistoga Schools to build in front of the elementary school. The site has an old boiler room, water tower for reclaimed water, main power center, main gas line... all of which we need to move. But the school will get 3 new classrooms and a gym.

"We hired an architect for concept drawings. It's bigger than St. Helena's. We hired Ketzell Grigsby to do a feasibility study... look at the community, do a readiness estimate and tell us how much money we could raise. I'm astonished at the per-sq-ft cost here. It was \$220 in WA; probably \$550 here, which seems astronomical. We have to build to CA school standards. We'll need \$7-10m. If they tell us we can raise \$10-12m I'll cheer. If \$4-5m then it's Plan B, which I don't have. This will be my life for the next 3-5 years."

El Prez Sez...

St. Helena was well represented Thursday night at the Benicia/Vallejo DCM with three members present: your Prez, your Prez-elect BobM and our amazing, indefatigable Lt. Governor, Jay Lewis.

We arrived to a table filled with bodacious raffle prizes, and by the end of the evening Jay's car was riding low as he and I were both the lucky recipients of a basket. Your Prez was, however, soundly scolded when he got home and the family saw the Seahawks logo on the Superbowl basket that was his prize.

Guest speakers at the DCM were from the California Maritime Academy, which now has 1250 students in a four-year program offering training in engineering, business, and maritime skills. The Academy takes students on annual cruises around and across the Pacific on a Navy survey ship. In addition to the training offered while on board, the students and faculty bring donations to select orphanages in a number of Pacific ports-of-call. Their next voyage will take them to an orphanage in Korea. Each of the clubs in our district was asked to contribute \$100; Lt. Governor Lewis pledged \$300 on behalf of St. Helena.

We heard about the fundraising and service projects of all the clubs in the district, and hope to take some inspiration from their example, but we did not learn a single new joke, which was a disappointment.

The next DCM will be in March. Meanwhile, we were reminded that the IRS is expecting something by February 15. Treasurers, are you listening?

Your Prez,
Lester Hardy

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.

January 29 – Guest speaker is Gary Lieberstein, Napa County DA

Also, special guest, John Muhlner, SH Rotary Club

January 29 – Finish painting Red Cross house steps, 9:00

February 2 – Super Bowl party at Howard and Lyndal's

February 3 – Kiwanis Board Meeting at 5:00

February 5 – Guest speaker TBA

February 6 – DCM planning lunch with Yountville Kfolks at Armadillos

Worthy Causes

January 31 – *Lone Survivor* movie fundraiser at Cameo Cinema

February 1 – Soroptimist of St. Helena Crab Feed

March 1 – Boys & Girls Club, *Ragin' Cajun*, Castello di Amorosa

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, Steve, David or TomD.

4. Publicity and Outreach Committee needs your help lining up weekly speakers. Contact Lowell, Lester, Steve, Mel or Jay.

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