

# **Rotary Club of the Valley of the Moon**

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The **Four-Way Test** of things we think, say or do:

Is it the **Truth**?

Is it **Fair** to all concerned?

Will it build **Goodwill** and better **Friendships**?

Will it be **Beneficial** to all concerned?

## **OPENING**

President **Shawn Hetherman** rang the opening bell at 7:30 a.m.

The American flag salute was led by **Judith Kesot**.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

**Mimi Jones** brought in a piece about Friendship:

“Be completely humble, gentle and patient,  
hear one another in love.

Friendship is a chain of gold  
shaped in God’s all perfect mold.

Each link a smile, a laugh, a tear,  
a grip of the hand, a word of cheer.

As steadfast as the ages roll,  
binding closer, soul to soul,

No matter how far or heavy the load.

sweet is the journey on Friendships road.”



## VISITING ROTARIANS AND GUESTS

Sergeant-at-Arms **Fred Merrill** announced the presence of **Jody Drummond** of the Rotary Club of Brainerd, Minnesota. The Brainerd Club has 110 members. **Jody** and her husband lived for years in our area as winemakers and **Jody** visited VOM Rotary five or so years ago. Her home club has a program called Stride that helps the lowest 10% of students in Brainerd. They are very happy to be visiting much warmer California at present.

## MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Service Director **Mike O'Brien** took the podium to read several letters from past recipients of our Student of the Month effort:

**River Lopez** says: "To Mimi, Hi, I am going to answer some questions. I am 10 and like to play trumit (trumpet). I am in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Do you have any hobbies? From River"

From **Ethan Michael Louton**: "Dear Mr. O'Brien, I wanted to let you know that I donated the money to UCSF. I chose UCSF because they helped me my whole life. They helped me to overcome health challenges and get back to school to see all of my friends. Thank you for being kind and giving me money to donate. Ethen Michael Louton, Whited Elementary School."

And from **Parker Stagnoli**: "Dear Valley of the Moon Rotary, Thank you for naming me student of the month. I plan to donate the \$15 to sponsor a Striking Sparks telescope. Striking Sparks is a program created by the Sonoma County Astronomical Society with the goal of gifting telescopes to youth interested in astronomy. Astronomy is a very interesting branch of science, and I believe everyone should be able to access it. Thank you for the great morning and breakfast. I will continue to work hard to serve others. Sincerely, Parker Stagnoli"

Community Service Director **Pat Gooler** reported that there is no update.

Fund Raising Director and Head Crab **Susan Boak** donned her familiar crabby hat to thank all for the packages and wine donated in the name of Rotary for our very soon February 16<sup>th</sup> Crab Feed. She asked that all cookies be in by February 15<sup>th</sup> (day before the Feed) and she will either arrange to pick them up or be home to accept your delivery. Susan's final note was for all volunteers to check her emailed volunteer sheet for your name and assignments.

**Valerie Hulsey** announced that this is the first time in recent memory that we now have 1 or 2 Crab Feed tickets available before the feed. If you need tickets, contact **Val** as soon as possible. (Going, going, gone). Next year the cutoff date for tickets will be two weeks later.

**Art Fichtenberg** sadly reported that wife Sandy's hospital test results were again positive for her fight with cancer. **Shawn** reiterated for all of us that the family are held in our prayers and we will be with Sandy and **Art** helping in any way possible.



## BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

**Judie Coleman** has been blessed with another year and had an enjoyable birthday dinner with friends. Judie has also talked with **Kazumi Nishio** who sends a hello and warm wishes.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

**Mimi Jones, Maureen McGettigan, Ken Young and Val Hulsey** gave happy

dollars



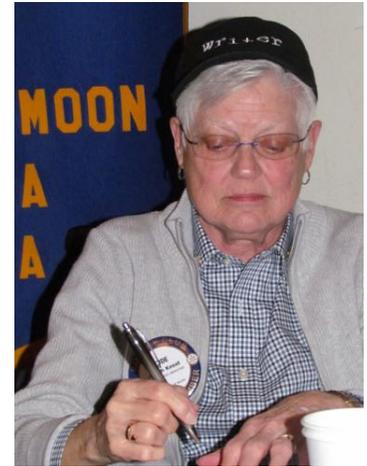
**Norma Doyle** went to the City Council meeting concerning the Roseland Library. The meeting was well attended, however as it went late, some had to leave before the meeting was over.

**John Brodey** brought this to our attention. It would seem that **Peter Copen** has made a gross error, he actually put on socks that matched. **Peter** told of a husband and wife that came from the memory doctor with the suggestion that they write things down if not remembered. While watching TV the wife asked her husband who was going into the kitchen to bring her some ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream. He refused to write anything down. He comes back with bacon and eggs. She says, “where’s my toast?” Well, that hit

home, thanks **Peter**.

**Judith Kesot** remembered her mother, Marjorie Pointer Kesot, who would have turned 101 years old today.

**Shawn Hetherman** reported on the new business venture, Cookie Cutters, opened for business last Tuesday. Just a tiny glitch in scheduling threw CC into mini-chaos as the computer scheduled a haircut every 15 minutes instead of 30 minutes. Shawn, you are fully booked, not a bad thing, but those hair cutters have scissors (BEWARE).

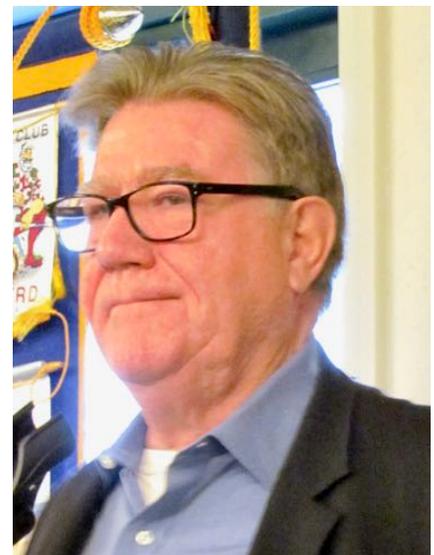


## RAFFLE

**Anne Gero** asked Mike Isola to draw the ticket for the Raffle. Shawn’s number was drawn, but she didn’t draw the Joker. The pot grows.

## SPEAKER

**Fred Merrill** introduced our speaker Mark A. Randol. Mark is a graduate of UC Berkley, earned a Masters in Government (National Security Studies) from Georgetown and completed all PhD course work and comprehensive exams in World Politics at Catholic U in Washington, DC. Having retired in May 2011, he moved to Sonoma Valley east of Santa Rosa. Mark now lectures on aviation security and teaches US Coast Guard-certified maritime security courses. Mark can tell of many interesting subjects but today he spoke of: The U.S. Merchant Marines: Unsung Heroes of World War II.



Our American mariners manned the cargo ships and oil tankers bringing arms, ammunition and other supplies to support fighting forces in Europe and in the Pacific against the Nazi onslaught. When the Red Army battled the Wehrmacht on the Russian Steppes, they did so wearing winter boots made in American. Those boots reached Russia on ships manned by merchant mariners crossing the Arctic Circle through U-boat infested waters on what came to be known as the “Murmansk Run”. Later these ships and their crews would supply the war material to support the Allied invasion of France.



8,300 mariners were killed at sea, 12,000 wounded and many taken prisoner. One in 26 merchant mariners died in the line of duty, a higher percentage than those killed serving in any of the combat services.

Mark pointed out that, after the war, and in spite of the danger they faced and sacrifices made, US Merchant Mariners were never given veterans benefits nor were they accorded the honors they deserved. When the mariners sued, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars were against the Merchant Mariners. The US Congress, as of this date, has yet to vote in the affirmative to restore the dignity and the accorded benefits to these brave souls. This country still has Merchant Mariners protecting and supporting our military against any and all conflicts.

During retirement in Santa Rosa, Mark has served for six years as the President of the Oakmont Sunday Symposium, a non-sectarian, non-partisan organization that provides weekly intellectual and

educational presentations to community residents and their guests.

President **Hetherman** had us stand and recite the Four-Way Test and rang the bell to end our meeting at 8:40 a.m.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Share Rotary with your friends.** We should invite business friends and neighbors to a meeting. Who do we do business with, what neighbors do we know, what former Rotarians could be asked to join us? **Clip and save the invitation below to give to a friend, neighbor, or business associate. Please tell or email Marie or Shawn Hetherman if you are bringing a guest.**

**When introducing your guest at a meeting please do not introduce them as a prospective member. No one can be a prospective member until the Board votes on their application. Just introduce them as my friend or neighbor or whatever is appropriate.**

**Guests and potential Rotarians are invited twice at the Club's expense.**

**MANY PEOPLE SAID THEY WOULD HAVE JOINED ROTARY HAD SOMEONE ASKED THEM!**

**Cut and put in your wallet**

**You are invited as a guest of \_\_\_\_\_ to attend a breakfast meeting of Valley of the Moon Rotary. The Club meets Friday mornings at 7:00 a.m. at the Quail Inn Restaurant 7035 Oakmont Drive in Oakmont.**

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**2-8-19 – Cycling can Save the World**

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