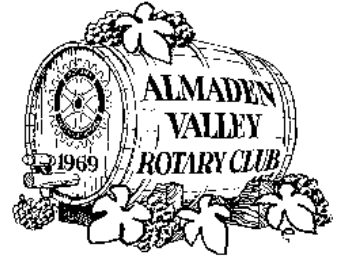




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Beginnings

Miles didn't start our meeting today at the Almaden Valley Country Club with the clang of a bell, instead he called upon Mother Nature to provide a beautiful rainbow to look at through the window behind him.



President's Leaf

by

Miles Yamamoto, President Almaden Valley Rotary Club



We had a very nice Christmas luncheon at the Almaden Country Club for the Friday meeting. We were able to enjoy the food and fellowship while listening to the music of the Winchester Orchestra. The Winchester Orchestra is one of the organizations our Endowment supports and we appreciate them providing the music during our Christmas lunch.

I know we were all glad to hear that Jack McCarthy is getting better every day and should make a full recovery. Marianne says he is working hard at his rehabilitation and is determined to recover fully. Keep him in your thoughts.

I would like to thank Judy and Roger Bier for hosting the Christmas wrap event for the gifts for the families that we support each Christmas and for providing the delicious dinner, dessert, beverages, etc. for the thirty plus people in attendance. The paella was better than any we had in Spain this summer and Eva is trying to duplicate the cannolis (sp?). Thank you also to Co-chair, Bill Smith, and to everyone else for their help and generosity. I know what we are doing will make it a real Christmas for the families that receive the gifts.

I would like to wish everyone a ***Very Merry Christmas! and Thank You!*** for all of your help and support during the first six months of my term.

We are having a Club Assembly on Thursday, January 9, so if you have any items for the agenda that you would like discussed, please let me know.

It was strongly suggested to me that I insert the following in each week's President's Leaf as a reminder for certain member who forget to do this:

REMINDER: PRINT THE GRAPEVINE FOR YOUR SPOUSE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER TO READ

Sow the Seeds of Love.

Your Friend in Rotary,

Miles

SOW THE SEEDS OF LOVE



Pastor **Pileggi** led us in the flag salute and invocation.

Our very special guests today were:

Betty Stednitz

Odette Leone (Annette according to Jack)

Wanda Smith

Kay Bandanza

Peggy D'Ardenne

Diane Lacina

Joyce Gibson

Bobbie Guisto

Linda Exberger

Joan De May

Grace Lester

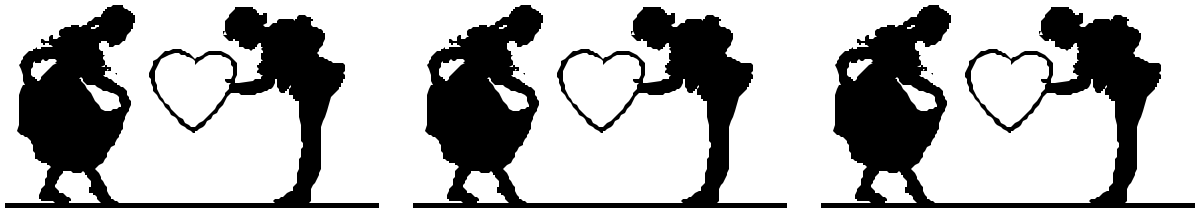
Carolyn Oliveria

Marilyn Flores

Joanne Finnerty

Barbara Colonna

December anniversaries were recognized:



Jack and Marianne McCarthy

Brian and Terry O'Neill

Mel and Kay Bandanza

Vern and Erin Kuhn

John and Heather Gilleland

Miles and Eva Yamamoto

And special mention was made of **Charlie and Odette** who celebrated theirs in October but hadn't received their gift.

Perfect Attendance pins were distributed to or announced for:

Vern Kuhn 30 years
Paul Uenaka 29 years
John Baker 15 years
Angie Hassler 11 years



Marianne McCarthy 09 years
Paul Venezia 09 years
Joe Pileggi 06 years

Announcements:



Bill Smith wanted to publicly thank his Wander who wrapped a lot of the presents and helped with the organization of the gifts. Christmas gifts to 31 people representing 6 families were delivered. In addition to the Christmas trees, gifts and Safeway gift certificates, we were able to purchase a microwave, a refrigerator and a set of bunk beds for these families. Thank you for your generosity!

John Baker distributed Shark tickets and wristbands to those who signed up for the Sharkfest January 4th. We still have space for about 11 more attendees.

Roger H distributed the last two bowl-a-thon prizes: 1st place to **Bruce Bondelie** and 2nd place to **Marianne McCarthy**.



Marianne McCarthy gave an update on **Jack** who suffered a stroke the day of our Bowl-a-thon. He is moving around with his walker, going to physical therapy three times a week and the doctors say that in about 2 months he should be back to normal. Great news, **Marianne**!

Miles read a card from **Jack** thanking us for the basket our club sent as well as the individual cards, phone calls, and prayers.

Miles announced that Cliff Dochterman will be speaking at the Sunnyvale Rotary club Tuesday January 14th at noon at the Ramada Inn in Sunnyvale (just off 101). Come to hear a great speaker. If you have heard him before, you know how great he is, if you haven't, you're in for a treat. (He could give Jay Leno a run for his money as a stand up comic).



The Winchester Orchestra (part of whom provided the entertainment today) is putting on a Pops Concert at the Crossroads Church on Morepark by Leigh Ave, Friday evening at 7:30pm on January 24th.

And with a drum roll:

Marianne McCarthy announced her board of directors for her term 2003-2004.

President Elect/Membership	Jeff Rosen
Treasurer	Diane Malloy
Secretary	Gary Exberger
Foundation	Miles Yamamoto
Sgt at Arms	Dale Westen
Club Service I	Ed Lacina
Club Service II	Paul Flores
Community Service	Jerry Gibson
Vocational/Youth Service	Bruce Bondelie
International Service	Earl McIntosh



Congratulations to each and every one of you for saying yes again.



Both are grinning for different reasons.

And with another drum roll:



Joe Pileggi gave a special thanks to **Jim Guido** and his committee for their efforts for the Silicon Valley Youth All Star Football Game. And thanked the members, their families, and their friends for all their efforts this past year and **Paul Consentino, Paul Venezio, Joanne Bengiveno, Marianne McCarthy, John Baker, Mel Bandanza** along with our present board of directors and past presidents and boards for all their efforts throughout the year.



We were able to give \$26,400 to the following:

Almaden Counseling
Assistance League of San Jose
Boy Scout Troup #290
Boy Scout Troup #294
Central Occupational Center
Hospice of the Valley
Leland High School Speech
Department
Natalie Brain Disease
Foundation
Oak Grove HS Scholarships
Pioneer HS Scholarships
Sacred Heart Community Service
Salavation Army
San Jose Metropolitan Band
Skills Plus

South Valley YMCA
Wedemeyer Family Foundation
Winchester Orchestra
Youth Focus
Castellero Middle School
Casa Guatamala
Palo Alto Football Program
Pioneer HS Football Program
San Jose City Football Program
Leland HS Scholarships
RotoPlasti
Camp RYLA
Emergency Housing Consortium
Pioneer HS Interact
Oak Grove HS Interact
Leland HS Interact

Future Programs

03 Jan Walt & Peggy Tales-Tails of Tanzania
09 Jan Club Assembly
17 Jan John Baker presents Camile Ahern of Habitat for Humanity
24 Jan Paul Venezio presents Polio Eradication
31 Jan LeRoy Stark presents National Pie Contest Winner

Deck the Halls for the Almaden Valley Rotary Christmas Luncheon....

Almaden Valley Rotary is ready for Christmas.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la la la la

On Friday the 20th we gather as tradition.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

To the Almaden Country Club we have come to have some fun...

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

and celebrate the season with each and everyone.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

See our members get down and party.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Drinking at the bar and eating hearty.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Look through the following pictures right along with us....

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

to see how AVRC parties during Christmas.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Members, Family, Friends and good grub

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

What a combination for a bash at the Country Club.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Looking forward to what lies ahead.

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Please enjoy our Christmas party picture spread...

Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

A

Wanda Smith, Barbara Colonna
Michael Gardner & John Remy



Paul & Marilyn Flores &
Paul Consentino



Charlie Leone, Ray Lester
Odette Leone, Grace Lester



Miles Yamamoto,
Marianne McCarthy & Joan De May



Bill Smith
Arnie Colonna
Roger Hassler



Mel Bandanza, Chuck Shepardson
Paul Consentino, Paul Venezio



What kind of advice can you give me
asks Marianne of Miles



Miles Yamamoto &
Marianne McCarthy



Part of the Winchester Orchestra



Joe Pileggi & Jeff Rosen

Joanne Finnerty, Barbara & Arnie Colonna



Paul & Marily Flores and Joanne Finnerty

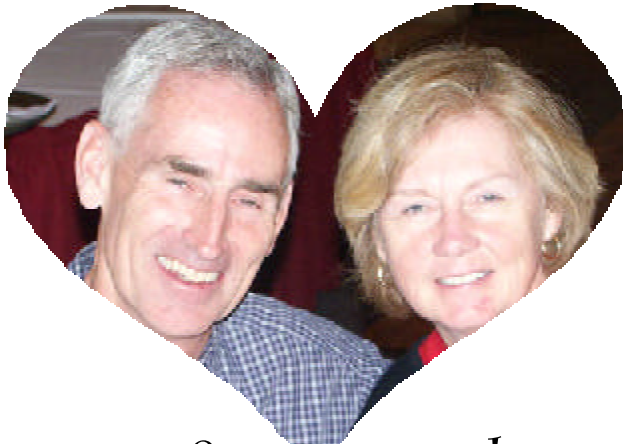




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