



DAZZLE Sells Out And Delivers On Its Promise

By Sherry Hemingway

Our Club's major fundraiser of the year, "**Dazzle – A Celebration of Giving in Style**", was everything it promised.

It was Dazzling!

Success started two weeks before the May 29 fashion show and luncheon at Clos La Chance winery when it sold out all 230 tickets.

"It was a fantastic event," said Event Chair Sandy de la Cuesta, "and we're just building momentum for next year."

Dazzle goals were to raise local awareness of Rotary, raise funds for service projects and giving, and continue an image that would serve the event in the future, regardless of future format.

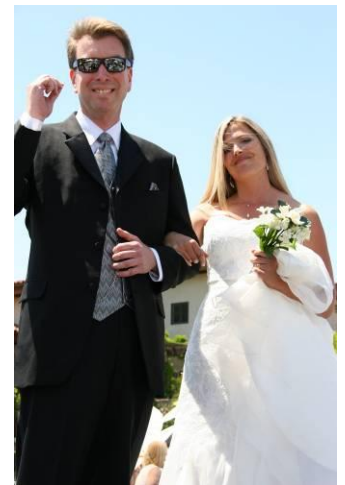
The runway production, chaired by Carol Carr, featured various combinations of humor and elegance with two dozen models that included men, women, children and dogs. Dance instructors provided several ballroom dancing exhibitions.

Participating local fashion retailers were Bbeauty Designs, Cherisse's Hair Salon, CordeValle Pro Shop, Doncaster Apparel & Essential Body Wear, Go Run Sports, Le Bone Bowtique, Michelina's, Nicolette Couture Bridal Boutique, Dr. Robert C. Crowe, Royal Clothiers, Silpada Designs and Tryst Fashion Apparel.

The Emcee was Roger Malech and Fashion Narrator was Lisa DeSilva.

The raffle for "Dazzling Designs" featured local designers creatively filling their nook the Winery's Grand Salon with gifts and treasures. Teri Nelson and Jan Dean chaired the displays with Rosy Bergin chairing raffle ticket sales.

Designers were Brotin Designs, Carol Spence Interior Design, The Colory, Consignment Living, Elaine Ditmore, Johnson Garden Center. lu·lu Pom, Morgan Hill Interiors, Naturescape Environmental and





Stems Floral Boutique.



Sponsorship chair Lou Mirviss said it was the toughest environment she had ever faced for fundraising, but generous sponsors came through for the cause.

Other hard-working committee chairs were Judy Pyle, decorations; Sherry Hemingway & Tracy Newquist, marketing and public relations; Janie & Roger Knopf, site; and Laura Lundy, ticket sales.

The financial tally will be completed shortly.



Here are a few more pics from the event.



The event was something to remember! Be there next year! Get your tickets early! If you are viewing this online you can see all 418 pictures. [Click here.](#) A complete list of all Sponsors is at the end of the newsletter.



Nicholas Alvarado of Sobrato High School, recipient of the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill's Ralph and Rose Fitzsimmons Agricultural Scholarship (left). Presented by Rotarians Mike Johnson (right) and David de la Cuesta (center).



Presentation of the Santa Clara Wine Growers Association scholarship to Emma Croft (center) of Live Oak High School by Ken Manas (left) of Sycamore Creek Winery and George Guglielmo of Guglielmo Winery (right).

Rotary Awards Scholarships to 23 College-Bound Students

By Sherry Hemingway



Rotary Club of Morgan Hill scholarship winners from Live Oak and Sobrato High School and Scholarship Committee members who awarded \$24,000 in scholarships.

Twenty-three local high school seniors were awarded college scholarships by the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill at ceremonies on May 14.

The \$2,000 Ralph and Rose Fitzsimmons Agricultural Scholarship for outstanding achievement and commitment to agricultural studies was awarded to Nicolas Alvarado of Sobrato High School.

The \$1,000 William Stables Music Scholarship for outstanding achievement in music studies was awarded to Trang Bui of Live Oak High School.

Recipients of \$1,000 scholarships for outstanding academic achievement went to Live Oak students Marissa Campi, Kalea Cleeton, Morgan Coleman, Kourtney Kientzy, Jessica Liang, Alex Mandel, Deborah Parks, Aaron Persing, Steven Rick and Andrew Stratton.

Sobrato students receiving the \$1,000 academic achievement scholarships were Jonathan Baio, Jessica Bondi, Joseph Edgar, Kelly



Henderson, Hallie Kiernan, Amber Masoni, Sam Peveza and Erin Vance.

The Club's Scholarship Committee is headed by co-chairs David de la Cuesta and Mike Johnson, with committee members Tracy Newquist and Mayor Steve Tate. Dr. Dan Gregg guided the selection of the Rose and Ralph Fitzsimmons Scholarship recipient.

At the same ceremonies, George Guglielmo of Guglielmo Winery and Ken Manas of Sycamore Creek Winery presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Emma Croft of Live Oak High School on behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Winegrowers Association. The winemakers utilized the Rotary Club to interviewing process in selecting their recipient.

Rotary Club of Morgan Hill is a part of Rotary International, a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. One major emphasis of the local club's focus is on the community's youth.



The Debunking of Carl Reinhardt: Ready to Roast!

By Ken Hulick & Sherry Hemingway

de-bunk'-ing – *An event where soon-to-be ex-presidents are roasted to a crispness that ensures they will relinquish their office.*

If you are a red badger or a new blue badger, you need to know that one of the Club's best parties of the year for you and your spouse/S.O./guest is The Debunking.

It's a lovely summer evening garden party at the home of **Dana & Elaine Ditmore**. As the evening rolls on, it's not only the BBQ that gets roasted. No ego is too large, no cow too sacred, and no legend unchallenged when it comes to "honoring" (to use that term very casually) our former Presidents.

In actuality, the event under the chairmanship of Ken Hulick is small thanks indeed for the wonderful year of activities and leadership shown by both Carl and Gerrie.

Details: 5:30 p.m., Friday, June 26. See roster or Members Only section of the website for the address. Dana offers an invitation to tour the Ditmore's merlot vineyard.

Note that this counts as a meeting, so you will pay or be billed whether or not you attend. The Club is DARK on Wednesday, June 24.



A Partnership – Morgan Hill & Salem

By Arlene Greenberg

The Area 6 Matching Grant with Salem, India, sponsored by Morgan Hill, is well underway. This Grant, supported by The Rotary Foundation, is providing:

- 130 bench/desk sets for children of an elementary school who current squat on the floor (benefiting at least 500 students as each set seats several children)
- 1 toilet block to service the school (providing a facility where there was none)
- 40 artificial limbs or forearms for amputees

The attached pictures show the bench/desk as well as the recognition plate that will be attached to each set.

All of this was accomplished with a cash donation from the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill of \$2,850. How is this possible? Because of our contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

Here's how it works:

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| \$2,850 | Morgan Hill – Cash |
| 2,850 | District 5170 – matching District Designated Funds (DDF) |
| 100 | Salem – Cash |
| 3,500 | District 2980 (India) – matching (DDF) |
| <u>7,825</u> | The Rotary Foundation matching grant |
| \$17,150 | Total project cost |

We were able to do so much with so little, touching the lives of hundreds of children.

The magic of Rotary and our International Foundation!



Four Students Receive Rotary Outstanding Student Achievement Awards

By Sherry Hemingway

Four Morgan Hill students, each chosen by their school as top student, were honored with "Outstanding Student Achievement Awards" May 27th by Rotary Club of Morgan Hill.

Rotary presented each student with U.S. saving bonds for their future



education and an achievement certificate, and also recognized their parents and school officials at a luncheon ceremony.

The honored were:

Carden Academy: Outstanding student Annadine Nicole Kost, parents Rhonda & John Kost, Principal Geralyn Vasquez.

Charter School of Morgan Hill: Outstanding student Ryan Joseph Ochoa, Parents Stephanie & Jose Ochoa, Principal Paige Cisewski.

Crossroads Christian School: Outstanding student Dakotah Shayne Hale, parents Maureen Duggan & David Hale, Principal Matt Diehl.

Oakwood Country School: Outstanding student Gianna Geraffo, parents Daria & Richard Geraffo, Principal Mona Reel.

The awards recognize and reward outstanding student achievement as exemplified by academic performance, individual leadership, commitment to community and overall commitment to excellence.

All public and private Morgan Hill schools have the opportunity to annually select one outstanding student for the honor. Awards are announced on a rotating basis throughout the year.

The recognition program of the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill is a part of its ongoing commitment to serve the youth of the community.



"The Year Ahead": A Message From Del Foster

As many of you may know, the 2009-10 Rotary Theme is "The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands." I suppose that for me, this theme is very appropriate. I firmly believe that to have a successful club, we must keep our future in mind. I also believe it is up to us, at the Club level, to determine the future of Rotary through the programs we implement and the impact we have both locally and in the world.

To accomplish this, however, we need to have a club in which everybody contributes in some form or manner. Therefore, the Board Elect and I are busy putting all of the pieces in place to give everybody in our club the ability to have an impact.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite each of you to attend the Rotary Club of Morgan Hill's first meeting on July 1. At this meeting, I will share with you some of my thoughts on Rotary and how you can help shape the future of Rotary.



Why Did I Join Rotary?

By Charlene Tsao

"Rotary Pride Make Dreams Real"

In today's complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs of Friendship and Fellowship. Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind, its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is the best reason for becoming a Rotarian that I can have a chance to do something for somebody else. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education in leadership; learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders. Rotary membership makes me to be a better community citizen and it also keep me inform as to what is going on in the community, nation, and world. Public speaking skills are always a challenge to me. Rotary helps me to develop confidence and skill in public communications thru friendship and fellowship. Richard D. King, the past president of Rotary International had mentored all Rotarians that Rotary leadership is flying like an Eagle. Eagle leadership in Rotary is that the true Rotary leader has a vision, can fly with storms, and has the ability to change. Eagle leaders seem necessities to change. Richard King had inspired and convinced me that whenever Rotary is, there is less disease, less hunger, less walk, and less thirst. Whenever Rotary is there is more peace, more health, more friendship and more fellowship. Rotary had touched me that I am not only a member in Rotary, but Rotary is in me.



Why Am I Here?

By Mike Withrow

Linda and I moved to Morgan Hill from Sunnyvale in June of 2008. The kids were all grown up and gone with families of their own and we decided to do something we had talked about for years; downsize. The discovery of Morgan hill was to our hearts delight.

When Dana Ditmore and Steve Tate asked if I would be interested in coming to a Rotary lunch on Wednesdays I said, "I wash my cat on Wednesdays so I can't make it". I was not interested.

Mike Withrow



But two things happened to change my mind; 1) I looked at Steve's card and read, "Mayor" and 2) I recalled that my lifelong friend, Rick Clark, was a Rotarian, even a past president. For 30 years every time Linda and I visited him he would pull out the videos of one of the projects his club was working on. I have to admit that I admired him for being involved in that but I never realized that it was Rotary. I thought he belonged to the Optimists club. When I found out that it was really Rotary I decided to come to a meeting.

So, now I'm a Rotarian and proud to be. My friends are probably bored to keep hearing my Rotarian stories but it's becoming a bigger and bigger part of our lives and we're happy about that. We were told, "When you get into the Rotary, that's one thing. But when Rotary gets into you that's another". We're getting closer to that every day.



Danny Wan

Red Badge Profile: Danny Wan

By Steve Tate

Danny was born in Taiwan to parents who escaped from China after the communist takeover. Those parents – Lee and Jane – recently moved with Danny to Morgan Hill. Danny also has a sister and the family is well travelled. They moved from Taiwan to Canada when Danny was 10, spent eight years there and then moved to Kansas City for a couple of years before finally settling in the San Francisco area in 1980.

Danny graduated from Cal Berkeley with a degree in rhetoric, then taught middle and high school for three years. He says that having to talk in front of kids for six hours a day was a great, challenging experience that prepared him well for his later career in politics and the law! After teaching, Danny went back to UCLA and earned his law degree, then worked six years as a public finance lawyer.

The last four of those years, from 1996 to 2000, Danny served as an elected member of the East Bay Water Board. In 2000, Danny was elected to the Oakland City Council where he served until 2004, while Jerry Brown was Mayor. Danny served as chair of Oakland's finance Committee and is proud to contribute to a balanced the budget and to reducing the size of government. For Oakland, Danny was relatively a conservative Council member! Prior to joining the City of Morgan Hill as our City Attorney late last year, Danny spent four years working as an attorney for the Port of Oakland.

Danny enjoys outdoor activities, including swimming, fishing, hiking and white-water rafting. He is active in promoting gay and Asian



causes, and at one time after he got his degree in rhetoric, he wrote poetry, which he claims is a very strong tool to help win arguments! One of his goals is to get back to his writing so he can regain his esthetic sense.

Danny joined Rotary because it gave him a perfect portal to knowing community leaders and doing community service. He definitely wants to be "involved" so wants to be with active people who do things – Rotarians! He is enjoying learning the ropes of the city attorney position and areas of municipal law that he was not familiar with, and he hopes to expand his role beyond traditional "legal" boundaries so he can become a major contributor to future Morgan Hill successes!



Tom Fry

Red Badge Profile: Tom Fry

By Steve Tate

Tom's is married to Louise, who is director of Women's Services for Saint Louise Regional Hospital. They have five children total from previous marriages, and all the kids are grown and gone, but only one daughter is married and has two daughters of her own. One of Tom's goals is to find more time to spend with his grandkids, which he hopes to have more of soon.

Tom moved to Morgan Hill in 1982 from San Jose where he was born and raised and graduated from San Jose State. Wanting more property with his house, he located in the western foothills off Llagas Rd.

Tom's degree is in Electrical Engineering, but he decided to opt out of engineering and got an MBA at Santa Clara. His career has been in sales of high tech electronic instruments, and he co-owns his company – Amasco – with his partner in San Diego. They cover the entire west coast.

Tom is an ardent do-it-yourself and likes to remodel bathrooms, bedrooms and his cabin up at Lake Tahoe. He is into racing cars, primarily his 1966 Shelby (Mustang) GT350, and the Fry's love to travel "anywhere". Tom conducts an annual race driving school for beginners at the Thunder Hill track way up north.

Tom joined Rotary to reconnect with Morgan Hill and become more involved in his hometown and use his talents on projects that will improve the community. In addition to time with the grandkids, Tom and Louise hope to be able to travel more.

You may not know that Tom is quite a daredevil – in addition to racing



cars, he has been known to jump out of airplanes and has done some adventurous and challenging hikes!



Hold on tight to your dreams!



The President's Corner

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!! And several pats on your shoulders, the membership and especially the Board, for making this a WONDERFUL and fun year!! We've received more help, more money and more new members than any year that I can remember.

Our golf tournament, fellowship events, interact participation, work day and for the grand finale, "DAZZLE" was like having fireworks go off with spirit and music, all at the same time!

We've hit the record book by going over the 100 membership count and just like a great sports team we recruited the best of the best. Isn't it great to see so many new and participating ROTARIANS in our group?

We even have a couple of lucky and very excited members who won our Foundation benefitting raffle: Lisa DeSilva and David Conragen!

We've provided great community support to our senior citizens with the Harvey Barrett Dinner and reached out to help 23 high school seniors with scholarships. None of this would have been possible without the cohesive spirit of giving of your talent, time and treasury. This year our motto was Make Dreams Real and our local club added "hang on tight to those dreams".

We've done it!! We made dreams a reality to many people within our community.

We received national recognition as ROTARIANS with our polio eradication project, with the Melinda and Bill Gates Foundation giving a total of \$350,000,000 to eradicate this horrible disease once and for all. Our club, over time, has given \$250,000 through the Foundation to help with the polio campaign.

This years new motto is "The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands" and that is why we are having an assembly on June 17 to listen to you, about moving our club forward and making it **THE** club to part of in Morgan Hill. We have a great heritage and we are about to make a Great Future. Isn't it great to be a Morgan Hill Rotarian? We are the best and proudest people in Morgan Hill!!



Thank you, Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Best Regards,
Carl Reinhardt

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We Care

Editor Lisa is happy to report there are no notices for We Care - Our members are doing well!.



Anniversaries

06-19-1976 Dan Gregg
06-19-1985 Brent Creer



Happy Birthday!

06-03 Alan Nishino
06-07 Dan Gregg
06-08 Del Foster
06-11 Debbie Cupp
06-12 John Tarvin
06-19 David Fent
06-20 Bob Moulthrop
06-22 David Lister
06-25 Laura Lundy
06-27 Stu Carson



June Programs – 12:15, Wednesdays *MH Community & Cultural Center*

June 3 - To Your Good Health: Kevin Useldinger will present a realistic approach for a healthier lifestyle for those who don't have the time or commitment to maintain it. Guests welcome.

June 10 - Silicon Valley Faces: Pat Mitchell, Executive Director of Silicon Valley Faces will describe the activities of her agency that is committed to ending bias, bigotry and racism in the Bay Area and Northern California. Guests welcome.

June 17 - Club Assembly. Farewell meeting for Carl Reinhardt.

June 24 - NO MEETING. Our regular meeting is DARK and is replaced by the Debunking Of President Carl Reinhardt on Friday, June 26. The debunking is a Club party where we honor our outgoing president with a fabulous BBQ. Will we be serving roast beef? No, we will have Roast Carl! This will be an event not to be missed. Invitation only - for Club members, spouses, and invited guests.



Upcoming Events ~ *Get your calendar out!*

Jun. 21-24 **RI Convention**, Birmingham, England

June 26 President Carl Reinhardt Debunking. 5:30 p.m. at Dana and Elaine Ditmore's house.



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