

THE NILES ROTARY PINION

February 2016

On Track with President Lisa



I think I'm finally getting used to writing 2016, so that means we are well into the new year and my presidency will in a matter of 5 months come to an end. Many of my predecessors have told me that now that I am finally getting this President's role down I will really start to enjoy being at the podium. I'm finding that to be true because I love seeing the smiling faces and the energy in the room. Word has it that PE Angus

recently went to Pre-PETS, so that is another sign that my time is winding down.

We started our year learning memory tricks with guest speaker Chester Santos...Monkey, rope, iron, kite....or is it Monkey, iron, rope, kite....I need another lesson! [editor's note: you could be in a big mess with that monkey and the rope and the tree, etc. if it's not the right order!]

The next meeting undercover officer Darryl Manrique of the Fremont Police Department shared with us the current climate of gang related activity in our city, letting us know that Fremont has a very low rate of gang activity compared to many other cities in the Bay Area.

Thank you to PP Steve for arranging our first social event of the year starting with an informal dinner at the home of PP Rakesh and his beautiful wife Ranjana (thank you for your gracious hospitality!), followed by a Sponsors Reception at Ohlone College and an amazing performance of Little Mermaid by the talented Star Struck Theater kids.

Mid month, Co-Membership chair PP Chuck joined me at the podium to present our newest Blue Badges to Cyndy Mo, Paul Iannaccone and Nader Ayad. All three have engaged in several club activities since joining the club so it's no wonder they were able to achieve their blue badges so quickly!

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On Track With President Lisa (continued)

After a few years of moving around the country, Rosemary Ashley has found her way back home to Niles Rotary! The Rotary club of Kady, Texas gave Rosemary a gleaming stamp of approval as a past member and highly recommended that she be accepted back into Niles Rotary, so it was my honor to present Rosemary with her Blue Badge!

Our second Club Assembly was a little unconventional, but nonetheless, we learned that all of our Avenues of Service are “On the Right Track!”

Our last meeting of the month was kicked off by a heartwarming icebreaker by Wendy Mills. I love icebreakers because I learn about the new member, their family and what they enjoy about Rotary. I learned that now that Wendy is an empty nester she would like to travel....how about Monterrey Mexico or Seoul Korea as a travel destination?!!

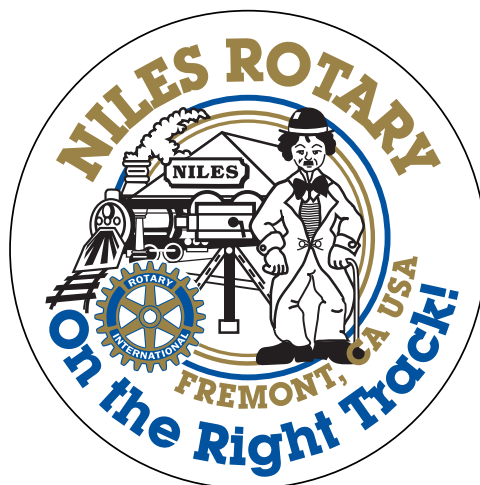
Palliative Care team Michelle Hedding and Father Jeff Finley gave an interesting and informative talk about advance health care planning, describing how hospice and palliative care work. Ms. Hedding is the Spiritual Care Coordinator at Washington Hospital. We are continually grateful to Kimberly Hartz Foster and Angus Cochran for their ability to make available to Niles Rotary the expertise of the Washington Hospital staff and its allied staff.

We are reminded at each club meeting and with emails during the week of the buildup for our Reverse Raffle. Right now the emphasis is on ticket sales and soon we will begin hearing about the auction part of the event. The Reverse Raffle Committee is, and has been for months, very hard at work to ensure a successful event for our club. As you talk with ticket buyers, it's a good opportunity to invite them to a club meeting as well.

District Conference registration is now open – remember that registration is **FREE** – we only pay for our meals and hotel stay, if we are staying overnight at the San Ramon Marriott.

I'm looking forward to all that next month has in store. Get on board and bring a guest or two to lunch so that they can also experience the fun, fellowship and energy that is uniquely Niles Rotary!

President Lisa



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 12-15, 2016 – Paso Robles Wine Trip – contact: Steve Landon**
- March 30 – April 3 – Wheelchair Distribution Project to Monterrey, Mexico – contact: Audrey Kearns
- Sat. April 16 – Niles Rotary Reverse Raffle – Fremont/Newark Hilton Doubletree**
- April 29 – May 1 - District Conference – Marriott San Ramon (they have a huge fire pit!)*

*good Area or District activity for Red Badgers
** good Social or Community Service activity for Red Badgers

CLUB PROGRAMS

- Feb. 4 – Club Speech Contest
Feb. 11 – Ryan Pardee – Cyber Security
Feb. 18 – Jim Hafft – Jeremiah O’Brien Dry Dock Photography
Feb. 25 – Carl Medford – Streets of Hope
March 3 – Area 3 Speech Contest
March 10 – Gisela Zebroski/Novelist – The Berlin Airlift, the Candy Bomber and I
March 17 – Zainab Khan – Growing Up Muslim in America today
March 24 – Carolyn Jones – East Bay Regional Parks – Rotary Related Projects

The weekly eBulletin lists each club program
Club programs are listed on the club website:
www.nilesrotary.org

MEMBERSHIP

President Lisa reminds us to keep bringing guests to our club meetings. Membership Development, Engagement, and Retention are the keys to our future and to the continued success of Niles Rotary. We had 14 new members in President Steve’s year! Craig Steckler sponsored the most new members in 2014-2015.

The following members have joined Niles Rotary since July 2013. Please make sure you have met them, know who they are, and that they know you.

Audrey Kearns – Non-Profit, Administration
Sherry Higgs – Non-Profit, Administration
Ameena Saeed – Education
Orlando Tavares – Insurance, Personal
Steven Springer – Attorney – Business Law
Tammi Souza – Construction - Finance
Maryanne Tracy-Baker – Writer
Manohar Reddy – Attorney – Immigration
Melissa diMatteo – Restaurant
Raj Salwan – Veterinary Medicine
Dana Jones – Campaign Management
Rick Jones – Law Enforcement-Retired
Josh Carlson – Non-Profit Youth Organization
Nader Ayad – Jeweler/Gemologist
Paul Iannaccone – Community College, Foundation
Wendy Mills – Plumbing Services – Contractor
Cyndy Mozzetti – Trucking
Simon Cho – Import & Export
Kathy Laidlaw – Youth Services
Geeda Kadambi – Science - Patent
Jim Morris – Education
Aggie Freeman - Health Services

When someone asks us what is Rotary, here is what we can say – the short version:

- It’s a leadership organization ... We’re made up of local business, professional and civic leaders.
- We meet regularly, get know each other, form friendships, and through that, we’re able to get things done in this community.

CLUB MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS – JANUARY



Jan. 7 program: Chester Santos – Memory Expert



Jan 14 program: Darryl Manrique – Fremont Gang Task Force



Jan. 21 – Club Assembly



Jan. 21 – Randy leaves us for Nevada Railroad Museum



Blue badges to Cyndy Mozzetti, Nader Ayad, Paul Iannaccone

CLUB MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS – JANUARY (continued)



January 28 – Michelle Hedding & Father Jeff Finley – Advance Care Planning-Hospice & Palliative Care



Jan. 28 – Wendy gives her icebreaker (on her tiptoes)

Students from Washington High Interact Club



Jan. 28 – full room – lots of energy Steve brings a banner from Granite Bay Rotary – daughter Bev joined there

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN JANUARY

A large group of Niles Rotarians and guests attended Starstruck's *Little Mermaid* on January 16. Rakesh and Ranjana hosted the group for dinner at their home before the play.



Rich Godfrey's daughter, a Starstruck grad, is now performing in NYC



a reception honoring donors, including Niles Rotary



Music Director Nancy Godfrey with Chef & Perch

NEWARK ROTARY CRAB FEED – JANUARY 23

Many Niles Rotarians attend the annual Newark Rotary Crab Feed. As always, it was a great event.



thank you Jim Sakane for sharing these photos on Facebook – the huge supply of crab and the full room



some of the Niles Rotarians attending



Maydean always buys us the cake for dessert – nice! Thank you!

ALL ABOARD NILES ROTARY MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

President Lisa has announced this year's membership challenge – All Aboard ...!! Let's work to keep Niles Rotary On the Right Track.

Here is basic information about the challenge.

1. Bring a guest to lunch - that is the most important thing we can do - our experience shows that once visitors see what Niles Rotary does and experience our fellowship, they are primed to be invited to be club members.
2. The club pays for 2 lunches for visitors - after that, you can work it out with a repeat guest (whether you pay or they pay or share payments).
3. There will be a way to keep track of who brings guests - there are special name tags that you would retrieve from the guest as they leave the meeting; those name tags get put into a drawing for a special bonus at the end of the challenge. The more guests you bring, the more name tags with you as the host go into that drawing.
4. The challenge runs through March 31.
5. Prize: for the Friendliest Rotarian (Rotarian bringing the most guests), the Friendliest team (most guests from the team), and the Rotarians sponsoring new members - a wine paired catered dinner at Fremont Flowers Garden Courtyard, hosted by President Lisa and Dirk.

WHAT IS MITTY CHANG'S GIFT TO THE WORLD? HOW IS HE FULFILLING RI PRESIDENT RAVINDRAN'S MESSAGE OF BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD? (Clue: Rotary needs a strong online presence – excellent websites)

Check out the Rotary video of Mitty's speech on January 20, 2016 to the Rotary International Assembly of District Governors-Elect at: Video.rotary.org/FRig/the-future-of-membership-mitty-chang. Mitty shared the stage at the Assembly with RI Pres. Ravindran, Past RI President Cliff Dochterman and others.



NILES ROTARY ANNUAL REVERSE RAFFLE DINNER AND AUCTION - April 16, 2016

It's coming! Save the Date! Here are some photos from auction items purchased at the 2015 event – get ready for some awesome prizes for the April 16 auction and dinner, which benefits the Niles Rotary Foundation.

Reverse Raffle tickets sales teams have been formed, and we kicked off our sales on December 17 – Get Ready!



The Cass house and limo day, donated by Cass Winery in Paso Robles



Landon's paella party – includes Spanish wine donated by Chuck Canada with the tasting at the Wine Steward



excellent paella dinner at the home of Steve and Terri Landon

ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH DECEMBER – Rose Evernden- Andrade



Rotarians of the Month – 2015 – 2016

July – Stephen Allen – graphics for Pres. Lisa
August – Audrey Kearns – International projects
September – Chuck Canada – All Aboard
Membership Challenge
October – Terri Landon – Community Service
November – Paul Andrus – Niles Rotary history and
website development

ROTARACT

Mary Lynn encourages all area Rotarians to attend a Rotaract meeting – they are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at the Depot Café in downtown Centerville (37260 Fremont Blvd. at the train station) or for special events at other locations.

Wheelchair Distribution Project:
Join us as we create friendships,
provide community service and
mobility to people in need

When: March 30 - April 3, 2016

Where: Monterrey, Mexico

Since 2004, Rotarians from District 5170 have worked with Rotarians in Monterrey, Mexico to create something special - a lifetime of friendships, an opportunity to work side-by-side with the Monterrey Rotarians on community service projects and the ability to personally deliver wheelchairs to those who lack mobility. This year's trip will provide enduring memories and emotions, but that will be just the beginning of the experience. In addition to delivering wheelchairs and a hands-on service project, those who join us will:

- Explore the sights, sounds, history, and cultures of the country visited.
- Visit additional humanitarian sites and projects.
- Build friendships with people in Mexico.
- Please contact Audrey Kearns
at audreyk.earns@gmail.com or 510-386-1270 with any questions



END POLIO NOW – check this website for the most up to date information on the drive to eradicate polio: www.polioeradication.org

Polio Eradication Update – Polio Case Countdown – 2015 – Year to Date (Dec. 30) Compared to same year to date (Dec. 30) 2014

Polio Endemic Countries	2015 ytd	2014 ytd
Afghanistan	19	26
Pakistan	51	290
Nigeria	0	0
Total yr to date:	70	316

Rotary announces that we’re closer than ever to ending the disease for good. There have been no polio cases in Africa since August 2014 – 15 months. Now that Nigeria has stopped polio, we are one step closer to a polio-free world. But our fight isn’t over. There’s still work to be done in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the two remaining polio-endemic countries. [Donate today](#) and your donation will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



NILES FREMONT INNER WHEEL CLUB

The Niles Fremont Inner Wheel Club celebrates 30 years this year! Over those years, the club has donated \$40,000 donated to the Myoelectric Limb Bank, a national project of Inner Wheel. The limb bank provides artificial limbs to children who would otherwise not have the family resources to acquire limbs, which they outgrow as they grow up. Members of the Inner Wheel Club are regularly seen at Niles Rotary on the 3rd Thursday of alternate months selling tickets for their attractive baskets. The proceeds from these ticket sales help fund the donations to the Myoelectric Limb Bank as well as local nonprofits that the Inner Wheel Club gives to.

Recently, an anonymous donor gave a donation of \$2,000 to the Niles Fremont Inner Wheel Club in honor of Marlene Weibel, who has been the club President for several years, and who supports the Inner Wheel Club in many ways.

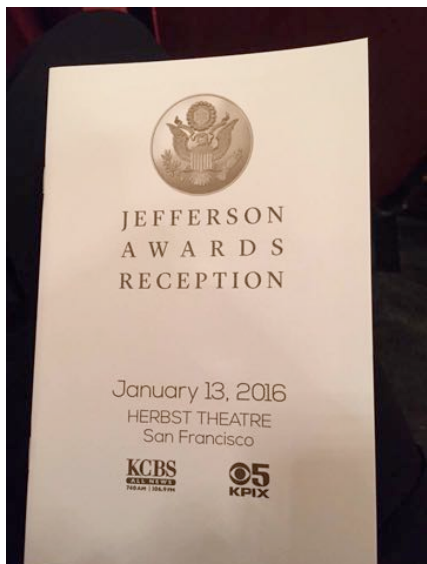


Marlene Weibel, Sue Parhiala, Karen Bradley with tickets



Members and guests of Niles Fremont Inner Wheel at holiday party

NILES ROTARIANS IN THE COMMUNITY



Congratulations to **Sherry Higgs** on being awarded a Jefferson Award on Jan. 13. The Jefferson Awards are for public service at the national & local level. Local winners are ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition.



And Newark Rotarian (and regular Niles Rotary Feed the Hungry kitchen volunteer/salad server) – wife of Stephen Allen – is recognized by the East Bay Association of Realtors with the John Deadrach Distinguished Service Award.

ROTARY WEB LINKS

Niles Rotary: www.nilesrotary.org

District 5170: www.rotarydistrict5170.org

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

RI Theme – 2015-2016



RI President K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran



Rotary International Convention, Seoul, Korea – May 28 – June 1, 2016

Register at www.rotary.org

Contact: Angus Cochran

Convention note: did you know that Seoul is the most internet connected city outside the United States – 10,000 free wifi hotspots.

WHERE AREA 3 CLUBS MEET

TUESDAY at 12 noon. Newark Rotary •
Sinodinos Restaurant, Newark

WEDNESDAY at 7:15 a.m. Rotary Club of
Fremont Warm Springs Sunrise (FWSS) • Fremont
Senior Center, 40086 Paseo Padre Parkway

WEDNESDAY at 12 noon. Fremont Rotary •
Spin a Yarn Restaurant, Fremont

THURSDAY at 7:00 p.m. F.U.N. Sunset Rotary •
Crown Plaza Hotel, Union City

THURSDAY at 7:15 p.m. Rotary Club of Huaren
in Silicon Valley – Denny’s Restaurant, Milpitas
(meets 2nd Thursday; virtual meetings, 1st, 3rd, 5th)

FRIDAY at 12 noon. Mission San Jose Rotary •
Papillon Restaurant, Fremont

Rotaract Club meets first and third Wednesdays
at 7 p.m. at the Depot Café. (37260 Fremont Blvd.
at the train station). Contact: President Collin
Breen – president@rotaractfremont.org
(www.rotaractfremont.org)

Rotary eClub of Silicon Valley –
www.siliconvalleyrotary.com

What kinds of meetings and events constitute a make-up for a missed Niles Rotary club meeting?

You can make up a missed club meeting either 2
weeks before or 2 weeks after the meeting of Niles
Rotary that you missed. In addition to attending a
meeting of another Rotary club anywhere in the world
(go to the R.I. or District 5170 websites to find out
where clubs meet), you can attend a club social,
community service project event (e.g. Feed the
Hungry), committee meeting (e.g. Chili Cook Off
Comm., Membership Comm., etc.), Niles Rotary Board
of Directors meeting, District or R.I. event, or a special
event. Or check the www.rotary.org website for an e-
club make-up.

BIRTHDAYS

Craig Steckler	February 3
Mark Crutcher	February 6
Margo Hood	February 6
Nancy Farber-Szekrenyi	February 8
Rich Godfrey	February 9
Frank Pirrone	February 14
Steven Springer	February 15
Gary Charland	February 18
Terri Landon	February 22
Adam Moura	February 26

ANNIVERSARIES

Mark & Mary Crutcher	2/1/1964	52 yrs
Gary & Jean Basrai	2/17/1974	42 yrs
John & Ann Marie Dutra	2/20/1992	24 yrs

NILES ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

Sandra Young	2/02/2005	11 yrs
Dan Smith	2/18/1986	30 yrs
Steve Barnett	2/20/1992	24 yrs
Jim Brunelli	2/23/1989	27 yrs
Scott Chambers	2/23/2012	4 yrs

AREA 3 and NEARBY EVENTS

Thurs. Feb. 18 – Grease Sing-Along, sponsored by
the Tri Valley Rotary Club. Contact: Mary Lynn
Pelican

April 2, 2016 - Fremont Rotary – 2nd Annual Spring
Fling Golf Tournament & Dinner, Callippe Preserve
& Golf Course. Contact: Roger Shanks
(rshanksplng@gmail.com or 510-386-7551)

October 29, 2016 – Fremont Warm Springs Sunrise
Rotary – Evening of Sparkles – Castlewood Country
Club

NILES ROTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2015-2016

President: Lisa Lorenz
Past President: Steve Landon
President-Elect: Angus Cochran
Club Administration: John Dutra
Service Projects/Community Service: Terri Landon
International Service: Audrey Kearns
Youth Service: Dirk Lorenz
Vocational Service: Adam Moura
Secretary: Tammi Souza
Treasurer: Don Cole
Parliamentarian: Bruce Prescott
Membership Development: Rick Hood & Chuck Canada
Club Foundation Treasurer: Larry Bowen
Sergeant-at-Arms: Gary Raver & Steven Springer
Social Chair: Steve Landon
Program Chair: Scott Chambers
Foundation Chairs: Ray Pedersen & Rich Godfrey
Pinion Editor: Sandi Pantages
Club Photographer: Mary Lynn Pelican; Steve Cho
Club Greeter: Jeff Falk
Website/Social Media/PR: Paul Andrus
Club Runner Updates: Tammi Souza
Transition & Leadership Development: Jack Rogers
Youth Protection Officer: Sandi Pantages
Weekly eBulletin: Josh Carlson
Rotary International President: K.R. Ravindran
District Governor: Susan Valenta
Governor Area 3: Daren Young

Niles Rotary Board Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. – at Washington Hospital, San Jose Conference Room 240A

Pinion Editor: Sandi Pantages – send information & articles to: (sandipantages@comcast.net)
Photographer: Mary Lynn Pelican

Niles Rotary meets Thursdays at 12 noon at Washington West, 2500 Mowry Ave., Fremont

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do

- I. Is it the TRUTH?
- II. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- III. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- IV. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

CENTERVILLE FREE DINING ROOM – 2016

2016 Niles Rotary at the Centerville Free Dining Room
Dates – *mark your calendars now* for this Community Service project that we perform at the Centerville Pres. Church's Free Dining Room whenever there is a 5th Thursday of the month. **2016 dates are: March 31, June 30, September 29, December 29.** Shifts are from 2-4 or 3:45 to 6 p.m. Contact: Rose Evernden-Andrade.♦♦

