

THE NILES ROTARY PINION

September 2017



ROSE'S RUMINATIONS August in Review

August 3, 2017 - Month 2 - only 10 left!! But who's counting? During May and June of this year Paul Andrus and I put together my first Survey Monkey. We had 57 responses from the club – over half the members responded!

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I took a minute at the club meeting to review the results of the Survey Monkey. (See slides and comments further on in the *Pinion*). Our program this afternoon was Paul Andrus reviewing our Web Site and informing club members how and what they can do on our site. Paul also had forms available for you to customize your log in information. If you were not at the club, shoot him an email or catch him at a meeting. He can make access to Club Runner through the Web Site really easy.

Following a relaxing Friendship Friday hosted by the Kearns (thank you Audrey and Mike for opening your home and yard), it was off to Angus's first social of the year. On Saturday night Rotarians attended Star Struck Theater's play *Footloose*. About 20-28 club members enjoyed a lovely dinner at Gael Stewart's Mission Coffee and then met with a few additional Rotarians at the Smith Center for the play. Reports are that the play was great as always but the fellowship at all three events was the highlight.

Monday August 7 was our quarterly mentoring meeting hosted in the lovely home of Geeta Kadambi. Thank you so much for hosting, Geeta. A great group of committee members, mentors and mentees gather for a bonding evening of good wine, good food, good fellowship, and great club information shared with all. The Membership Development Committee is on a roll and starting the year strong. Thank you all especially for making this a priority and for your many hours of work to

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Rose's Ruminations (continued)

make membership development happen.

Our Club Assembly was on August 10 - What do you do when MOST of your Board blows off Club Assembly? (Not really - they all had solid reasons they could not attend). You STAY CALM with one of the funniest people I know - PP Angus. Angus and I wore many hats as we sped through everyone's goals with MY GOAL met - Club Assembly in one meeting. The main goals reviewed were Membership (9 new Rotarians), Rotary Foundation Goals (\$18,000), continued strong relationships with our Interactors and Rotaractors, diverse speakers, and hands-on with the Sight Now International project. (Editor's note: I plan to have the PowerPoint slides from the Club Assembly in a future *Pinion*).

The August 17 meeting was an agenda packed meeting. Chief Rich Lucero gave his highly anticipated icebreaker – thank you Rich for all you bring to our club, and it was so much fun hearing about your beautiful family and meeting your AMAZING wife. Right on the heels of Rich's icebreaker we exchanged not 1 but 2 Red Badges for Blue. That was Rich's last to do on his Red Badge list, and Martin Herter's badge had been waiting for a week or so. Both were given their Blues and the club celebrated them in song.

The BIG announcement was that the 17th marks the beginning of 11 weeks of animated announcements about the Hot Chili Pepper Challenge by our spirited Daren Young. A new aspect was added to this year's challenge. Last year we could eat a hot chili pepper or take a shot of hot chili vodka. This year our Hot Vodka connoisseur Margaret Thornberry found??? Are you ready??? Hot Chili Tequila - WHO KNEW that even existed? Well, it was not wasted as Daren and Margo Hood took the first official shots of Hot Tequila, and the Challenge is off and running. Daren's challenge to the club is that EVERYONE donates – the goal is to raise \$40,000.00 that will be split among 8 local charities. Niles Rotary's recipient will be Life ElderCare. WE can do this!! We enjoyed a great program about Successful Aging. Our speaker was Penny Vittoria

from Acacia Creek. She was very interesting, and gave information we all could use. Primarily – be Positive, seek socialization – MOVE, any exercise – Spiritual - Seek Balance through your church, meditation or quiet time, and last but not least use your Brain - read, brain games. Great information for us all, no matter what age. Thank you Penny!

We swooped into the weekend with a District Membership Conference that was the best I have ever been to with Branding being a main topic. Niles Rotary was very present at this meeting with 5 Rotarians in attendance. Thank you to Chuck Canada, Rick Hood, Sophia Ahmad, and Maggie Guilbeaux-Chambers for giving up your Saturday morning. It should be noted that as they were discussing the value of the Web, three sites were highlighted and our site was one. Very proud that our membership team is so far ahead of most clubs, but we came back with some more great ideas.

On the same day (August 19) another group of our Niles Rotarians was hard at work building a fence for LEAF. This project was headed by Manuel Franco and Paul Andrus. Ten Rotarians were present to assist in various jobs but most of all to get the fence up. They spent collectively about 55.5 hours in the hot noon day sun. Thank you Manuel, Rich Godfrey, Paul Andrus, Steve Cho, Jeff Schinkel, Almos Adorjan, and Rakesh Sharma. We also had some non-Rotarians join the group - Guillermo Martinez, Bill Magoon and Steve Legraffe; it's always great working with folks with likeminded hearts.

On August 24, the Family Fun Meeting kicked off on a high note as we inducted our first Niles Rotarian of the year. Linda Anderson and her husband Curtis were called to the podium – we all got to meet Curtis and hear a little about Linda and her family. I am her sponsor and have known her to be a leader and a giver with a special heart for kids. I have told her for years she should join Rotary. I'm so excited for you all to get to know her better. Congratulations Linda – welcome to our club. Linda is the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Fremont Unified School District and

Rose's Ruminations (continued)

Curtis is a professional photographer. Following Linda's induction, I named my July Rotarian of the month – Paul Iannaccone - for his amazing work with the Rotary Foundation giving. Paul is one with Evanston and our District, and we are reaping the benefits. He is cleaning up, organizing, and most important, teaching us about the Rotary Foundation and our giving opportunities.

Thank you Paul for your hours of hard work and commitment to our club. Paul awarded a Paul Harris Plus 2 pin to Rich Godfrey, a Plus 3 pin to Rosemary Ashley, and a Plus 4 pin to Sandra Young. The rest of the meeting was dedicated to ice breaker candy fun games and fun finding using random facts. There was a lot of laughing either because people were having fun or everyone was on a sugar high!

To keep the fun going a large group of Rotarians met at the home of Gary & Jean Basrai for Fellowship Friday on August 25. As usual it was a pleasant evening for all that attended.

Welcome Teacher Day on August 22 began with 40 grade school students in line before 9:00 AM. Students came from all the schools in Fremont to receive a flower to give their teacher on the first day of school. The Partners Project launched last year by District 5170's Governor Jeff Orth was completed. Mission San Jose Rotary Club's Past President Ruth Wenzel, Linda Anderson from FUSD, Cabrillo School Principal David Thornley, Mayor Lily Mei and I were on hand to formally present the FUSD and 5 schools with book selections made by Jeff Orth's wife. Each 5th grader will get a book of their own to take home. The schools include Durham, Cabrillo, Blacow, Brier and Grimmer. A formal presentation was filmed; Rose and Ruth will work with the principals at these schools to formally distribute the books at school assemblies. Of course on hand to facilitate the day were the Niles Rotary shining stars Dirk and Lisa Lorenz, as well as many Niles Rotary volunteers to check in the students and give them their flowers. We saw a

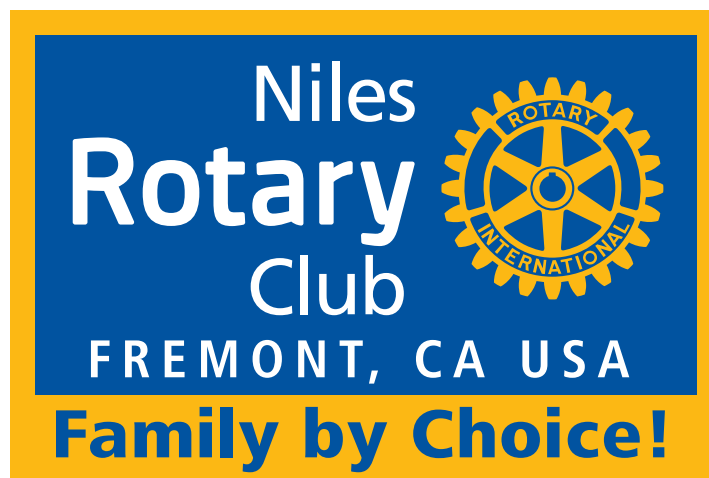
consistent flow of about 1,400 children all very excited with their flowers and their first day of school. Teachers also stopped in to pick up donated school supplies for their rooms.

The last meeting of the month was coupled with my favorite Rotary project, Feed the Hungry. We had a great meeting that began with an icebreaker from our new soon-to-be Blue Badger Maggie Guilbeaux-Chambers. Maggie has quite a story and has spent most of her career in healthcare along with her husband at Washington Hospital. Maggie had completed her Food Handlers Certificate, so she joined us at Feed the Hungry and completed her last TO DO on her Red Badge list. Good Job Maggie! PRIP Richard King was on hand as we honored Mary Lynn Pelican and Paul Andrus as Paul Harris Society members, as well as an already Paul Harris Society member Sam Forbes with his first Paul Harris. Our speaker was Dr. Gari Browning President/Superintendent of the Ohlone Community College District. She gave us a very interesting view of where Ohlone has been and its amazing growth and great expectations for the future.

Following the meeting a group of us headed over to the Centerville Free Dining room to prepare and serve dinner to the hungry residents of Fremont. Thank you Orlando Tavares, Mary Contois, and Maggie Guilbeaux-Chambers for your help with pre dinner prep and dinner service. We were joined for dinner service by Stephen Allen, Terri Landon, Sandi Pantages, Sophia Ahmad, Martin Herter, Rakesh Sharma, Steve Cho, Kimberly McFarland, Merna Morse, Mary Lynn Pelican; at the door was John Dutra, and taking the census was Margo Hood. Thank you all for your service - we served 134 people over 225 meals.

Well that's all folks – On we go to our 3rd Rotary Month!

Fondly, *President Rose*



Before Mitty Chang presents his program at Nilas Rotary on September 14, who can find the full page ad in the September 2017 *Rotarian* magazine that features Mitty?

Also in the September 2017 *Rotarian* is a good article on Toronto (pg. 30 – 41), site of the 2018 Rotary International convention. In addition, on page 12 is an article on tours from Toronto.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- September 5 – October 30 – Hot Chili Pepper Challenge – online & Facebook – contact Daren Young
- Saturday September 9 from 8 am to noon: Ghost House Setup – contact: Jeff Schinkel or Paul Andrus**
- Saturdays TBA - Rancho Higuera Post Holes & Posts Setting – contact Paul Andrus & website calendar**
- Saturday September 30 – Niles Canyon Roll & Stroll **
- Thursday October 5 from 5 to 9 pm – District Avenues of Service meeting – Santa Clara Biltmore Hotel – Contact: Brian Hughes*
- Saturday October 21 – Bocce Party – Bruce Prescott's**
- Saturday March 24 – Annual Niles Rotary Reverse Raffle – Save the Date!**
- June 24 – 27, 2018 – RI Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

*good Area or District activity for Red Badgers

** good Social or Community Service activity for Red Badgers

*** For current calendar information, check the club website – calendar and Events sections

CLUB PROGRAMS

September 7 – 150 Years of Niles Rotary – Harry Avila & cast

September 14 – Rotary eClub – Mitty Chang

September 21 – District Governor Orrin Mahoney

September 28 – Prasad Project – Tom Korula

October 12 – Rotaplast – Donna-Lee Young Rubin

The weekly eBulletin lists each club program

Club programs are listed on the club website:

www.nilesrotary.org

MEMBERSHIP

President Rose 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 18 new members in the past 2 years, with only 1 of those new members leaving (to relocate).

The following members have joined Niles Rotary since July 2015. Please make sure you have met them, know who they are, and that they know you.

Cyndy Mozzetti – Trucking
Simon Cho – Import & Export
Kathy Laidlaw – Youth Services
Geeda Kadambi – Science - Patent
Aggie Freeman - Health Services
Kimberly MacFarlane – Sales & Marketing
Sam Forbes – Mortgage Finance
Maria Mendoza - Recycling
Jeff Schinkel – Graphic Artist/Illustration
Rav Barring – Leadership Development
Judy Coleman – Banking
Rich Lucero – Law Enforcement
Aziz Akbari - Accounting
Martin Herter – Senior Living – Administration
Sophia Ahmad – Attorney, Business/Immigration
Gael Stewart – Coffee House/Catering
Maggie Gilbeaux-Chambers – Nursing-Emergency
Linda Anderson – Education, Public

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

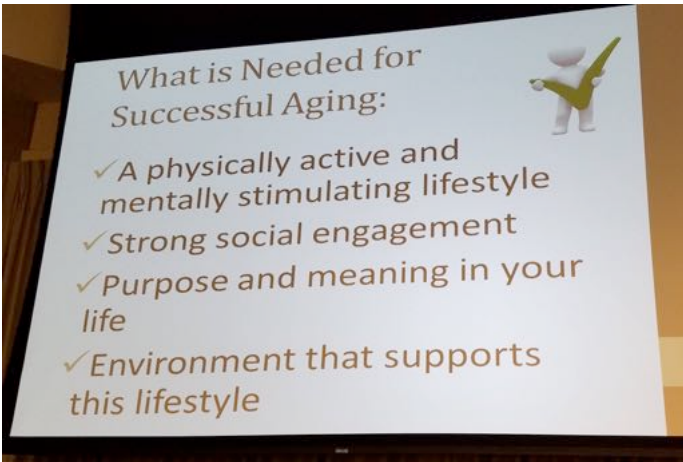
- It's a leadership organization ... We're made up of local business, professional and civic leaders.
- We meet regularly, get know each other, form friendships, and through that, we're able to get things done in this community.

CLUB MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS – AUGUST

August 3 – Paul Andrus and the Niles Rotary web site: www.nilesrotary.org



August 10 program – Club Assembly – Pres. Rose’s goals More Club Assembly slides in future *Pinion* guest Joy Amsbaugh with daughter-in-law Kimberly



August 17 program – Successful Aging – Penny Vittoria



August 17 – Chief Rich Lucero gives his Icebreaker



Martin and Rich receive their Blue Badges

CLUB MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS – AUGUST (continued)



August 24 – new member Linda Anderson & husband Curtis Rotarian of the month (July) – Paul Iannaccone



August 24 – Paul Harris plus pins - +2 Rosemary Ashley; +3 Rich Godfrey; +4 Sandra Young

Aug. 24 – Daren and the Hot! Hot! Chili Pepper Challenge



August 31 program – Dr. Gari Browning – Ohlone College Aug. 31 – Maggie Guilbeaux-Chambers icebreaker

CLUB MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS – AUGUST (continued)



August 31 – Paul Harris Society – Major Donors (\$10,000) – Mary Lynn Pelican, Paul Andrus
With Rick King, Paul Iannoccone



Aug. 31 – Paul Harris Fellow (and PH Society) –
Sam Forbes



Aug. 31 – The Young Family – Jillian & Joshua
and grandpa Daren

RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES



August 19 – Fence building project at the LEAF garden & nursery near Mission Blvd. & Mowry Ave. About 10 Niles Rotarians worked on the project



Among the workers – Paul Andrus, Steve Landon



Team leader Manuel Franco



Rakesh



panorama view

RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES (continued)

WELCOME TEACHER DAY – AUGUST 29

Fremont Flowers, Niles and Mission San Jose Rotary club members, community and Fremont Education Foundation volunteers worked all day to hand out flowers/vases to children to take to their teachers on the first day of school. In addition the Read Me a Picture books were presented to FUSD by Rotary for distribution.



some of the Niles Rotarians working on August 29 – holding books to be distributed in Partners Project



Mrs. Forbes receives flowers in her Harvey Green kindergarten classroom



District 5170 Partner's Project – Read Me a Picture books presented to FUSD

RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES (continued)

FEED THE HUNGRY – CENTERVILLE FREE DINING ROOM – AUGUST 31



On a VERY hot day, the menu changed up from meatloaf, potatoes & gravy to pasta – still delicious – lots of diners asked “Where’s the meatloaf?”

RECENT ACTIVITIES

The 23rd annual Niles Rotary Reverse Raffle is coming on March 24, 2018! Save the Date. Here are some photos from a very popular item that Bruce Prescott purchased at the 2017 Reverse Raffle – the Landon Paella Party on August 26, with paired wines for each tapas and main courses provided by Chuck Canada (with professional assistance from Jim Denton at the Wine Steward in Pleasanton).



Steve cooking seafood paella



Chuck and the wine bar



diners at the Landon Paella Event



Paella Fundraiser of e-Club of Silicon Valley – Bruce P wins prize



Paella fundraiser of e-Club of Silicon Valley at Retzlaff Winery

BOARD SUMMARY FROM PRESIDENT ROSE – August 10 board meeting

Because of a lack of a quorum we moved to business that did not require a vote.

- Welcome Teacher Day

Dirk Lorenz was present to discuss his needs for Welcome Teacher Day – Dirk noted that this event has become bigger than life. It has become a day when the community can support the Fremont Unified School District in a larger way than ever imagined. This year Dirk would like to ask for a few volunteers to check people in and assist with flower hand out. He will review the event for greater Rotarian involvement next year and will have a grander plan.

- Partners Project

Lisa discussed the 2016-2017 Partners Project from Jeff Orth's year. The principals and teachers from the Title 1 schools have been invited to attend Welcome Teacher Day. Niles Rotary and Mission San Jose partnered to raise money to purchase books for the students in the fifth grade. The books have arrived and Angus and Ruth from MSJ will be on site to formally present the books. It is hoped that TV station Mornings on 2 will be present to document the presentation.

- Membership report

Chuck Canada was present to give a membership review and update on the Mentoring meeting held on Monday August 7 at Geeta's home.

The meeting was well attended – the membership seminar on the 19th was discussed. At this point 5 Niles Rotarians will attend – P Rose, PP Chuck, PP Rick, Sophia, and Maggie. We have two people about to receive their Blue Badges - Chief Lucero and Martin Herter. Linda Anderson will be inducted to the club on August 24.

The Board Member needed for a quorum arrived and it was voted to publish Padmaja Magadala as Physician/International Health. Lisa as her sponsor gave a little background info on Padmaja.

- Financials

Don gave a great financial report. With very little discussion the financials and checks were approved.

- Club Service Administration/ Communication Report

Rose gave a report on Club Service in Sandy Stabile's absence.

The badge number project is now complete – Thank you Rakesh and CyndyMo. Rose requested that the next project we work on is incorporating the song slide done by Tony Boudames into our meeting. Rose will discuss with Dana and Sandi Pantages. The next 4 speakers for the month were announced. It was noted the Maria Mendoza is doing a great job on the Club eBulletin and that it was a very smooth transition. Rose had numbers given her from the web site but because she did not understand it at all and she requested interpretation from Jeff.

- Publicity

Jeff Schinkel gave a great Publicity Report

Facebook – We had 17 Facebook posts in July. Our top three posts were:

- Congratulations President Rose/Crazy George Photo Album with 898 people reached
- Obse Lubo RN Photo Album: 767 people reached
- Thank You Chuck and Carol Photo Album – 4th of July 772 people reached

Jeff is beginning a new Facebook project called “Faces of Niles Rotary”

He will snap a picture of a Niles Rotarian and ask you for a quote. He will then feature your pic and quote on our Facebook page. He began with John Dutra last week – it has already reached 500 people with lots of likes and shares. Great job Jeff.

He is working on article about LEAF and the kick off for the Chili Pepper Challenge for the *Tri City Voice*.

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BOARD SUMMARY FROM PRESIDENT ROSE – August 10 board meeting (continued)

▪ Community Service

Rose reported the following service projects on behalf of Paul.

- LEAF August 19th 1:30 - 4:00pm
- Feed the Hungry August 31st 4pm to 6pm
- Ghost House Setup September 9th 8am to Noon
- Rancho Higuera Post Holes & Post Setting Date to be announced
- Niles Roll & Stroll –Assistance with water stations and possible transportation September 30. Not sure of time yet (morning)
- Rancho Higuera Fence Installation Date to be announced

It was noted that some confusion occurred regarding the Arts and Wine Festival sign hanging. In the future Rose has requested that all community service project details be given to either Paul or Rose at least 30 days prior to the event. Sign-up sheets and announcements at the club should be requested. As you can see from the above, community service is very busy, and we need everyone's assistance to ensure we can be present at the events important to our club.

▪ International Service

Rich reported that he met with the WCSC with Audrey. He noted that the WCSC is busy re-configuring and a new MOU has been sent to all presidents for review and signature. He is pursuing the Chile group (we met at the Convention in Atlanta) and is looking for other opportunities. He also noted that he is pursuing the Peace Corps but there are some political barriers to overcome. He's working on it. There is some money left over from our well project. We will consult with Sandra Young and Bruce Prescott regarding the use of this money on another project completely or expanding our well project - whatever we can do within the terms of the grant.

▪ Youth Services

Adam is waiting until the school year gets started to move forward with the Interact groups. There is an all Fremont School Interact meeting scheduled for August 16 at Fremont Flowers. He will attend and begin building relationships with our Interactors.

▪ Social Committee

Angus reported he has had his first social. It was Star Struck Theater. Dinner was attended by 21 Rotarians at Mission Coffee. The Theater was attended by 28 Rotarians. Angus is working on a family day at the Niles Roll and Stroll. Hoping to have a Rotary Family bike ride or walk with a lunch at the end. He will be forming his committee soon.

▪ Presidents Report

Rose reported that today is Club Assembly – goals are outlined and slides are ready.

Following the Rotary Board meeting we Called to Order the Foundation Board:

- Financials were reviewed, discussed and approved.
- We agreed to send \$1,000 to Polio Plus in the name of Rotary International PE Sam Oworu who passed away last month.

FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS

What are Fellowship Fridays? Basically, a social opportunity to hang out with Niles Rotarians and enjoy our special Niles Rotary fellowship. At members' homes at 8 pm (**or 7:30 after September 1**) – the schedule is in the weekly eBulletin (with addresses) and on our website calendar, plus announcements at club meetings (with addresses). All are invited – no need to RSVP – just show up and bring your favorite beverage. The host provides small snacks (some hosts do go “over the top” but it’s not necessary). Please let Sandi Pantages know if you would like to host a Fellowship Friday; if we don’t have a host for a given week, we just skip the Fellowship Friday.

Scheduled: September 8 – Harry Avila; September 15 – Tim Gavin & Regina Lin; September 22 – Merna & Gary Morse; September 29 and October 6 – open; October 13 – Craig & Tina Steckler; October 20 & 27 - open

Please check the weekly eBulletin and Niles Rotary website for additional locations scheduled



July 14 – Landons



July 21 – Dana & Rick Jones

DISTRICT THEME 2017-2018



Rotary:
-Building
Lifelong
Friendships
-Making a
Difference

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS:

District 5170 Avenues of Service – October 5, 2017 from 5 to 9 pm at Santa Clara Biltmore Hotel. For club leaders, red badge members, and all Rotarians. Registration will be taken at club meetings or register on District website. First 20 Niles Rotarians to register will have free registration – contact Brian Hughes.

Check District website for more information.

CLUB SURVEY – overview from President Rose

We began this month with a quick look at our Survey Monkey results from June. We had 57 surveys returned which is over half. Thank you all that participated.

Several things jumped out for me that I thought very positive. Over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the club is satisfied with the membership in our club. 98% of the respondents said they were proud to be a Niles Rotarian. Of the surveys returned, everyone reads the *Pinion* except one person. Thank you Sandi and Dick for all you do. You keep our *Pinion* as informative, fun, and relevant to our club and club culture.

The web site also got strong numbers of appreciation. There are many that contribute to this but of course this is Paul's labor of love and we really appreciate all you do to keep our site number ONE in the District for sure. The highest marks by far were for the membership and mentoring programs. As I move around to different clubs and Rotary events, I truly realize how blessed we are to have the dedicated folks we have to keep our membership team and mentoring program strong. It takes a team and many hours to do what they do. Chuck and Rick have worked very hard to have a cohesive group that knows how to get things done and have fun doing it. Relationships and friendship is what will make our club strong, so thank you to all for your participation on this very important team.

I will be posting the slides from the Survey Monkey in this *Pinion* issue but I do want to focus on two areas for us to work on. Number one is the perception that the club is not great at acting on members' input or ideas. If you add together the categories of "agree" and "somewhat agree" that the Club regularly acts upon member input & ideas, the percentage goes up to 75% but I would really like this number to go even higher. I have a couple of things proposed a few years ago that I want to implement, but if there is something we can do better please drop me an email or let me know at a meeting. I am always open to change for the better. The second is club diversity! This one has always been difficult. This will take time, creativity and all of us reaching out to our community to invite people to lunch. This is all types of diversity not just race. It is gender, age, and occupation. We will be looking at some suggestions from the Rotary Foundation that include ways to have Rotaractors be club members and Corporate memberships. Our first consideration will be is this beneficial for our club and will the change fit our club culture. I am hoping to find a way to include our Rotaractors especially. We have a great group and they already attend most of our projects and offer support whenever we need it.

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CLUB SURVEY – RESULTS



Survey Design



Membership Survey

Niles Rotary Club of Fremont
August 3, 2017

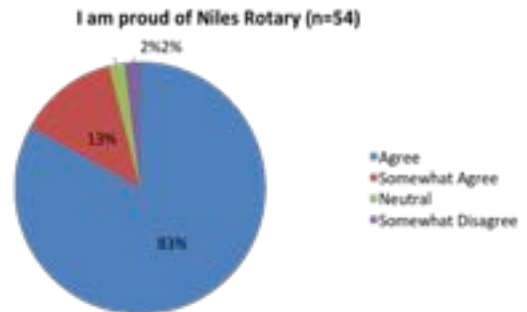
- 16 Questions on a five-point scale with text boxes available for comments
- E-mailed to all e-mail addresses in ClubRunner for current, active club members (106 emails)
- Survey active from 6/23/17 through 7/10/17
- 57 responses collected
- A note on reporting: “Agree” is the top score, “Disagree” is the bottom score.



Club Satisfaction



Pride in Niles Rotary



The Details



Value of Membership “In the club, I . . .”



- 70 percent of respondents agree that the club communicates well with members
- 65 percent agree that club leadership is in touch with the membership
- 55 percent agree the club listens to members
- 63 percent agree the club seeks input and ideas from members



CLUB SURVEY – RESULTS (continued)



Culture, Meetings, and Members



- 77 percent agree that club meetings are a good use of their time
- 71 percent agree club does a good job of involving new members
- 85 percent agree club members care about one another
- 68 percent agree club seeks to involve members in projects and activities
- 70 percent agree the amount of fundraising activities are appropriate

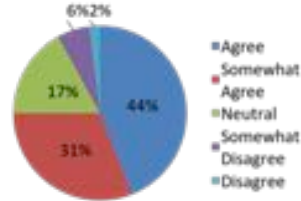


Two focuses for Improvement



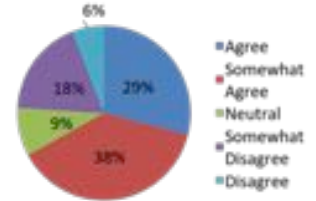
Club regularly acts upon member input and ideas

(n=54)

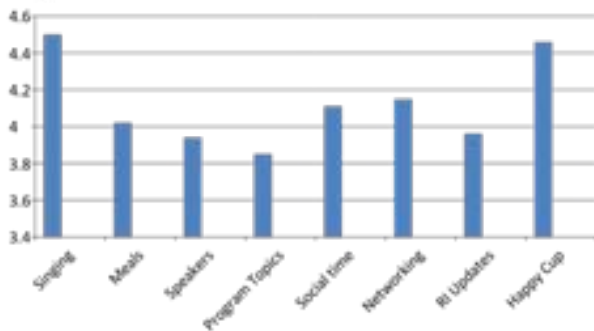


My club reflects the demographics of the area's leaders

(n=55)



The Details on Meetings



Community Service



- 81 percent of respondents think the number of community projects is just right
- 82 percent think the number of international projects is just right
- 96 percent think the projects are well organized
- 98 percent think they make a difference in the community
- 95 percent think service projects are meaningful to the membership
- 67 percent had no opinion about suggesting other projects
- 54 percent agreed that there are groups in the community that we should build relationships with



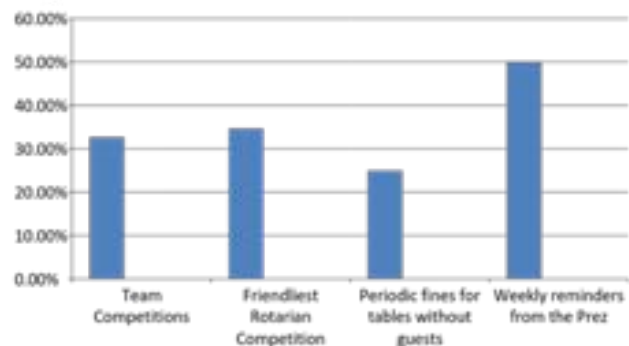
Social Activities



- 74 percent agree that they love the Socials offered by the club
- Additional ideas offered:
 - Hockey game at the San Jose Barracudas
 - More family-oriented socials
 - Park picnics, road trips,



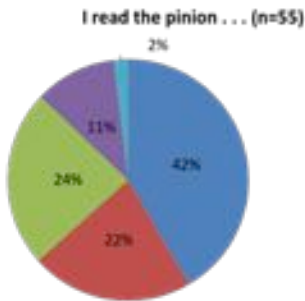
Attracting New Members



CLUB SURVEY – RESULTS (continued)



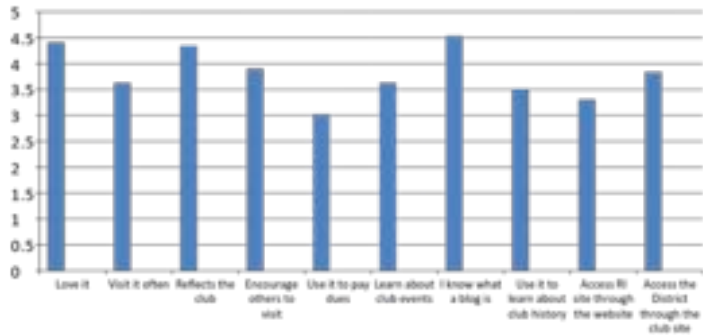
The Pinion



#Always
 #Most of the time
 #Sometimes
 #Occasionally
 #Never



Niles Website



Niles Facebook



- 31 of 52 respondents (60 percent) have a Facebook Page
- 44 percent strongly agree that they have visited the Niles Facebook page
 - 23 percent strongly agree that they visit the Niles page often
 - 29 percent share Niles Facebook posts
- 39 percent strongly agree the Niles Facebook page is a good way to attract new members



RI Convention, Toronto



Are you planning on going to RI Convention in 2018?
(n=55)



#Yes
 #No
 #Maybe

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What do you receive as a sponsor? So much! You and your firm will be acknowledged in our weekly eBulletin as well as in the *Pinion*. Wow! What more can you ask for you say? How about a slide at our weekly meeting with your firm logo and a big Thank You! Too much you say? But wait, there is more! You get a monthly thank you announced at our club meeting AND you get your logo on our club website. What can be better than that? Nothing!

To be a sponsor, here are our levels:

Annual sponsorship – \$500

Quarterly sponsorship – \$150

To become a sponsor, you can complete the Sponsorship Form which can be found on our website (www.nilesrotary.org) under "About" or contact Sandy Stabile (sandy94538@yahoo.com) or Audrey Kearns (audreyp.kearns@gmail.com) or let us know at a club meeting. We will get you started.

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NILES ROTARY WEBSITE

Please use this form to have your event, activity, article, or information show up on our Club Calendar and/or Website. Turn this form into either Audrey Kearns, Adam Moura, Paul Andrus or Sandy Stabile. This form can also be found on our Club Website: Nilesrotary.org Please attach any picture(s).

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE TYPED, NOT HANDWRITTEN. THANK YOU.

Complete what is appropriate for your submission.

Name Phone #

Name of Event/Activity/Article

Date of Event (Day and Date) Time of Event (Start time to End time)

Cost for Event Payment Options: Cash Check Credit Card On-line At Event
(circle all that apply) (Credit Card option must be a minimum of a \$50 charge to select)

Members Will Make Check out to:

Place and Address of Event

Brief description of event:

Attach your Article to form.

NOW ON YouTube

A Mother's Vision – an interview with Richard D. King, Past Rotary International President. Paul Andrus interviews Rick King – check it out. Thank you Paul and Aggie Freeman for your work on this interview and getting it published. You can find a link to the YouTube video on the Niles Fremont Rotary Facebook page.

Centerville Free Dining Room Food Handlers Card Information **Next Feed the Hungry is November 30 – you must have a food handler certificate (unless you are the door greeter or person taking census)**

From Rose Evernden-Andrade:

As a result of a recent Environmental Health Department inspection at the Centerville Free Dining Room, all Rotarian volunteers that handle food are required to have a California Food Handler card to work at Feed the Hungry dinners.

This includes all: Kitchen food handlers; Servers; Dish Washers

The only volunteers exempt for this rule are the Greeters and the person taking the Census.

Rotarians can obtain their card by going on line to www.premierfoodsafety.com.

There is a cost for the course. You must create an account, sign-in and listen to the training video, which runs about 45 minutes. There is a 40 question quiz at the end that you must pass with a 70%. It is very easy and really just goes over the basics of food handling.

Once you have passed you can print your certificate and card on your home or work printer.

There is a form that needs to be signed. If you have not yet had the form signed, you can bring a copy of your card to Feed the Hungry, and they will have you sign the form.

ROTARIANS WITHOUT CARDS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS PROJECT.

If you would like assistance with this PLEASE call me – I am happy to set time up in my office and walk you through the process. I can be reached at 510-304-7703.

If you have teens, spouses or significant others that attend this project they will be required to have their card and signed document also.

Thank you for your support -

PE Rose

There is a [link](#) to the California Food Handler Card Exam Study Guide at California-Foodhandlercard.com

RI CONVENTION 2018 – TORONTO June 24 – 27, 2018

Check out the RI convention website:
www.riconvention.org and follow the various links for further information. You can sign up to receive convention update information.



The September 2017 *Rotarian* has a good article on Toronto (pg. 30 – 41), site of the 2018 Rotary International convention. In addition, on page 12 is an article on tours from Toronto. Every issue of the *Rotarian* has a column on Toronto or some aspect of the RI Convention.

ROTARACT

Mary Lynn encourages all area Rotarians to attend a Rotaract meeting –held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. at Mission Coffee. Also on 5th Sundays when there is a 5th Sunday.

Check with Mary Lynn or President Martin Kludjian to confirm meeting & location before attending. (president@rotaractfremont.org)



2 new members! Service – Josemari Galang;
Secretary - Bon



President Marty Kludjian, Jr. and Secretary Bon

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 – Wild Polio Virus- Polio Case Countdown – Year to date (August 30, 2017)

Polio Endemic Countries	2017 ytd	2016 ytd	2016 total
Afghanistan	6	6	13
Pakistan	3	13	20
Nigeria	0	2	4
Total yr to date:	9	21	37

Rotary announces that we’re closer than ever to ending the disease for good. But our fight isn’t over. There’s still work to be done in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the two remaining polio-endemic countries.

Only 9 cases so far this year!!



SOME FUN PHOTOS



resting after working on LEAF project – hot day!



Niles Rotarians & friends at Orpheum for *Something Rotten* musical – Rich Godfrey’s daughter is in it!

MEET OUR MEMBERS - WEBSITE

Did you know that our nilesrotary.org website has a special section each quarter called “Meet Our Members”? It features 4 members, including a deceased member, a new member, and 2 other members who are leaders in our community, along with brief bios of each. Here are the 4 Niles Rotarians featured on the website right now.



Nancy Farber



Steve Barnett



Jeff Schinkel

ROTARY WEB LINKS

Niles Rotary: www.nilesrotary.org

District 5170: www.rotarydistrict5170.org

Rotary International: www.rotary.org

RI Theme – 2017-2018



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

2017 – 2018 RI President Ian Riseley



Dick Crist

WHERE AREA 3 CLUBS MEET

TUESDAY at 12 noon. Newark Rotary • Bistro 880 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 39900 Ballantine Dr., Newark

WEDNESDAY at 7:15 a.m. Fremont Morning Rotary Club • Fremont Senior Center, 40086 Paseo Padre Parkway (2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesdays, no meeting 1st Wed. of month) Note: new club name

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 Thursdays)

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

Rotaract Club meets first and third Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. at Mission Coffee. Contact: President Martin Kludjian – 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

Paul Andrus	September 2
Rick Jones	September 2
Jim Brunelli	September 6
Dolores Viano	September 16
Steve Landon	September 19
Steve Cho	September 21
Tony Boudames	September 23
Simon Cho	September 25
Manohar Reddy	September 26

ANNIVERSARIES

Melissa & Bob DiMatteo	9/4/2011	6 yrs
Rose & Randy Evernden-Andrade	9/11/1988	29 yrs
Brian & Theresa Hughes	9/14/1997	20 yrs
Oly & Elsa Tavares	9/15/2001	16 yrs
Kathy & Doug Laidlaw	9/20/1986	31 yrs
Dirk & Lisa Lorenz	9/22/2001	16 yrs
Simon & Kiju Cho	9/25/1965	52 yrs
Judy & Mike Coleman	9/27/1997	20 yrs

NILES ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

Craig Steckler	9/1/1986	31 yrs
Sherry Higgs	9/20/2012	5 yrs
Marty Spellman	9/20/2006	11 yrs
Margo Hood	9/25/2003	14 yrs

AREA 3 and NEARBY EVENTS

NILES ROTARY BOARD MEETINGS:

Second Thursday of the month at 7:30 a.m. at Washington West Room 240 – confirm before attending

DISTRICT CABINET/LEADERSHIP

MEETINGS: Second Wednesday of the month from 6-8 p.m. – check with President Rose, or the District website calendar, or our Area 3 Assistant Governor Jim Bell (Fremont Rotary) to confirm location.

NILES ROTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2017-2018

President: Rose Evernden-Andrade
Past President & Social Chair: Angus Cochran
President-Elect: Brian Hughes
Club Administration: Sandy Stabile
Service Projects/Community Service: Paul Andrus
International Service: Rich Godfrey
Youth Service: Adam Moura
Vocational Service:
Secretary: Tammi Souza
Treasurer: Don Cole
Parliamentarian: Bruce Prescott
Membership Development: Chuck Canada
Club Foundation Treasurer: Larry Bowen
Sergeant-at-Arms: Dana Jones
Program Chair: Scott Chambers
Rotary Int'l Foundation: Paul Iannacconi
Pinion Editor: Sandi Pantages
Club Photographer: Mary Lynn Pelican; Steve Cho
Club Greeter: Jeff Falk
Website/Social Media: Paul Andrus
Public Relations: Jeff Schinkel
Club Runner Updates: Tammi Souza
Transition & Leadership Development: Jack Rogers
Youth Protection Officer: Sandi Pantages
Weekly eBulletin: Maria Mendoza
Rotary International President: Ian Riseley
District Governor: Orrin Mahoney
Governor Area 3: Jim Bell

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)
Photographers: Mary Lynn Pelican; Steve Cho

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 – 2017

2017 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. **Remaining 2017 date: November 30.** Shifts are from 2-4 or 3:45 to 6 p.m. Contact: Rose Evernden-Andrade.♦♦

