



Rotary Club of the Delta

July 25 & August 1, 2012

Lone Tree Golf & Event Center, Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.
www.rotaryclubofthedelta.org

Summer Recognitions & Celebrations

President Steve Culcasi, emboldened by Past-President Lonnie Karste's recent fund raising, recognized several members on the 25th and 1st for myriad distinctions:

Tom Hartrick – late arrival on July 25 having a really bad hair day

Tom Anderson – turf clinics at Tahoe Donner

Rich McDaniel – 17-day Mediterranean cruise, which included being booted from famous landmarks & a private yacht

Lonnie Karste – attending the celebrity golf tournament at Edgewood, SLT

Brian Vargas – celebrated successful completion of summer classes @ DVC

Dan O'Brien – Percy's birthday plus something about Neil Diamond & Ichiro

Paula McEvoy – somehow finagled a trade of BBQ & beverages for computer assistance from Scott Ebert

Scott Ebert – for having his business (my pc partners) mentioned a couple of times during the meeting

President Steve even fined himself in honor of a great visit to Magic Mountain and an inspiring week at family camp (on Catalina Island)

Karste's Stalker Revealed

After a seemingly endless investigation, numerous clues, and lots of speculation, the sunrise stalker was revealed. Most club members were certain that Richard Hobin, Esq., was involved, but alas, the culprits were Ms. McEvoy & Mr. Hartrick. Kudos to them for their ingenuity and the constant consternation they caused Mr. Karste. Why target Mr. Karste? The stalkers said simply, "He was an easy target." Their admission led to a public service announcement by Lt. T. Brooks who reminded us that culprits pick easy targets ... Don't be an easy target. Now that the stalkers have been revealed, a new mystery has emerged: At the end of our last meeting, the bell suddenly, quietly disappeared.

CLUB OFFICERS

Steve Culcasi, President

Rich McDaniel, President-Elect

Tom Hartrick, Secretary

Lonnie Karste, Treasurer

Don Freitas, Sergeant-at-Arms

Tom Anderson, Foundation

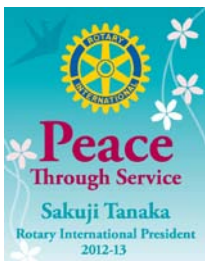
Dan O'Brien, Past-President

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Laura Day, District 5160

PRESIDENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Sakuji Tanaka



Antioch-Chichibu Sister City

Sean Wright, Antioch Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the Antioch-Chichibu Sister City relationship. Established in 1967 by the Antioch City Council, the sister city relationship with Chichibu grew out of a [federal initiative by President Eisenhower](#). The premise of the sister city relationships is simple – and not unlike Rotary’s mission – to create world peace and understanding. Chichibu, Japan was selected as our sister city due to similarities between the two cities: both are near rivers, with views of a prominent mountain, and are close to major cities (Tokyo and San Francisco). The garden in Chichibu Park includes gifts from our sister city, including a maple tree and a large decorative rock. The Japanese consul in San Francisco sent Antioch a cherry blossom tree, which also sits in the garden.



In alternating years, delegations from one city visit the other. In even years, Antioch sends a delegation to Chichibu; in odd years, visitors from Chichibu arrive in Antioch. The visits include a home-stay with local families and trips to famous areas and events (for example, Sacramento, the Golden Gate Bridge, Big Trees, A’s games, etc.).



Garden – Chichibu Park

How can you get involved? Opportunities exist to serve on the organizing committee, host visitors, and join a delegation. The next Antioch delegation will include a mix of high school students and adults. For more information visit: antiochchichibu.com


Upcoming Meeting

August 8: Melanie Watkins, M.D., Board Certified Psychiatrist & author of *Taking My Medicine: My Journey from Teenage Mother to Physician*. Learn more about Dr. Watkins: www.drmelaniewatkins.com

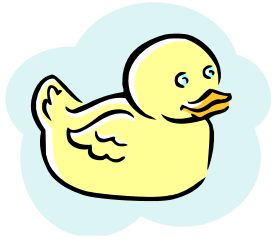
Pledge: Lonnie Karste

Thought for the Day: Rich McDaniel

Four Way Test: Scott Ebert

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Rubber Ducky Derby – August 19



Ready, set, GO! The Duck Races Are ON! Sunday, August 19th at [Waterworld in Concord](#). You can adopt a duck for just \$10! One duck will win \$1,000! You do NOT need to be present to win!

This event is sponsored by eight local Rotary Clubs (Clayton Valley Sunrise, Concord, Concord-Diablo, Diablo View, Martinez, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek, Walnut Creek Sunrise) to raise money for projects in our community. Projects include scholarships, Meals on Wheels, Food Bank, Healthcare, CASA, Senior Care, & much more!

Special \$20 Kids & \$30 Adult Admission tickets available.

Rotarian Paula has challenged each Delta Rotarian to sponsor five ducks.

