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Dennis Garton, President

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Barbara Miller, and Will Murphy*

Program Personnel:

Greeter: Una Jordan
Introductions: Bob Douglas
Invocation: Dick Beddoe
Pledge: John Picot

Visiting Rotarians:

Preston Dickinson, Chico Noon Rotary

Guests of Rotarians:

George Sotelo, Guest of Dave Hutchinson

Member Birthdays:

Bob Douglas, February 25
Bob Dunbar, February 26
Tony Kelley, February 24
Sr. Pat Manoli, February 22

Partner Birthdays:

JoAnn Havener, February 21
Judi Papendick, February 23
Millicent Waits, February 26

Wedding Anniversaries:

Carl & JoAnn Havener, February 21

Club Anniversaries:

Joe Dominick, February 22 (14 Years)
Catherine Gutierrez, February 26 (6 Years)
Tony Kelley, February 23 (9 Years)

Announcements:

➤ **Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest** is on Tuesday, February 26th.

➤ **Corning Rotary's** annual fundraiser "*Food, Art & Wine Tasting Festival*" is scheduled for Friday, February 29th at 6 pm and at noon on Saturday, March 1st. The Festival will be held at the Rolling Hills Casino in Corning.

➤ **Dale Stroud** needs two more volunteers for the 4-H Judging – sign up or please call Dale at 529-3328. The **4-H Project** is Saturday, March 1st.

➤ **Chili Cook-Off** to be held on April 12th.

➤ **Rotary District 5160's Annual Conference** to be held in Sacramento on Thursday, April 24-26. More information can be found at the Rotary website <http://www.rotary5160.org/events/2008Conference.php>

➤ **Rolland Papendick** needs volunteers for hosting UC Davis grad students for Easter weekend – so far only six families have volunteered and we need a minimum of ten. Call him if you can take a student for the weekend.

➤ **Rotary dues** are now overdue – if you haven't paid, now is the time!

Recognitions:

Peter Harvey is back from a long trip to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji – most memorable moment was crashing in a hot air balloon in New Zealand – luckily they weren't hurt. Peter donated \$600 for the experience - \$100 for the Foundation and \$500 towards the Cone Kimball Tower. **Gregg Cohen**, who has been absent for a while – he donated \$500 for "being real busy"...

Program:

Bill Goodwin, County Administrator, shared an update on the new County Administration Building that will be opening this spring. On March 11th at 10 am, there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony with tours of the building. The first meeting of the Board will take place on April 15th, once they are sure everything is working properly and everyone is totally moved in. The new Administration building is energy efficient and will have lots of space for current needs, as well as some growth, since they plan to be there for the next 20 – 30 years or more. The Board chambers will accommodate up to 120 people, with an adjoining conference room that will house another 80 people for an overflow crowd. The conference room will have glass windows into the Board chambers with a sound system. The building was funded completely with Tobacco Securitization funds, so no General Funds were used in this building. The Board chambers can be used as a training facility and for large public meetings as appropriate – not to replace the Community Center, however. County Administrative offices such as County Administration, County Counsel, Personnel, Risk Management and Purchasing will be in that building as well. The County Personnel Class and Comp Study were recently completed and the County is in negotiations with the unions on raises for the employees – even in tight budget times. These raises were planned and the county has been saving up for several years to meet this need. This was a planned expenditure, so be aware of that when you hear about it. *Survey of the Voters* – they want to elect supervisors by district again instead of "at large." In addition, they know our supervisors are the lowest paid in the state, but are not willing to give them a raise at this point. More education is needed to share with the public all the responsibilities of the supervisors and the need for additional salary. The County General Plan is in the final stages and the Planning Commission took a lot of time to thoroughly review it. The Board members will get it in a few months from now. There is an Impact Fee Study in the works and the RFP for consultants to do that is out. Impact fees can only be used for improvements connected to a net change in something like roads – can't be used to fix existing problems. That led to more questions about what we will do if existing funds like the Forest Reserve money or Williamson Act money to the county is cut – Bill said there are no good answers and no money to backfill those sources – hard decisions would have to be made if we lose funding.

Absentees: → → → → → **18**
Adair, Allen, Ash Avilla, Brainerd, Champion, Dolling, Forward, Glenn, Jacobsen, Johnson, Kelley, Murphy, S.Nichols, Patidar, Rubright, Stroud, Wiley

Upcoming Program:

3 / 4 – Four-Way Test
3/11 – Cone & Kimball Clock Tower
3/18 – Durango RV Resort –
Bill & Donna Hollenshade
3/25 – UC Davis Students