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Is it the TRUTH?  
 Is it FAIR to all concerned?  
 Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?  
 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Burlingame CalTrain Station

**April 13, 2011**  
**Today We Have A Joint Meeting With**  
**The San Bruno Club**  
**The Speaker Is Todd McIntyre With CalTrain**  
**“The Closure of Certain CalTrain Stations”**

## LAST WEEK

### Henry Hoge

The lady that spoke to us this day is certainly the most courageous person ever to appear at one of our club functions. Her name is Shari Bookstaff.

Before being stricken with various medical problems, she was an extremely active individual. Among other things she was a biology professor, single mother, scuba diver, photographer and naturalist.

All this came to a screeching halt, when in April of 2006 she experienced symptoms of dizziness and nauseous that was diagnosed as a minor tumor in her head; requiring surgery that would result in only a few days recovery. In fact after undergoing countless problems and undesirable pain, she did not go home until nine and half months. Later, after many months, an examination by doctors at Stanford, she was informed that she actually had a stroke. If so, this does not show much competency by the initial string of examination doctors. She now exhibits permanent damage to her mind and body.

At times, following this horrible ordeal, she considered giving up, and nobody could have blamed her for that. But as they say these days, she had an Epiphany, and was determined to improve. She had to learn to breath, walk and, of all things learn to blink.

But this is not why she spoke to us now. Her purpose in life is to inject in all of us a positive attitude toward life and its normal travails. To do this, she has written a small booklet about her life and how she lives it. It is entitled "When Life Throws You lemons. Make Cranberry Juice."

Even though Lemons are a very valuable fruit, we have become used to calling things that don't work right as lemons. This writer once came upon a new car with lemons pasted all over it to illustrate what a problem it was. She says you have to take what lemons life gives you. To live with these lemons, you have to add a little sugar. Since her favorite drink is cranberry juice the mixture of lemons with the cranberry makes the concoction palatable. This pretty much sums up her approach to life.

There is no doubt that she has applied these principles to her life and it is an inspiration to all of us.



Speaker Shari Bookstaff (right) with her assistant. A remarkable lady!

## GALLERY OF PAST PRESIDENTS

In August 1910, Rotarians gathered in Chicago for their first national convention. The existing 16 clubs unified as the National Association of Rotary Clubs and elected Rotary founder Paul P. Harris as the organization's first president. Harris served two terms – the only president to do so.

Other notable presidents include Canadian E. Leslie Pidgeon (1917-18), the first from outside the United States; Sydney W. Pascall (1931-32), the first from Great Britain; and Maurice Duperrey (1937-38), the first from continental Europe. In July 1940, the first president from South America, Armando de Arruda Pereira, took office.

The presidents of Rotary International are elected for one-year terms and must have served as a club president, district governor, and member of the RI Board of Directors. In addition to leadership experience, RI presidents bring a commitment to Service Above Self as well as the culture and pride of their home club and region.

The practice of introducing an annual RI theme began in 1949-50.

## JAPANESE ROTARIANS WITNESS DEVASTATION

"The earth seemed to be shaking forever, and it was so strong," says RI Director Masahiro Kuroda. "I thought I was going to die." Kuroda, a physician, was seeing a patient on the second floor of his medical clinic in Hachinohe,

Aomori, Japan, when a 9.0-magnitude earthquake off the country's northeast coast struck on 11 March.

"I escorted her downstairs. Holding each other's arms tightly, we walked down very slowly. After we reached the bottom floor, the earthquake stopped," says Kuroda. "I led all the other patients outside and told them to go home, but she said she was too scared to leave and wanted to stay in the clinic. I didn't know what to say -- she was so frightened. She left a couple of hours later and safely arrived home."

The quake, the largest to hit Japan in recorded history, triggered a tsunami that swept 6 miles inland, destroying entire villages.

Kuroda and several staff members stayed at the clinic overnight after hearing on the radio that the waves had come close to the building. Kuroda's home and clinic were spared, but just a couple of miles east, the tsunami and quake had caused major destruction.

"All I was trying to do was to prepare for the night and get heat," he says. "It was very cold. I tried to find some oil and batteries for the stove and candles. The electricity went out, so it was dark and hard for everyone to walk around. There were constant aftershocks, really strong ones. We all were very scared."

Kuroda says he couldn't reach fellow Rotarians at first.

"Landline phones, cell phones, and e-mail were down for three days, We were completely isolated," he says. "In the hardest-hit areas of District 2520 [Iwate and Miyagi], we don't know all the details of the damage. There are still Rotarians we haven't been able to contact yet."

Naoki Narayama, governor of District 2520, visited some of the affected villages soon after the earthquake.

"Our district, especially its Pacific coastal areas, sustained very severe damage. The devastation is much bigger than what we are seeing on TV," he says. "Search and rescue efforts continue. In the areas hit by the tsunami, there is an acute shortage of food, water, gas, and medical supplies."

Narayama fears that the death toll, already estimated at more than 12,000, will rise. But he is encouraged by the response of Rotarians.

"In this darkest hour, I have received numerous heartwarming messages from Rotarians all over the world," he says. "Their considerate inquiries and kind offers of helping hands have greatly encouraged us to tackle this daunting destruction."

Tatsuo Seshita, governor of District 2550 (Tochigi), says his district wasn't hit by the tsunami but was badly damaged by the quake.

"I kept under my desk. I was afraid that the shaking would continue forever," says Seshita. "When the big pillar in my office cracked, I thought it was going to fall down on top of me. Luckily it stood, but I thought my time had come." Seshita traveled to the city of Kamaishi on 2 April to deliver relief supplies to a medical clinic run by Toshiro Ueda, of the Rotary Club of Otsuchi, Iwate. Ueda was barely able to escape to the fourth floor of the clinic during the tsunami, which reached up to the third floor.

Kuroda says Rotary clubs are doing what they can to support those affected by the disaster. "Despite the shortage of gasoline, many Rotarians are driving to deliver supplies to the areas most in need," he says. "We all, as Rotarians, are working together. I am deeply moved by what I'm seeing Rotarians do."

## Hospitality, Invocations and FineMaster

April 28

John Schlenke

## NEXT MEETING

April 21 Rob Wood and **SSF HS Interact Club** will host club members to lunch during their meeting at the High School. They plan to have a fund raiser with auction items.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

April 28 Basque Cultural Restaurant  
John Henry Fullen, Sabrena Chapman and Elena Flores "New Rotarian Presentations"  
Speakers' Aide: Puchi Carrion-Di Ricco

May 5 Basque Cultural Restaurant  
Phil White, SSF Fire Chief  
"Earthquake Preparedness"  
Speaker's Aide: Don Bowcutt

May 12 Basque Cultural Restaurant  
Tammy Janowski, Director, Rotacare  
"Medical Services for the Uninsured"  
Speaker's Aide:

May 19 Basque Cultural Restaurant  
Houston Lawrence, Foundation Chair  
"Presentation of Paul Harris Fellow Awards"  
Speaker's Aide: