

The Lamorindan

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Guests:

Luis Castro - He keeps coming back, and that's a good thing
John Tillman - ditto
Nate Hollingsworth - friend of Sam Austin
Tamara Raeth - Thomas' lovely wife
Simone Raeth - Tamara's lovely daughter
Stefan Raeth - Simone's feisty brother
Bob Schwein - who was that masked man?

General:

WE LIKE TO SEE THIS: After an introduction that resembled "The \$64,000 Question," President Joanne Luscher presented Tamara Raeth with her Paul Harris Fellowship. (Tamara, as you no doubt know, provides tons of support to Thomas and our Club in our Rotary pursuits.) The entire family was there to see Mom get her just desserts (see "Guests" section.) Congratulations, Tamara, and vielen dank for all you have done for Rotary.

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PART 2: John Fazel reported that the Florida Hurricane Relief project is off to a gangbusters start. We have already raised \$5,500, including contributions from the Rossmoor and Orinda Clubs as well as an allocation approved by our Board. That does not include the haul from passing the hat at today's meeting. We will be setting up tables at area supermarkets the next couple of weekends to solicit donations, so please try to keep some time free to help out. And don't forget that your workplace may be a great place to solicit contributions. Ditto for other organizations you belong to.

Remember, all the money will go to the Rotary Club of Palm Bay, so we know that every single penny will go to people who need it, and none will go to "administrative" costs. Also remember that this is Palm Bay, not Palm Beach. Palm Bay got hit dead-on twice and is not a well-off community - they could have used the help before the hurricanes hit, and are really in deep doo-doo now. Finally, remember that the idea is to raise as much as we can by the end of the month, so please don't put it off. If our start is any indication, we will be able to make a big difference in an area that really can use the help.

YEAH, IT'S GETTING TO BE THAT TIME AGAIN: Forget about the recent balmy Indian Summer weather, the holidays really are just around the corner. And to drive the point home, Paul Fillingner and Ray Welles conducted a little survey about members' preferences for the Lamorinda Sunrise

Annual Holiday Bash. Oh, and they also let slip that it will be held on December 15 this year. More details to follow. And yes, the proper authorities are already making the necessary plans.

YEAH, IT'S GETTING TO BE THAT TIME AGAIN, AGAIN: Reno Train

Upcoming Programs & Events:

10/22/04 - Dan Cheatham gives us a special "Behind the Scenes Look the Cal Marching Band." (George Chaffey wanted to title it "We Don't Have to Run Around Like Idiots Like the Stanford Band Because We Actually



Trip. January 23-24, 2005. If you've been, you know the drill. If you haven't been, you should find out. We have 16 spots reserved, and they're filling up. Contact Steve Ware to find out what kind of insanity you're signing up for.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Miscellaneous:

Patti Witalis was actually in our time zone for five minutes and thus was able to swing by to tell us that she just married off her second daughter. Good to see you, Patti, and that'll be \$20. And to confirm his mad-dog party boy reputation, Cal Lee had to pony up \$20 for spending his birthday in the hospital having his throat ripped and torn at by medicos. Hey, I just report it, I don't make it up. Mostly. By the way, if the last fine you paid was extracted by Chuck Yeager, you can expect to be "recognized" by the current president - it's Joanne Luscher, for those of you who don't pay attention to such things - for any or no reason. At least that was Rodger Hogan's experience, and would have been Patti Witalis' but for the aforementioned daughter nuptial thing. And remember, you read it here first.

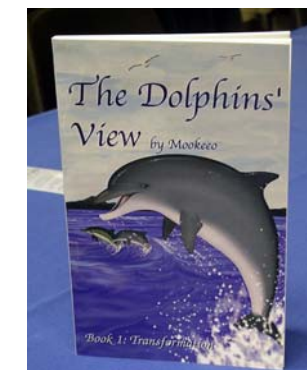
Know How to Play Our Instruments," but the editorial staff vetoed the idea.)

10/29/04 - October's installment of "Expose Yourself" will feature John Fazel and Susan Wait. Cameras are prohibited.

11/19/04 - November's installment of "Expose Yourself" will feature Bob Hermann and Bruce McDougall.



Sounds like a big dog with fins to me



social structure, their inability to overtax the Earth's resources, the fact that war is unknown to them. He is deeply disturbed about how they are treated. Mr. Brown is an author - his latest, "A Dolphin's View," was on display today - and has made himself into an expert on dolphins. He pointed out several major differences between their world and ours. A dolphin's world is far more three-dimensional than is ours, for example. Sound travels five times faster in water than in air, and that, combined with the relative lack of light under water, makes sound a far more important sense for dolphins than for humans. In fact, they can hear a greater range of frequencies than can any other animal except bats. Mr. Brown offers examples of dolphin behavior as strong evidence that dolphins are capable of love (check out the incredible bond between a mother and her calf), compassion (there are multiple examples of dolphins teaming up to support an ailing dolphin so it can breathe), joy (dolphins are often seen playing in the bow waves of ships), and a host of other emotions: at least we think of them as emotions when observed in humans. Their brains are larger than ours. But on the whole, we treat them rather badly. By allowing toxins to be dumped into rivers, estuaries and the ocean, we are poisoning their environment. We kill them as "by-catch," unintended victims of netting other fish we eat. These "by-catch" dolphins and other species end up dumped dead back into the ocean. We capture dolphins for our amusement in aquatic parks - a dolphin research center in the Everglades even sold a dolphin to a Swiss disco so that one can drink and dance next to dolphins in a big tank. (In this reporter's opinion, forcing any animal to endure disco "music" is per se animal cruelty.) We bombard them with torturous noise - for example, the U.S. Navy is testing new sonar systems for detecting stealth submarines that leaves dolphins washed up on shore, dead, with blood coming out of their ears and eyes. Japan is still permitting "shallowing" - herding them into shallow water where they are literally butchered alive in the name of fishery preservation. And seemingly well-meaning aquatic parks purchase dolphins from these "shallows" parties, thereby subsidizing the practice. Mr. Brown encouraged us to think about these practices from the dolphin's perspective. He urged us to research the topic, as he has done, and to join and support dolphin preservation organizations. Maybe it's time more of us do as Mr. Brown does, and take a dolphin's view.

1/23-1/24/05 - The Infamous Annual Reno Train Trip - the most fun you can have on a locomotive that isn't grounds for divorce. Contact Steve Ware for details.

Program:

Today's speaker, Tom Brown, likes dolphins. And no, he doesn't like them medium rare, you sick people. He loves their grace, their intelligence, their