



Burlingame Rotary H.G.



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“Upcoming Programs/Speakers”

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Nov. 16 Dr. Mednonca - Incredible Work of Prosthetic Limbs – Brauner

What a great turn out for the Little Big Game meeting, our President Joe was in the spirit as he wore a BHS team shirt with pride.

Pledge: Councilman Jerry Deal gave the pledge

Innovation: The innovation was masterfully given by Dave Mendell who was reminiscing about how long it had been since he was at Burlingame High School and serenading Ted Kruttschnitt with a rendition of “If I Were A Rich Man, while encouraging the BHS football team to kick bearcat rear. It doesn’t get more inspirational than that.

Sunshine Report: Marilyn Orr filled in for Rosemary Rayburn to let us know that Tom Chakos is recovering very nicely from knee surgery right after his back surgery.

There were no visiting Rotarians so Joe La Mariana asked for any guests to be introduced. He began with Jordana Peil a marketing expert, Walt Ramseur introduced Griffin Eid. (Griffin’s grandfather, Dr. Charles H. Eid, was honored with the “1986 Wade Macomber Award!”)

And Mike McQueen (who shares the BHS Alumni Association with John Chiapelone) was introduced by a classmate. Jim Stevenson introduced Rick Lyons and Jerry Selvitella.

Announcements: Mike Heffernan reminded all those involved with the youth programs to get fingerprinted at LiveScan, and mentioned a Youth Pilot Program training this Saturday at Menlo College. See Mike for more information.

There will be a community service meeting next Monday at Emily Matthews’s home. And the Board Meeting has been moved to next Wednesday because of the Veterans Holiday.





Joe then turned the mike over to John Chiapelone who was excited about having the BHS band, cheerleaders and Football players at the meeting. He proceeded to introduce Suzanne Woolfolk, Assistant Principal of Administration and Spirit Chair. Suzanne brought with her 29 band members who are also graduating seniors, 6 members of the spirit group – also graduating this year. The spirit members performed the BHS Football fight song as the band accompanied them.



Suzanne described the traditions of the Little Big Game and their arch rival, San Mateo High School. She explained that all members attend a Good Will Meeting at SM High to discuss behavior and sportsmanship.

Many Spirit and Community Events are held, lunches, a Powder Puff Game and a BHS Golf Class that will be held Wednesday November 11th at Poplar Creek - all proceeds to go to both high schools. There are 6 places still open if anyone is interested. She reminded us to come to the parade which starts at 11AM at BHS and which goes to San Mateo High School. The game follows in the afternoon. John Philopopoulos, Coach and Director of the Athletics Department at BHS thanked Burlingame Rotary for their support. Also introduced were Mike De Maria, Line Coach and Lorenzo Bernadi, Running Back Coach. John proudly announced that the BHS Football team is 7 & 2 overall and that SMHS is 6 & 2 overall. Both teams are expecting to compete in the central coast section (CCS) tournament. BHS Principal Chris Holleran will present the award to the winning team – it better be the Panthers. John explained how committed the team members are and described their year long commitment to weight training, practice and studying videos of the games. John then introduced the Football team members including Team Captains, Sean Murray and Nick Martinez.



President Joe introduced our guest speaker Jim McQuaid, Vice President, Stadium Operations and Security. Jim fascinated us with tales of his sixteen years coordinating fire, police, ticket takers, ushers – basically all services and facilities at Candlestick Park and serving 60,000 visitors who use and abuse the facilities, sometimes on a weekly basis, with 1,600 staff on duty. It was noted that this week, the Niners played on Sunday and will play on Thursday again, so the challenge will be greater this week than usual, cleaning up after the good times in just three days.

Jim was raised in San Francisco and Pacifica, and lives today in Pacifica. He graduated University of the Pacific with a degree in public relations and broadcasting. During high school, an opportunity arose to be bat boy for the Giants. That opportunity led to a job catching punts for the Niners. He interviewed for the obviously upwardly mobile job of picking up jocks and socks in the Niner locker room.

*Little Big Game – Saturday – November 14, 2009 Kickouff
11:00 A.M. At San Mateo Field*



These were the days when the Niners and Giants shared Candlestick. Jim did admit that everyone doesn't always get along. In fact there were some seven to nine arrests just yesterday. There was that Puff Daddy rumble, too. One perk of the job is often attending Super bowl Games for the NFL. Jim travels with a crew of twenty to contribute to the order in the host stadium.

It is hoped we will have a decision on the Santa Clara Stadium next year as there is a vote scheduled for mid-2001. Candlestick is the oldest stadium in the NFL system, and Santa Clara will be a gorgeous new 21st century stadium.

Thanks, Jim, for improving our game-day experience. GO NINERS!!!

November 23, 2009 - Thanksgiving: Pastor Michael Mahoney, Rabbi Jay Miller and Pastor Paul Watermulder and a Secret Service Tale As Told by Robert D. Rodriguez

November 30, 2009 Congresswoman Jackie Speier, her topic: "An Update on Healthcare Reform Legislation"

The upcoming Community Services Committee meeting (11/16 @ 7:30pm) and our board meeting (11/18 @ 4:30pm--city hall, conference room "A")



Dennis Zell will be holding his first "Burlingame Goes Hollywood" Committee meeting next Monday, Nov. 16, 2009, immediately after our regular meeting (1:30).