# **Aaron Aknin, RWC Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director**

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#### **Greetings Fellow Rotarians!**

This week will be my last official Rotary meeting as I will be gone next week. It's been quite a ride and gone by much quicker than I ever expected. Hopefully someone finds my lost gavel before my debunking.....

#### This week:

# Aaron Aknin, RWC Assistant City Manager and Community Development Director

City Manager Bob Bell announced on March 15 that Community Development Director Aaron Aknin has been promoted to Assistant

City Manager effective immediately.

Aknin, who currently serves as the City of Redwood City's Community Development Director, will retain that position and continue to supervise the planning, building, and engineering

#### Featured Speaker

Aaron Aknin, RWC
Assistant City Manager
and Community
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#### **Service This Week**

Program: Linda

Schmidt

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Thought-of-the-Day:



services functions in the City. In addition to those duties, Aknin will oversee the current Downtown Precise Plan and continue developing and implementing the City's community benefit program, titled Partnership Redwood City. Aknin will also provide strategic leadership and advice to the City Manager and City Council on a

variety of citywide and organizational wide initiatives.

"Redwood City is a very active and engaged community that demands strong leadership," commented City Manager Bell.
"Aaron has demonstrated this leadership in the community and the organization. He is very adept at listening to the needs and interests of the City Council and of the community, and at developing programs and processes that meet the needs of these stakeholders." Bell added, "Aaron is respected in the organization and he will add tremendous value for the City Council, the community, and the City Manager's office in his new role."

Prior to joining the City of Redwood City, Aknin served was the Assistant Director and Acting Director of Planning and Community Environment for the City of Palo Alto. Prior to that he was Community Development Director for the City of San Bruno and served as Assistant Planner for the City of San Carlos.

Aknin holds a Master of Public Policy from California State University Northridge and a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies from San Francisco State University. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), an American Planning Association Member and Mentor, an Urban Land Institute Member, and a International Conference of Shopping Centers Member (ICSC).

#### **Next week:**

**Program by Judy Cooper** 

#### **Debunking Information**

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It is really close! I think it will come down to who can sign members. Please push to get those signed membership applications in over the next two weeks. I think we have a

good 3-5 new members to sign.





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# Award Winning Photographer speaks on her arrest in Kenya as Terrorist, Deanne Fitzmaurice

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Special thanks to Fred for stepping up to run the meeting this week and to Don Glbson for handling the IT department. I am so sorry to be missing the speaker this week, Deanne. She is an amazing speaker who previous spoke to our club about her work with <u>Sports Illustrated</u> on Tim Lincecum. (Click on the link to learn more about it)

I am looking forward to the Debunking and welcoming our new President John MCAfee. He will be fresh from the Rotary International Conference in Brasil.

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#### **Featured Speaker**

Deanne Fitzmaurice, Award Winning Photographer

#### **Service This Week**

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Bill Nicolet

Deanne Fitzmaurice speaking on her assignment in Kenya where she got arrested as a suspected terrorist.



Deanne Fitzmaurice is an award-winning photographer who has worked at the San Francisco Chronicle for 16 years.

She has been published in *Time, Newsweek, U.S. News & World Report, Sports*\*\*Illustrated, ESPN the \*\*Magazine\*\* and \*People\*. She also has participated in Day in the

Life book projects.

Her numerous awards include honors from the Society of Professional Journalists, National Press Photographers Association and the California Press Photographers Association. The Bay Area Press Photographers Association named her Photographer of the Year in 2002.

Fitzmaurice is a graduate of the Academy of Art College in San Francisco, where she earned a B.F.A. in photography.

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#### Membership Drive Update

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think we will have SEVEN applications that should be coming in for sure and an additional 2-3 that havent committed yet! WOOOHOOO!

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6/9

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#### **Greetings Fellow Rotarians!**

As I prepared for my year, I got to attend President Elect Training (PETS) in San Jose and they had a guest speaker, Cliff Dochterman, past Rotary International president (1992-93) who delivered a speech called "If I could be president again (video of a speech). While the speech is very funny, it is filled with wonderful wisdom and insight for an incoming president.

Cliff starts his speech by saying: "I had one of those years that started slowly and then tapered off." Every week he learned more about Rotary and his fellow Rotarians and he kept a list of all the things he learned:

#### 1 month:

1. The club president has an almost impossible time of

#### **Featured Speaker**

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Finemaster: Carlos

Bolanos

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Open

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#### **Dates to Remember:**

June 23
DEBUNKING

being an early leaver

- 2. That first meeting of the year will give you a brand new feeling- a sickness in the pit of your stomach (my husband can attest to this- I was a nervous wreck in the months leading up to my year- and that first day was the worst)
- 3. It is important to keep the fingers of the left hand off the bell when holding the gavel with the right
- 4. The club secretary is supposed to do all the work
- 5. It's best to be decisive even when you can't make up your mind

#### After 3 months

- 1. The club secretary does not necessarily do all of the work
- 2. Your club directors usually follow a 3 step approach to each club problem- ready, fire, aim
- 3. When you really don't want something done, appoint a committee
- 4. You can sleep undetected during the speaker by resting your head on hands- like a couple of you are doing in the back of the room
- 5. Good to emphasize the 4-way test. But perhaps a 3-way test is better: Is it fun? Will it hurt anyone? Will anyone find out?

#### Half way

- You wonder what in the hell the club secretary really does.
- 2. There's practically no non-violent way to stop a speaker who goes over time.
- The club directors do not always follow the president's suggestions
- 4. The club's committees do not always follow the president's suggestions
- 5. Nobody seems to follow the president's suggestions

#### Waning weeks

- 1. It is important to keep the fingers of the left hand off the bell when holding the gavel in the right
- 2. Rotarians like to hear a speaker every week, but they only have an attention span of about 5 minutes- and that's not consecutive

#### **PARTY**

June 30 - President Elect John McAfee presentation of his year's goals. and that s all folks!!!

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3. You learn that Rotarians are not old, they are just mature.

Aside from the jokes, his speech provided some very good advice. As we all sat in that big conference room at PETS with all the other presidents elect, I felt he was speaking to me when he said, "You've been selected to lead your club this year- a responsibility not to be taken lightly and an opportunity that probably won't come again. The club will always remember your year- one way or another- make it one you'd be proud to recall. You don't have to do it just like it's always been done. You must believe that you can do it better and you must do it. Don't worry about thoughtless criticism and feet draggers. Be great. Make your club great."

Although my year started off with much turbulence, thanks to the club and everyone's hard work it was able to get back on track and is a year that I am very proud of. I hope that you are also proud of all we accomplished this year. I have learned a lot.

- I have learned that things always don't go as you planned.
- I have learned that things work out for the best for those who make the best out of the way things work out.
- 3. I have learned that it is best not to complain but to come up with a solution really quick!
- 4. I have learned when in doubt, just take a small step.
- 5. I have learned that listening says much more than speaking.
- 6. I have learned that a kind response is always the best response, no matter the attitude of the other party.
- 7. I have learned that the room doesn't set up and take down itself each week.
- 8. I have learned that you can eat too much spaghetti.
- I have learned that tequila makes money a lot of money.
- I have learned that I need an copy editor for typos.
- 11. I have learned that if you want something, go and get it.

- 12. I learned that Carlos leaves at 1:30pm each week, no matter what is happening.
- 13. I have learned that Africa is a continent and can't build a well in Africa in one year.
- 14. I have learned if you call it a contest, Rotarians will step up to win.
- 15. I have learned that if you leave your gavel out, someone is bound to take it.
- 16. I have learned that we can truly be the change in the world and we are.
- 17. I have learned that you can count on your fellow Rotarians when you need them and for that I am forever thankful.

To quote Cliff one last time - "The last meeting of the year is going to give you a new feeling. Not sickness in the stomach like the first meeting but a sickness in your heart. Because you've finished the greatest year you've ever had in Rotary."

I feel that sickness in my heart. Not because I sad that my Rotary year is over, but because of my fellow Rotarians who made this journey with me. Every Rotarian helped me in some way during my year. I will always treasure the time that each one of you put into making my year a successful one. I will treasure the experience I gained and the patience I learned. I will treasure the friendships that were made and deepen over the past year. This year has made me a better person.

I can't thank all of you enough for your support and this opportunity. It has been a remarkable year. As I started my year, I will end my year - We are a GREAT club with GREAT people who do GREAT things.

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5 points (Magdalena Koszalka/ Barbara Bonilla 1st Mtg)
5 points (Mark Pollio / Glenn Nielsen 1st Mtg)
4/21
5 points (Sarah LaTorra/ Barbara Bonilla 1st Meeting)
5 points (Bob Higday/ Judy Cooper 1st Meeting)
Yours in Rotary,
Barbara Bonilla
President 2014-2015
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#### Welcome President McAfee

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Join us for our Rotary Meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Redwood City at 12:15 this Tuesday.

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# Redwood City Rotary Club

#### **Greetings Fellow Rotarians!**

I would like to thank all of you for my wonderful princess debunking party! Thanks to everyone who helped make it such a fun night. I really appreciated the thought and effort from all of you. Here are some fun pictures of the night:



#### **Featured Speaker**

President John McAfee

#### **Service This Week**

Program: John McAfee

Finemaster: Bill

Conklin

Sergeant-at-Arms: Don

Hack

Greeter: Don Gibson Thought-of-the-Day: Mario Raddayero

#### **Dates to Remember:**

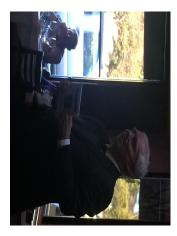
July 4- Ticket Sales Booth





Announcing the winner of the membership drive..... look at Glenn's face.

Remember to turn in your makeups to Club Secretary Beverly May for LUNCH credit!



The MC of the evening, Steve Wagstaffe

The Debunking Program is always hilarious and this year did not disappoint. Thanks to all involved!



Some of the crown jewels purchased by President Barbara during her Rotary year.....



Pastor Herman wanted to honor President Barbara for thinking about doing a water project for the children in Uganda....

President Barbara was honored for all of her efforts to build Friendship Park by herself.... Lilia who?



This week: President John McAfee



Welcome President John McAfee, who will give a presentation of his Rotary year goals. Please join me in welcoming our new President John McAfee at his first meeting.



#### Membership Drive Final Update



The membership drive resulted in EIGHT NEW MEMBERS and possible two more on the way. Great job by both teams, Team Carlos wins the drive with five new members recruited. Team Glenn will be

serving Team Carlos dinner in the very near future!

#### **Car Raffle**

Remember the Club is moving towards the policy administered by the RWCRCF Gift Committee:

"If you want to spend it, the committees and/or the Club as a whole need to raise it"

So, please sell for our **RWC Rotary Charitable Foundation**. The other charities are vigorously selling for their cause. We need to do the same.

Sell more than 100 tickets, yes bringing in cash money, and John Lowe and John Mcafee will buy you and your guest dinner and wine respectively. Deadline is by the debunking dinner June 23, 2015.

Thank you so much to our sponsors!

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