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INTERESTING SIBLING DIFFERENCES

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- > May 17—
Dougherty Valley
HS Student/
Teacher
- > May 24—DARK/RI
Convention
- > May 31st—Randy
Iwasaki—CC
Transportation
- > June 7—Budd
McKenzie—Trust
in Education

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- > May 21-25 RI Con-
vention
- > June 4th—June
Joost Bocce Ball
Tournament
- > Mon, June 6th—
Danville Rotary Golf
Tournament
- > Valley Teen Idol—
Sat. June 11th 1-6
PM, Crosswinds
Church, Dublin



Dr Sullaway, a renown author and researcher of Sibling Differences and Family Dynamics, was our speaker on May 10th. He is affiliated with the University of California, Berkeley, but is not a professor.

He has applied Darwinian principles to his research. Darwin's theory states that siblings try to be different in order to get attention from their parents. Thus, diversity reduces competitiveness. He studied finches, a small bird, in the isolated Galapagos Islands. One bird found its way to the island many years ago and begat more than half a dozen different breeds.

Siblings are only half related in terms of genes, whereas identical twins are 100%, with the later

being more altruistic than the former in their relationships with each other.

Younger siblings are greater risk takers. His published study of major league ball-players showed that the younger brother was more likely to steal bases. Also younger siblings are most likely to be comedians—the better to be the youngest of a large family.

Older siblings are conscientious and less likely to be competitive, so often take care of younger siblings.

MISC. HAPPENINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotacare is looking for hospitality sponsors for the nights that they are opened. Rotary Clubs can sponsor, but also businesses, such as Real Estate Offices, can sponsor a night. You can bring food to Rotacare in Pittsburg or pay \$100 to Pittsburg RC and they will buy the food.

Fourth of July Float committee is hard at work on a float. The 4 Interactor Clubs will be represented on the float and members will be walking with the floats with special Rotary t-shirts. Max Lippman is our

representative on the committee.

Monterrey Nursing Home District Grant has been submitted. We want to help 6 low-socioeconomic nursing homes with their special needs. Each one has different needs. The following are participating in the Grant with us: San Ramon, Alamo, Richmond, and hopefully Danville Rotary Clubs.

Interact D5160 Boat Cruise—May 29th. Helen is signing up Dougherty Valley Interactors for this trip.

Project Home Team - Brett put together a group to go along with Lamorinda Sunrise's Rotary Club bi-monthly visit to seniors homes. Community Services is working on a similar program for our club.



BFF Debrief on Tuesday