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President Greg Dale called us to order, the pledge was led by Jim Anderson and the invocation was given by Wendy David. There were no visiting Rotarians. Roland Johnson introduced his guest Richard Dorn, a property manager and realtor; and Pam Dressler introduced her mom Pat and her daughter Cecilia. Lew Quinby said he didn't care about whether there were any guests at his table or not!



Ed Nilsen reported that John Martucci's health is improving. We also remembered former member and Eureka Councilmember Jack McKellar, who passed away this week.

Cindy Denbo and Beth Giraud reminded us about the upcoming "Murder at the Elks Club A Go-Go" on February 10th at 7PM. Beth said there were about 20 tickets remaining and reminded members that unsold tickets must be returned to her by next Friday.

Haider Ajina announced that Mexico Night will be held on April 21st at the Elks. The program will be provided by Dean Charlton and there will be music and dance!

Mary Kay Hartman told us that the club's Adopt-a-Village grant for a

village in Uganda has been approved. The funds will be used to end or reduce poverty in Karanga Village by providing clean water, mosquito nets, energy saving stoves and livestock for the community of 1275 people. In the village, 58% of the population is children under 15 years of age and malaria is prevalent. Out club expenditure will be \$3,000 with funding also coming from Old Town, Eureka, Del Norte and Healdsburg Clubs and totaling approximately \$33,000.

Greg was asked about the award he received at Wednesday evening's Chamber Dinner where he was honored as Business Person of the Year J. Following an ovation by fellow members, it was disclosed that he had jilted Cindy Denbo and Beth Giraud at a lunch during the week. He left them with the check.....but Nile Henderson showed up, rescued them and paid the tab!!!!

John Goff was stunned that Ken Singleton bought his lunch. The reason.....meatloaf. It so happened that the Red Lion was serving meatloaf and John has horrible memories of same. He told a story about one time at home when he rated the meatloaf inedible and his wife went on a kitchen strike for six weeks after. Six months later she presented him with a heart-shaped meatloaf on their anniversary! Greg fined him \$10.

To get us in a 60's mood for our upcoming fundraiser, Cindy Denbo introduced "Tammy" (who looked somewhat like Cindy but with auburn BIG hair and a tiara), the 1965 Prom

Queen who was "stoked" to attend our meeting for the Groovy 60's Quiz.



Most everyone was in a 60's mood (except Lew and Ken K) and had a great time participating in three rounds of questions. Examples of questions:

Q: How much did a gallon of gas cost in 1965? A: \$0.31

Q: Median cost of a new home in 1965? A: \$21,500

Q: Average income in 1965? A: \$4,730

Tammy had fab prizes for the winners. Things we all remembered like Apple Jacks, Pop Tarts and Lucky Charms which were all introduced in the 60's and were given to those with the correct answers. Keith Korbin ate his Pop Tarts right then and there (sans toaster)!

Greg fined Pam Dressler \$20 for her photo appearing in the *Times Standard* business section. She was pictured at a fancy food show with her team from Cypress Grove.

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**Murder at the Elks
Club-a-Go-Go**

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Gwynna Morris won the first raffle for \$10 cash. Eddie Morgan was the winner of \$50 toward his Paul Harris Fellow.

Our program for the day was presented by Herrmann Spetzler, Open Door Community Health Centers' Executive Director. The Open Door Clinics serve 58,000 patients from the Oregon border to Mendocino County, as well as patients at Sutter, Mad River and St. Joseph Hospitals.

Herrmann spoke about a new project called Tele-health and Visiting Specialist Center located in the former Humboldt Radiology Building in Eureka. He started by saying that

this type of project could be considered economic development for the region. The healthcare infrastructure provides excellent job creation for the community. Healthcare generates \$520 million annually in Humboldt County alone, providing employment for 5,200 people.

But the county loses healthcare business because people go elsewhere for specialists. The idea is to attract semi-retired specialists to this area who can offer these services. Herrmann talked about the importance of this infrastructure for disaster preparedness and the idea of using property inventory the taxpayers already own to provide these specialty services via tele-health kiosks. It was a very interesting presentation on healthcare, which is a topic we should all be concerned about.



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Next Week's Program:

John Dalby