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Our exhausted-looking leader took the helm once again for the 43rd time in the 49th week of the 39th year of Southwest Rotary. Exchange Student coordinator extraordinaire Patti Needham led us in the pledge. Rotary information guru, Don Bachman, blessed our gathering with the hopes for world peace and a safe summer. Greeter Bill Morrill couldn't believe we had not a single visiting Rotarian (are we scaring them away with our caustic wit?) but we did have guests: Bob Burchit's wife Jane was among us, Dave Moore brought along fellow bed-guy Mike Quirk, and Melinda Ciarabellini introduced our speaker, Stacy Reyes of the Humboldt Country Probation Office.



Jerry Colivas and Ed Nilsen were both AWOL for the Sunshine report, but Stu Russell rose to voice his concerns about a member who is missing from the area. The concerned (and nosy) Stu even snooped around this member's house in his frantic attempts to locate said Rotarian. He found it locked up tight with no sign of human life, but reflected that it's the same when this member IS at home. Fear not, Lew Quinby has not met his demise, but is floating on the Sea of Alaska among the icebergs on a cruise ship, harassing the Bingo callers and heckling the comedians.

The 2007-2008 roster is in the works, starting with the annual update of member information. Liz Ennis passed around the official version for

those in attendance to check and revise. If you didn't have a chance, please do so at meetings throughout June or better still email or call Liz with your updates.

Beth Giraud reminded us to sign up for the annual BBQ/ Bocce Bash to be held Sunday June 10th at Casa Giraud in sunny (we hope!) Blue Lake. Vicky Armstrong will be among us once more to cook up her fabulous salmon, Greg will bring along some bi-valves, and there will be dry-land protein in the form of tri-tip for you cow-lovers. The Bocce Tournament will commence at 2 PM at the Oyster Shell Arena, so organize your teams and practice on your most subtle underhand. Please prepay in advance to ease the bureaucratic red tape. (Keith said to ignore the date in the May 23rd bulletin for this event, it's way off on the date) *Greg thought the BBQ happened already and that he's avoided his demise, er, debunking. Deluded happy! June is a long month; any day could be game day!*

Martin LeMasters stated that he has no money to boost the treasury, but admitted to his recent fame in the newspaper, once as a 1954 Marine, and once looking his dapper self in uniform at attention with a rifle circa 2007. No active duty again, and that rifle was heavy! Twenty bucks just because.

Former head roaster Rick Roberts will be back at it when he loses his prime employee (his son) to the bright lights of Nashville. His local band mate moved on to the big time, and has invited Rick's son along to play lead guitar. Rick has been overlooked for fines this year while sitting right next to the president at the head table in his role as Program chair. And his magnificent job in that capacity was acknowledged by the gathering. But it was time to pay the piper for: a week in Maui, 25th years of marriage, and week in Las Vegas as a last family vacation before the kids move on to "life." The Roberts clan attended the Country Music Awards and hung out with the stars. President Greg complained about the proliferation of men serving at JitterBean lately, which Rick chalked up to passing on the HR duties to the girls.

With a birthday tomorrow and the 28th anniversary last week, Carol Hill found herself lamenting the facet that she has been married



half her

life! And why was she sitting next to Rory Hanson Esq. anyway? Carol is proud of her son's almost straight A's in his first year at HSU, and even happier that he is actually making money this summer with the US Forest Service at Ruth Lake. He's working alongside his best friend; sounds like summer camp! Carol added \$56 to her PHF fund.

President Greg asked for the owner of the new car to fess up. Don Bachman had a FIT, and got into a Honda to save on gas, trading in his 20 year old Vanagon. Humboldt is the place where old VW's go to die, the younger Greg believed, then a passel of MPG statistics flew around the room, followed by rifle weights and soldierly exclamations. SIR! Clearly, pandemonium had broken out. Don refused to remember how old he had become on his February birthday, but he had already tapped out then anyway.

Mike n' Matt (Dominic and Nilsen respectively) each have a son the same age, high school seniors. Both are all around athletes. Mike's son has played baseball and golf throughout high school, is all-county for basketball this year and is off to college in the fall. Matt's son played basketball as well, and is heading to UC Davis in the fall. President Greg lauded the dad's efforts at the recent Highland Park work days, and especially their ability to hold up walls with their backs while balancing

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on one leg (Greg demonstrated: with arms crossed, one leg bent at the knee, with the foot and back firmly planted against a wall).

Right about then, a cell phone went off, and the great "who done it?" was launched. Mary Kay Hartman announced it was hers. Since Greg's "days are numbered", she will be away next Friday, and she "wants one of those abalone shells" she offered that she had nothing to confess, but has done some recent partying with her friends in Southern Cal. She tapped out and received her *Service Above Shellfish* award. President Greg is encouraging us to leave our cell phones ON during the next three meetings as he is in need of fine fodder.

The drawings were won by John Vance (10 greenbacks) and Beth Giraud (\$50 toward her next PHF).

Program

Stacey Reyes is a deputy Probation Officer in charge of Foster Care Recruitment and Support. Stacey locates foster

homes and arranges for treatment of children in the system. She is working with the Annie E. Casey Foundation on the "Family to Family Initiative." finding foster homes for juvenile probationers. Humboldt is the only county in the country that has taken the initiative and applied it to juvenile offenders, winning accolades from the foster parenting system. The Annie E. Casey Foundation is endeavoring to restructure the foster care system nationwide. Children can have their lives changed within hours, moving from their dysfunctional family into foster care. The change can be overwhelming. The new program involves the parents and a team that make the decisions, not just a probation officer. Stacey asked for our help to find good homes in which to place youthful offenders. The current possibilities number just three in the entire county. Lacking space, she is forced to send her charges outside the area, further disrupting their lives. She is also looking for ideas to expand support for the program with donations of public transportation fares, backpacks laundry and toiletry bags, cosmetics and sundries. Please call her at (707)476-1284 or email her at sreyes@co.humboldt.ca.us with your ideas and suggestions.



Sunshine Reports 2006-07

Don't be shy about sharing news about yourself or other members. Contact Jerry Colivas (725-5906) or Ed Nilsen (442-9156) with your weekly input!

This week's bulletin brought to you by Liz Ennis

Next Week's Program:
To Be Determined