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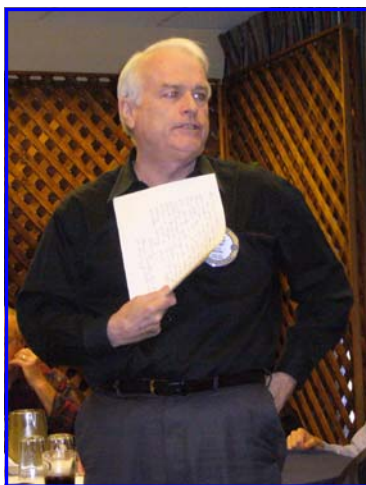
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THE ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHWEST EUREKA

The 33rd meeting in the 39th week of the 39th year of Southwest Rotary was clanged in by **Oyster Man Greg**, a tad addled after rattling off all those statistics. **Cindy Denbo** led out flag salute. **Kristina Plisik** invoked a grand reminder that we should not take our blessings for granted and that we should be tolerant of others as we don't know what they may be going through.

Greeter **Liz Ennis** welcomed the first Friday of Spring and visiting Rotarians Greg Stevens from Coos Bay/North Bend (who's been around a lot lately!) and Nancy Dean from the Eureka club. Guests included the indefatigable **Jane Burchit** driving her on-the-mend hubby, Bob. We are sooooo happy to see you up and around, Bob! **John Ennis** re-introduced Matt Harvey, who plans on coming back to earn his blue badge soon. Denise Jones, Superintendent of the Eureka High School District, was lunching with Louie Bucher again.

Another educator, **Jerry Colivas**, was trumped on his Sunshine Report by the return of **Bob Burchit**, who reported on himself: he's weak but getting around. Rehab is hard work! **Chuck Smith's** lovely wife Sue is recovering from having some pesky kidney stones zapped. Ouch! She'll feel better now! **Don Bachman** was in an automobile accident, but luckily was just banged up.



John Goff shared a letter from a family who availed themselves of the services at Evergreen Lodge during their father's bout with cancer. Mr. Woulters designated a \$1,000 donation in his will for the lodge, which John has added to the trust fund. That fund has recently paid for the interior rehab on the older 8 units at the lodge, including paint, carpet and furniture. Fundraiser Casino Royale on May 5th will add to the trust fund coffers.

Deborah Giraud was ecstatic to announce that **Rodney Maples** has stepped up to the plate to host our inbound exchange student, arriving in August. Deborah also thanked Jim and Judy Anderson for hosting Justin Kolb, a musician who spoke recently at area schools.

"Jay and Dean" will not be at Dead Man's Curve nor will they be making our dinner for Mexico Night on April 21, but they will tell us about our partnership with the clubs in Guadalajara area in our Festival of Brotherhood program, held each November. Club Espanol from Morris School in McKinleyville ladles up some authentic regional grub from Mexico; this is great food! **Haider Ajina** is heading up the festivities.

Haider has also organized our now second annual "Rahfting the Trinity" on July 28th. Bring your water canons, and no flip-flops, unless you like having yours duct-taped to your feet. It's rocky out there. This was a complete blast last summer, don't miss it!

Prez Greg announced that we are **DARK ON APRIL 20th**, our meeting will be the following evening - Mexico Night

Mary Kay Hartman received news that our grant for "Adopt a Village - Uganda" has been approved. This takes some smart writing and persistence. Thanks for all your hard work, Mary Kay!

Ron Harris came to the podium and displayed a portrait he took of **Bob Burchit** and a lovely Irish singer, Annette. Said beauty was Bob's guest entertainer at his self-produced "Best of Ireland" program at



the Arkley on St. Paddy's Days. Bob and Jane met Annette on their trip to the Emerald Isle a couple of years back. The wily Mr. Burchit involved many of our local youth dancing and singing groups. Ron's critique was "Fantastic!" Sounds like we should put this on our calendars for next year.

You might ask yourself "Is there a connection between Southwest Rotary and brain injury?" Well, yes now there is a definite link, as **Jeff Smoller** has joined Making Headway, an organization for head trauma victims. "SLOW DOWN" is his message after his first few weeks as media honcho there. He will enlighten us on their programs soon. Oh, yes and \$20 for the new job.

The Boys of Spring shared their love of the game with **Mark McGowan** and his brother on their annual baseball tour to Arizona recently as his fav's the Giants won 1, lost 1. 50 smackers.

The unofficial presidential parking spot was taken again today, this time by PE Mary Crumley, who says there's nothing in the presidential handbook about this coveted ON street rectangle of asphalt Greg claims as his. "Just get here earlier if you want it" Crumley chided Oyster Man.

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But should we really feel badly for **Mr. Dale**? Although he wasn't present, **Gwynna Morris** stepped in and saved his bacon at a Fortuna Rotary fundraiser, when his name was drawn for a \$1,000 cash prize. She convinced the powers that be that he deserved the moolah despite his significant absence. Having heard the news, wife Sandra woke him at 4:30 AM on her way out of town and demanded half the loot. That will now be 45% as Greg pledged \$100 toward his PHF.

John Koopmans reminded us if we haven't pledged for Bowl for Kids Sake he will sign us up himself. Les Merrill won the \$10 draw, and Kristina Plisik the \$50 PHF contribution.

Program

Nyle Henderson's project most dear to his heart is Project Share Life: funds are raised and used to pay for testing of individuals, with the results being posting on the National Bone Marrow Registry. People needing transplants are matched to potential donors on the registry. In 1987, Nyle's own son was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease and spent 18 months fighting it. During that time, they stayed in apartments near the hospital, the inspiration for Evergreen Lodge. Project Share Life already existed through the National Bone Marrow Registry, but Nyle

asked if he could tack on "Rotary" to the name. He received permission, and commenced to involve the entire District 5130, and then District 5170. \$110K has been raised to date.

Nyle's guest was Andy Kelleher, a retired school teacher from San Rafael. His own daughter, Eimear, died of leukemia in 1984 at the age of 9 despite family typing yielding results with Andy being the prime candidate. But the legacy of testing continues with Andy. He has been tapped twice as a donor as the result of his original testing, now knows both of his recipients and has made fast friend with them. In 1999 Andy was diagnosed with lymphoma and received a transplant of his own stem cells. He has more cells stored at Stanford. Andy is very active in Project Share Life, and says they desperately need donors from ethnic minorities. Research has come a long way, and medication has improved. Thanks to Nyle and Andy for an inspirational program and your personal experiences.



Prospective new members (2nd):

Richard Dorn - Real Estate

Kelly Hemmert - Dental Hygiene

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:

John Gullam – Adoption Horizons