



# The Sou'wester

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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHWEST EUREKA

President Greg Dale called the meeting to order. The pledge was led by Mary Crumley and the invocation was given by Steve Brodhag. Visiting Rotarians Greg Stephens from Coos Bay/North Bend and Nancy Dean from Old Town Eureka Rotary were introduced by John Vance and Lew Quinby (his voice really carried). Patti Needham introduced exchange student Tatiana; Cindy Denbo introduced Stephanie Larsen, Assistant County CAO and Kim Mc Reynolds introduced Sarah Wright from her accounting firm.



Sunshine chair Jerry Colivas reported that Ed Nilsen has had ongoing eye problems. Greg told us that Bob Burchit had a stroke last Friday that left him with some numbness on his left side. He is doing well at General Rehab and will be going home soon. Cards were circulated for both members. Get well soon!

Haider Ajina reminded us that Mexico Night is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Elks. As expected, a Mexican meal will be served.

Ron Harris gave a craft talk. He told us that his ancestors settled in Ferndale and if he attends a Rotary meeting there he is likely related to some of the members. He didn't pay attention in English class

and enlisted in the Navy where he was a radioman. Following his duty with the Navy, he sold mobile radiophones, the kind that weighed five-plus pounds and cost a fortune!



Ron then joined Eureka Fire Department and served for 20 years first as a Fireman, then Engineer and finally Captain. He was also a contractor during that time and got into the self storage business 31 years ago. He now owns eight facilities. He has also been an RV park owner, broker and developer and has been on the board of directors of KEET, the Ingomar Club and the curriculum board for Eureka Adult Education. Greg fined him \$20 and then threw in \$10 himself.

John Moore proudly presented Mary Lou Riley with her Paul Harris Fellowship which she attained in just two years. Congratulations Mary Lou!

Greg reported that he missed last week's meeting because he was stuck in Sacramento due to weather. Three Fortuna women recognized him at the airport and he ended up driving them home through the snow. He said they chatted all the way along Highway 20, but as soon as they hit the snow he heard

not a sound.

Tatiana reported to us that she is going to teach Tango at Winship. She will be leaving for Hawaii next Tuesday so the club took up a collection to provide her with spending money. Aloha.

Cindy Denbo reported that "Murder at the Elks A Go-Go" is going to generate a profit of \$11,000 for the library, which is up 15% over last year.

Mary Crumley asked how many would be interested in a rafting trip on the Trinity River July 28<sup>th</sup>. A good number of members raised their hands.

Deborah Giraud talked about our new exchange student Janek Michelson from Denmark. He plays soccer and has two little sisters. Deborah is looking for families to host him for three months each.

Stu Russell took Greg's "parking place" and when Greg mentioned it Stu quoted scripture! Something about "go forth and ....."?! Greg didn't mention that he then took Mary Crumley's "parking place". Nevertheless, Greg fined Stu \$20.

Mary Lou Riley and Nile Henderson presented Les Merrill with a shirt to



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## Reminder!!!

# Casino Royale

*Viva Las Vegas!*

Saturday, May 5th

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honor his service as Exalted Ruler of the Elks. Greg fined him \$20 for the free shirt.

Chuck Smith reported that one of the seven winners of this year's Economic Fuel competition will be an honorary member of our club for one year. The contestants will submit a letter of interest regarding Rotary membership for the club to review. Details of the competition can be viewed at [www.economicfuel.org](http://www.economicfuel.org).

Rodney Maples won the first raffle for \$10 cash. Greg Dale was the winner of \$50 toward her Paul Harris Fellow.

Our program for the day was presented by Glen Maxon, Executive Director of the Redwood Coast Music Festivals who talked about the state of the organization and the two festivals it presents each year. When Glen was first hired the festivals had suffered from declining sponsorships and attendance. Last year the Jazz Festival broke even despite losing \$65,000 in sponsorships. Blues by the Bay made money. The organization has become leaner to run more like a business than a non-profit.

The purpose of having the Jazz Fest at a time of the year when the weather might not be so "hot" is to stimulate the economy at a normally slow time and provide funding for both senior programs and youth music organizations.

This year the jazz festival will be held March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> and should appeal to all ages with the Eureka High Jazz Band opening for headliner Big Bad Voodoo Daddy on Saturday night. Performers from the festival bands will do clinics with the local high school bands before the festival. Also, young high school age dancers from the Los Angeles area will be coming to demonstrate different type of dances.

For local residents and visitors alike, Merv George will be performing for a Friday night dance at the Muni. The festival is offering attendance to this dance for only \$10. The Arkley Center for the Performing Arts will be a new venue this year. It sounds like an exciting festival is planned!



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### 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!

Next Week's Program:

Jeffery Baubit, Acting CR President