



# The Sou'wester

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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHWEST EUREKA

Our Prez **Greg Dale** called the meeting to order at the Elks Lodge. The pledge was led by **John Goff** with the invocation given by **John Dalby**. There were no visiting Rotarians. Guests were introduced by **Bob Burchit** (wife Jane and friend Sherry), **Christina Plisik** (Rita) and **Jerry Colivas** (wife Evvy). Also introduced were Margie Plum and Rich Ghilarducci from Humboldt Creamery, Sandy Lovfald, agriculture teacher at Eureka High and FFA member Kaylee Cross.

Sunshine chair **Jerry Colivas** reported that **Don Bachman** contracted pneumonia while recovering from his auto accident. He is now on the "road" to recovery. Jerry also announced that Seventeenth Annual Redwood Coast Jazz Festival would be getting underway later in the day and it is a great community event for all to attend.



**Haider Ajina** reminded us that **Mexico Night** is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>. The event has been moved to our regular meeting space at the Red Lion.

Greg announced upcoming Highland Park workdays. On April 14<sup>th</sup> there will be plenty of raking to do, April 28<sup>th</sup> will be construction of the dugouts and May 12<sup>th</sup> a slab to house bleachers will be poured.

Rich Ghilarducci talked to us about Easter Seals and the fantastic services they provide for local residents in need of rehabilitation therapy. The **Easter Seals Telethon** will be held at the Bayshore Mall on April 7<sup>th</sup>. It is generously sponsored by Humboldt Creamery. Local Rotary Clubs are partnering with the Creamery and our members are volunteering to staff the phone banks. The local Easter Seals Chapter has been providing service since 1929. Funds raised locally are spent locally. **Bob Burchit** was able to

personally tell the group about his recent experience with Easter Seals and the wonderful services they provide.

Greg and the group expressed appreciation to **Mary Lou Riley** for her ability to quickly accommodate us at the Elks for the day's lunch. The Red Lion reminded Greg following last week's meeting that the Jazz Festival would displace us today. Thank you Mary Lou for providing a delicious lunch on short notice!

Volunteer bartenders are needed for Casino Night. Letters have gone out asking for donations of auction items. Any member can assist by asking businesses to donate items for the **Casino Royale 2007 - Viva Las Vegas** fundraiser, with proceeds going to **Project Share Life** and **Evergreen Lodge**.



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## Reminder!!!

### MEXICO NIGHT

7PM

Saturday, April 21st

Red Lion Hotel

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Kaylee Cross, the Humboldt/Del Norte and North Coast Region winner for the Future Farmers of America (FFA) speech competition delivered the speech she will be giving at the state competition. Kaylee's topic was the FFA Creed. Following her speech, she answered questions from club members. We wish her the best of luck as she represents our region at the state level!

**Les Merrill** won BOTH drawings, claiming \$10 cash and \$50 toward a PHF.

**John Gullam** spoke to us about Adoption Horizons. He is currently President of the Board of Directors and has personally adopted three children and a stepdaughter. Adoption Horizons was founded 25 years ago and has remained a local organization. Having a local organization makes the adoption process go much more smoothly for local families. The Executive Director and professional social

workers are there to help. Three types of adoption are birth mother adoption, foster adoption and out of country adoption. Hundreds of families locally have adopted and are also there to provide support. Foster adoption can provide financial assistance. John also told us that U.S. children are adopted in other countries such as Sweden. Most adopted children want to hear about their native country and birth parents and families are much more open about adoption now than in prior decades.

### Prospective new members:

**Richard Dorn - Real Estate** (3)

**Kelly Hemmert - Dental Hygiene** (3)

**Denise Jones - Education Admin.** (1)



### 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!

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Next Week's Program:

Jimmy Smith - County Supervisor