



# The Sou'wester

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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHWEST EUREKA

Those in attendance at the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the 46<sup>th</sup> week of President Greg Dale's reign in the 38<sup>th</sup> (or is it the 39<sup>th</sup>?) year of the very best Rotary Club in Humboldt County, were greeted as they entered the room by a cheerful Past President John Moore.

Mark McGowan led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Dave Moore who gave the Invocation. Greeter (did I mention that he was also Past President?) Moore introduced four visiting Rotarians – Linda Jo Alexander, of the Fortuna Club; Dan Heinen & Will Kay, of the Eureka Club; and Her Royal Highness, the Queen of England of the Rotary Club of London, England. (Is John also acquainted with a rabbit by the name of Harvey?) Rodney Maples introduced his guests Stephanie Jackson & Kristy Christensen, faculty members at Eureka High and Mao and Juan, two EHS international exchange students. Louis Bucher introduced his guest Denise Jones, interim Superintendent at Eureka City Schools; Patti Needham introduced Jill Kimura (mother of our outbound exchange student Allison) and Leslie Charlton (wife of Dean), who in Deano's stead, introduced our own inbound international exchange student Tatiana Hernandez; and Bob Burchit introduced his wife Jane.

After prying the microphone from Past President John Moore, President Greg gave the floor to Past President Jerry Colivas for the Sunshine Report. He informed the assembly of the recent death of Marge Fridley, widow of Warren Fridley, a longtime and active Southwest member until his death a number of years ago. A sympathy card was circulated to send to the family. Past President Ed Nilsen announced that Eureka Club member Kim Bauridel, whom many of us know from his frequent visits to our Club and his ongoing project in Siberia, will

soon be building a home and relocating permanently to Ireland.



Matt Harvey presented his craft talk, subject to the group's normal ridicule and cat-calling reserved especially for those who are wont to tell us about their lives. Matt is a native of Alaska, the progeny of two hippies who built a cabin at the base of Mt. McKinley and happily collected rail kill from the nearby tracks, stowing it on the cabin's roof for easy deep-freeze access during the winter. In 1984, after converting an old army ambulance into a motor home, the family trekked to California for a visit. On the return trip, the vehicle broke down in, you guessed it – Eureka – and that's where Matt has been ever since, several journeys abroad to satisfy his interest in global issues excepted. He graduated high school in 1997, earned his contractor's license, is happily married and the father of two daughters, ages 3 years and 18 months.

President Greg announced a work party scheduled for the following day at our Highland Park rehab project. He then asked those who were responsible for putting on the recent and very much enjoyed Casino Royale event to stand, when and where they were recognized to applause by those assembled. Mary Kay

Hartman reported that financial results for this Project Share Life and Evergreen Lodge fundraiser would be announced at a later date.



Louis Bucher offered a homily to introduce our newest member, Denise Jones. A native of Mt. Vernon, NY, Denise moved to California at the age of 1 and in 1963 relocated with her family to Eureka. She is a graduate of Eureka High, received her Bachelor's and Masters at Humboldt State and worked her entire career within the Humboldt County Schools system, from whence she "retired" last year. Since then, she has served as the interim Superintendent of Eureka City Schools, planning to "retire" again in June. She is married to David Jones, a retired anesthesiologist. Past President Howard Julien gave the Past President's charge and highlighted the positive impact of Rotarians worldwide through the Rotary Foundation, encouraging Denise to become a sustaining member of the Foundation by becoming a Paul Harris fellow. Welcome to Southwest, Denise!

Rodney Maples took the podium to present the Vocational Service Award, conferred upon a local non-Rotarian who has made an outstanding contribution in service to our area's youth. This year's award recipient was cited by her peers and students as "a dedicated, selfless individual", "an enthusiastic, professional

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### Attention

#### Past Presidents

Pre-Debunking meeting

Thursday May 17th

Elks Lodge - 5:15PM

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and active participant in education”, “the embodiment of the very best in education” and “a person with a big heart”. Eureka High educator Stephanie Jackson received a standing ovation stating “For once in my life, I’m speechless!” Stephanie was given a beautiful, cobalt blue Fire & Light ruffled plate embossed with “2006 Vocational Service Award for Outstanding Service in the Area of Youth” to commemorate her receipt of this award.

Keith Korbin, sitting where he has sat for the entire administration of President Greg, was momentarily lost to the Prez as he was called upon to be recognized for his very own 45<sup>th</sup> birthday. Somehow escaping the usual mangled rendition of “Happy

Birthday”, Keith contributed \$1 for each year to Project Share Life.

President Greg also recognized Tatiana’s birthday of May 4<sup>th</sup>. She then spoke to the Club about her family, friends and Argentina and her observations while living in California. Her time here in Eureka has been wonderful and she thanked everyone for the support and camaraderie she has experienced while participating in the international exchange program. Her presentation was followed by an interesting Q and A session. Tati wants to study international relations and has a special interest in visiting Scandinavia. She will be participating in the traditional exchange student “Western Safari” after school ends for the summer and plans to depart for home on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Birthday cake in Tati’s honor, decorated with a map of Argentina, was then enjoyed by all.



This week’s bulletin brought  
to you by Tim Cochrane

Next Week’s Program:

To Be Determined

### 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!