



# The Sou'wester

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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHWEST EUREKA

Greg Dale called our meeting to order after a week's absence. The Pledge was led by Scott Thomason and the invocation was given by Haider Ajina. Visiting Rotarians were Linda Jo who will be transferring from a Fortuna club and Heather Mueller Fitch from Maui. Visitors introduced were Harry Cowgill, Fleet Manager for Northwood Auto, Jane Burchit, Sherry Thomason and Dawnell. There was no sunshine report.



Mary Crumley and Liz Ennis recently traveled to Rohnert Park for the District Conference. The meeting was fun, educational and motivational. Mary distributed a first draft calendar for next year and a member survey form. Greg advised her she was in his parking place again and fined her \$65. He then presented her with a "Service Above Shellfish" award.

Pat Dillman tapped out because she will be taking a trip with her grandson to



Washington, DC in June.

Stu Russell reminded us that Monday is Memorial Day and speaking from experience (11 months worth) we are very lucky to live in the United States of America.

Greg returned Haider's badge for \$20. Greg talked about a quote from *Military* magazine regarding Haider's parent country and asked for an update. Haider reported that his dad is spending time in Bagdad working for revitalization of industries formerly run by the government. Conditions have improved because troops now stay behind to protect Iraqis. The pace is slow (which is traditional) but improving.

Beth handed out sign-up sheets for the BBQ & Bocce which will be held Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Giraud's in Blue Lake. Bocce Ball will begin at 2:00 pm. No experience is needed to join the fun! Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm.

Members and their families are invited. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids 4-11, 3 and under, free. Our hosts will need help with the food purchase, setup and cleanup. Anyone who would like to volunteer, please contact Dick and Beth.

Greg thanked Bob Coffey (painting) and Roger Smith (supervising) for painting the dugouts at Highland Park. It took 13 gallons of paint and the better part of a day. Greg tapped Bob out even though Bob is collecting Social Security. John Moore offered a reverse mortgage should Bob have trouble coming up with the money.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup> Nile and Greg both celebrated anniversaries....and not to each other! Nile has been married 49 years and Greg 15 years.

Sid Noyes has been on the road riding motorcycles with his son and celebrating college graduations for both his son and stepdaughter. He also tapped out and



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## Annual Giraud BBQ

June 23rd

Blue Lake Villa

Yum-Yum's  
& Games

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was awarded a Shell.

Troy Vizenor won the drawing for \$10 and John Moore received \$50 toward a Paul Harris.

Kristina Plisik announced she will be transferring clubs because she is moving to the Bay Area to live with her husband after commuting back and forth for the last six years. Best wishes Kristina!

Rick Roberts introduced Jeff Bobbitt, College of the Redwoods Acting President and our program for the day. Jeff is originally from Houston, Texas and has been at CR for the last ten years. He was educated as a chemist and academic administrator.

Jeff detailed the challenges facing CR:

Finding a permanent president—after two recruitments they have not been successful in finding a candidate who the Board of Trustees could reach consensus on. They will go back out for applications in the fall.

Bond funds—there are seismic challengers which are holding up approval of the plans. There has been a new hardwood floor installed in the gym and the pool has been repaired. Infrastructure improvements are also taking place at the Del Norte and Mendocino campuses.

Declining enrollment—funding declines as

enrollment declines and the college has seen decreases of 6-10% per year.

Fragility of community college students—how to keep students in college to achieve their education goals. Vocational/Technical programs have been strengthened. A greater number of students graduate from these programs each year than the more traditional academics. The average age of CR students is 26.

Thank you to Jeff for explaining the complex issues facing CR.



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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:

To Be Determined