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ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHWEST EUREKA

President Greg rang the bell precisely four minutes early to open the 18th meeting of the 38th year of the Rotary Club of Southwest Eureka. Stu Russell posted the colors (observing appropriate protocol) and Jeff Smoller led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Moore gave the invocation and Greeter Ed Nilsen introduced visiting Rotarians Will Kay (law) and Gary Philp (district attorney, no... SHERIFF!), both of the Eureka Club. Sheriff Phil quipped that "I *did* stay in a Holiday Inn last week!" Sam Kennedy introduced his guest Danielle Sancho; Keith Korbin introduced our 2005-2006 outbound international exchange student Angela Turley; Patty Needham introduced our inbound exchange student Tatiana; and one Stephanie Brodhag was introduced as one of the featured models at tomorrow evening's Elks Club Fashion Show. President Greg wondered aloud if Ms. Brodhag was going to be "wearing a thong thing, or what?"



Jerry Colivas gave the Sunshine Report with the good news that Mary Lou Riley is back after her unfortunate incident. He also reported that Mike Dominick was out today for his "annual inspection"; asked for prayers for former member Larry Renner who is recovering from a serious operation; mentioned President Greg's son's recent tonsillectomy; and welcomed John Morrison who was attending with arm in sling. After a crude reference from Morrison ("you should have seen the other guy"), Stu Russell opined

that perhaps it would have been more appropriate had another part of the judge's anatomy been in said sling. On a somber note, Jerry asked Club members to observe a moment of silence on behalf of Haider Ajina's uncle and two cousins who were killed in Baghdad.

President Greg reminded members that the Club is dark next Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. He thanked Stu Russell for the wonderful job he did in putting on the Veterans' Day celebration on Saturday, November 11th. Stu circulated a photograph taken by Rotarian Brandi Easter of the Veterans in attendance, a copy of which will be provided to each of them.

Exchange student Tatiana addressed those assembled, thanking them for the terrific time she is having and wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

A call was made by President Greg to recruit GSE Team members (those under age 40) who work in the fields of Health Care or Education to tour Mexico for five weeks. He then apologized for any discomfort that members may have experienced due to several recent programs being of a political nature. His intention was to allow members to hear the information from the horse's mouth (or, depending upon your political persuasion, perhaps the other end of the horse) and to have the opportunity to pose questions directly to the candidates. So, apologies were made to everyone for any offense he may have committed in the past and for those offenses that he is certain to commit in the future.

What's the difference between a butthead and a brown-noser? According to President Greg, it's a matter of depth perception. (GROAN)

Matt Nilsen asked for volunteers to ring the bells for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 2nd.

Long time and long absent member John



Martucci was recognized, although not fined because President Greg had promised him that there would not be a financial detriment to John should he deign to grace us with his presence.

John Morrison was asked to recite the Four-Way Test and failed miserably in his effort.

Bernie Kemp was recognized for his 54th wedding anniversary. He recalled having a note from his mother, a marriage license and a draft notice in his hand on that happy day 54 years ago. Bernie coughed up \$54 for Mary's accomplishment in staying married to him for so long.

"Thong Boy" Brodhag happily paid \$100 in celebration of the arrival of his second granddaughter Emily Nicole who arrived earlier in the month. Beth & Dick Giraud were recognized for 41 years of wedded bliss, for which Dick happily paid \$41. They celebrated that event in Stanford where they had a nice dinner at a nice Greek restaurant with good friends. Beth also announced that they celebrated the good news provided by her physician that she has made significant progress with her health issues! And finally, the Girauds welcomed a new grandson Dominique John Giraud on October 18th.

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Larry Goldberg was recognized for his new position with Harper Ford where he is responsible for bringing the organization into the 21st century as Webmaster and Director of Internet Sales. President Greg asked if anyone had heard about the new Fords that are coming out with heated bumpers. He explained that the new feature is so your hands don't get cold when you're pushing them. Larry's new position cost him \$25.

Recent birthdays were observed by John Martucci (09/20) and John Gullam (11/16) and today's birthday boy Jeff Smoller (11/17) was serenaded by a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" and soon thereafter by Tim Cochrane with his rendition of the "Birthday Dirge".

The group was put on notice that Nyle Henderson is on President Greg's "list". For some reason, Nyle has been avoiding President Greg and all the Prez has to say to Nyle is "WATCH OUT!".

Because no one sold tickets, there was no drawing, although Lew Quinby claimed to hold the winning ticket. I guess you gotta *buy* one to win, Lew...

Deborah Giraud announced a get together with Tatiana and Club members on Saturday, December 2nd, 8:00 p.m. at the Ferndale Rep's presentation of "Cinderella". Call the Rep directly for tickets (\$12 general, \$10 seniors/children) at 786-5483. John Gullam provided an update on the selection of our outbound international exchange student for next year – Alex Botkin.

Deborah then introduced our 2005-2006 outbound international exchange student Angela Turley, who presented an interesting, informative and entertaining talk about her experiences in Sweden as a representative of our Club.



This week's bulletin brought to you by Tim Cochrane

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:

We are Dark
Happy Thanksgiving!