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TWO LEGISLATION SUCCESS STORIES—PROJECT SHAD & PULMONARY REHAB

The 14th meeting of the greatest Rotary Club in the UNIVERSE was called to order by our President John Ennis. Don



Bachman led us in the pledge to the small flag held by Dick Giraud and Scott Pesch gave the invocation.

Greeter Marie Liscom (I'm proud to be mistaken for Nancy Kay) recognized Will Kay, honorary member and visiting Rotarian. Guests introduced were Carl Willoughby, David Sharp and exchange student Karo. Lew Quinby was welcomed back after an absence due to back problems



Under the sunshine category Karen Brooks is recovering and doing well after rotator cuff surgery two weeks ago, Nyle Henderson has shingles and Gwynna Morris is chairing the annual ball for Redwood Memorial Hospital despite her illness.

Nancy Kay was recognized for stepping in to take the chair for the Youth Exchange Committee. It was noted that Karo and Cindy Sutcliffe would be leaving shortly for Karo's weekend sightseeing trip to San Francisco. A collection netted over

\$200 in spending money!

Mary Lay is looking for 5-10 members to paint at Easter Seals in Eureka on October 25th. Americorps will be helping and Marty says he will have beer in the car!

Jack Alderson was congratulated on the success of SHAD legislation he has been working for since 1993.



Congressmen Thompson and Rehberg included language in the Armed Services Bill which provides medical and nursing home care.

Dean Charlton has tickets for the October 18th Foundation Dinner at River Lodge. Cost is \$50 per person. Raffle tickets are available at \$25 each or \$100 for five. Raffle ticket purchase counts toward your Paul Harris.

Steve Brodhag is looking for a ride for next week's visitor Keith Fitzpatrick who will be speaking about what Project Share Life has done for him. Following the meeting he needs a ride back to Ukiah because he is not yet able to drive.



Scott Pesch talked about our Interact Club and the 25

kids participating this year. He is looking for sponsors to host each student's lunch at our October 24th meeting. Please let Scott know if you are interested.

Prez John announced that a miniature golf hole will make its debut at next week's meeting. Members can test it! Also, our October 31st meeting is the perfect opportunity to come in a Halloween costume and win a prize.

Erin Mooney celebrated her seventh anniversary on September 27th at the annual rugby alumni get together. She played rugby and drank, only jamming a couple of fingers!

John Vandermolen celebrated his 33rd anniversary by not going to the Reno Air Races but working instead. Marty Lay offered to e-mail photos of the air races. John paid \$30.

Ken Singleton won the PHF drawing (again) and Rick Roberts had a chance at the \$443 kitty. He drew a queen and won nothing.



Another successful auction was conducted for the International Committee.

Our speaker for the day, Carl Willoughby, a respiratory therapist

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defined COPD and the treatment available. Diseases related to tobacco use started being seen in the 1930's with increased lung cancer and emphysema. There was no real treatment or supportive care. Activity was discouraged. Now rehabilitation involves education, training and exercise.

In 2001, 14 million cases of COPD were diagnosed with 3 million being emphysema and the rest chronic bronchitis. Medicare did not officially recognize pulmonary rehabilitation with reimbursement being at the discretion of the insurance companies and inconsistent across the country.

Interested groups joined forces to draft the Pulmonary and Cardiac Rehabilitation Act of 2005. The first attempt in the 109th Congress failed. In 2007 the bill was re-introduced and was eventually included in HR 6331 (2008 Medicare Package) with the help of the Blue Dog Coalition. Benefits finally

enacted following a presidential veto and an override include fixed fees for physicians and home oxygen benefits, taking almost 10 years from the idea to the passage.



Our president noted that recently everyone is taking comedians seriously and seeing politicians as the comedians.

He closed the meeting with a quote from Will Rogers "Always drink upstream from the herd".

Marie Liscom wrote this week's bulletin. Photos were provided John Gullam.

UPCOMING:

**October 17th—Tony Smith—
ers, Humboldt Co. Visitor &
Convention Bureau**

**October 18—Foundation
Dinner North, River Lodge**

**October 25th—Allen
McCloskey of Native Springs
Water**

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