



# The Sou'wester

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## KATHY MILLER DRAWS THE SIX OF DIAMONDS—WINS \$876!

John opened the meeting with a flourish, Mary Crumley led the pledge of allegiance, and Chuck Smith delivered a fine invocation. And so it began...

Don Hartmann introduced 3 visiting Rotarians. John Vandermolen, Bill Morrell, Greg Dale and Nancy Kay all introduced their guests, and the rest of us either sat by quietly or were busy disturbing others as usual.

Health and Welfare update: Liz Ennis noted that Bob Burchit is recovering in a Nashville hospital from 5 way bypass surgery last week that involved an 8 hour surgery. He's rapidly mending and has family in Nashville – sounds like we'll be seeing him back with us in the near future, which is good. Lorna Petersen said that Gwynna Morris is undergoing another month of nearly-full day chemo treatments. Those are brutal, but Gwynna continues to bounce back after about a day and continues to fight the good fight. She would welcome your calls and emails!

John Ennis noted that Beth Giraud ended up in the hospital this week, and is now getting her strength back. We should be able to get a more clear update on Beth's situation next week.

Puttering right along, Steve Brodhag said that everything is moving right along for the big golf tournament coming up on February 28th at Redwood Acres. Tickets will be available next Friday, and PLEASE do sell or cause to be sold great quantities of these beauties, as this is our big fund raiser for the year. If you need

some of the props the club has sitting around to decorate your "hole" for the tourney, just ask and they are available for you to use, so long as no other member has already claimed them. An important extra with the tickets – the tickets not only let an adult play a round of golf on Saturday, but the ticket can then be recycled and given to the kid of your choice and it will allow them to play on Sunday for free.. Cool, eh?



Marty Lay showed off the nice Christmas Card the club received from the folks at Easter Seals,

thanking us for all of the efforts so many of you have put in to repaint and spruce up that facility. Marty said we have another painting party coming up after the golf event, so don't throw away your paint clothes.

Ed Nilsen promised a special event in March to celebrate and commemorate our club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our meeting that week will be a dinner meeting on Thursday, March 13 at the Ingomar. At least, that was the general consensus today, but the date is subject to possible change – more later. Most of our past presidents are still around and



each of us PPs will have a couple of minutes to give you the highlights of our year in the barrel. This club has done a wide variety of projects and events over the years, and it will be well worth

hearing. See you all there!

Cindy Sutcliff noted that we are still in need of a 2d home for our exchange student Caro. She has been staying with the McGowans thus far, and it's time for her to move to a new host family. She's attending Arcata High, and is delightful as all of you who have met her know very well. If you can host her in the Arcata area (or elsewhere if you're willing to get her to Arcata high and back), PLEASE let Cindy know ASAP.

Randy Hansen returned from Cancun with a little sun that he donated for the international projects auction. Roland Johnson basked in the snowbanks outside



Seattle in December, and tapped out to celebrate his 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Burnie Kemp thought that was OK, but contributed \$56.00 to celebrate his 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



Mike Dominick, however, has always thought that John Morrison overspends for his anniversary (you all know the \$10 wife story). Mike recently celebrated their 23d anniversary, took a



trip to Cancun, a cruise to Cabo, another cruise from Seattle (does he ever show up in the office anymore??). And if all that travel isn't enough, he bought his wife an

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SW ROTARY WILL  
CELEBRATE OUR 40TH  
ANNIVERSARY WITH A  
DINNER MEETING ON  
THURSDAY, MARCH 13TH, AT  
THE INGOMAR CLUB  
( This date is tentative so  
watch the bulletin for fur-  
ther information. )**

*John Moore wrote this  
week's bulletin. Photos were  
provided by Liz Ennis.*

**THANK YOU!**

## UPCOMING:

**CAPTAIN JOHN'S  
PLAY A ROUND IS  
FAST APPROACHING!**

Mark your calendar for  
February 28th (set up &  
club social), 29th  
(fundraiser) and March  
1st (Interact-youth  
event). You will be hear-  
ing from your Team Cap-  
tain .....

airplane. It doesn't seem to bother him that neither of them have a pilots license, but what the heck. (Note to John Vandermolen – have you ever built a landing strip in the Bayside area? Sounds like you might need to get ready) He wouldn't contribute for the anniversary, but he did tap out for the rest of the stuff.

The first winning ticket went to Matt Nilsen, who got \$50.00 toward his PHF, And then it became Kathy Miller's day – Kathy won the right to pick a card – and she pulled out the winning 6 of diamonds!!! Kathy left the meeting \$876.00 richer, and smiling all the way out the door. Monty Nickerson contributed \$10.00 for earning his coveted blue badge.

Tony Smithers, Exec. Director of the Humboldt Convention and Visitors Bureau was our speaker today. The Bureau is the marketing agency for Humboldt County and is responsible for all of the local area marketing you see. Tourists to Humboldt County leave \$281 Million here a year while they pass through, and the local bed tax reaps over \$4.5 Million in revenues for the local coffers. For those who weren't aware of it, tourists spend more in local restaurants than in local hotels, and it's good to know that the North Coast was the ONLY sector in California that had an increase in occupancy

## Sunshine Reports

**Don't be shy about sharing news about  
yourself or other members.**

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rate last year. So be nice to our tourists – they're bringing us money!



Kathy Miller wins \$876!!!



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