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“LEADERSHIP REAGAN STYLE” PROVIDES INSIGHT INTO ADMINISTRATION

The always eloquent John Ennis opened our 45th meeting of the year calmly reminding us that we have only 7 more gatherings left in this year, our 40th. Don Hartman led us



in the Pledge of Allegiance. Lorna Petersen delivered the invocation, a heartfelt reminder to be grateful for

all that our mothers have given us over the years. President John invited the ‘inevitable’ Dan Brown to introduce visiting Rotarians.



Today’s only official visitor was our sheriff, Gary Philp. Guests included Peter Hannaford, Lisa (Randy’s bride to be), and our outbound exchange student (off to Paris by summer’s end).



Jay Sooter honored the recently deceased past DG John Strong by sharing some memories of experiences he had with him over the years. Mr. Strong was a “great guy” and will be missed by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him through Rotary.

Larry Goldberg paid a tribute to his father-in-law, Vic, who passed

away two weeks ago. He proudly referred to him as a “true mensch”, the salt of the earth. Married for 63 years he was a dedicated volunteer for the American Cancer Society and



an experienced craftsman who took great pride in his work. Larry made a contribution towards his Paul Harris in his memory.

President John recognized the committee that made the 40th anniversary dinner celebration possible: Matt Nilsen, Mary Crumley and Chuck Smith. He also thanked all of those who participated, including the 107 attendees. A special mention was made of Roger Smith’s mural, a timeline of the first 40 years of our club. Mr. Ennis also reported that we recently received a letter from the College of the Redwoods thanking us for the two \$500 scholarships that our club recently funded. John Moore and Jim Anderson were recognized for their efforts as Senior Resource Center board members in guiding the construction of the new Alzheimer’s Center in Eureka. A phenomenal building and one to which our club generously contributed \$37,000.

Marty Lay requested volunteers for the Easter Seals paint project scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. Help is also needed with the May

cleanup scheduled for the same day (start time 1:00, BBQ to follow at 3:00).



Scott Pesch reported that the Zoe Barnum Interact group is participating in the Eureka High Youth Relay for Life fundraiser this weekend. Twelve students have



proudly signed up for this year’s event, which starts up at 6:00 this evening.

John Moore announced that as part of the Bill Gates Foundation’s contribution to RI for the polio eradication project our club has set aside \$2,000 for matching club member contributions. For example, if you give \$100 then the club will match that with \$100, and you get credit towards your Paul Harris for \$200. Free money, eh!? But don’t try to deduct the \$200 on your tax return.



Rodney Maples was fined for his joke: I walked up to someone I thought



I recognized in the airport and said, ‘You look like Helen Brown.’ To

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Name: Ken Woods

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Sid Noyes wrote this week's bulletin. Photos were provided by Liz Ennis.

THANK YOU!

UPCOMING:

5-15 Pamela Jennings - Tri-athlete

5-22 Caro Mebert - Our very own exchange student

5-29 David Sharp - Crabs Baseball

which she replied, 'Yeah, and I look pretty bad in pink too!'

Jerry Colivas won the PHF drawing. Jay Sooter had the honor of drawing a card but was left holding the three of diamonds instead of the \$455 in cash. Better luck next time!

Bill Morrill introduced today's speaker, Peter Hannaford. Mr. Hannaford spent 25 years in our nation's capitol working as a public relations consultant. He proudly served under both the Reagan and Bush administrations. Now that he has retired he currently writes two editorials each week for the Times Standard.

Mr. Hannaford's topic today was "Leadership: Reagan Style". His presentation focused on the Reagan Administration's three primary goals as set forth by Mr. Reagan at the onset of his tenure: 1. Get the economy on track. 2. Curb the growth of the federal government. 3. End the Cold War.



Sunshine Reports

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Mr. Hannaford delivered an insightful and interesting recap of Mr. Reagan's attempts to resolve these three problems from the perspective of a Washington insider. The added discussion of Mr. Reagan's close relationship with Mikhail Gorbachev and the exchange of jokes between them was most entertaining. In all it was a well prepared, informative and polished presentation.

After thanking Mr. Hannaford for his program our esteemed leader closed the meeting with his own words of wisdom: "Winners are losers who gave it one more try."

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