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Burchit Punked by Eldon John— SW Gets Organized with PHAT Productivity

John The Irish led off his 12th meeting, with Erin Mooney doing the pledge of allegiance, and John Gulam delivering a moment of silent reflection. Our gracious and affable greeter, Liz Ennis, introduced 1 visiting Rotarian and we had 2 guests as well.

Jay Sooter reported that **Gwynna Morris** is having some difficulty – Gwynna is at home and would welcome any of your calls. **Martin LeMasters**



it sounds like



Patti has recovered from his gall bladder surgery enough to be traveling in Italy, so he's mending well. **Needham** needs a ride for **Karo**, our exchange student. She needs to be driven Friday, October 10 to go to Petaluma, and needs to be picked up for the return trip on Sunday the 12th at 10:00 a.m. Please let Patti or Cindy Sutcliffe know if you're able to provide transportation for her those days.

Dean Charlton noted that the Foundation Dinner North will be at Fortuna's River Lodge on Saturday, October 18. They have a great speaker lined up for it (NOT the D.G. or a past D.G.) and for tickets, contact Deano. He also has our raffle tickets available for \$25 apiece, or 5 for \$100.00. To look at it another way, for every \$100.00 you contribute to the Rotary Foundation between now and the dinner, you get 5 free tickets and full credit to your Paul Harris Fellowship.

Steve Brodhag sez things are progressing well for **Cap'n John's Play-A-Round Golf Tournament (Mini)** scheduled for February 28th. He's still looking for more sponsors, which gets you access to the VIP tent (and wait – there's more!). As a sponsor, you can

even design your own golf hole if you want – or not.

Mary Lou Riley reported that she has collected \$6,500 from your \$100.00 pledges (which substitute for having to buy any tickets this year). So we've got some more money to go, and **please**, if you have not yet turned in your \$100, please get that to Mary Lou fairly soon – thanks.

Stu Russell just returned from the 40th Pueblo reunion on the East Coast, which he combined with a nice visit of several New England states. He even brought back a nice goodie basket with Vermont maple syrup, some pueblo memorabilia and other niceties. You'll get your opportunity to bid on it later.



Keith Korbin delivered the Rotary Minute for **Kelly Pollette**. He talked about 2 aspects of Rotary International – the Rotary Friendship Exchange, and the classic Rotary radio broadcasts from 1955 (which you can listen on the RI website).

Nancy Kay no longer has any single children, as the last one got married recently. Since the wedding was in San Diego, she crossed the border and brought back some candlesticks from Mexico for auction at a later date. **Kim Bauriedel** has been shuttling



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between homes here and in Ireland, and didn't feel he should have been fined for his birthday, cause he was in Ireland at the time and therefore exempt from US taxes. Hmm – John didn't agree, and also tapped him for an anniversary that he also spent in Ireland. As has been their tradition since their wedding, they spent their anniversary in different places. Kim brought a CD of Irish Songs of Freedom (and yes, **Greg** – it is in English).

Bob Burchit followed up on last week's comment that he attended a fund raiser in Ferndale where Elton John was in attendance, and then welcomed Sir Elton himself.... sort of. While he did look considerably like Elton, and sounded like him as well, he didn't bring his piano with

very own "I can't believe I did that" award for the occasion.



The raffle left **Bernie Kemp** with a \$50.00 credit towards his PHF, and **Ron Harris** drew the card, letting out a sigh of relief that he did not win, cause he wanted the \$353 jackpot to get large enough to feel like it was worth it to win.

Kathy Miller then introduced **Barbara Browning**, who talked about improving productivity to survive an economic downturn. Barbara gave an excellent presentation despite the harassment from the rowdy table that was right next to her.

UPCOMING:

Oct 3 *Matt Malkus, principal, Academy of the Redwoods at CR*

Oct 10 *TBA*

Oct 17 *Tony Smithers, Humboldt Cty Convention and Visitor's Bureau*

Oct 18 *Foundation Dinner North-River Lodge*

Oct 24 *Allen McCloskey, of Native Springs Water*

Oct 31 *Jessica McGuinty, owner of local biz Jessicurl. Don't be afraid of your hair!*



him, and admitted that his name

was actually **Eldon John**. Nice try, Bob. Who's next – Hillary Clanton or John McCayne? President John then presented Bob with his

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

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