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## DG CHALLENGES US TO BOLDLY GO WHERE OUR CLUB HAS NEVER GONE BEFORE

The fifth meeting of the 41<sup>st</sup> year was an evening meeting at the Elks Lodge which followed a social hour and cook your own steak. To the strains of AC/DC's "You Shook Me All Night Long", President Mark called the meeting to order. Nyle Henderson led us in the pledge and John Ennis gave the invocation.



Guests were District Governor Kirk Brown and his wife Ellen, Bruce Campbell of the Sebastopol Sunrise Club and his wife Helaine Campbell who is an Assistant District Governor. Many members introduced their spouses or guests and Rodney Maples brought our former exchange student Jannick along with outgoing exchange student Jessie Dibble.

The Fish Feed is coming up on September 12<sup>th</sup> and will be brought to us by Greg Dale. More information to follow.

By the time you read this, our incoming exchange student Vip will have arrived from Thailand and headed for Boy Scout Camp in Willits for a week. Thanks to

President Mark and Karen for hosting Vip for his first three months. Cindy Sutcliffe asked for donations so that he would have the \$350 fee needed for the camp. When the contributions were tallied we had collected \$413.50!

Scott Pesch told the stupid joke of the day.....What do bankers use for birth control? Personality!

Don Hartmann reminded us of the one-on-one plan for each current member to bring in one new member this year!



Liz Ennis delivered a *Rotary Minute* called "Better Rotarians". There are 50 Rotary Distinguished Service Awards presented worldwide each year. Otto Austel, MD, of the Rotary Club of Simi Valley received the Rotary Foundation's highest recognition that is awarded for exemplary service beyond the district level. In the past 15 years as a member of his club, he has traveled the world making a difference. After retiring as a physician in 1996, he devoted all of his time to volunteer services working with the Karaja Indian



tribe in Brazil and establishing eight clinics to provide basic healthcare training for caregivers, installing solar powered water systems, providing thousands of mosquito nets to help eliminate malaria and developing literacy material in the native language. He also served in Nigeria, Bangladesh, Ghana, Angola, Egypt, Pakistan and India.

Kathy Miller introduced Nicole Benson, our 2009-10 Honorary Member and a finalist in the Economic Fuel competition. Nicole valued the process of writing her business plan and is a member of the Arcata Chamber of Commerce, AEDA, IDA and Toastmasters. District Governor Kirk Brown gave the President's Charge.



Les Merrill got the hat he had coming from his tap out last week. Mike Dominick tapped out for having his own golf tournament.

In the drawing, Mary Lou Riley received the \$100 towards her PHF. Ravi Singleton had her choice of \$20 or 1/2 the pot for drawing high card on Mark. She won \$50!



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Proposed New Member:**  
**Heidi Benzonelli -**  
**Energy Efficiency**  
**Proposed by:**  
**Kathy Miller**

*Marie Liscom wrote this week's bulletin. Photos were provided by Mary Crumley*

**THANK YOU!**

## UPCOMING:

### **August Programs:**

**14<sup>th</sup> Corey Fritze, Jr.**  
**Economic Fuel Winner**

**21<sup>st</sup> Keith Korbin -**  
**Motorcycle Race**

Assistant District Governor Cindy Denbo introduced DG Kirk Brown who gave us his history. He was born in San Francisco, raised in Santa Rosa and his business is Crescent Land Title.



He has twice been the Exalted Ruler of the Del Norte Elks and Past President of Del Norte Sunrise Rotary. He also enjoys golfing, hunting, fishing and amateur radio.

Kirk has been in Rotary for 35 years. Polio Plus really committed him as a true Rotarian. When he was a child he remembers the polio outbreak in his community. There were only 700 cases of polio worldwide last year and the end is near, especially with the help of the Gates Foundation.

The DG encouraged us to attend a Rotary International conference in the future and to continue our international service projects. The

next conference will be held in Montreal.

Kirk also talked about the importance of women in our district. In May 1987 women were first admitted to Rotary. Terry Clark was the first woman to be our District Governor. Women now make up 25% of the district membership.

“With Mark as our President”, the DG said, “we can boldly go where our club has never gone before”. Our meeting closed with the *Star Trek* theme and Vulcan salute!

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## **Sunshine Reports**

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