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THE BOTTOM LINE-EDUCATION IS AN INVESTMENT

In the absence of President Mark McGowan, Howard Julien and Les Merrill, the 12th meeting of the year was called to order by the JV Team of John



Gullam with an assist by David Sharp.

Nyle Henderson led us in the

Pledge and Bob Burchit gave the Invocation.

Greeter Heidi Benzonelli introduced Ray Nichol from the Eureka Rotary Club. Our guests were Garry Eagles and proposed member Kassidy Banducci.

Sunshine—As many members know, John Ennis' dad passed away earlier this week; Marie Liscom's mom is recovering from back surgery; John Moore announced that Dick and Beth Giraud have moved into their new home in Sacramento.

Announcements—Martinis by the Bay will be held at the Wharfinger on Thursday, October 8th. Tickets on sale now! Event Chair Mary Crumley asked for volunteers to help with the event.

The upcoming Eureka Aviation Day was announced.

Volunteers were asked to sign up to help the community service effort at the Sequoia Park Zoo. Dates will be set based on when members can help out.

John Goff reminded us of the upcoming Foundation Dinner, to be held at the Scotia Inn on October 24th.



Rotary Minute—Cindy Sutcliffe presented a Rotary Minute on the Object of Rotary.

Stupid Joke of the Day—Monty Nickerson told a great joke about a Pirate with a wheel in his pants. He said, "Aye Matey, it's driving me nuts!"



Recognitions—Cindy Denbo recently returned from a vacation in Ireland. She stayed with Kim and Sheila Bauriedel and attended a local Rotary meeting. The cost was \$20

Ruth Bettenhausen celebrated her birthday on business in S. Orange

County. She ended up riding in a taxi from Redding to Eureka via Hwy. 299 when the airport was fogged out. The taxi ride cost her \$70 and she still got a \$20 fine.



John Moore celebrated his birthday with a dinner at Bandon Dunes, it cost him \$20.

Ken Singleton had a birthday and is now eligible for Social Security! Since he had dinner at home, the fine was a mere \$20. John Goff volunteered to pay the fine for his friend.

Heidi Benzonelli also celebrated a birthday with tacos at home, so she paid \$20.



Steve Brodhag was fined \$10 for saying John Gullam was doing a good job!

Mark Dias tapped out in honor of his new grandson Austin Danny. Congratulations Mark!

Drawing—Les Merrill was absent so no raffle was held (the tickets

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Postmaster: send address changes to:

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Eureka CA 95502

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New address for:

Dick & Beth Giraud
7812 Tigerwoods Drive
Sacramento, CA 95829-
6602

Congratulations on your new home. We'll be contacting you about the annual BBQ and Pool Party.....just kidding!

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

THANK YOU!

UPCOMING:

October:

8th—Martinis by the Bay, Wharfinger

Tickets are now available!

24th—Foundation Dinner, Scotia Inn

were locked up).

Program—Greg Dale introduced Garry Eagles, County Superintendent of Schools. Garry



presented a program entitled, "The Bottom Line-Education is an Investment".

Some facts: 20% of India's population having the highest IQ's is greater than the total population of North America. China will soon become the largest English speaking country in the world.

The Humboldt County Office of Education delivers needed services to 32 school districts and provides direct instruction to approximately 2,000 students enrolled in alternative education, special education and workforce preparation programs.

In other county education, CSU has cut \$6 million from Humboldt State's

budget, which means 430 students were turned away. This translates to lost dollars to our local economy.

There is a "skills gap" which translates into a shortfall of one million college educated workers in California

The goal of the District is to deliver a good core educational program. Though enrollment has declined, local graduation achievement exceeds the state average.

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