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LIGHTHOUSE OF THE NORTH COAST—ASSISTING THE SIGHT IMPAIRED

The first meeting of 2010 was held in our new home, the Eureka Elks Lodge. Our Exalted Ruler Mark McGowan opened the meeting and Jim Anderson led the pledge. Bob Burchitt gave the invocation.

Les Merrill was our greeter and introduced visiting Rotarian Ron Pierre from the Eureka Club. Guests included Dan Brown's wife Sheryl, Alli Lee from Lighthouse of the North Coast, Gina Moore who's walking across America to raise awareness for the National Bone Marrow Registry, and our exchange student Vip.



Cindy Denbo brought us up to speed with the upcoming Murder Mystery scheduled for February 6th. The cocktail menu is finalized and high school photos are needed ASAP. Tickets to the event were also handed out. Steve Brodhag reported that the Cap'n John's Play A Round committee should be committed and the event will be March 26-28. The club will be dark that Friday but will meet at Redwood Acres that evening for set-up.

Matt Nielsen reported that Backpacks for Kids is going strong and he will be the team leader for the rest of this month. Grand Poobah Mark McGowan will attend a press conference to accept the funds raised from the Trucker's Parade that will go towards expanding the Backpacks program.

Cindy Denbo continued her monopoly

of the microphone and announced that Kim Bauriedel will be moving back to Eureka soon. He will be the program on January 29th.

El Presidente Mark McGowan reports that the Red Lion is holding our Rotary box ransom until we pay the money that we don't owe them. He also thanked Jerry U., John K., Matt N., Dean C., Cindy D., Jim A., Scott P., and Stu for being Salvation Army bell ringers last month.

Our exchange student Vip celebrated his first Christmas last month. He asked for, and received, a Nintendo Wii. Vip and his Wii will be moving in with Cindy Sutcliffe for the spring semester.

John Ennis announced the nominated officers for the 2010-2011 year; Mary Lou Riley as President, Scott Pesch as President-Elect, Marie Liscom as Secretary, and Troy Vizenor as Treasurer. Kathy Miller and Monty Nickerson are nominated to stay on as board members and elections for all of the above will be held on January 22nd.



Nyle Henderson introduced Gina Moore. Gina is walking across the country to raise awareness for the National Bone Marrow Registry. This is a special cause for Gina since her granddaughter was born with leukemia. A search for a bone marrow donor was difficult but they found a match, a 30 year old man from Germany. She reports that only 20% of people will find a bone marrow match. The Registry is simple to sign up for and the process to donate bone

marrow is not that invasive. More info is available at marrow.org.



Marty Lay was recognized, and tapped out, for taking a trip to Australia where he accompanied Cindy Sutcliffe at the graduation of her daughter from the University of Queensland. Also, Marty's nephew graduated from UTI in Sacramento and will go to work for Nissan.

We were happy to see Judge Morrison again and President Mark was quick to recognize him. John and his wife Beverly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November.



We were also happy to have Marty LeMasters back in attendance. Marty had a birthday in December and is still waiting for a card from President Mark.

Another welcome sight was Bob Burchitt who has recovered nicely from his recent surgery and spent some time in Wisconsin with family last month.

Roland Johnson and Songmi Sweet share the same birthday and also the same anniversary date! Songmi spent her birthday in San Francisco with her nephew from Korea and tapped out. Roland spent his birthday with his grandkids and also signed up for Medicare.



We couldn't go a whole meeting without

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UPCOMING:

February:

6th—Murder at the Class Reunion-Elks

March:

26th-28th—Captain John's Play-a-Round-Redwood Acres

David Sharp wrote this week's bulletin. Photos were provided by Liz Ennis.

THANK YOU!

Nominees for Club Officers and Directors—Elections to be held on January 22nd:

President Mary Lou Riley
Pres-Elect Scott Pesch
Secretary Marie Liscom
Treasurer Troy Vizenor

Nominated to continue to serve on the 2010-11 Board:

Kathy Miller
Monty Nickerson

Nominated for the 2010-11 & 2011-12 Boards:

Sid Noyes
Don Hartmann
John Vandermolen
John Koopmans
Nancy Kay
David Sharp

hearing from or recognizing Greg Dale. Somehow Greg found his way into a picture in the Times-Standard, again.



Will Kay won the drawing for \$100 towards his, or is it Nancy's, Paul Harris. Jack Alderson pulled the high card and donated the winnings to the Interact Club.



John Ennis introduced our program, Alli Lee from LightHouse of the North Coast. LightHouse of the North Coast provides solutions to living with vision loss to residents of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. Vision loss rates are expected to double by 2030. 314 million people worldwide and 17% of the people in Humboldt County have uncorrectable vision impairment. 13% of people over age 65 in Humboldt County are legally blind. The 4 leading age-related causes of vision impairment in the U.S. are cataracts, macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetes. Everyone should have an annual eye exam, especially if you



have a family history of vision impairment.

LightHouse of the North Coast provides support and training to help people live with vision loss. For those who have trouble reading, they help people with magnifiers and provide access to talking books and recorded materials, including newspapers through a program called "Newsline". This telephone service allows the blind to call in to get access to newspapers to stay abreast of current events and is paid for by all phone users through a minimal surcharge on monthly phone bills. LightHouse of the North Coast is funded by public grants and private donations from local groups like the Humboldt Area Foundation, the Melvin and Grace McLean Foundation

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2009-2010

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Sunshine Reports

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