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MIKE DOMINICK ACTS AS BENEVOLENT DICTATOR FOR A DAY!



Although the beer sitting on each of the tables was flat, this week's meeting was anything but. The Benevolent Dictator Mike

Dominick was not humble as he welcomed his subjects to the February 12, 2010 meeting of the highly confusing 41st/42nd year. BD Dominick tried to clear the confusion regarding the correct year but left us all more befuddled than before.

The Arcata High/McKinleyville High Orchestra paid a surprise visit to the club as they serenaded BD Dominick with "So Happy Together" and "Everything". Before they could start their 3rd song, BD Dominick pulled out his wallet and paid them to leave as they were cutting in to his fine time.

Mark Dias led the pledge and Greg Dale gave the invocation. Ken Singleton stepped in as Secretary for the day. BD Dominick laid out the ground rules, first, no one is tapped out and, second, no lame stories about birthdays or anniversaries, it had to be something riveting. Steve Brodhag, Ken Singleton and John Goff were singled out for not attending the Murder Mystery.

Goff was further fined for being called "cupcake" by his wife.

An announcement some how found it's way into BD Dominick's program. Amy Strombeck and Hailey Sicotte announced the 2nd annual MS Walk will take place on April 17 and will start at Eureka High at 11:00am. More info is available at msconnection.org.

Steve Brodhag plugged the Cap'n John's Play A Round March 26, 27 & 28. Scott Pesch is the ticketmaster and started handing out 2 tickets for everyone to buy or sell. Tickets are \$20/person.

BD Dominick was tired of announcements and wanted to fine some more people and get some not-lame, riveting, salacious details of birthdays and anniversaries. What better way to do this than recognize Rory Hanson for his September birthday. But Rory couldn't remember what he did for his birthday so no riveting story could be told although he did tap out.

Jay Sooter had a birthday and his wife bought him a cake from Ramone's (lame). But he does have a 5 year supply of alcohol at his place in Garberville (riveting!).

Rodney Maples had a birthday and celebrated by taking his wife to Vegas to see Cher. They stayed at the Wynn.

Cindy Sutcliffe celebrated her 5th

anniversary on 12-28. She got off the hook with a \$20 fine after being berated by BD Dominick.

John Vandermolen was not so much recognized as reminded that he needs to stop by BD Dominick's office to fix a light.

Stu Russell was reprimanded for breaking a beer glass at BD Dominick's house which resulted in a \$5 fine.

Greg Dale was fined \$7 for having his belly hang out from the bottom of his shirt at the Murder Mystery.

Wise guys Jim Anderson and Jerry Colivas were singled out for smiling and smirking at the Benevolent Dictator. Steve Brodhag came to Jim Anderson's defense and said that Anderson was the best president this club has ever had.

Matt Nilsen was fined \$50 for being late. John Koopmans, with



coffee pot in one hand and coffee cup in the other, announced that there was 2 weeks left in the blood drive. He was immediately fined \$20 for interrupting the BD.

Ken Singleton stood up to announce that he took the position of Secretary in order to be able to fine Dominick. The crowd erupted into cheers and applause as Ken levied a \$100 fine.

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Proposed New Member:

Paul McGinty

Classification:

Major Gifts—Health Care

Proposed by:

John Koopmans

David Sharp wrote this week's bulletin. Photos were provided by various members.

THANK YOU!

UPCOMING:

March:

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

Tickets are now available!

Cindy Sutcliffe chimed in to ask if anyone could give Vip a ride to and from the Bay Area on March 8th and 17th.

It was on to the program and what better way to celebrate Valentines Day than to hear Rory Hanson talk about love and marriage. Rory opened by filling us in on his education, going from Eureka High to CR to HSU to law school, and early career. He is now a solo practitioner as a family law specialist. He got into family law early while many attorneys stayed away from family law since it was so new at the time. Rory has been married for 38 years.

Family law is everywhere in today's society. Pick up a magazine or newspaper recently and it's likely to have Tiger Woods, John Edwards, Mark Sanford, or Eliot Spitzer on the front page. But family law is not just about divorce. Domestic violence is part of family law and it's possible for women to perpetrate violence against men. Rory reminded everyone not to lay a hand on anyone, especially a spouse.

Family law also deals with child custody.

Sunshine Reports

Don't be shy about sharing news about yourself or other members.

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More and more dads are getting 50/50 custody of children at an early age, where previously moms always got custody of the child under age 6. It's important to be careful where you file for divorce because you might be stuck in the place you the file.

BD Dominick stepped back in to do the drawing he forgot to do earlier. Stu Russell won the chance to draw cards and pulled the high card. He kept the money so he could replace his dishwasher that caught fire.



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