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IRAQ TODAY—STATISTICS ARE ENCOURAGING

The 31st meeting of President Mark's year was called to order. Kathy Miller led us in the pledge and Mary Lou Riley gave the invocation.

Greeter Sid Noyes introduced visiting Rotarians District Governor Kirk Brown and wife Ellen and Nancy Fernandez of San Miguel de Allende.



Guests were Paul McGinty and Randy Hanson's wife Lisa.

Under the Sunshine report Kathy Miller gave us good news, her daughter is improving and gaining strength following treatment.

As Cindy Denbo was about to present the Hammy, Spammy and Sardine awards for the murder mystery, Mike Dominick interrupted with "plate noise". There were some great guests at this year's edition "Murder at the Class Renunion". Cindy was assisted by former victims Nyle Henderson and Kim Baureidel as she presented the awards. The Hammy award went to Letterman Greg Dale;

the Spammy to Material Girl Kassidy Banducci. Awards were also given for Best Accessorizer, Kassidy Banducci; Best Hair Design, Les Merrill for his DA; Best Hippy, Jay Sooter; Best 80's man, Scott Pescch; Best Prom King and Queen, Tom and Mary Crumley; Best Nerd, Keith Korbin; and Timeless , Mark McGowan.

Murder sponsors Sid Noyes, John Goff, Rick Roberts, Jay Sooter, Dean Charlton, Marty Lay, Rory Hansen, John Moore and Rodney Maples were treated to ice cream. The event committee received twinkling megaphones.



Steve Brodhag updated us on the upcoming Play-a-Round. The club meeting and shakedown will be held Friday night, the tournament and auction on Saturday and the youth events on Sunday. Auction items are needed!

Marty Lay announced a clothing drive for Haiti and the Rotary Peace Fellowships. Contact Marty for more information on the clothing drive. For more information on the Peace Fellowships see the District 5130 website.

John Koopmans reminded us that the blood drive has one more week

and Bowl for Kids Sake is next weekend.

Patti Needham appealed to the club for rides for Vip from here to Ukiah and back on March 8th and 14th respectively.

Sid Noyes reported that dictionaries have been delivered to 3rd Graders at Alice Birney and Grant Schools.



Mark announced a new program called "Take your President to Lunch". Contact him for more information.

Randy Hanson reported that Express Employment Professionals has been included in a plan to put local people to work. Information was distributed to each table and Randy was charged \$20 for the advertisement.

New member Paul McGinty was introduced by his sponsor John Koopmans. Paul and his wife Aimee have two children and one on the way. Paul is the Major Gifts Coordinator at St. Joseph Hospital. He grew up in Eureka, left and has now returned. Past President Jim Anderson (always in control) gave the President's Charge. Paul was reminded he was the most important Rotarian in our club for the day.

Mary Lou Riley got back at Mike Dominick for giving her a bad time

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Proposed New Member:

John Dalby

Classification:

Banking—Commercial

Proposed by:

Don Hartmann

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

THANK YOU!

UPCOMING:

March:

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

Tickets are now available!

during his reign as benevolent dictator. She brought an Elks Club application and required him to complete it.

Mike Dominick made a donation to the Foundation for Sam Kennedy's next PHF.

Lorna Peterson recently returned from Hawaii and brought President Mark a Hawaiian Barack Obama bobble head and tapped out. She is also celebrating her 5th anniversary.

Jerry Unterkoefer and Jerry Colivas were recognized for having birthdays on the same day tomorrow.

When the winning ticket was announced for the PHF Mike Dominick's table all jumped up and claimed to be winners but Howard Julien was the true winner. After Dominick's table tried again John Koopmans got a chance for the \$50 drawing but lost to President Mark.

Our program for the day was presented by our own Haider Ajina who gave us some encouraging

statistics about the state of things in Iraq. Some of the improvements are seen when you look at steep reductions in the number of civilian fatalities, weapons caches found and foreign national kidnappings. Infrastructure reconstruction is going well and is being assisted by 150,000 U. S. citizens in Iraq. Government spending has increased, as have wages for Iraqis.



Thank you, Haider, for this interesting information on the improvements in Iraq.

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