



# The Sou'wester

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## District Governor Ken Moulton Presents "Mission Possible – Share the Dream"

Members, visitors and guests arriving at our meeting of 10/19 were greeted at the door by Rotary's District 5130 Governor Ken Moulton and his wife and partner, Pam. The Red Lion went all out with upgraded lunch fare; roast beef, lettuce of the correct color, and that pea, cheese, mayo and ham bits salad which is native to Red Lion banquet lines everywhere.



Prez Mary launched the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the 16<sup>th</sup> week of the 39<sup>th</sup> year of the "best Rotary club in the ...Universe."

"And now, the pledge will be led by Dick," said Prez Mary. Meaning Dick Giraud, of course, but several asked, rhetorically, "which Dick?" as like most American gatherings of more than 20 or so, there's usually more than one Richard. (See? I didn't go there.) Pat Dillman read a peaceful invocation, and we were off. Pat had baked a pie for folks at her table, by the way. Especially tasty after pea salad. Cleanses the palate.

Rotarian Wm. Van Dyke from San Pablo was our lone visitor, and guests Pam Moulton (of the DG persuasion), First Spouse Tom (no, not Ray and not Joe) Crumley, Steve Hagenbaugh's "trophy wife" Dianna, and Kim McReynolds had husband Jay and son Evan in tow.

DG Ken took the podium early for a special presentation of a "Quiet Rotarian" award to our own Roger Smith, for his many good works in the community,

including work on the Evergreen Lodge back in the '80's. Roger was not in attendance, but he'll receive a special certificate and be honored with other District recipients at the District Conference in San Francisco.



A whole raft of members took a last-chance option to give \$100 to the Rotary Foundation, as the spirit of support for international Rotary programs swept through the room as if we were at a revival tent meeting in Alabama. Those of us last-minute donors will get tickets for a big drawing for something, somewhere. (At about this point, I was in Paul Harris rapture, so some of the details escaped me.)

It was Jack Alderson's birthday! Seventy-four years ago in Long Beach, CA and so we sang. Stu Russell made an announcement about dedication of WWII Veterans Memorial Highway, and Chuck Smith announced that the next Rotary Orientation And Recognition (ROAR) meeting will be November 12<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room at the Woodley Island Marina.

Bill Morrill was recognized for his receipt of a national TV industry award for his production of a local history segment. He bought the copy of the newspaper article back for \$46. There was some convoluted reason for that exact amount, which escapes me. Sec'y Howard Julien paid a

"Ben Franklin" for the article in the Times-Standard about elections by Co-Op members. There was *just a little moment there* when Prez Mary was about to ask for more, thinking Ben is on the \$5 bill or something. James Paye was welcomed back after missing meetings for many moons, paying another Ben Franklin in honor of his birthday, and received a "tap out" gift from Prez Mary, and cup of Pea and Cheese salad. Just kidding about the salad.



Jane and Bob Burchit received a tip o' the hat from the podium for their hard work to bring Grammy Winner and Christian music vocalist Sandy Patty to the Arkley Center. Halleluiah!

And now, for something completely different: MSG (Mary's Stupid – or surprise- Game) is now the "All-New MSG", not PMS(g): Precious Mary's Special (game), or other variations (President, Proud, etc.) Previous game pot winner Ken Singleton stood and advocated a game-name change to the latter, which degenerated into hoots and catcalls. I'll spare you the new rules here, but Mary has printed them and copies are available. Anyway, guest Dianna Hagenbaugh (of the Steve persuasion) had the first ticket and won \$50 towards her Paul Harris, and DG Ken had the second lucky number and opted to spin the wheel. After trying to

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### Upcoming Rotary Orientation and Reception (ROAR):

With Don Bachman  
November 12, 2007  
Woodley Island Marina  
Community Conference  
Room  
12:00 to 1:30 PM

*This week's bulletin brought to you by Greg Stevens.*

*Thank you Liz Ennis for the week's photos..*

### New member publication:

Don Hartman—  
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### UPCOMING:

Veteran's Day Program

*Sun., Nov. 11th*

*This week's program:*

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convince Mary the number where he landed won him "\$100 from the President," he 4-Way Tested and announced that he won free lunch next week. Plans are in the works to mail Ken a tub of pea and cheese salad.

Regional Assistant DG Chris Brannan (Garberville) introduced DG Ken for his presentation. Our esteemed DG is a Berkeley grad, played football on a scholarship, and distinguished himself in his prior career in education working with at-risk kids.

DG Ken's presentation was "Mission Possible – Share the Dream." DG Ken had heard a challenging question posed by Bill Gates, Sr. at the Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake: "Who are you, and why are you here?" Rotarians are here to serve others; to better things for local citizens and kids, people in our professions, and especially the state of mankind around the world. "Service is a pathway, not a destination" and "we get back more than we ever give away." Ken talked about a "Rotary moment" he experienced on a district mission to a cancer clinic in Guadalajara, MX, where a comment from a thankful woman in a wheelchair made him understand that "...ordinary people like you and I could be given the opportunity to do amazing things." Ken shared a quote from Stephen Grellet: "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good things, therefore, that I can do, any kindness that I can show a fellow being, let me do it now. Let me not

defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." And DG Ken said we should not hold back what we can give: Finally, he shared this: "Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body. The goal is to skid in broadside, tires smoking, body all dented, leaking fluids and the fuel gauge empty ...thoroughly used up and worn out and loudly proclaiming...'Wow! ...What a ride!'" One of the best DG presentations I've heard.

President Mary closed with a reading from the Beatles' "Let it Be." And so, we did. See you next week. We can only hope there will be more pea & cheese salad.



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