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COMING UP...

- Sept 11 Fish Feed
- October 20 Martinis By the Bay
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Program
- Feb TBD Murder Mystery

The Heart of Rotary

By Jeffrey Smoller

President Stephen ushered in the meeting. **Stu Russell** led the **Pledge of Allegiance**. The **Invocation** was recited by **Mark McGowan**. The **Sunshine Report** had several important, personal updates: **Kathy Miller** gave us an up-and-down and up-again progress report on her daughter, Jessica. **President Stephen** talked about The Arcata Sunrise Club and their support to the **Babich** family in a time of great sadness, the death of their 17 year old son, Elijah Joseph. Although not announced at the meeting; **Jeffrey Smoller** reports that his father passed away on July 29th. **Randy Hansen** gave us an update on the condition of his wife, Lisa.

Recognitions – Bill's Best Stock Buicks Bid on Butter as Bettenhausen Bumps

John Ennis was recognized for copyright infringement of non copyrightable material which may have been copied by **Mike Dominick** who makes his living copying things.

Nothing original here. **Bill Morrill** was recognized for his 1950's Buicks, one of which took Best Stock Convertible in a recent show. A (chrome) bumper crop for Bill. **Mark McGowan** announced that he was looking for friends and golf partners. Good luck with both, Mark. **Greg Hufford** had a wedding anniversary but President Stephen let his fee slide due to new deduction construction. **Randy Hansen** urged us to bid on Butter, his daughter's pig. He was recognized under the Rotarian Daughter Pig Promotion Act of 1908. A little known rule with absolutely no Appeal. The drawing was won by ticket-seller, **Ruth Bettenhausen**. Coincidence?

The Program – Stats Flip and Lives are Saved

With technical assistance by **Eureka Rotary** member, **Chuck Edwards**, our program was Southwest's own **Nyle Henderson**. The man who personifies grace showed us a recording of his Keynote Address to the District Conference. Nyle shared the birth of **Project Share Life** from the

Bone Marrow Registry. He demonstrated how various cancers can occur in anyone including his own family and son, **Steve**. Since starting **Project Share Life**, the chances of finding a match have gone from **1 in 5 to 5 to 1 or an 80% increase**. In real numbers that's **twenty thousand new chances**. Improvement can take place as match drives continue in places such as colleges because of the ethnic diversity, youth and turnover in students. To date, \$250,000 has been raised for testing. Nyle is working to expand the diversity of the registry by working with Rotarians in India. It's important to remember that it takes just 15 minutes to register and be tested. It's painless and increases the chances of saving a life. For more information go to www.marrows.org or contact **Nyle**.