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COMING UP...

•Nov 11 Veterans Day Program

•Feb TBD Murder Mystery

Schedule programs

Oct 28 Joy Sollan/HSU Career Center

Nov. 4th Susan Santche/Night of Courage

Nov 11th Veterans Day

Nov 18th Mary Beth Wolford/Ecuador

Dec. 2 Bob Burchitt/Ghana

Dec. 8th Jessica Osborne/Colon Cancer

Life experiences

By James Robinson

The meeting was rung in by our President, Stephen Brodhag. Our Greeter was Stu Russell. The pledge was led by Bill Reynolds. The invocation was led by Larry Goldberg in the words of Buddha. Sunshine report:

Given by Jerry Colivas, we are pleased to hear that there is no bad news to share.

Announcements:

Greg Hufford announced that 'Backpacks for Kids' raised a total of \$7,750 which exceeded our goal of \$7,000 and the remaining funding is going to the Food for People food bank.

Stu Russell announced a veterans memorial service happening on Nov 11th at the Eureka Municipal Auditorium. There are two parts: Honor Flight and Wounded Warriors. Poster Designed by Kassi-di Banducci.

Mark McGowin organized a the Foundation Dinner and Marty Lay, President Steve and Nancy Kay attended. In total \$4,000 in raffle tickets were sold.

Martini's by the Bay was a success with six vendors,

eight types of martinis and many volunteers for set-up and clean-up.

Keith Korbin announced his new full-time job since July with Winzler and Kelly Engineering firm doing industrial hygiene and hazardous material remediation.

There are two Barbershop Quartet events happening at 8pm at the Arcata Community Center Friday Oct. 21st and the Fortuna River Lodge Sat. Oct. 22nd. Entrance fee is \$12 for all-you-want beer, peanuts and choruses.

John Dolby had some problems involving Haider Ajina with a mortgage burning ceremony for the Girl Scouts. *Don't ask me to explain this.*

Craft Talk:

Randy Hansen gave a Craft Talk on his business Express Employment Professionals. Randy was born in Eureka, has lived back forth between here and Seattle but started Express 12 years ago in Eureka. Their motto is "We are big enough to meet your needs, but small enough to care." They find temporary and long-term employment around Humboldt County. The process starts with an application on-site or on-line.

Then the applicant is reviewed with a skills check, reference check and interviews. Finally Express coordinates between an employer and the applicant. They helped find employment for 685 people last year. Randy was cut short from presenting survey statistics they had been collecting but one he was able to share is that 65% of employers think experience is better than college credentials.

Program:

Harriet Pecot from Food For People presented her life experiences from service with the Peace Corps in Chile near Santiago, where she helped local women develop marketable textile products; to working as a real estate agent in Mendocino for many years and starting a foundation to assist under-privileged youth; and then coming to Eureka to work for Food for People.

She said although these careers were different there were three underlying themes that tied them together into similar experiences: "Life is a gift," "Together we can do so much," and "Learning is Life." She definitely presented these fundamental truths in a congruent and inspiring way.

She left us with a quote from Dr. Sigmund Freud. When asked what is the meaning of happiness he replied, "To love and to work."