



# EastWind

The Newsletter for Santa Rosa East Rotary  
The Crown Jewel of District 5130

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## Sunshine Report

Rogers had a good one about a son picking up a bible, pocketing a silver dollar and downing a glass of Whiskey indicating to his dad that rather than growing up to be a preacher, business man or drunk, he's going to be worse:  
**A Politician!**

## Inspiration

Before we sang "In the Good Old Summertime", future Prez, JT declined to explain what a "Tootsey Wootsey" is. He was **BLUSHING** as he declined so I'm sure its worth looking it up on Google!



## Announcements:

Dan thanked all for the fun Debunking. Especially committee chair Ann McGinley and her crew: Tom Chauncy, The Liras, the Ribeaus, the Vegverys for hosting, Ken Carr, Kenn C., Dennis Sepp, Jean Chirhart, Happ Culp and Dan's new alter-ego, Richard Schneider.

George K. read a thank you note from the scholarship winner, Sally.

Tom C. thanked everyone for helping at the RYLA BBQ. 2 young attendees thanked us for the chance to attend and told us they learned leadership skills, gained confidence and learned that "on time" means early.

Extra Kudos to Tom Chauncey who coordinated ALL of the meals for the RYLA retreat!

## Finalmente!

Mercedes Vegvary finally gave her craft talk. It was worth waiting for! She was born in Cartagena Colombia and came to the US at age 27. She was married to an American living in Colombia with a 4 yo daughter when her husband was diagnosed with a brain tumor. They returned to the US for better medical care. She had to relearn English and took classes at the JC. She eventually got a Gen Ed and accounting degrees and worked for 20 years at the Sonoma Development Center. Later she started her own business running a Residential Care Facility. Her neighbor at the time kept visiting her Koi pond. Little did she know he was actually fishing for a DATE!! He's a good fisherman as they are now man and wife! Her daughter graduated from UC Davis and then got a Masters in Public Policy from Harvard! We're glad to have you Mercedes!

## \$\$\$ FINES, FINES, FINES

Dan had a light touch at his last meeting as Prez.

**George B** paid \$5 for leaving his hat at the debunking. **Derek M.** paid \$50 for his wife's B-day flowers and his trip to China to plan a High rise in the Capital of Yunan province. **Jennifer R** paid \$20 for her visit to Haiti – more about that on Aug. 11.

**Richard S.** snitched on pal John T. whose Paul Harris isn't finished. RS paid \$25 to JTs PH **Joan G.** was surprised to see husband of her old pal from Crompton MD visiting our club today. Paid \$1 to the Small World fund.

**Tom Ch.** Gave \$10 - \$2 each for his 5 helpers at the RYLA BBQ

**John T.** was happy to pay \$1 for Dan Drummond acknowledging for the FIRST time that JT actually **WORKED** at the BBQ

**Sue Bisbee** donated \$3 for the positive press for Free to Be  
**Richard S.** won a free lunch and **Alan B.** got the wine today.

## Program Notes

Our program today was soon to be Ex-Prez Dan giving Kudos and Recognition to those who made special contributions this year:

- Ken Carr – Board Member, Key Advisor, Spring Fling and debunking committees
  - Mike Doyle – Newsletter writing, Spring Fling Comm., Friendship Dinner host
  - Richard S. – Favorite Foil, Dan's alter-ego, Rotaract Advisor, "Kicks JT's butt"
  - Kenn Cunningham – Fun guy, Auctioneer Extraordinaire, writes newsletter, MC at Debunking
  - Ann McG – immed past pres board member, Nominating comm. Chair, district award chair, Debunk committee chair
  - Kate B. – Job shadow, spring fling auction, Living room Liaison
  - Tom Croft – Veteran's Lunch Committee and MC
  - Billy Dayton – BEST BAKED BEANS Ever and runs fun Gambling Pool \$\$\$\$
  - Marilyn Lira – SR East's Energizer Bunny, goofy hats, greeter, Chair Interact, spring fling
  - Larry Lira – the bunny's mate, songmeister, sets up on Tuesdays
  - Art Wilson – prints club directory and fund raiser booklets etc.
  - Rogers B. Worst Jokes and Delivery! Coordinates Every 15 min program and Sunshine Report
  - Jennifer R. Also bundle of energy, board member, provides food/wine for board meetings, writes newsletter, MC's SCARC dinner, hosted friendship dinner
  - Andy S. – Sets up on Tues., runs tech stuff, arranged speakers, brings guests, organizes poker, helped at RYLA BBQ and Spring Fling
  - George K – coordinates Elinor Vellarga scholarships
  - Julius V. Hosted debunking, helped with AIDS caregiver kits
  - Mercedes V. ditto
  - Carl. V. – arranged speakers, assisted at fundraiser
  - Kate Mc. – Best accent, helped with spring Fling and debunking
  - Jack R. – Foundation Administrator
  - Phyllis R. – Coordinates all social events – Picnic, Xmas, crabfeed, friendship dinner, silent auction at spring fling
  - Steve R. – ditto
- 3 special awards
- George Batch – Secretary a dozen years, keeps uor history and paperwork organized
  - Tom Chauncey – Curmudgeon in Chief, Sergeant at arms for us and the district, RYLA, sets up and takes down on Tuesdays
  - Brian Reed – stepping down after 10 years as treasurer!!! Big shoes to fill, Sandra.