



EastWind

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

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Sunshine Report

We're sad to hear that Mike Masters isn't feeling too well. Various complications of Diabetes have made it hard for him to drive and too weak to attend meetings right now. His Nephew is tending to him. Get better Mike!

Songspiration

Lyrical Larry Led us in
"America the Beautiful"



Announcements:

Derek Marshall is collecting Eyeglasses to go with Prez. John to Nairobi.

Bring to Derek next Tuesday.

Try to tag them – reading or distance glasses, please.

Ann McG. Announced a New Member Breakfast, Wed. Aug 19th at 7:30 at Macs on 4th.

John reminded all that due to the economy we recently lost 5 members. He encouraged everyone to bring guests and find New Members.

Our Bell is mysteriously missing!! No problem for the Head Ding Dong, he chimed us into order with a bottle of Chardonnay, hereby referred to as the "**bottle-bell**."

We inducted a New Member, Brian Adams. He likes to call himself a "former visitor." He has been part of more so many Rotary Clubs, I stopped writing after the 5th! Welcome!

\$\$\$ FINES, FINES, FINES

G. Kemmerer got an Upgrade – he finished another PH fellowship (\$1000 contribution) but prez John fined him for his anniversary anyway. Not a verry exciting Anniv Dinner but he did win \$50 at the Races. He's been married 44 yrs!!! \$50

Alex Bantis cheerfully confessed that today is his B-day. He also had an anniversary Yesterday. Married 30 years – all Happy. He rang the *Bottle-Bell*.

Tom Croft went to Alaska for his Birthday. Got John a slingshot but can't find it. Also visited the King Tut exhibit. Rang the *Bottle-Bell*.

Rogers has everyone beat – he's been married 65 years!!! Says he was 22 when he got married, but no way is he that old. Had a great weekend away with his wife. They figured out that between kids, grandkids and great-grand kids, they have 36 occasions to celebrate. Hey when you get that age, life is a celebration! \$65

Prez John admits that he was busy with Rotary meetings the night of his 14th anniversary, but

celebrated later with his parents at LeGare. He is also looking forward to relaxing in the Florida Keys. Says he'll ring the "real" bell when it and he reappear.

Joe Mauer had an Anniversary and birthday. Went to Tahoe. Rented a boat to Cruise the lake and found our that 500 feet from shore is a little different when the lake is low. Dinged the propeller for \$400 but MADE IT BACK at the BLACKJACK TABLES! Good work Joe.

Another *Bottle Ringer*

Jenn R confessed that she forgot to write the newsletter last week cause she was visiting friends in Wisconsin.

Since NO ONE NOTICED she only had to pay \$10 Billy was \$100 down at the races after only 3 days but made a comeback and only lost \$4 for the meet Don A. generously gave 10% of his winnings to the club – a whopping \$5.90!

Program Notes

Momentary Panic! I don't have notes on the program! Oh Yeah, its cause I gave the presentation and Brian Reed agreed to take down anything interesting or important – hence NO NOTES. Thanks Brian.

Just kidding. I know it was about my Medical Mission trip to Haiti. To summarize what I learned on the trip:

- 1) Background - Haiti shares and island in the Caribbean with the Dominican Republic. It is just southeast of Cuba and North of the Virgin Island resorts. It was the first Black Republic in the Western Hemisphere. It is the poorest Country in the Western Hemisphere. More than half of the adults are illiterate and few students today are able to attend secondary school. There is no industry to speak of in Haiti – it is mostly subsistence farming.
- 2) Primary care “missions” are difficult – primary care does not lend itself to the short term. Without follow-up little is accomplished
- 3) Medical care isn't at the top of the list of needs in Haiti. I believe the list in terms of priorities is:

Stable Government
Clean Water Systems
Sewage Systems
Sustainable Economic Development
Secondary Education
Health Care