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

Sunshine Report

RogersB ignored the sun wore his sweater and let us know everyone was fine – we think! He had two gems today (certified cz) – one about pregnancy and one about a rear end collision, I don't believe there was any connection!

Inspiration

Well here we are on the downhill slope of of **PresDan's** reign and he's still smiling ☺ **AnnMc** found the flag which we duly saluted and then irrepressible songmeister **LLira** led as we "Battled Him in the Republic" - not sure who won!



FINES, FUN & MORE

KateBuch brought Bonnie Wood from The Living Room – more on that later. **JimWiesch** introed Kate McClintock for the last time before her induction. **MarilynLira** introed Rotaracters from Mont HS selling "Night of 1000 Dinners" tickets. **RayBra** pointed out the thank you cards from **MaryB** of the B & G Club on the tables. Also grateful **KenCarr** delivered the thank yous from Yulupa Third Graders for dictionaries – some had even used them to prepare their notes. Very entertaining! One of my favorites: "With all these words and cool things, no wonder it's so heavy!" The feel good feeling continued as **KateBuch** (you can call me Kitty) came to the podium with Bonnie Wood from *The Living Room* – Kate presented a donation of \$1000 to Bonnie who told us about the program – the only drop-in, daycare center for women and children in the community. Take a tour on Feb 11. And, Marilyn Payne (wife of member **George**) continues to coordinate all food prep and run the kitchen there. It's a terrific service and *your* generosity makes it happen!

Speaking of generosity **JTeague** reminded us of the fundraiser, Feb 28 – we still need auction items (both silent and loud) and most importantly **new attendees** (we like to call them *new money in the room*). So invite your favorite big spender to help us raise money to support great causes like *The Living Room, Boys & Girls Club*, etc. If you've got questions for Silent Auction contact the **Liras** mlira4350@comcast.net and for the Live Side: it's **Sandra Ormerod** sandra.ormerod@sothebysrealty.com.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME!

A tip of the Rotary hat to **Kate McClintock** inducted into the club this day by **JimWiesch & MikeRob** – Kate is with the SRJC Community Foundation and is already on the auction committee – welcome Kate! Don't forget to sign her roster book. **LET THE FINES BEGIN** first up **JuliusV** celebrated his first anniv in Hawaii – brought back a tan + battery operated hula dancer for **PresDan** – but the batteries didn't work demonstrating the advantage of inflatable women! Julius quickly rang 🎉! Red badger **DonHam** reported that his son the Navy Seal met soon to be former Pres. Bush – he donated Happy \$\$\$.

More Fines + Program Notes

The fun, frolic and fine\$ continued as **MikeRob** was happy about his daughter buying a house (I bet the bank was too), **SueBis** happy that her article was printed in the P-D (note she did not abstain from paying a fine), **KateBuch's** daughter got married and she still had money to donate, **AlexB** paid for spending a delightful Christmas in Seattle, **JTeague** has Georgia on his mind – that's where his son is in Airborne Training and **JimWiesch** celebrated reading success for a young student he mentors. **GRAB THAT MARBLE** – **Doug Way(to go)man** put in his thumb and pulled out the wrong one! **JimWiesch** won another bottle of wine. Next week there's over **\$1600** in the jackpot and only **two** marbles. Get your tickets now – **TChauncy** has a fresh roll to sell. **DenniSepp** paid for enjoying the Yulupa dictionary thank you cards.

AND NOW BACK TO OUR PROGRAM

Ray Bramer introed our presenter today – **Mike Roa** from the Sonoma County Office of Education, he coordinates two terrific countywide events that encourage interest in the sciences. One is the *Science Fair* (February 11) for 6th through 12th grade students and the other is the *Science Olympiad* (May 2) for 4th – 6th

Grade students (the legendary *egg drop* is scheduled for 1:15pm). Does seem to me appropriate that our own **Dr. J Ratcliffe** should sponsor the egg drop – don't you think?



Mike is doing a terrific job getting kids involved and is dedicated to narrowing the gap between the science education available to our students compared to the rest of the world. As is unfortunately the case with education in our state these days – Mike needs both donations and volunteers to help with the programs. If you have expertise or \$\$\$ to share please contact Mike, his email address is mroa@scoe.org. And you can find out more about either program by going to www.scoe.org and then search for "Science Olympiad" or "Science Fair."

COUNTDOWN TO THE FUNDRAISER

Our Feb 28 fundraiser is **the** major fundraiser for our club and an event that requires much work from all of us so do your part – time is short – help us do the good work of Rotary in our local community!